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President's Column

by Lynn Foster

When I traveled to Madison, Wisconsin, last week, to testify before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, it was cold and gray up there. The ice on the lakes was breaking up, but still present. Here in Little Rock, it's spring. The dogwoods and redbuds are blooming. Most everyone on my block has already mowed their lawns for the first time. It's time for our spring newsletter. Thanks to Melissa Serfass, our editor, for the "new look" of the newsletter. Each issue seems to improve over the last.

Before we know it, summer will have rolled around and some of us will be in Pittsburgh, attending what will be a unique annual meeting. You have come up with a long slate of names of potential "MAALL delegates" to Pittsburgh, and we will be contacting them and making final choices shortly. Thanks for your participation!

Work is proceeding on both the program and local arrangements for our October annual meeting. It promises to be a good one. I hope that we will have a good turnout.

Finally, please notice the dues form in this issue. MAALL has approximately 200 members. What if each of us copied the dues form, took a nonmember to lunch, and asked them to join MAALL? Just a thought. Have a good spring.

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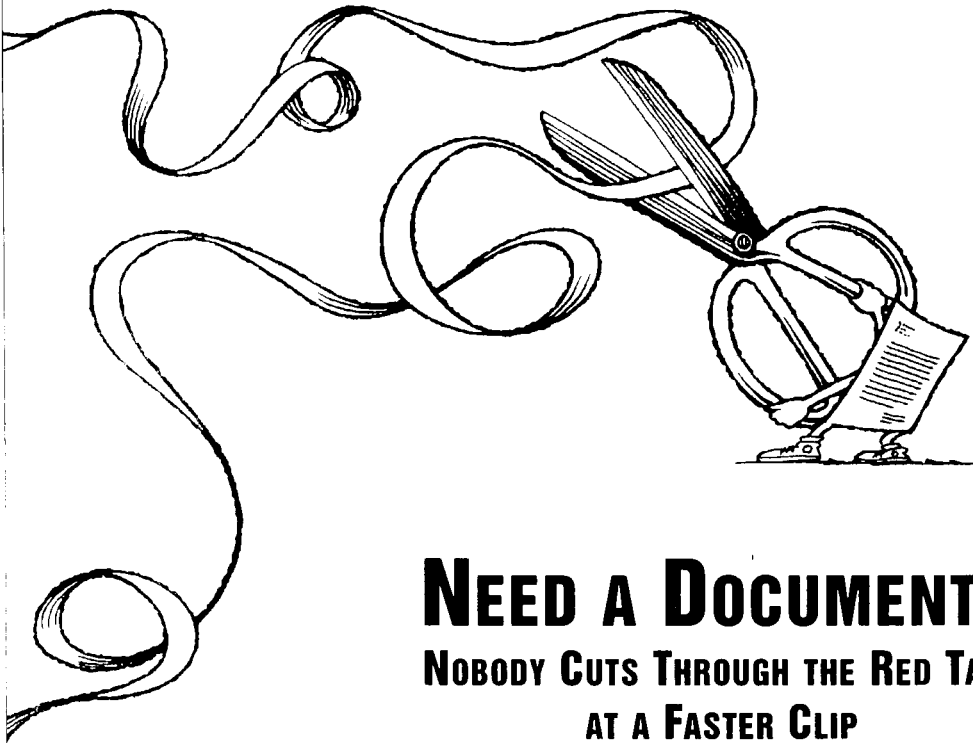
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Law Libraries and Legal Institutions in Ghana

by Jo Ann Humphreys

Associate Director

University of Missouri-Columbia

Law librarians in the United States often feel, rightly so, that their budgets and staff are too small and their space is too cramped. However compared to libraries in many developing countries, our law libraries are in wonderful shape.

In October 1994, I went to Ghana, West Africa for three weeks on a project with the United States Information Agency. My assignment was to visit the legal institutions and law libraries in Accra, Ghana (the capital city); review their collections in-depth; and make some recommendations on how access to legal information could be improved.

I saw the request for a law librarian to go to Ghana on the LAWLIB discussion list on the Internet. I applied never really thinking I would be selected. I have traveled extensively in Latin America, but Africa was a completely new experience. The University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library and Law School supported me in this endeavor by first encouraging me to go and by being available as a resource while I was there. The Library faxed me information while I was in Ghana. I could not anticipate everything that I would need in Ghana before I left.

The project I was on is part of the Rule of Law in Africa program administered by the Administrative Conference and the United States Information Agency. The United States is trying to encourage African countries which are attempting to create legal systems based on the rule of law by sending lawyers, law profes-

sors, judges, and librarians from the U.S. to provide support. I was one of the first two law librarians to go to Africa. A colleague of mine went to Tanzania.

Ghana, formerly known as the Gold Coast, was a British colony until it won its independence in 1957. Since that time, Ghana has had three republics, and is currently on its fourth. The present one is constitutionally based. Coups and military governments have caused instability in the government and the economy.

The current President, Flight Lieutenant Jerry John Rawlings, was elected in 1992 in a democratic election but prior to that had overthrown the government twice. Ghana is striving for stability but has not yet achieved it.

The needs in Ghana are great, and the resources from the Ghanaian government are few. The economy is recovering from a major slump in the 1970s and 1980s. As a result, there is not much money for libraries and education. What money there is must first go for the more basic needs of food and health care. Current members of Parliament who have already been serving for two years have not yet received any pay. They are to be paid; the government just has not decided the size of their salaries.

The law libraries, legal institutions, and people I visited in Ghana included the Supreme Court, the University of Ghana Faculty of Law, the Ghana Law School, the Council for Law Reporting, the Law Reform Commission, the Ghana Bar Association, FIDA (in English, this translates Federation of International Women

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Lawyers), the Attorney General's Department, the Parliament, a private practitioner, and a private firm which is loading the Ghanaian laws on a computer database. The fact that the staffs of the legal institutions are able to render decisions, introduce and pass legislation, teach law students, and help ordinary people with their legal problems is commendable in view of the conditions that were present in the law libraries I visited.

Law libraries in Ghana have faced many years of neglect. All have very small, out-of-date collections. Updating stopped in the late 1970s with the decline of the economy. The largest library I visited was at the University of Ghana Faculty of Law. Its collection has only approximately 5,000 volumes. The physical facilities are in a state of decline. Rooms housing the library are dirty and dusty. As a result, many of the books are dirty and falling apart because of the heat. If there is air conditioning, it is not sufficient to cool the room. The room housing the collection of the Attorney General's Department has holes in the ceiling with wires hanging down. Computers are beginning to appear in some of the judges' chambers, but equipment such as computers and copiers is lacking in the libraries.

Of the seven law libraries I visited, only four have librarians, and three of these librarians have graduated from the diploma program in library science at the University of Ghana. There is a great need for additional training for these librarians. While in Ghana, I was able to give some lectures to the librarians and other library staff members on various library science topics.

Ghana has two law schools; the University of Ghana and the Ghana Law School. Each of these schools provide a different approach to legal education. The University of Ghana, which has approximately 200 students, teaches more academic law classes which lead to an

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MAALL Plans for Topeka Meeting

by John Edwards
Program Chair

Preparations continue for the MAALL meeting this fall in Topeka, Kansas. The 22nd Annual Meeting will be hosted by Washburn University from October 19-21, 1995. A number of exciting programs and events are planned from the opening luncheon on Thursday until the conclusion of the meeting at noon on Saturday. Because some plans for local arrangements and the program are still being developed, the committees involved are anxious to hear from MAALL members concerning their preferences for programs and events. A pre-meeting workshop on finding grant sources for law libraries will be conducted Thursday morning at Topeka Public Library which houses a Foundation Center research collection. The possibility of having MAALL members offer a weekend course through Emporia State's Graduate School of Library and Information Management is being discussed with university officials.

The Program Committee is considering nearly 40 proposals for sessions at the Topeka meeting, some of which were included on a list distributed at the business meeting in Des Moines. Member input would be very helpful in identifying special programs of interest for the dozen or so time slots that will be available. A few of the topics under consideration which were not included on the earlier list include: Sex and Gender Issues in Staff and Patron Dynamics, Citation Formats for the Future, Reference Roundtable, Containing Continuation Costs, CyberLaw, Technology for Tomorrow, and more than 30 other subjects.

Please send your suggestions or program ideas to John Edwards, Program Chair, at Drake (je0371r@acad.drake.edu or 515-271-2141). Ideas for events in Topeka may be directed to John Christensen, Local Arrangements Chair, at Washburn (zzchri@acc.wuacc.edu or 913-231-1088).

MALSLC Cooperative Acquisitions

by Kathie Belgium
University of Iowa Law Library

The following statistics reflect the cooperative acquisitions program of the Law School libraries within MAALL as of the end of the first six months. The 1994/95 contract year began with a 12% discount rate since the libraries had spent a cumulative amount over \$300,000 during 1993/94. It looks like we will have no trouble meeting that \$300,000 goal in 1994/95 and might even surpass it. There are currently 15 law libraries and 3 university libraries taking part in this cooperative venture. Thanks to all of you.

As of December 31, 1994:

- Total dollars spent - \$201,596.64
- Total titles purchased 5,401

Keep up the good work!



Don't forget
to pay your
1995
MAALL
membership
dues! See
page 15.

Local Arrangements Update - MAALL 95 Topeka

by John Christensen

Local Arrangements Chair

The local arrangements committee has been at work to ensure an enjoyable as well as professionally productive conference in Topeka, Kansas, Thursday, October 19 Saturday, October 21, 1995. The meeting hotel is the Ramada Inn Downtown. Rooms will run under \$50 for a single (including all applicable taxes and fees). Several quality levels at higher rates will also be available. Registration will be \$75.

Local arrangements highlights on Thursday will include a presentation by Linda Brown Thompson (original Brown v. Board plaintiff) and Cheryl Brown Henderson and tour of historic sites related to the landmark case. There will be a reception at the Kansas Judicial Center early Thursday evening with dinner on your own. A restaurant guide will be provided. Optional tours of American Bindery, the new Kansas Historical Research Center, the Kansas Supreme Court Law Library, Menningers, and Washburn University School of Law Library are being planned.

Friday's meals and program and Internet training sessions during the day will take place at Washburn University. That evening there will be a reception and dinner at Top of the Tower, with a wonderful view of the city. The group will then tour the Treasures of the

Czar exhibit with 250 historical, social, religious and artistic artifacts from the Moscow Kremlin Museums. For a preview of the exhibit, check out the World Wide Web (<http://www.times.st-pete.fl.us/>). The exhibit, now in Florida, will move to Topeka in July, its only other U.S. appearance.

As October draws nearer the committee will identify activities and events that may be going on at the Kansas Expocentre or the Topeka Performing Arts Center. Traditionally there has been a 5-K run for breast cancer that weekend which starts and ends at the Law School. Points of interest in Topeka include Historic Ward-Meade Park, Kansas Museum of History, State Capitol, Topeka Zoo, Combat Air Museum, and Heartland Park (auto race track).

Nearby sites of interest include Lindsborg, Kansas (Swedish town and shops - 130 miles west), Eisenhower Library and Memorial in Abilene (86 miles west). Atchison is 50 miles northeast on the Missouri River (river port town, old mansions, Amelia Earhart birthplace, museum). Council Grove, 60 miles southwest, is a historic Santa Fe trail town. To the east are Lawrence (24 miles), Kansas City (60 miles), and Independence, Missouri (80 miles).

Correction

The December 1994 issue (volume 4, number 4) should have listed Janet McKinney as the Advertising Manager. Janet handled all of the advertising for the entire year.

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LL.B degree. Student attending the University do not pay tuition. The Ghana Law School provides more practical legal training, and in order to practice before the Bar in Ghana, a lawyer has to complete courses here. There are about 300 students that attend this program. These students pay a fee of approximately 180,000 cedis (currently about \$180) per year. This is not a high fee according to U.S. standards but is prohibitive in Ghana where the average person only makes about \$400 a year. Professors at the University of Ghana are paid better but still only earn about \$150 per month.

In the United States, a law library is the "laboratory" for law students. Law students spend many hours in the library doing research and studying. In Ghana, law students do not have libraries that can meet their research needs. Their libraries either do not have the material, or the material is out-of-date. I gave a lecture to a class at the Ghana Law School on how to do legal research. My lecture was very theoretical since their library did not have sufficient sources for legal research. There is a definite desire by the law students and faculty for better resources.

The American Bar Association is trying to help fulfill some of the needs of the African law schools. The ABA has received a grant in which law schools in the U.S. will be matched with law schools in Africa. The law schools in the U.S. would help their African counterparts with equipment, training, and library material. The two Ghanaian law schools have been encouraged to take part in this program.

There tends to be a general distrust by the Ghanaian government towards lawyers. This is because it has been the lawyers in Ghana who have continued over the years to advocate for democratic rule in Ghana. The Ghana Bar Association is the only association of lawyers to which all lawyers admitted to the Ghana Bar are members. It is recognized by the Constitu-

tion of Ghana and various other statutes of the Republic. The Bar Association and the Federation of International Women Lawyers (FIDA) are both working to put laws into language that the ordinary person can understand and also to help inform women of their legal rights. Men in Ghana can still have more than one wife, but there are now laws that will protect the rights of all the wives during probate proceedings.

Ghana has a strong tradition in the law. Because it was once a British colony, Ghana comes from a common law tradition but also has customary and Islamic law. There is a hierarchy of courts consisting of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, High Court, and Regional Tribunals. However, the court system uses very antiquated methods of issuing decisions. The judges take the notes of the proceedings. There are no court stenographers. When judges hand down decisions, they literally read them from the bench. I was told that sometimes one opinion can take 3 to 4 hours to read. Needless to say there is a large backlog of cases to be heard. The Court is also having to rehear cases decided by the tribunals which existed during the previous military government.

The fact that Ghana was at one time a British colony is still evident in its legal system. Judges and lawyers wear wigs and robes during judicial proceedings. There are tables outside the courtroom where a lawyer can buy a wig or a white shirt if he/she does not have one. When I would ask librarians, judges, and lawyers what books they needed for their libraries, many of the requests were for British legal materials. They are interested in sources on U.S. constitutional law since their government is based on a constitution. However for other topics, they told me that our law is too complex.

I found the Ghanaian people to be very friendly and very interested in the United States.

I was well taken care of by them and by the U.S. foreign service personnel working in Ghana.

My first view of Ghana was at the airport when I arrived. I arrived very late at night, and was met by the Cultural Affairs Officer for the United States Information Service (USIS) in Ghana and the librarian from USIS. It took about an hour for me to get my luggage, and by that time, the last thing I wanted to do was to open all my luggage in Customs. Fortunately, Charles, the USIS librarian, is Ghanaian and had worked previously for the Ghanaian government. He still has many friends in the government. He spoke to one of the Customs agents and miraculously I was waved through without my luggage being open or any questions being asked. I was also met outside the terminal building by hundreds of Ghanaians who were there to meet family and friends who were on my flight and also to "help" me if they could convince me I needed help.

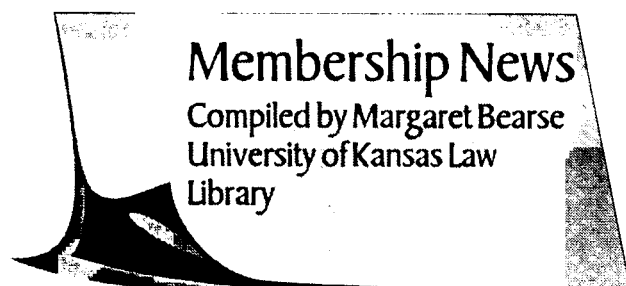
I was adventurous and ate typical Ghanaian food most of the time. Typical food includes spicy chicken and rice, bean stews, fufu (ground corn and cassava), and fried plantain. For a change, I also found lots of Chinese and Indian restaurants. McDonalds and Pizza Hut have not found their way to Ghana yet.

While in Ghana I was also able to do some sightseeing. I visited two of the castles and forts which dot the coast of Ghana. These were built by Portugal, Spain, Denmark, Holland, Germany, and Britain. These date back to the 15th century and were built originally to provide protection for different countries who came seeking the gold that could be found in Ghana. However, eventually slaves replaced gold as the lucrative form of trade, and these castles and forts were used to house slaves before they were sent to the Americas.

On my last weekend, I attended a durbar which is a festival held to remember past leaders, to ask for their help, and to purify the region so that the people can enter the new season with confidence and hope. In these durbars, the "stool" (the symbol of power and authority) is purified with the pouring of libations, firing of guns, drumming, dancing, and parading of chiefs dressed in their ceremonial clothes. My memories of this durbar will be the fact that I was able to see the President of the country up close and the heat. The temperature that day was around 110.

Ghana is a country of contrasts. Regular phone service is not reliable and not available to most Ghanaians, but mobile phones are becoming very popular for those who can afford them. E-mail is also beginning to be introduced into a country where libraries do not have computers. Most Ghanaians do not have cars and get to work by riding cramped minivans or buses. However, you also see Mercedes and BMWs. The government may not have money, but private money is somehow coming into the country. In Accra, there are some very nice houses, but you also see areas with inadequate housing with no electricity or running water. You can go just a few miles outside the capital and also see mud huts with thatched roofs. The law libraries are in very bad shape, but there is a private company which is putting the Ghanaian laws on a computer database and is attempting to sell it for \$4,500.

I am glad I had a chance to go to Ghana and visit their legal institutions and law libraries. Whenever I travel in developing countries, I always return home with a renewed sense of all we as U.S. citizens have to be thankful for and also how very much we take for granted.



ARKANSAS

Arkansas Supreme Court Library

As chair of the Arkansas Library Association Legislative Committee, **Jackie Wright** coordinated Legislative Day on March 1, 1995. This event brings librarians from around the state to the capital and gives them an opportunity to meet with legislators. **Susan Goldner** (UALR) serves as a member of the committee.

University of Arkansas at Fayetteville

Anne Burnett joined the library as Reference Librarian. She has a J.D. from the University of Georgia School of Law and a M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock/ Pulaski County Law Library

After completing a lengthy bidding process, the library signed a contract with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. The system will be installed in early May.

Kathryn Fitzhugh is included in the 19th edition of Who's Who of American Women.

KANSAS

United States Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit Library

The Kansas City, Kansas Branch Library of the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals will celebrate its one year anniversary the first week of March. **Sharon Hom**, the Kansas

Branch Librarian, transferred from the Wichita Branch Library to operate the new facility. Her Library Technician assistant remains in the Wichita Library half-time. The Kansas Branch Librarian oversees 2 courts libraries and chambers libraries and legal research operations for 23 federal judges, 4 probation offices, and 3 federal public defenders offices in 3 major and 4 smaller federal court locations in the District of Kansas.

Sharon and her assistant, **Lynda Miller**, are currently involved in planning for the Wichita Courthouse renovation, which is scheduled to start in 1996.

University of Kansas School of Law Library

The law library records have been added to the University of Kansas Libraries OPAC. They will now be accessible over the Internet, though they cannot be searched separately.

Mary Burchill has reduced her appointment to half-time, and plans to retire this summer.

ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois University Law Library

Frank Houdek, Law Library Director and Professor of Law at Southern Illinois University, served as a faculty member at the 1995 AALL Winter Institute in San Diego, "Train for Tomorrow: Teaching Research Skills for the 21st Century." Frank co-presented a program on "Problem Design" with **Lynn Foster**, Law Library Director at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and current MAALL president. He also organized and presented a "revival" of "Law Library Jeopardy," originally premiered at the October MAALL meeting in Des Moines. Houdek was ably assisted in this last endeavor by his colleague and co-game show guru, **James Duggan**, SIU's Computer Services Librarian who was in attendance at the Institute.

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MAALL Placement.....

The MAALL Placement Office acts as a clearinghouse for job openings. These positions may be professional, paraprofessional, full or part-time, in any type of law library. In order to be effective, we need help from employers to keep us posted on positions to be filled. Although an effort is made to provide only current openings, some listings may have been filled by publication date. This is due to the time lag between submissions of the list and publication date.

Any law library that has a position open should contact the Placement Chair. Anyone interested in law library positions is invited to register with Placement. Job notices will be sent to registrants as soon as they are received by the Placement Chair. Contact: Mary Kay Jung, Thompson & Mitchell Library, One Mercantile Center, St. Louis, Missouri 630101, (314) 342-1698; FAX (314) 342-1717 ext. 1698; Internet mkjung@crl.com.

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Qualifications: MLS from an ALA-accredited library school; acquisitions or cataloging experience in an

academic library; demonstrated supervisory ability; knowledge of library computer applications. Familiarity with legal publishers and legal literature desirable.

This is a 12-month appointment, with 23 annual vacation days. Salary competitive, commensurate with qualifications and experience.

To apply, send letter of application and resume, including names of three references, to Barbara J. Hycnar, Associate Director/Technical Services, Northwestern University Law Library, 357 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

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Law Library Director

Jackson County Law Library

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Responsibilities: Manage acquisitions and serials for 9 libraries, and 100+ judges' offices. Supervise Cataloging Librarian (PT) and clerical staff; coordinate technical services activities of branch libraries.

Requirements: MLS, 3-5 years technical services experience; strong organizational skills, accuracy and attention to detail. Preferred: Law or government library experience, fa-

miliarity with OCLC, Word Perfect, DBase.

Salary: Starting salary approximately \$35,700-42,800. Federal employment benefits.

Available: Immediately.

Send resume and letter by March 10, 1995 to Ann T. Fessenden, Circuit Librarian, U.S. Court of Appeals Library, 1114 Market St., Room 650, St. Louis, MO 63101

Electronic Services/Government Documents Librarian
University of Kansas Law Library

The Electronic Services/Government Documents Librarian is responsible for promoting the use of electronic products, managing government documents collection, and reference duty. This entry level, tenure track position promotes the use of electronic products, including Internet, CD's and on-line services (excluding Lexis and Westlaw), by publicizing their contents and availability and trains students and library staff in their use; manages government document collection, federal and state, including selection, deselection, processing, organization and shelving of documents; shares reference duties during specified times of the day with other librarians and staff, answering a wide variety of queries; provides reference service 1 night per week and rotating Saturdays and participates in special projects as desired or requested.

Required: MLS from accredited library school, ability to work well with people and have good communication skills, training in or knowledge of information technology and government documents.

Prefer: Library/law library experience or specialization in law librarianship, work experience with information technology or government documents. Salary: \$25,000-28,000 commensurate with qualifications.

Available: June 18, 1995. Review of application will begin April 1 and continue until position is filled. Send resume, transcript and names of three references to Mary D. Burchill, Chair, Search Committee, School of Law Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2824. EO/AA employer.

Collection Development/Reference Librarian
University of Kansas Law Library

The Collection Development/Reference Librarian is responsible for collection development, teaching legal research, and reference duty. This tenure track position is in charge of the law library's acquisitions and collection development (including electronic media); reviews brochures, catalogs, periodicals and bibliographies on a systematic basis; monitors write-for-order plans with major legal publishers; supervises Acquisitions Library Assistant, particularly with respect to searching, budgeting and ordering; works closely with the Library Director to maintain a superior library collection, including periodically reviewing and recom-

mending revisions in the library's collection development policy; serves as a Reference Resource Manager which involves periodic reference refreshers for the staff, research guide updates and reference training; teaches both introductory and advanced legal research; serves as a reference librarian, including 1 night per week and rotating Saturdays, and promotes the use of reference materials.

Required: MLS and JD from accredited school, desire to teach, ability to work independently and as part of a team, writing and oral skills.

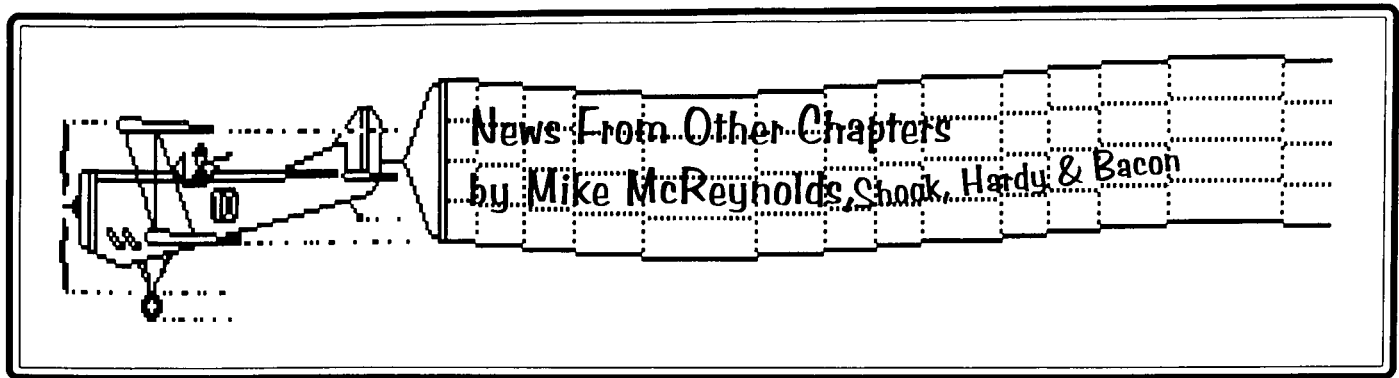
Prefer: Library/law library experience, demonstrated knowledge of law, teaching experience, experience with electronic databases, library acquisitions experience.

Salary: \$30,000-35,000, commensurate with qualifications. Available June 18, 1994. Review of applications will begin April 1, 1995 and continue until position is filled. Send resume, transcript and names of three references to Joyce Pearson, Chair, Search Committee, School of Law Library, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2824. EO/AA employer.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The deadline for submission of papers to the AALL Call For Papers competition is a postmark of April 15, 1995. Papers must be received by April 21, 1995.

Copies of the application form and guidelines appeared in the November issue of the AALL Newsletter and are available from the Chair of the Call For Papers committee. For more information, please contact Susan Catterall at 612/335-1742, Leonard, Street and Deinard, 150 South Fifth Street Suite 2300, Minneapolis, MN 55402.



There is a useful article on technical services and the Internet in a recent issue of the *CALL Bulletin*. The author discusses some methods for private librarians to access the Internet and then tells how to access some of the best listservs for technical services. Dawe, Carol J., "Technical Service Calls," *CALL Bulletin*, p. 10, Nov., 1994.

The Philadelphia law librarians' newsletter contained a basic "how to" article on accessing some federal government information via the Internet. Tyburski, Genie, "Internet: Focus on Research, Federal Legislation, Federal Register & Congressional Record," *GPLLA Newsletter*, Pp. 4-5, vol. 18, no. 4, Dec., 1994.

Several articles on topics related to CD-ROM appeared in different chapter newsletters. These include an article listing more articles on the issues of copyright licensing and networking. Sifuentes-Martinez, Ana, "Copyright Issues to CD-ROM Licensing Agreements," *DALL Advance Sheet*, Pp. 1-18, vol. 18, no. 11, Jan., 1995.

Janet Reinke of the San Diego County Law Library discusses many practical applications of CD-ROM use in her article. Reinke, Janet, "The Cost Effectiveness of CD-ROM," *SCALL Newsletter*, Pp. 62-63, vol. 22, no. 3, Jan., 1995.

A Detroit area law librarian reported on a meeting of the Detroit area legal administrators he attended. The topic of the meeting was the use of CD-ROM technology in law offices. The author's point is that other people are having a strong influence on how information is provided and who makes the decisions. Heinrich, Mark, "CD-ROM Networking: Report from the Legal Administrators Breakfast Meeting," *The MICALL Newsletter*, p. 5, vol. 15, no. 4, Nov., 1994.

Copyright issues are discussed in two articles about the U.S. Court of Appeals decision in American Geophysical Union, et al v. Texaco Inc., 37 F.3d 881 (2d Cir. N.Y. 1994). "Texaco Tests Fair Use," *LLOPS Cited*, p. 1, vol. 6, no. 3, Winter, 1994.

A summary of the Texaco decision by the staff at the Copyright Clearance Center was reprinted (with permission!) in the newsletter of the Houston Area Law Librarians. "Summary of U.S. Court of Appeals Decision: American Geophysical Union, et al. v. Texaco Inc.," *HALL Newsletter*, p. 1, vol. 11, no. 6, Nov./Dec., 1994.

The Southeastern Association of Law Librarians have a government relations committee with a member from each state that monitors information policy in each member state and reports back to the SEALL membership. An article about the committee was published in their newsletter. "SEALL Government Relations Committee," *Southeastern Law Librarian*, p.5, vol. 20, no. 1, Fall, 1994.

In Minnesota, the law librarians sent a delegate to the Capitol Area Library Consortium, which takes an active role in advising and monitoring the state legislature in the areas of libraries and general access to information. "Committee News: Government Relations," *MALL Newsletter*, Pp. 6-7, vol. 21, no.2, Nov./Dec., 1994.

A article challenging the Dallas City Council to consider information policy in its long range planning was reprinted from the Dallas Morning News in the local law librarians' newsletter. Hanson, Royce, "Viewpoints," *DALL Advance Sheet*, Pp. 7-10, vol. 18, no. 10, Nov./Dec., 1994.20

Michelle Ayers wrote an overview article on the issues facing the legal publishing industry. Ayers, Michelle A., "Challenges Loom for Computer-Assisted Legal Research: Will the Legal Online Industry Survive as We Know It?" *GPLLA Newsletter*, Pp. 12-13, vol. 18, no. 3, Sept., 1994.

Julia Overstreet wrote an article summarizing a speech by Clifford Lynch in which he outlined challenges to the library profession in the Information Age. Overstreet, Julia, "Librarianship a Thing of the Past?" *New Orleans Law Librarian*, Pp.4-5, vol. 8, no. 2, Oct./Nov., 1994.

(Membership News, continued from page 10)

Wei Luo, Assistant Technical Services Librarian at Southern Illinois University, visited the Xiamen University Law School in China during January 1995. A former faculty member at the school (1984-1987), Wei made two presentations during his visit, lecturing to law students on the export control laws of the United States and to the faculty and staff of the University Library and the Computing/Networking Center on the resources and use of the Internet.

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U.S. 8th Circuit Court of Appeals, St. Louis:

Leann Genovese, Technical Services Librarian, left court employment February 6. **Cathy Swanson**, Cataloging Librarian (P-T), is leaving at the end of February to accept a full-time position in reference at St. Charles County Public Library.

UMC Law Library

The UMC Law Library will be fully staffed with two recent hires: **Cindy Shearrer** began work January 2d as Government Documents Assistant. **Ellen Kliethermes** will begin work February 20th as Acquisitions Clerk. Both come to us from our Ellis Library, the main library on campus. We are glad to have them aboard.

1995 MAALL DUES

Please use this form to pay your dues! New mailing lists for the newsletter and the Membership Directory are being compiled. Please don't let your name or institution be dropped.

Dues are figured according to the following schedule, extracted from the MAALL By-laws Article III, Section 6:

- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.00.
- b. The institutional membership dues shall be at a minimum rate of \$20.00, entitling one (1) member; additional designated members will be at a rate of \$10.00, with no library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.00.
- c. The year for annual dues shall begin January 1.

Please complete and mail this form along with your check to: Sharon Kern, MAALL Treasurer. ONE FORM PER MEMBER PLEASE. Each institutional designated member should complete a form, so that every person will receive a newsletter and his/her name will appear in the Membership Directory.

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Continuing Education Calendar

March 29-April 1	Association of College and Research Libraries Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
April 9-15	National Library Week. The National Legal Research Teach-In, sponsored by the Research Instruction Caucus of AALL.
May 7-10	Medical Library Association Annual Conference, Washington D.C.
June 10-15	Special Library Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada.
June 24-29	American Library Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
July 11-14	AALL, Foreign and International Law Institute, tentatively titled "Business Transactions in a Global Economy," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
July 12-14	AALL, "Making the Internet Connection: Electronic Publishing and Research-Training the Trainers," Cleveland, Ohio.
July 15-20	American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
October 19-21	Mid-American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Topeka, Kansas.

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