Presidential Address

Mary Kay Jung, Thompson Coburn

From all aspects, the AALL annual conference was a great success. MAALL members can be justifiably proud that several of our own received special recognition: Eileen Searls, Law Librarian at St. Louis University (and MAALL charter member and Past-President) received the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award; Kathleen Casey, Bibliographer & Computer Librarian at St. Louis University Law Library, received the Law Library Journal Article of the Year Award with Betsy McKenzie for their article Using Adaptive Technology to Provide Access to Blind, Low-Vision, and Dyslexic Patrons, 90 Law Library Journal 157 (1998); and the Jackson County (Missouri) Law Library received the AALL/West Legal Directory Excellence in Marketing Award/Best Campaign for its “Share Good Books” program. Congratulations to Jan Pointer, Linda Roser and Debbie Steele.

MAALL was also well represented in the exhibit area with not only the MAALL table (courtesy of Jesse Cranford), but also with exhibits from Shook, Hardy & Bacon, the Jackson County Law Library and the U.S. Courts Library in Kansas City. Along with Jesse, I want to thank all of you who gave up conference time to cover the MAALL table. Special thanks go to Barbara Fullerton and Tranne Pearce for making sure the table was stocked with information on Kansas City in preparation of our own meeting.

Our Luncheon and Business Meeting was well attended (no conflicts with SWALL this year). Please see the committee reports printed elsewhere in this issue for the status of ongoing MAALL projects. Note especially that in her report for the VIP Selection Committee, Lori Weiss solicits nominations. We would really like to invite a member of the larger legal or library community to both MAALL this year and AALL next year, but need input from you. If you have any recommendations, please contact Lori, Frank Houdek or Suzanne Morrison. Also in this issue is a preliminary program for our October meeting. The combined efforts of the Program Committee and the Local Arrangements Committee have resulted in what promises to be a memorable and educational event. I am impressed that Local Arrangements was able to negotiate an affordable $99.00 room rate and $99.00 registration fee for our ’99 meeting.

Before becoming Past President (an office I have always aspired to), I want to thank the Executive Board and the committee members for their hard work this year. It’s been a pleasure to work with you and get to know you better. Janet McKinney will be retiring as treasurer in October and I need to especially acknowledge the work she’s done over the past two years. Steve Lambson summed it up appropriately when he suggested that Janet serve as treasurer for perpetuity. Taking care of all aspects of our finances, from coordinating the AALL luncheon registration to preparing our financial reports, is time and effort consuming. Thank you, Janet, for doing it so well.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Kansas City this October.
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Candidates for MAALL Elections

Steven Lambson, Chair, Nominations Committee

Once again we are fortunate to have such a quality membership. From among our ranks, two excellent candidates have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for election as MAALL officers. The nominees are:

Vice President/President Elect:
Mary Ann Nelson
Executive Law Librarian
University of Iowa Law Library
Iowa City, Iowa

Treasurer:
Sally Crowley
Librarian / Information Specialist
Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale
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Mary Ann Nelson - Received her BA in 1973 from Iowa Wesleyan College, her MLS in 1980 from University of Illinois, and her JD in 1983 from University of Georgia. She has worked at the University of Minnesota, Washington University, University of Texas, and is currently at the University of Iowa as the Executive Law Librarian. She has had various publications, the most recent of which is the Assignments and Instructor's Manual to the Fundamentals of Legal Research (7th ed.).

Sally Crowley - Received her BA in English from Maryville University in 1963, and her MA in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She worked as a Library Assistant at Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale from 1991 until 1993, when she assumed her current position as Librarian / Information Specialist. She has been active in the local chapter of the Special Libraries Association, serving as the secretary 1997-98 and the business manager 1998-1999. She has also served on the Alumni Board of Maryville University, including a term as President.

Elections will be held at the annual MAALL Business Meeting during the annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries October 14-16. The bylaws allow additional nominations of candidates who have agreed to be nominated. Nominations must be made from the floor at the meeting or in writing to the President.

The Nominations Committee appreciates the willingness of these members to serve as candidates. Thanks also goes to committee members Dorie Bertram and Peggy McDermott for their work in developing the final slate of candidates.

News from Other Chapters

Prepared by Katherine J. Tooley, University of Tulsa Law Library


Financial management and fund raising are the topics of several columns in 25(3) SCCLL News, Spring 1999, (State, Court & County Law Libraries). The keys are planning, networking, humor, persistence and understanding that results may take 3-5 years.


Morrison, Anne. “Web Watch: Urban Legends: Today’s Tall Tales.” 17(4) LLAM News, pp.7-8, June 1999. (Law Library Association of Maryland). Discusses the e-mail versions of chain letters and the web site that lists the false and improbable-but-true legends that are abounding on the net.

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Annual Meeting Arrangements

The annual meeting of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries will be held on October 14-16 at the Wyndham Garden Hotel-Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri.

Program and Events

Thursday, October 14, 1999
12:30 p.m. Opening Lunch. Charles Guswuelle, noted columnist from the Kansas City Star, will be the keynote speaker.
2:30-5 p.m. Michele Ayer of Jenkins Law in Philadelphia will conduct a session on “How to Teach the Internet.”
6-10 p.m. Visit to the Jazz Museum & Negro League Baseball Museum with reception and meal in the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District.

Friday, October 15, 1999
8-9:30 a.m. MAALL Business Meeting and Breakfast.
9:45-11 a.m. Plenary Program: Electronic Case Filing Panel Discussion.
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Program A: Retraining for the Millennium.
Program B: A Day in the Life...
Program C: Legal Topics: New Domain Names.
12:30-1:30 p.m. Luncheon with AALL Representative.
1:45-3 p.m. Program A: Public Relations.
Program B: Negotiating Contracts/Public Policies via the Internet.
Program C: Legal Issues: Tort Reform.
3-5 p.m. Tours: Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art; Kemper Museum of Modern Art; or Linda Hall Library of Science & Technology.
MAALL Law School Library Consortium Meeting; other committee meetings.
6 p.m. Reception & tours of the new United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri.

Saturday, October 16, 1999
9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Program A: Teaching Legal Research for Non-Legal Librarians.
Program B: International Materials.
Program C: Sexual Harassment Policies.

Registration Costs

Registration costs for members and non-members for the full conference will be $99.00. Thursday only: $50.00. Friday only: $50.00. Saturday (includes breakfast): $30.00. Costs for separate events: Opening reception: $40.00; Opening lunch: $25.00; Friday luncheon: $25.00; Friday reception: $15.00; Breakfasts (each): $10.00.

Hotel Information

The conference site is the Wyndham Garden Hotel Kansas City at the Country Club Plaza, 1 East 45th Street (corner of Main Street and 45th Street), Kansas City, MO 64111. The hotel is located on top of a hill overlooking the Country Club Plaza, an attractive shopping, entertainment and office district in the heart of Kansas City’s cultural area. Phone: (816) 753-7400; FAX: (816) 753-7400; Reservations: 800-WYNDHAM. Room charges are $99.00 per night for single or double rooms. Please mention that you are registering for the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Meeting when you reserve your room.

More Information

Registration packets will be mailed out in early September. An announcement will be made via the MAALL listserv when they are mailed. Further updates will also be posted on the listserv.
Position Announcement

University of Missouri - Kansas City School of Law
Leon E. Bloch Law Library

Title: Electronic Services Librarian

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Providing direct user assistance.

Teaching responsibilities may be available depending on qualifications.

Qualifications:

Required: The successful applicant will have the best combination of education and experience in the areas of library science, law, and computerized research. Previous legal reference experience desired.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate substantial teaching and research ability or potential, and experience with electronic information services and the Internet. In addition, the successful applicant must demonstrate the following personal characteristics: initiative, good judgment, ability to communicate well, excellent interpersonal skills and a desire to improve legal education through provision of high-quality library services and bibliographic instruction.

Compensation: Salary and rank dependent on experience and qualifications. Fringe benefits include retirement program, medical and life insurance, 28 vacation days, and reduced tuition for University of Missouri courses. Range $35,000 - $45,000 for twelve month appointment.

Review of applications will begin June 1, 1999 and continue until the position is filled.

Deadline: until the position is filled.

To Apply: Candidates should submit an introductory letter, resume, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three references to:

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Minutes of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 21, 1999, 11:45 - 1:45 p.m., Grand Hyatt Washington, D.C.

President Mary Kay Jung called the meeting to order. She began by recognizing three MAALL members who received awards at AALL. Eileen Searls received the Marion Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service award. Kathleen Casey received the Law Library Journal “Article of the Year” award, and Linda Roser accepted the AALL/WEST “Excellence in Marketing” award on behalf of the Jackson County Law Library campaign for their “Share Good Books” program. Ann Fessenden gave a tribute to Kirk Gregory, reference librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals Library from 1985 to 1999. Kirk died in June after a long illness. Kirk had been active in both MAALL and SWALL.

The minutes from the October 1998 LibraryFest Midwest meeting in Milwaukee were then approved following a correction of the spelling of Diane Ouart’s name. Janet McKinney gave the treasurer’s report. She is beginning to make payments for deposits for the October meeting in Kansas City.
Local Arrangements: Barbara Fullerton gave an update on local arrangements for the October 1999 meeting in Kansas City. The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Gardens Hotel. The hotel rate is $99 per night, and there are 3-4 conference rooms. The entertainment for Thursday night will be a BBQ dinner at the Jazz and Negro Baseball History Museum. On Friday night, we will have a tour of the new U. S. Courts Library followed by a reception. Other activities will include museum tours and a tour of the Linda Hall Library.

Program 1999: Glen-Peter Ahlers reported that program ideas are coming together for the Kansas City meeting. Among the offerings will be programs on public relations and intellectual property.

VIP Selection: Lori Weiss discussed the VIP selection program. She said the idea is to invite VIPs such as judges and local leaders to our meetings to enhance relations and to share expertise. She said that each chapter is asked to invite two guests to attend AALL.

Nominations: Steve Lambson reported on the challenge presented by the qualified people also being among the busiest people. Glen-Peter Ahlers will be president, and the search is on for a treasurer to replace Janet McKinney.

Grants: Sharon Kern was not present - no report.

Internet: Patti Monk gave an update on the Internet Web Directory. Mike McBride will update the Kansas City web page prior to the conference. All additions/changes should be reported to Mike. Sally Kelley will update the “class use of the Internet” survey.

Newsletter: Beth Smith and Sandra Placzek have completed the March and June issues of MAALL Markings. They thanked everyone who has contributed, and they would like to encourage new ideas such as including book reviews. The deadline for the September issue is August 16.

Pro Bono: Joe Custer thanked Tyrone Allen and Kathryn Fitzhugh for assisting with establishing the MAALL pro bono campaign. They will distribute a draft of the program in Kansas City in hopes of getting feedback.

Resource Sharing: Needra Jackson reported that the committee has been inactive but hopes to encourage applications for staff exchange programs. MAALL will give a stipend to help pay expenses when a staff exchange position is requested and approved.

Directory: Joan Stevens reported that the MAALL Directory was mailed in early July. Any corrections should be reported to Crata Castleberry.

Other Business:

Lorraine Lorne reported on the October 2000 meeting to be held in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The room rate will be $69 per night - guaranteed. She asked for a show of hands for those who would be flying to Fayetteville since the new regional airport will require some type of shuttle service.

Ann Fessenden reported on preliminary talks with St. Louis and Clayton, Missouri, hotels for the October 2001 meeting. She said the rate will be anywhere from $99 to $149. She hopes to be able to offer a tour of the new U. S. Court of Appeals Library.

Mary Kay introduced one new member, Rebecca Lutkenhaus, who works at Drake University Law Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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For copies of articles/columns cited in News from Other Chapters, contact Katherine Tooley. Phone: (918) 631-2457/fax: (918) 631-2151/e-mail: katherine-tooley@utulsa.edu

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Membership News
Prepared By Mike McReynolds, Shook, Hardy & Bacon Law Library

ARKANSAS
University of Arkansas Law Library - Fayetteville

Sally J. Kelley has been promoted to Research Professor. She recently updated her article “The United States Code on the Web: How to Search and Update It” at http://law.uark.edu/arklaw/aglaw/usc/uscwall.htm. Cindy Morely [serials] and her husband Mark Morely [computer support] are expecting a child in December. Also, the library is pleased to announce that they will complete their CIS backfile on fiche this year.

ILLINOIS
Southern Illinois University Law Library

James Duggan, Director of Information Technology, is the author of “The Illinois Court of Claims,” 87 Illinois Bar Journal 283-284 (1999). Kevin Butterfield, Systems/Technical Services Librarian, has been appointed to the Information Management Advisory Group of the Project for the Future of Equal Justice, a joint initiative of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and the Center for Law and Social Policy. It is funded by grants from the Open Society Institute and the Ford Foundation. Its mission is to strengthen and expand the provision of civil legal assistance to low-income people through the collaborative efforts of community organizations, law schools, courts and advocacy groups at the state and national levels. Among other tasks, the Group will assess options for how information technology can be used to support providers of civil legal services to low and moderate-income populations and if need is found, recommend specific information technology to use.

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Kirk Gregory - A Memorial

Kirk Gregory, Reference Librarian for the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in St. Louis, passed away on June 18, 1999 after a long illness. It was a great shock to us, for although Kirk had serious health problems for many years, he always remained cheerful and positive. He was 44 years old.

Kirk received his BS from Washington University in St. Louis in 1979 and his MLS from the University of Missouri at Columbia in 1981. He served as U.S. Court of Appeals Reference Librarian from 1985 until his death. Before coming to the Court, Kirk was employed by Washington University from 1974 until 1985. At Washington University he was a medical librarian, so he was always our specialist for any sort of medical research. As well as working for the courts, Kirk worked weekends as a reference librarian at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

While most law librarians are active in only one regional association (if that), Kirk remained active in two: the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) and the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL). He was the program chair of MAALL in 1991 and the Grants Committee chair of SWALL in 1992. He was awarded MAALL travel grants on several occasions and attended MAALL and SWALL meetings whenever his health permitted. He also participated in local government documents organizations and was a member of the Friends of the St. Louis Art Museum, the Missouri Historical Society, the St. Louis Mercantile Library Association, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. He was always after us to buy paintings to spruce up the library. I'm afraid the library in the new building will be a less elegant place without him.

Kirk made many friends during his 14 years with the court. Circuit Librarian Ann Fessenden said, "Kirk was well-known and admired by many judges, law clerks, attorneys, and court staff. While he was hospitalized, I was constantly asked how he was doing, and many judges and others told me how much they admired the incredibly positive attitude that he consistently displayed in the face of personal adversity. They also commented on how pleasant and helpful he always was to them. Many of them visited him in the hospital or sent cards or flowers." U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Theodore McMillian delivered the eulogy at Kirk's funeral, praising Kirk's long and dedicated service to the court and his many positive personal attributes.

Current MAALL President Mary Kay Jung (and a former colleague of Kirk's at the Eighth Circuit) tells the following story: "Kirk was one of MAALL’s volunteers and most recently compiled the chapter newsletter column for MAALL Markings. When he was preparing to go into the hospital, he called to tell me he wouldn't be able to edit the column during his recovery. Five minutes later he called back and said it would be good for him to stay involved and he could edit the column as part of his therapy. This second call was typical Kirk. He will be missed."

Tranne Pearce, Librarian for the Eighth Circuit Branch Library in Kansas City, Missouri, said: "Kirk was so likable. He always called me—or had another staff member call me on April 1st every year with a practical joke. One year he had a staff member call and tell me they had a request for a photograph of the Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, and that St. Louis wanted me to drive out there and take the photograph. I fell for it—even griped about the trip all that way before I realized it was another of Kirk’s April Fool jokes. All the Eighth Circuit law clerks who traveled to St. Louis for court weeks liked Kirk. They all commented how nice he was and how helpful with their reference requests while they were there. I know we will all miss Kirk and his wonderful personality in our library system.”

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Janis L. Johnston, formerly Associate Director of the Notre Dame Law Library, is the library’s new Director. Linda Defendeifer, Reference Librarian, is taking a year leave to clerk for Judge David R. Hemdon of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

IOWA
University of Iowa Law Library

The University of Iowa has contracted with Ex Libris to provide a new online catalog system to replace the current NOTIS-based OASIS system. ALEPH 500, Ex Libris’s current software, will be installed in test mode this Fall. The full production system will be available by Summer 2000. The catalog will feature a web interface allowing access to full text and multimedia, as well as remote web sites.

KANSAS
University of Kansas Law Library

The University’s new integrated library system, Endeavor’s Voyager, is up and running. The staff is still in the beginning stages with lots of work to do, but the web version is available at http://catalog.lib.ukans.edu/. The system offers Boolean searching, search history, limits by date of publication, language or locations within the library system, and other wonderful features. The staff is busy barcoding the library collection and learning new procedures.

MISSOURI
Jackson County Law Library (Kansas City)

Debbie Steele joined the staff as Technical Services Librarian in June. Debbie comes to JCCL from MKA Library Specialists in St. Louis where she was a data specialist performing retrospective conversion for client libraries throughout the U.S. Debbie earned her M.L.S. from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon Law Library

Rebecca Marshall is a new Reference Assistant. She has a B.A. in English and French from Mary Washington College in Virginia. She joined Shook Hardy as a Records Clerk in 1993 and was promoted to Document Clerk in the Tort Section in 1994. As Document Clerk, she organized and maintained files and trial documents for attorneys and paralegals until her promotion to the library this Spring.

Scott Russell is the firm’s newest Reference Librarian. Scott is a native St. Louisan who completed his undergraduate studies at Truman State University. Scott also completed an M.A. in History at Northern Iowa University before completing his M.L.S. at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Scott has also worked in the library of Whyte, Hirschboeck & Dudek in Milwaukee.

United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit

Kirk Gregory, Reference Librarian, passed away June 18 following a long illness. Kirk was 44 years old and had served as Reference Librarian for the U.S. Court of Appeals library in St. Louis for 14 years. A memorial for Kirk can be found on page 10.

Washington University Law Library

Phil Berwick, Associate Dean for Information Resources, will be teaching Advanced Legal Research in the Fall and Spring semesters. Hyla Bondareff, Research Services Librarian, is now Secretary of SWALL. Rosemary Hahn, Senior Cataloging Librarian, is on the Planning Committee of the St. Louis Technical Services Librarians Group.

Weig Luo, Director of Technical Services, is now President of the AALL Asian American Law Librarian Caucus. Also, he has a new book to be published by the William S. Hein Co. titled Uniform Contract Law of the People’s Republic of China: with English Translation and Introduction (1999).


NEBRASKA
University of Nebraska

Mike Matis, Reference Librarian, coordinated and moderated the program “Encryption”, at the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting. The program focused on the use of encryption technology to secure the confidentiality of e-mail. Brian Striman, Head of Technical Services, was coordinator for the program “Classifying International Legal Materials” at the 1999 AALL Annual Meeting. Brian is also the chair of the On-line Bibliographic Services SIS for 1999-2000.

NORTH DAKOTA
University of North Dakota Law Library

Virginia Millette, Serials Manager, has left the library for a position with the Online Dakota Information Network. Jane Greg, formerly with the Chester Fritz Library at UND, is the new Serials Manager.

The Law Library and the North Dakota State Library cosponsored sites for the AALL satellite conference “Customer Service: Beyond ‘How May I Help You?’” on April 15. The two sites attracted a total of 52 attendees.
OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma City University Law Library

Greg Lambert left the library to be Legal Information and Law Libraries Coordinator with the Oklahoma Supreme Court Network.

Patti Monk, Associate Director, and Sylvia Ho, Computer Services Coordinator, gave a presentation at the CALI Conference in June on “Web Courses for the Entire Faculty.” Patti and Sylvia also conducted the session “Looking for Law in All the Wrong Places? Technology in the Law Library?” during the Regional Syllabus Education Technology Conference at SMU in Dallas in April. Greg Lambert gave a presentation with others on “Low-Cost Print Monitoring for NT Networks.”

In May, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer spoke informally at the Law School to students, faculty, attorneys and the public.

University of Oklahoma Law Library

This Fall is the University of Oklahoma College of Law’s 90th anniversary. Several activities have been scheduled for October 22-23, including the groundbreaking of a new addition which will house the library and feature the brick Collegiate Gothic style used in OU’s most historic buildings. The project will increase the library’s space and include the addition of a new courtroom/auditorium, computer lab facilities and a Great Reading Room, modeled after the reading room in Monnet Hall [the traditional pre-1978 law school building].

The University of Oklahoma has selected SIRSI as its new library system. The library participated in the selection and is now working on implementation. Librarians from all departments are taking part in training. The system has been turned on in phases over the Summer, and full implementation is expected by Fall.

Elaine Bradshaw is the new Catalog/Computer Services Librarian. She has been with the university since 1993. She began as a rare book cataloger in the History of Science Collections, then became a fine arts cataloger where she provided original and complex cataloging for a variety of subject areas such as law, architecture and music. She also worked on the home page for the Cataloging Department. Along with Stephen Wagner, she won the University of Oklahoma Libraries Research Initiative Award in 1997 and 1998 for the project “Incorporating Images into Descriptive Bibliography and Rare Book Cataloging.”

University of Tulsa Law Library

University of Tulsa law librarians called to all law librarians in the state to Unite! In June, librarians from firms, law schools, courts and corporations came together for a day of touring, learning and networking. The first tour saw TU’s renovation and expansion work. The second tour showed how the library is providing service during their “out of building experience.” They were shown the smaller temporary library and director’s office in the student union and another temporary library in the main university library where compact shelving is filled with high use law books. A few guests also saw the third campus building which houses Technical Services and a retrievable storage location. Then the attendees met for a presentation by Gerald Johnson, West Group’s Vice President of Academic Programs and Library Relations. TU law librarians shared their experiences and Director Richard Ducey led a roundtable discussion on how we can cooperate in efforts to improve or refresh the research skills of recent law graduates. Pictures of the event are on the web at http://www.utulsa.edu/law/library. [Click on “LIBRARY NEWS.”]

Ben Chapman left the library staff to become Director of Computing Resources for the College of Law. Ben will still work closely with the library, especially in the computing areas of the new Legal Information Center. Toni Forrester, formerly evening Reference Librarian and Stack Maintenance Supervisor, is now Electronic and Media Services Librarian. Toni is responsible for LEXIS, Westlaw, the CD-ROM and web access products, media services, stack maintenance and is liaison with Ben Chapman for library computing issues. Christy Ryan is back with the law library after a stint at McFarlin Library. Her former positions with the Law Library include part-time circulation assistant and full-time serials associate. After receiving her MLS, she accepted a professional position with McFarlin Library. She is back at the Law Library as the new Public Services/Serials Law Librarian. Katherine Tooley’s position has been re-vamped after 15 years as Technical Services Law Librarian. Her new title, Cataloging/Special Projects Librarian, reflects the changes in her position. She will concentrate on monographic cataloging and special or ongoing projects such as library publications, preservation and annual memberships.

SOUTH DAKOTA

University of South Dakota Law Library

These library staff were recognized by the University for their long service: Candice Spurlin (20 years); Delores Jorgensen (25 years); and John Hagemann (30 years - 22 as Director). Delores Jorgensen, catalog librarian, retired in May. Sherry Velin was promoted to Senior Computer Support Specialist.

The information for this column was compiled by Mike McReynolds from reports submitted by the State Membership News Liaisons. If you would like information about your library and staff included in the next issue, please send information to your State News Liaison.
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