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President's Column

by Lynn Foster

Here in Little Rock, our heat wave finally broke and it's now a comparatively dry 90 degrees instead of an incredibly humid 100. I hope that things are cooling off where you are too, and that as we start our autumn routines you are recharged and reinspired.

When I last wrote this column, we were in the process of recruiting delegates to Pittsburgh. In the end, MAALL sent five delegates: Carolyn Witherspoon, Arkansas Bar Association president; Wenona Whitfield, SIU law professor and district court judge nominee; Joseph Watt, Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice; Mike Nevins, St. Louis University law professor; and Kim Dayton, University of Kansas law professor. I was lucky enough to spend a fair amount of time with Carolyn and Kim, and I know that Carolyn's Pittsburgh experience is having a direct effect on the future of the Arkansas Bar Association--she now knows what a home page is. MAALL was well served by our delegates, and I received thank you letters from several of them which indicated that they were very impressed by the conference.

As I write, the Local Arrangements Committee, chaired by John Christensen, is making the final preparations for our October annual meeting. My cousin sent me an article from the Des Moines Register about the Treasures of the Czars exhibit, which we will be lucky enough to attend as part of the meeting. It is truly a once-in-a-lifetime exhibit, covering 265 items from 300 years of the Romanov dynasty, spread out over 12 galleries, some of which replicate actual rooms in the Kremlin. In addition to this remarkable local event, John Edwards and the Program Committee have lined up some excellent programs which are discussed elsewhere in this newsletter. Not only will we hear the plaintiff's attorney from the recent Missouri v. Jenkins case, but we will also hear the Brown sisters, plaintiffs in the historic Brown v. Board of Education case, as well as Wes Cochran, who will be giving his excellent presentation on time management. I hope to see you all in Topeka.

It has been quite a year, and as I end this last column, I would like to thank all MAALL officers and committee members. You have been a joy to work with. MAALL is such a great chapter because of its members. Keep up the good work. •

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Candidates for the MAALL 1995 Elections

The Candidates for the MAALL 1995 elections are:

Vice President/President Elect:

Judith A. Morgan (Oklahoma City University Law Library)

Treasurer:

Jack G. Montgomery, Jr. (University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library)

Elections will be held at the annual meeting in Topeka, Kansas, October 19-21, 1995. Additional nominations of candidates who have agreed to be nominated may be made in writing to the President and from the floor at the meeting. MAALL By-Laws, Art VI., sec. 2.

Members of the Nominations Committee:

Lori Weiss, Chair, Mary Jensen, Kirk Gregory.

Judith A. Morgan: Received M.L.S. 1967 University of Wisconsin Madison, J.D. 1982 George Mason University School of Law. Admitted Oklahoma, 1982. Experience: 1984 - 85 Associate Director OCU Law Library; 1985 law firm librarian; Director at OCU 1986 to present. Offices held: Currently Treasurer of the Mid America Law School Library Consortium. MAALL Committees: Chair Travel Grants 1991 - 1992, 1992 - 1993; Chair Nominations 1993 - 1994. Co-Chair local arrangements SWALL 1995.

Jack G. Montgomery, Jr.: Received M.L.S. 1987 University of Maryland. Experience: 1983 - 1990 Morris Law Library, University of Virginia, Order Librarian; 1991 Marx Law Library, University of Cincinnati, Acquisitions Librarian; Technical Services Librarian, University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library 1994 to present. Offices held: AALL Task Force on the Optimal Optical Search Engine 1989; AALL Technical Services Special Interest Section, Acquisitions Committee, Chair 1990; AALL Committee on Relations on Relations with Information Vendors 1991 - 1993.



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Topeka Meeting Offers Exciting Program

John Edwards, Program Chair

Programs as diverse as MAALL's membership invite attendees to the annual meeting in Topeka from October 19-21. The meeting schedule outlined below shows the variety of programs available. Registration materials were mailed in mid-August and are due by September 18. If you did not receive a registration packet, please contact John Christensen at Washburn (zzchri@acc.wuacc.edu or 913-231-1088). Because of the tremendous interest in the Treasures of the Czars exhibit, it is especially important to meet the hotel registration deadline of September 18 to ensure that rooms are available. Any questions on the program can be directed to John Edwards at Drake (je0371r@acad.drake.edu or 515-271-2141).

Thursday, October 19

8:00-5:00

Registration Ramada Inn Downtown

9:00-11:30

Grant Seeking Workshop (separate registration)
Topeka Public Library (no cost to MAALL members)

12:00-1:30

Opening Luncheon - Ramada Inn Downtown
Jenkins v. Missouri—Has desegregation ended?
Arthur Benson, Plaintiff's trial attorney

1:45-3:30

Plenary program

Session A

Time Management for the Busy Librarian
Wes Cochran, Texas Tech Law School
(author of Time Management for Librarians)

3:45-4:45

Plenary program

Session B

Brown v. Board of Education—What is its legacy?
Linda Brown Thompson
Cheryl Brown Henderson

6:00-8:00

Reception Kansas Judicial Center

7:00-9:00

MALSLC Grant Agents

Friday, October 20

8:00-9:15

Breakfast & Business Meeting - Washburn Memorial Union

9:30-10:45

Concurrent programs - Memorial Union

C1 - Collection Analysis & Technology: Preservation & Weeding in Today's Electronic Library

Speakers:

Glen-Peter Ahlers, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Wes Cochran, Texas Tech Law School
Jack Montgomery, University of Missouri-Columbia

C2 - Government Documents Update: Finding Essential Resources

Speakers:

Paul Arrigo, Washburn University
Dorie Bertram, Washington University
Crata Castleberry, 8th Circuit-Little Rock
Carol Moody, St. Louis University
Tranne Pearce, 8th Circuit-Kansas City

C3 - Technical Services Forum: Critical Issues

Speakers:

Richard Amelung, St. Louis University
Janet Peters, Shook, Hardy & Bacon
Caitlin Robinson, University of Iowa
Katherine Tooley, University of Tulsa

C4 - Internet: Top Ten Research Tools (9:30-10:55 a.m.)
James Milles, St. Louis University

11:00 -12:15

Concurrent programs - Memorial Union

D1 - Collection Analysis & Development: Strategies and Media Selection for the Future

Speakers:

Glen-Peter Ahlers, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Wes Cochran, Texas Tech Law School
Jack Montgomery, University of Missouri-Columbia

D2 - Regional Resources: Accessing State and Local Documents and Records

Speakers:

Cheryl Nyberg, University of Illinois
Jeff Fraser, Information Network of Kansas
Carol Moody, St. Louis University
Aris Woodham, Drake University

D3 - Reference Forum: Who can work without a 'net?

Speakers:

Susan Hemp, University of Illinois
Needra Jackson, University of Missouri-Columbia
Peggy McDermott, Washington University
Nina Miley, University of Oklahoma

D4 - Internet Basics (11-12:30)

James Milles, St. Louis University

12:15-1:45

Luncheon

2:00-3:30

Concurrent programs - Memorial Union

E1 - Citation Wars: Electronic Formats for the Future

Speakers:

Lynn Foster, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Martha Dragich, University of Missouri-Columbia
Marcia Koslov, Wisconsin State Law Library

E2 - Targeting Patron Needs: Guides, Pathfinders & Services

Speakers:

Shirley G. Canup, Thompson & Mitchell
Betsy McKenzie, St. Louis University
Cheryl Nyberg, University of Illinois
Jan Pointer, Jackson County Law Library

E3 - Internet: Technical Services Applications (2:00-4:00 p.m.)

Brian Striman, University of Nebraska

3:45-5:00

Committee Meetings
Law School/Library Tours
Brown v. Board Education, Exhibit (12 panels)

3:45-5:45

MALSLC Consortium

5:00

MAALL Law Librarianship Course starts at Washburn Law School

6:00-7:30

Dinner- Top of the Tower

8:00-10:00

Treasures of the Czars tour

Saturday, October 21

7:30-8:30

Continental Breakfast

8:45-10:00

Plenary Session - Grand Ballroom

Session F

Doing More with Less: Controlling Costs to Permit New Growth

Speakers:

Martha Dragich, University of Missouri-Columbia
Pat O'Connor, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Sally Wise, University of Nebraska
Tonya Witmer, Watson & Marshall-Kansas City

10:15-11:30

Plenary Session - Grand Ballroom

Session G


Computer & Technology Demands: A Librarian's Survival Guide

Speakers:

Sally Crowley, Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale
James Duggan, Southern Illinois University
Jo Ann Humphreys, University of Missouri-Columbia

11:30

Meeting closes



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Caroline Durham, "Law Schools Making a Difference: An Examination of Public Service Requirements," 13 Law and Inequality 39 (1994).

The MAALL Pro Bono Committee believes, as we are sure many of you do, that law librarians can be part of the solution. In endeavoring to launch chapterwide pro bono efforts, we seek information from you on two matters:

1. Anything that you or your library is doing now that could be classified as pro bono work, and;
2. Reasonable pro bono projects that MAALL libraries or individual librarians could undertake.

One possibility, suggested by Maria Protti, is a referral system in which the Pro Bono Committee would send letters to legal aid organizations and/or bar associations whose members do pro bono work, offering research support. Libraries or individual librarians could then volunteer to be matched with attorneys in their general area.

But other projects are possible as well, and we are interested in your ideas. We recognize that what is feasible for one library may not be feasible for another. Further, many of us do what amounts to pro bono work without recognizing it as such. Law libraries often provide extra research and/or copying assistance to prison inmates or provide special services or materials for pro se patrons. It seems to us that in the law library context, at least four forms of assistance could be called "pro bono":

1. providing research service to lawyers working pro bono, as in the proposed program above;
2. helping other librarians (especially public librarians) to better serve patrons with legal questions;
3. providing enhanced reference or research service ourselves to pro se patrons;
4. and (for librarians who are also licensed lawyers) directly providing pro bono legal assistance.

Kathy Garner of Southern Illinois University urges a committed effort by academic librarians who fit in the last category. (See "Lawyer-Librarians in Public Law Schools: The Ethical Conundrums of Pro Bono Activities," 84 Law Library Journal 31 (1992)).

The Pro Bono Committee additionally suggests the following specific ways in which law librarians could do their share to meet the needs of the legally underserved:

- If your county has an unstaffed public law library, volunteer a few hours a week to organize and/or to staff it.
- Provide basic research and/or copying service to prisoners.

- Form liaisons with the public libraries in your community, offering to instruct them in basic legal reference and in collection development.
- If you're in an academic library and your law school has a clinic, offer to provide research service for law students working with needy clients.
- Try to get local attorneys involved in a People's Law School (in which sessions on different areas of the law, such as landlord/tenant and marriage/divorce, are presented to the public). Suggest programs be held at the law library and then follow up with your own sessions on legal research and with library tours.
- Do pathfinders for the local court and government systems (including how to find local ordinances) and distribute them at public libraries and the courthouse.
- Develop a pro se collection in your own library. Be generous with signage and with library guides, to help pro se patrons with their own research.
- If your state does not have an IOLTA program (in which lawyers deposit interest money earned on client accounts into a fund for legal services), supply information on it and suggest the program be started.
- Provide extra services to small-town or rural lawyers working pro bono.
- Provide extra services to the public defender's office.
- Maintain a collection of completed sample pleadings.

We're sure there are more possibilities out there. Please send them on and let us know of any programs, structured or unstructured, your library is currently involved with or which you might be interested in trying. And feel free to critique the suggestions above.

Direct your comments to one of the following members of the Pro Bono Committee by phone, fax, regular mail or e-mail.

Thank you.

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**Minutes of the MAALL Business Meeting
July 18, 1995
Westin Hotel - Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Foster at 12:20 p.m. Minutes of the business meeting held in Des Moines on October 14, 1994 were approved as printed in the MAALL Markings.

President Foster presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Sharon Kern. As of June 30, 1995, total income was \$5,661.25 and total expenses were \$9,368.12, leaving an account balance of \$9,434.20.

The next order of business was a call for volunteers for the following programs and committees:

MAALL Newsletter Editor - Melissa Serfass' last issue will be the December, 1995 newsletter. MAALL owns a copy of Pagemaker software, which will be made available to the editor. Any interested persons should contact either Lynn Foster or John Edwards.

Fall Program - John Christensen is seeking volunteers to participate as faculty for a law librarianship program to be held for the Emporia Library School students during the fall MAALL meeting in Topeka.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominations Committee: Lori Weiss reported that Judy Morgan has been nominated for the position of Vice President/President-Elect, and Jack Montgomery has been nominated to fill the position of Treasurer. Members of the Nominations Committee were Mary Jensen, Kirk Gregory, Lori Weiss, Chair.

Directory Committee: President Foster expressed appreciation for the efforts of the members of the Directory Committee. The Directory was distributed to members prior to the summer business meeting.

Grants Committee: Cheryl Nyberg reported that an application form for a MAALL Travel Grant appeared in the June issue of MAALL Markings. The deadline for applying is August 1, 1995.

MALSLC: The Mid-America Law School Library Consortium also is sponsoring a \$300 travel grant to allow a paraprofessional to attend the fall annual meeting.

Pro Bono Committee: It was reported that the Chair of the Pro Bono Committee, Susan Hemp, will circulate a survey letter to gauge interest in activities that the membership would like to see this committee develop.

Program Committee: John Edwards, Chair of the Program Committee for the 1994 Fall Annual Meeting, reported that the annual meeting will include a presentation on Brown v. Board of Education by the original plaintiffs, Linda Brown Thompson, and Cheryl Brown Henderson. An additional speaker will be Arthur Bensen, one of the lead attorneys handling the Kansas City school desegregation case. Wes Cochran will present a session on time management for librarians. In addition, there will be programs on the following topics: collection analysis, technical services, Internet, citation

wars, creating pathfinders, budgeting, technology issues and government documents.

Local Arrangements: John Christensen, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1994 meeting in Topeka noted the special event function planned for Friday evening, The Treasures of the Czars Exhibition. Tickets for MAALL members will be included in the cost of registration. MAALL members should notify John Christensen in advance if they intend to bring along a spouse or family member so that they are eligible for our group rate discount for tickets. The Ramada Inn Downtown has been selected as conference headquarters, with rooms costing approximately \$50/night. On Thursday, dinner is on your own. A restaurant guide will be provided.

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Foster reported that there is currently a discussion of a future regional meeting, including MAALL, CALL, and ORALL. Judy Gaskell is serving as the main contact person with regard to the regional meeting. Carbondale, Illinois will serve as the site of the Fall, 1996 Annual Meeting. MAALL is currently seeking a volunteer for the 1997 annual meeting site.

Lynn Foster expressed thanks to James Duggan for coordinating the MAALL Activities Table in Pittsburgh. There was also a drawing for a welcome basket, and Mildred the Wonder Cow, to welcome MAALL members to the fall meeting in Carbondale, Illinois in 1996.

New members were asked to identify themselves.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted By,
Lori Weiss, on behalf of Jo Ann Humphreys, Secretary

The MAALL Executive Board, in the persons of Lynn Foster, President, and John Edwards, Vice President/President-Elect, met in Pittsburgh on July 15, 1995. There was no old or new business, and thus, no minutes.

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David Gay, Reference Librarian, is the incoming chair of the AALL Government Documents SIS.

David Hutchins, Circulation Manager, recently completed an M.A. in Sociology and has moved to Florida in order to pursue opportunities in that field.

Sally Kelley has been promoted to Research Associate Professor. She has been appointed to the ALA ALCTS CCS (Cataloging and Classification Section) Policy and Research Committee. Sally has set up and maintains the National Center for Agricultural Law Research and Information Home Page on the Razorback WWW. Contents include information about Center publications and links to other agriculture and government sites. The URL is <http://law.uark.edu/arklaw/aglaw>. The site is under construction and suggestions are welcome.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Lynn Foster, Director of the UALR Law Library, has agreed to serve as Director of the Editorial Board of Update of Handbooks and Systems of the Arkansas Bar Association. She has also been appointed, by the Governor of Arkansas, to the Board of the Information Network of Arkansas.

William H. Bowen is the new dean of the Law School. He was a founding partner of the Friday Law Firm, President of First Commercial Bank and Chief of Staff for Gov. Bill Clinton.

Illinois

Southern Illinois University

Heija Ryoo, Head of Technical Services, is on sabbatical leave through January. She is going to Korea, to advise the law library at Seoul University on library automation and on Internet searching. She also plans to compile a list of recommended Korean legal materials for American libraries, and a companion list of recommended U.S. materials for Korean law libraries.

Jean McKnight's book, published by Addison-Wesley, entitled The LEXIS Companion: A Complete Guide to Effective Searching is now available.

Membership News

Compiled by Margaret Bearse
University of Kansas
School of Law Library

Completing the installation of the Innovative Interfaces automation system in the SIU Law Library is at hand. Last summer saw the removal of the card catalog, leaving only a graphic demonstration of the power of the ultraviolet radiation from unfiltered fluorescent lights to fade

colors out of carpeting. (Large areas of carpet that were under the catalog cabinets are still in their original color, while the rest of it has undergone a now noticeable change.)

The circulation system is being implemented this fall. The most heavily used portions of the collection have been bar coded by Technical Services staff, and the circulation staff will bar code 'on the fly' all other materials as they are checked out. We plan to complete the process over the next several years.

James Duggan, Computer Services Librarian, will do triple duty for AALL in 1995-96, serving as chair of the Social Responsibilities SIS, chair of the Placement Committee, and co-editor of the "Current Comments" column in the AALL newsletter. He will also continue as public relations co-chair for the Academic Law Libraries SIS.

University of Illinois

Susan Hemp, Reference and Microforms Librarian, has been elected to a one year term as Secretary-Treasurer of AALL Legal Information Services to the Public SIS. Congratulations, Sue.

Kansas

University of Kansas

Joseph Custer has joined the library staff as Collection Development Librarian. He was formerly at Gage and Tucker in Kansas City. He will also teach Legal Research and Writing.

Joyce McCray Pearson has been made Associate Director of the library after **Mary Burchill's** retirement. Mary and her husband are working as rangers at Bandelier National Monument in New Mexico this summer.

Missouri

University of Missouri - Columbia

An agreement to create a Central Law Library for Ghana was signed in Accra, Ghana on August 3 by the U.S. Charge d'Affaires Jacquelin O. Briggs and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Rt. Hon. I.K. Abban. The Central Law Library was an outcome of **Jo Ann Humphreys'** trip to Ghana last fall and was funded by the U.S. Government. A grant of \$50,000

was given to the Board of Legal Education which is an entity consisting of the Chief Justice, The Attorney General, the heads of the two law schools, and two lawyers in private practice. This Board will oversee the formation of a Law Library that will open to all attorneys and legal institutions in Ghana.

Gage and Tucker

Tricia Peavler is the new Director of Information Services at Kansas City's Gage and Tucker. You can reach her at 816-292-2149.

University of Missouri Kansas City

Janet McKinney spoke on the topics of "Methods of Ordering" and "Financial Planning, Reporting and Statistics" at the Advanced Acquisitions Workshop sponsored by the Acquisitions Committee of the Technical Services Special Interest Section at AALL in Pittsburgh.

Janet has received a promotion in rank from Librarian I to Librarian II effective September 1. Her position has also been expanded to include government documents (Missouri, Kansas and federal), and a title change is forthcoming.

Jackson County Law Library

Jan D. Pointer has been appointed Director of the Jackson County Law Library. She comes to the library with 16 years of experience. Most recently she served as Reference and Documents Librarian at the Leon E. Bloch Library at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Law School. From 1986-1992 she was Director of Information Services at Gage and Tucker Law Firm. Jan has an MLS from the the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Linda B. Roser has been appointed library assistant. She comes to JCLL from Polsinelli, White, Vardeman and Shalton. Prior to that she was a law library intern at the Missouri Court of Appeals. She is a degree candidate for her master's degree from Emporia State University in Library Science. She also holds a paralegal certificate from Johnson County Community College.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City University

Rennard Strickland was officially installed as Dean of Oklahoma City University Law School on September 6, 1995 in the Homsey Moot court Room.

June Gregory, Circulation Manager, retired Friday, August 11, 1995 after almost 8 years at the law library. **Shelli Cobbs**, the new circulation manager, began August 10th. Shelli was formerly at the Chemistry Library, University of Oklahoma.

Gary Kelley is the new half-time computer lab manager. The new computer lab has 22 Pentium PCS, 1 Macintosh Performa and 1 Macintosh Classic connected to an ethernet hub

Judy Morgan, Director, was pleased to announce that the renovation of the Law Library was completed in time for the first day of the semester. This included a new entrance facing the year old Sarkeys Law Center, a new coat of paint on the interior, new carpeting, and new or refurbished offices for all faculty and librarians. New on the first floor are the computer lab, rare books room, reference office, and secretary's office. New on the lower level is office space for technical services.

University of Oklahoma

Lisa Bowles will become the circulation manager on September 1, 1995. **Ginger Murray's** last day as circulation librarian was August 15th.

Jan Eric Cartwright Memorial Library, Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Susan McVey, Administrative Librarian in the Law Reference division, has become Deputy Director for Department of Libraries. **Marilyn Jacobs** is now the administrative librarian.

The University of Oklahoma Law Center is pleased to announce its new Homepage. Highlights of this page include:

- A state by state list containing approximately 130 links to law library homepages
- Subscription/posting information on approximately 110 law and law library-related discussion groups
- Native American materials
- Faculty and staff biographies
- Law school history and Oklahoma facts
- Full-text of the Federalist Papers and other historical U.S. documents

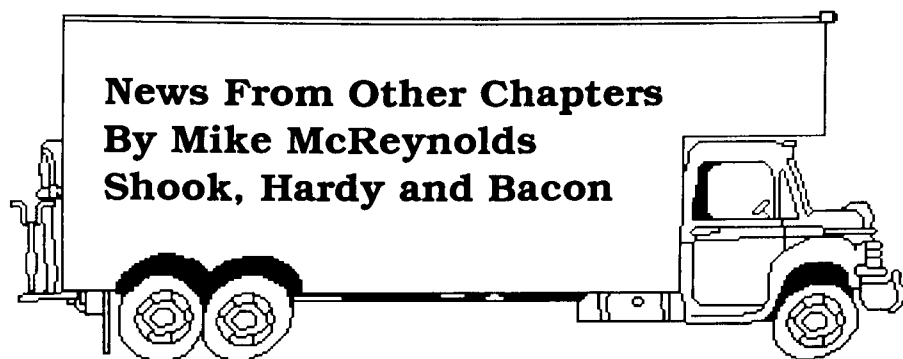
You can access the OU Law Center Homepage at:
<http://www.law.uoknor.edu>

We welcome your suggestions and hope that our website can contribute to the overall success of MAALL.

Eric A. Cooper

Reference Librarian

Univ. of Oklahoma Law Library



Many libraries have had to confront budget cuts and downsizing. Two articles in recent newsletters suggest ways of confronting this situation. The first article is a personal account of how a down sizing was managed. McCulley, Marcine, "Library Down-Sizing: a Personal Encounter," Houston Area Law Librarians Newsletter, Vol. 12, No. 3, May/June, 1995, Pp. 6-7.

The second article originally appeared in the Spring 1995 issue of State, Court & County Law Libraries and has been reprinted in the SWALL Bulletin and the MICHALL Newsletter. Wellinger, Patricia, "Preventing Economic Downsizing: Some Steps for Success," The MICHALL Newsletter, Vol. 16, No. 2, Pp. 12-13.

By now most of us have seen reprints of the Wall Street Journal article, that demeaned the contributions that Law Librarians make to the services provided to law firm clients. The published (in WSJ) and well-written responses of several librarians were reprinted in a recent newsletter. "Response to the Recent Wall Street Journal Article, 'Ten Ways (Some) Lawyers (Sometimes) Fudge Bills.'" LLAGNY Law Lines, March/April 1995, Vol. 19, No. 4, Pp. 9-11.

Dorie Bertram of Washington University Law Library, recently published an article in the Res Publicae column of the SWALL Bulletin on changes in government publishing and the need for librarians to take an active role in the process. Bertram, Dora R., "Changes in Access to Government Information," SWALL Bulletin Vol. 26, No. 3, May, 1995, Pp. 28-29.

The Ohio law library group recently published a supplement to their newsletter with job descriptions of each officer and board member to give potential officers a clear idea of what is expected of them. Potter, Theodore A. [compiler], "A Guide to ORALL Officer Duties and Responsibilities or

'What Am I Getting Myself Into If I Become An Officer?'" ORALL Newsletter, Vol. 1995, No. 2, June, 1993, Supp.

A brief reminder of the librarian's role in copyright responsibilities was published recently. Klein-Alexander, Barbara, "Copyright Fair Use, the Second Circuit, the Copyright Clearance Center and You," WPLLA Newsletter, Vol. 13, no. 3, Spring 1995, p. 7.

Law Librarians in Virginia are closely aligned with their state library association. The Virginia Library Association recently approved plans to hire a legislative liaison. An article detailing how this action came about appeared in the VALL Newsletter. Trask, Susan, "VLA NEWS: A Legislative Liaison," VALL Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 1, Summer 1995, p. 9.

A thorough and helpful discussion on how individual users can improve the utility of the Internet was reprinted in the ALLUNY Newsletter. Spindler, Michael, "Listserv Lust: Using the Internet Effectively," ALLUNY Newsletter, Vol. 20, No. 2, June, 1995, Pp. 16-18.

Copies of these articles are available from:

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**Mary Kay Jung,
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Continuing Education Calendar

1995

- September 23-30 "Banned Books Week," sponsored by the ALA, American Booksellers Association and other groups. Banned Books Week commemorates the freedom to read and the First Amendment. An annual list of "Books Some People Consider Dangerous" is available from the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom.
- October 4-7 Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) 1995 Annual Meeting, Maumee Bay State Park, Ohio. For more information contact: Paul G. Mitchell, LEXIS/NEXIS, Cleveland, OH. Telephone: (216) 579-7019.
- October 19-21 Mid-American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Topeka, Kansas.
- October 30-November 1 Online '95, The New World of Online, Palmer House Hilton, Chicago, IL. Sponsored by Online Inc. To register contact Online '95, 462 Danbury Road, Wilton, CT 06897-2126, Telephone: (203) 761-1466, fax: (203) 761-1444, e-mail: online@well.com.
- November 8-11 Midwest Federation of Library Associations Quadrennial Conference, Chicago, Illinois.

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- January 19-25 American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, San Antonio, Texas.
- February 7-10 Serving the Legal Information Needs of a Varied Constituency: the Bench, the Bar and the Public. AALL Winter Institute, Sacramento, California. Information will be mailed to AALL members in the fall of 1995.

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