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## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

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As another chapter in Markings comes to a close, a new one begins. Sabrina Davis, Markings’s previous Editor-in-Chief, has packed her bags, tipped the brim of her cowboy hat, and ridden off into the sunset away from the land of law librarianship. In truth, Sabrina has moved to Houston to be near her family and to take on a brand new career as a youth librarian. The entire Markings staff wishes her well and knows that her passion and dedication will make her a success in anything she chooses to do.

As the new Editor-in-Chief, I’ve worked to fill other vacancies on the Markings editorial board. The new Associate Editor, my previous role, is Susan deMaine. Susan is currently the Assistant Director for Information Services at the Ruth Lilly Law Library, Indiana University McKinney School of Law. Our previous Layout Editor, Jenny Watson, has also stepped down after giving Markings a fantastic run. Sarah Kammer, currently at the University of South Dakota, has been named the new Layout Editor. Matt Braun from the University of Illinois remains our Photography Editor, and Hyla Bondareff from Washington University is the State News Editor. I know we can expect great things from these new and continuing editors, and I personally look forward to working with them to publish an outstanding newsletter for you.

Another piece of business: Bluebook Worms. Markings started this online book club in the hopes of fostering an environment where interested members could meet virtually to discuss an exciting new publication. While the premise was a good one, in practice the book club became a very daunting task for those involved, and interest dwindled. Instead, we have chosen to transform the book club in to a book review. We decided that even those who couldn’t commit to a regular book club meeting might be interested in reading a book review in Markings. If you’re interested in contributing a book review, please contact me at [Lacy.Rakestraw@courts.mo.gov](mailto:Lacy.Rakestraw@courts.mo.gov) to discuss.

One more change you’ve likely noticed by now is the change in font. Markings has previously been published in a font with serifs, which I’ve always found a bit difficult to read. To give the newsletter a fresh, modern look and to make it a little easier for those with visual disabilities to read, we have changed the font to a sans-serif font. I hope you like the changes we have made to Markings, and I am open to suggestions for further changes you all would like to see as well as content you’d like to contribute.

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# SEPTEMBER AFFIRMATIONS: DEVELOPING THE LAW FIRM LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL

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## **Introduction**

Firm librarians are in perpetual motion, always responding to the immediate information needs of attorneys, paralegals, and corporate staff. Unlike many legal information peers, professional development is not a requirement of the job and may often find its way to the backburner. However, just as publishing and professional service provide career advancement for the academic set, taking advantage of these opportunities is equally beneficial for firm librarians. Sharing challenges and successes, advancing services at the home institution, guiding the profession to the forefront of innovation, and career advancement must be valued and sought. Multiple avenues and methods for continued learning abound, and library leaders must take advantage of a team member's desire to learn. The following provides tips for firm librarians wanting to engage in professional development and takeaways from participation.

## **Opportunities for Professional Development**

Professional development opportunities for firm librarians range from following blogs or articles on topics of interest to leading AALL interest sections or regional chapters. For some, the day-to-day workload may only allow for reading a few articles per week. This tactic is preferable for those with the need to stay abreast of developments in the field but without the time to volunteer in a group. If time permits, jot down a few notes while reading an interesting piece. These notes can end up developing into publications of one's own. Beginning with an area of interest often makes the writing task less daunting. By sharing practices of the day-to-day or starting conversations about new technologies and services, the writer engages with her peers locally and globally. Take advantage of the opportunities afforded by the internet's reach and expand the piece's impact. Professional writing can begin with a simple conversation started via email and end up as a blog or AALL publication.

Other librarians may find that membership in interest groups suits their professional development style. Attending meetings, sharing ideas through round tables, or serving on a board allows librarians the space to gain insight and germinate new ideas to implement in their own teams and institutions. AALL PLLIP provides opportunities to volunteer, allows members to contribute in listserv discussions, publishes the On Firmer Ground blog, and hosts a spectacular AALL pre-conference meeting. Think big and small: regional and local groups also spark participation with meetings closer to home and the opportunity to create a cohort of well-known colleagues ready to mentor and share ideas.

Regardless of one's method of professional development, the benefits for the individual, institution, and profession abound. Without continued learning, teams may find themselves scrambling when new technologies become mandatory. By participating in progress rather than waiting for the shoe to drop, law firm librarians stay poised to lead the legal profession into the exciting future.

## **Advocating for the Team**

It is not just an employee's task to be aware of professional opportunities. Law firm library managers have a responsibility to help team members grow in their careers as well. While they work for the firm, there is a duty to provide opportunities to learn and develop new skills. Professional development benefits the employer as much as the employees as new skills are implemented in the workplace.

Paying for professional development is a challenge, but it is a manager's responsibility to advocate for the team. When requesting additional dollars in the budget, ensure that administration understands what will be gained from the outlay of funds. Present the request as a formal business proposal outlining the benefits of professional memberships or conference attendance. Negotiate for the money, offering to cut one area of the budget to cover the increase in professional development.

Remember that not all professional development opportunities are at a national or regional conference. It is not possible and may not be appropriate to send everyone to a conference, but learning opportunities are abundant through webinars, books, local meetings, presenting, publishing, and volunteering. There are many ways to get involved and learn, and as a manager, talk about these opportunities and encourage teams to use company time to participate.

Always close the loop and ask those that have participated in any form of professional development to share their experiences. Even more important than learning is taking action on new ideas, skills, or tools and implementing them in the library. When reporting to management about how professional development dollars were spent, demonstrate the resulting increase in knowledge and service. In turn, they will see the value that the organization received from these activities. This positions managers to ask for additional funds next year and expand the professional development program.

## **Experiences from Professional Development**

Professional development is not only about opportunities. Engaging in the process involves choices along the way, both big and small. One individual's approach may look drastically different from another's. Similarly, experiences vary. Reading a blog post or checking out a book will not require the same level of preparation or experience as attending or presenting at AALL. Though usually unsaid, these choices remain linked to a personal process that will evolve over time. Opportunities are almost always available, so start by defining the goals. After making a decision, map out the steps involved no matter how trivial they appear. Even starting with a small step, like reading a book or chatting with an experienced colleague, can move the goal within reach.

An easily applicable first step in implementing a professional development practice among a team is to encourage professional development practices internally. A Littler Mendelson Research Librarian created a weekly Professional Development newsletter highlighting the week's top headlines in Knowledge Management, the legal market, business, and librarianship. The firm also carves out shelf space for a professional development collection in the library workroom. Jay M. Feinman's *Law 101* and Anthony Aycok's *The Accidental Law Librarian* are favorites for introducing staff to legal concepts and the nuances of firm librarianship. Anyone can suggest a new title; the library purchases it, readership is encouraged, and staff present lessons learned to the team. These are simple yet robust reminders that busy firm librarians are allowed time to engage in continuing education, and doing so keeps everyone's wheels turning.

For many, presenting at a conference is a daunting task. Why make time to attend a conference, let alone create a poster session or prepare a presentation, with the amount of preparation involved? Benefits abound when librarians learn how to effectively and concisely describe what they do. Upon reflection, the value provided to the firm comes into focus. It generates pride in daily work and recognition for the excellence of the firm. The program abstract and conference materials provide a snapshot of the knowledge and experience gained.

What is the best way to ensure deadlines are met when preparing a presentation? Like hiking in the woods or eating out, it is good not to go alone. Take a buddy! Working together, librarians create amazing memories of shared challenges and ingenious solutions. Keep each other on target through willingness to take on extra duties while one partner completes a portion of the project. Then swap roles while the other contributes. In-office collaborations result in beneficial cross-training, and partnerships with colleagues outside one's institution spark new ideas for service solutions.

Be prepared to develop rewarding skills in new areas, such as graphic design or instructional content development. Presentations and poster sessions allow librarians to engage in conversation about their own activities and projects while learning how others tackle similar challenges in their own workplaces. New contacts quickly become friends and valuable career mentors. Through this enhanced perspective of how peers do what they do, librarians are more prepared to identify and evaluate opportunities for growth.

Conferences also let firm librarians find out what vendors are up to. Visiting booths and watching demos put future user support and interface transitions on the radar and allow librarians time to prepare their support before the ball drops. Lucky attendees might even bring home a prize (like \$250 of BBQ!) or fun swag to share with colleagues.

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## MANAGING THE CIRCUS: TIPS FOR JUGGLING STAFF REQUESTS, PATRON ISSUES, AND YOUR OWN NEEDS

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I love email. It's a wonderful mode of communication that lets me tailor my message while thinking carefully about what I want to say. I have time to choose the perfect words, no one can hear my southern Missouri twangy accent that sometimes comes out and judge me for it, and it gives me time to think over a response instead of providing a knee-jerk reaction. It's also easier to multitask while emailing. For example, today I sent an email to my insurance company while also looking over an invoice a vendor sent to me, paying expert attention to both. So yeah, email is great.

It occurred to me recently that while some people get angry when they "just want to talk to a real person," many members of my generation go out of their way to avoid just that. Instead of calling a representative of a company, we look on their website for a chat function or, yes, send an email. My desire to be able to multitask makes this more often than not my go-to form of communication.

As awesome as email can be, however, there is still something to be said about good old-fashioned phone calls. Sometimes you can get more done in less time by picking up the phone. For instance, going back

to the insurance email I mentioned earlier, at some point I became irritated with the response rate, and I picked up my phone and called the insurance company. Within 20 minutes, I had communicated my issue and received assurances that it would be resolved to my satisfaction. I still had not received a response to the email I sent before the phone call within that 20 minutes. In that instance, it was far better for me to just reach out verbally to talk to another human instead of waiting for a reply.

When you jump straight to sending an email to avoid a live conversation, you miss the opportunity to test the emotional intelligence temperature of the situation. Often in written correspondence, both the tone and context are missing from the conversation. Thus, both are easy to misread. In that regard, it's not just about what your conversational partner is saying, but often also about how they are saying it. Just remember, it's hard to read sarcasm in an email, which can mean the difference between a positive or negative "yeah, that sounds just great."

When time is of the essence, often a phone call is the best way to go. There are other topics that really call (see what I did there?) for voice-to-voice communication. You should really consider picking up the phone when:

- You don't want a written record of the conversation for whatever reason. Thinking of leaving your current position, but not ready for the boss to know? Best not send that info to your co-worker through email.
- You need to provide feedback, either positive or negative (but especially negative). People deserve to hear criticism verbally, and really should hear praise the same way.
- You need to apologize. Saying "I'm sorry" out loud is difficult, and the person to whom you are apologizing knows that. It will mean so much more to the person receiving the apology to hear it out loud because of that knowledge.
- A group discussion would be better than dictating orders. Who else gets annoyed by all the reply-all responses? Would a conference call kill you?
- Going along with the group discussion, when you anticipate lots of questions about the issue presented, a live conversation alleviates receiving the same question through email five different times due to the real-time answers provided. Anyone listening to the convo will hear that their question has been asked and answered. No need to send an email now.
- The issue has the potential to be emotionally charged and/or delicate. Digital conflict resolution has a much lower success rate than an actual voice conversation.

Even though all these situations would benefit from a phone call versus sending an email, that's not to say that email is inferior. There are certainly instances where sending an email is the better way to go. Think about sending that email when:

- You DO want a written record of the conversation. This can be particularly useful when a party will need to refer back later to the conversation to clarify what has been said.
- You are working on a detailed project that could benefit from having complicated instructions provided in writing for reference.
- You need to communicate something to another party at an inconvenient time. Think of the ultimate answer to that burning question at 2am? Send an email and consider following up with a phone call in the morning...much later that morning.
- You know you will be asking for documentation that isn't easily reachable for the other party. I've had people call my office asking for info from an employee file right that instant, which was in a file, in a filing cabinet, in another room. Send an email and let me get to that info on my time, not yours.
- The issue being considered requires just that, consideration. Often this will take some time and, if you

don't want to wait on the phone for ten minutes of silence while the other person really thinks about their response, you should probably just send an email.

Phone call, email, text message, instant messaging, tweet—the avenues for communication are many, and the good news is that there is hardly ever a wrong way to converse with another person. The important thing to remember is to keep the lines of dialogue open. Figure out what works best for you and your conversation partner, and you can mostly stick with that method. And if one of the issues listed above arises, maybe consider stepping out of your comfort zone to ensure that your message is transferred in the best way possible.

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## TECHNICAL SERVICES TALK: ETHICS IN CATALOGING

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I'm going to take a break from detailed technical topics in this issue's column, so if your brain hurts from thinking about linked data last time, you're in luck. Instead, I'm going to focus on the bigger picture, theoretical topic of ethics in technical services work, specifically relating to cataloging.

The library profession is, of course, familiar with codes of ethics. The American Library Association (ALA) has a [Code of Ethics](#), and, more specifically to law librarianship, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) has [Ethical Principles](#). Clearly, librarians take their job of providing access to information very seriously and desire to do it in an ethical manner. When people think of ethical aspects of library work, topics such as library users' right to privacy and equitable access often come to mind, and these topics are often considered in terms of public services staff interacting with library users.

When it comes to technical services, the “behind-the-scenes” library work, the importance of ethics can be somewhat less obvious. However, technical services staff are in the position of making decisions about how library users access information and therefore have the ability to act as gatekeepers, which does require some consideration of ethical principles. The ALA Code of Ethics briefly references the work involved in organizing and providing access to library resources, calling for library service provided through “usefully organized resources.”

In 1994, the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS), a division of ALA, published its own ethical [guidelines](#) to supplement the ALA Code of Ethics. The stated purpose of the guidelines is to “assist ALCTS members in the interpretation and application of the ALA Code of Ethics as it applies to issues of concern to ALCTS.” These guidelines encompass a wide variety of technical services work and refer to topics such as collection management policies, provision of access to resources, conservation of materials, and adhering to contractual agreements.

Recently, the national cataloging community has been talking about the idea of developing a code of ethics for cataloging. In particular, a program at the most recent ALA Annual Conference, entitled “Power That Is Moral: Creating a Cataloging Code of Ethics,” has created a lot of discussion. Proponents of a cataloging code of ethics argue that it is needed because the ALCTS guidelines were published over 20 years ago, they are fairly general, and, to quote the [conference program description](#), they “lack clarity

when dealing with the specific guidance needed by those doing cataloging work in libraries.”

What guidance is needed by catalogers, and what ethical dilemmas might catalogers face? During the “Power That Is Moral” [presentation](#), Beth Shoemaker of Emory University gave examples that included the delegation of cataloging of explicit materials, making reclassification decisions, and assigning subject headings for marginalized groups. In these situations and others, catalogers are called upon to make value judgments that can affect how other people are able to access library resources.

It is interesting to note that one of the ALCTS guidelines states that ALCTS members should aim “to provide broad and unbiased access to information.” Some librarians, however, challenge the notion that unbiased access is possible to attain. As Erin Leach of the University of Georgia notes in a [blog post](#) on the topic, “[a] story metadata creators have told ourselves is that creation of unbiased metadata is both a worthy and an achievable goal.” Perhaps a more realistic way of addressing this issue is modeled in the [Core Competencies for Cataloging and Metadata Professional Librarians](#), issued by ALCTS in January 2017. According to this document, “[h]uman beings unavoidably assign value judgments when making assertions about a resource and in defining (via metadata standards and vocabularies) the assertions that can be made about a resource. Metadata creators must possess awareness of their own historical, cultural, racial, gendered, and religious worldviews, and work at identifying where those views exclude other human experiences. Understanding inherent bias in metadata standards is considered a core competency for all metadata work. Development of inclusive metadata standards or best practices is a competency that should be developed over the course of a career.”

The work on a cataloging code of ethics is just beginning, and the discussion will continue at a national level. If you are interested, the discussion can also be carried out at a local level. Talk to people in your library about the ethical issues related to providing access to your collection and work toward making decisions that will benefit your library’s users.

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## MOMENT WITH MALLCO

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Greetings! First, I’d like to introduce myself. I’m Susan Urban, the new Executive Director of MALLCO. I’m filling the shoes of Corie Dugas, who accepted a position as the Executive Director of NELLCO. I’m starting to get my feet wet in this position, and I’m really excited to work with all of you! By day, I’m the Head of Access Services at the Oklahoma City University School of Law Library. If I can do anything for you, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

MALLCO at MAALL: MALLCO has some great programs in store at the annual MAALL meeting! We are once again hosting the paper workshop where authors will present completed papers and works in progress. We accepted proposals until September 8, and we have received some really great papers and ideas that I can’t wait to share with you all.

Each of the four MALLCO Interest Groups will also be hosting a roundtable session at the MAALL meeting as well. I encourage you to attend for meaningful discussions with your peers on topics of interest to you. MALLCO will be awarding three \$500 travel grants to the MAALL meeting. The application is available [here](#) as well as on the [MALLCO website](#). Applications should be submitted by Wednesday, September 20, 2017. The Grants Committee will review applications, and recipients will be notified by September 25, 2017.

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Finally, you may have heard about LawArXiv, a new free open access legal scholarship repository. LawArXiv is a joint effort between MALLCO, NELLCO, LIPA, and Cornell School of Law. LawArXiv experts are presenting a session at MAALL so you can learn more about this new fabulous resource.

I look forward to seeing you all in Milwaukee!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As I write this last presidential column, it's been almost two months since the AALL Annual Meeting. I was able to meet some of our newest MAALL members and put names with faces. MAALL is so spread out geographically, and we do so much of our work either virtually or through email, that I often feel I know someone even though I've never met them in person! It is always wonderful to connect with fellow MAALL members. Networking is one of the primary reasons to attend conferences, and MAALL members are so warm and welcoming that it is always a pleasure to engage with my MAALL colleagues (even for a heavy duty introvert).

Our annual meeting in Milwaukee is fast approaching. If you haven't already, register immediately! We have a wonderful set of programs and talented presenters. You can find program descriptions at <http://maall.wildapricot.org/programs>. I look forward to engaging face-to-face with everyone at the annual meeting as well as meeting new colleagues from the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL), the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin (LLAW), the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL), and the Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL). The Honorable Diane S. Sykes will be the keynote speaker. Judge Sykes serves on the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. You can find registration information at <http://maall.wildapricot.org/event-2630713>.



*Photo of Judge Diane S. Sykes, used with permission of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit*

MAALL, LLAW, MichALL, MALL, and CALL 2017 Joint Annual Meeting

Date: October 19 – 21, 2017

Where: Milwaukee, WI

Hotel: The Milwaukee Marriott Downtown

Website: <http://maall.wildapricot.org/MAALL-Annual-Meeting-2017>

Current events may cause us to think that “[t]hings fall apart; the centre cannot hold; [m]ere anarchy is



loosed upon the world.” William Butler Yeats, *The Second Coming*. I do not believe this is true. Things may fall apart, but we put them back together, and it is not a task that can be done alone. Our annual meeting theme this year is “Better Together,” and if I have learned nothing else throughout my involvement in professional organizations, my work at my day job, and in my personal life, it is how important working together is. We may do things differently, have different responsibilities, and possess different sensibilities, but we also have so much in common! With fewer resources to go around, working together becomes even more important. We need each other. We truly are better together.

I certainly have needed my MAALL colleagues. I have had the privilege of working with great people in MAALL. I would like to thank all of our committee chairs and committee members for their hard work. I especially would like to thank the Executive Board. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as MAALL president. Although I may be approaching the end of my presidency, it will not be the end of my involvement with MAALL.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

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It is hard to believe that with my previous message, summer had barely begun, and now we are looking forward to the autumn colors. I for one am still trying to figure out where I lost the month of July.

The Joint Annual Meeting, which seemed so far in the future, is now just around the corner. We have a great meeting lined up in Milwaukee, October 19–21, 2017. We are fortunate to have the opportunity to bring colleagues together from MAALL, LLAW, MichALL, CALL, and MALL. The conference will cover two and a half days and have presentations from members of all chapters involved in the Joint Meeting. I am very excited for this opportunity for us to learn from and network with members from all of these wonderful chapters.



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The conference website has descriptions of all the programs as well as an At-a-Glance Schedule to help you plan your days. Also, thank you to Patricia Cervenka and Elana Olson who have been going above and beyond working on local arrangements for the conference. I look forward to seeing you all in Milwaukee in a few weeks.

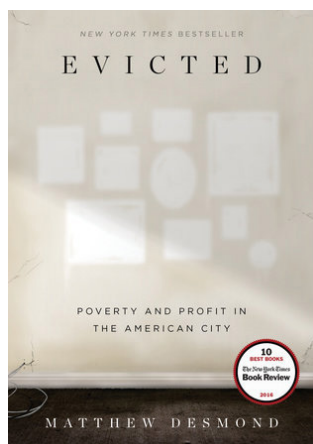
# MAALL *BOOK TO ACTION*



MAALL Book to Action is a service project that brings MAALL together to read a common title and to benefit the community hosting the MAALL Annual Meeting by providing books to those who need them. This year, we are excited to extend the program to LLAW, MichALL, MALL, and CALL!

History: MAALL was inspired to begin the Book to Action program in 2014 by our MAALL Annual Meeting keynote speaker, Steve Bogira. When asked what law librarians can do to help those in prison situations, Mr. Bogira suggested that we work on providing reading material for the incarcerated. In 2015, MAALL began doing this by reading *Just Mercy*, by Bryan Stevenson, as a community and then meeting for discussion at the Annual Meeting. We also collected books to donate to the Missouri Department of Corrections libraries. We continued the work in 2016, reading *This Book is Overdue!: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*, by Marilyn Johnson, with an accompanying book drive.

Book: In 2017, we invite our friends from LLAW, MichALL, MALL, and CALL to join MAALL in reading *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*, by Matthew Desmond. [9780553447439 (hardback) 9780553447453 (paperback) 9780553447446 (ebook)]



From the Reading Group Guide at [www.evictedbook.com](http://www.evictedbook.com): “Sociologist Matthew Desmond takes us into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families on the edge. Arleen is a single mother trying to raise her two sons on the \$20 a month she has left after paying for their rundown apartment. Scott is a gentle nurse consumed by a heroin addiction. Lamar, a man with no legs and a neighborhood full of boys to look after, tries to work his way out of debt. Vanetta participates in a botched stickup after her hours are cut. All are spending almost everything they have on rent, and all have fallen behind. The fates of these families are in the hands of two landlords: Sherrena Tarver, a former schoolteacher turned inner-city entrepreneur, and Tobin Charney, who runs one of the worst trailer parks in Milwaukee. They loathe some of their tenants and are fond of others, but as Sherrena puts it, ‘love don’t pay the bills.’ She moves to evict Arleen and her boys a few days before

Christmas.

Even in the most desolate areas of American cities, evictions used to be rare, but today, most poor renting families are spending more than half of their income on housing, and eviction has become routine, especially for single mothers. In vivid, intimate prose, Desmond provides a ground-level view of one of the most urgent issues facing America today. As we see families forced into shelters, squalid apartments, or more dangerous neighborhoods, we bear witness to the human cost of America’s vast inequality—and to people’s determination and intelligence in the face of hardship.”

**Action:** Join us at the 2017 Joint Annual Meeting for the book discussion! Those who wish to take part can bring one (or more!) books to donate to a local Milwaukee non-profit. We will announce the recipient before the Annual Meeting.

# STATE MEMBER NEWS



## Kansas

### Wheat Law Library

Once again, we bid a fond farewell to a staff member. This time it is Bruce Chandler, our Technical Services Manager. He and his wife are moving to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (think Bavaria....I know, right?!).

We are currently interviewing to fill the position. We also geared up for

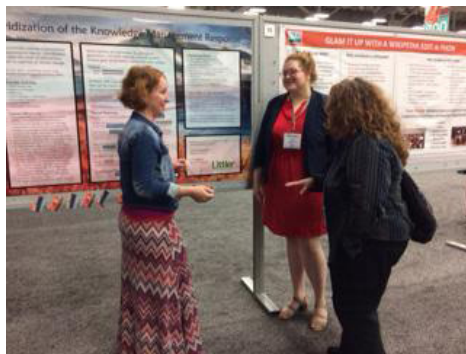
the arrival of new 1Ls on August 17 and the rest of the law students on August 24. Hope to see you in Milwaukee!

### Washburn Law Library

A warm welcome to the newest member of MAALL, Thomas Sneed, who joined the Washburn Law Library this summer as its new director.

### U.S. Courts Library for the 8th Circuit

Crata Castleberry, member of MAALL since 1994, is retiring from the U.S. Courts for the 8th Circuit in Little Rock, AR, at the end of September. Join us in congratulating Crata on a career well spent and gratitude for her membership.



### Littler Mendelson, P.C.

Littler Mendelson welcomed new Library Clerk Jeannine Linnane in August. Jeannine is a student in Emporia State University's Master of Library Science program, and the library is excited to have her join the team.

At the AALL Annual Meeting in Austin, Jerri Campbell and Jill Kilgore from Littler Mendelson presented their poster session, *Into the Legal Wild: Hybridization of the Knowledge Management Response*. It was such fun to explain what they do! Some favorite educational sessions were *Watson in the Law Library* and *Effective Educational*

*Technology Products for VARK Learning Styles*. Highlights from the trip include the camaraderie at the MAALL luncheon; the "Un-Run" 5k with close to 15 librarians-on-the-go around Lady Bird Lake; a spectacular view of the bat colony flying out from under the Congress Avenue Bridge; and trips to Voodoo Doughnuts, the Escape Game Austin, and the Museum of the Weird.

### University of South Dakota

The University of South Dakota recently appointed a Task Force to study the potential relocation of the School of Law to Sioux Falls. More information about the Task Force can be found at: <http://www.usd.edu/about-usd/law-school-task-force>. Local media coverage of the Task Force can be found [here](#).



## South Dakota

The USD Law Library is seeking candidates for the position of Head of Instructional Services. The job posting, and all job postings for the University of South Dakota, may be found on the South Dakota Board of Regents website at <http://yourfuture.sdbor.edu>.



### **Marquette (and formerly SLU & Creighton)**

**From Patricia Cervenka:** “Yeah! I have finally retired. Have moved to Coralville, Iowa, so that I can be of help to my siblings in caring for my elderly mother. The location is close to an airport so that I can visit my children in Colorado and Oregon. Will be chairing an ABA site team in February and I look forward to seeing you all in October in Milwaukee.”

**From MAALL:** CONGRATULATIONS, PAT!!! We all wish you the very best.

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## RECENT MAALL RETIREMENTS- CONGRATULATIONS!

- On June 30, Nancy Gray retired after more than 20 years as the Circulation Librarian at Washburn University School of Law Library.
- Melanie Nelson, Director of the University of Tulsa’s Mabee Legal Information Center, retired June 30th after 32 years at the College of Law.
- Lawrence Maclachlan, Director of Research & Instructional Services for the Leon E. Bloch Law Library, retired from the University of Missouri-Kansas City.
- Patricia Cervenka, Director of Marquette University Law Library, retired and was promoted to professor emeritus.
- John Hopkins, Associate Director of IT, University of Cincinnati Law Library, retired after 27 years.
- Kay Andrus, Professor and Director of the Klutznick Law Library/McGrath North Mullin & Kratz Legal Research Center, Creighton University, retired on June 30 after being with the School of Law for 27 years.
- Crata Castleberry, branch librarian for 8th Circuit Library in Little Rock, AR, will retire at the end of September this year. Crata served in this position for 24 years.

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