President's Message

As ORALL begins its 33rd year of professional association we look forward to a couple of 1980's ideas and backwards at traditions worth maintaining.

The forward parts are the advent of computers into the legal profession (finally!) and cooperation with other kinds of libraries to promote public access to legal information and legal access to medical, technical, scientific, and sociological information.

The traditional goals are education and communication within our organization. These are accomplished through our conferences, newsletter, and committee structure. All activities and publications are reviewed by the Executive Board with decisions made by a majority vote. When the documents prescribe it, or there are compelling arguments pro and con, decisions are referred to the majority vote of the membership as a whole. This Spring in Cincinnati the Board will exercise the latter process.

Meanwhile, the work goes on. The committees are smaller this year for three reasons: 1) fewer members volunteered to serve; 2) some tasks require only a few members; and 3) there is better accountability. Each committee chair and member has been encouraged to seek additional help if needed. I’m sure you will respond wholeheartedly when asked if circumstances permit.

Evaluation of activities needs to be done on a regular basis and is a high priority this year. Surveys will be conducted both selectively and widely depending on the questions. The validity of results depends upon a high degree of response from those asked, and since decisions for the next few years will be based on these surveys, please do your part in a timely, thoughtful manner.

We now have a logo thanks to Banks-Baldwin, which we will use prominently on all our publications to create instant identification with our Association. One of our long range goals needs to be the expansion of recognition beyond law librarians to other librarians and the legal community. Cathy Gillette and Debbie Cannaday will continue to work on an ORALL brochure to carry our message. (continued on page 2)
From the Editor

I encourage your involvement in making the 1982 ORALL newsletters both informative and entertaining. Please share with me your thoughts on how our newsletter might better reflect the problems, viewpoints, and activities of ORALL members. Only your contributions (i.e., anecdotes, suggestions, comments, and ideas for article topics and/or regular columns) will make our newsletter live up to your expectations. Send your ideas to:

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College of Law Library
1659 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43210

AALL Institute

The American Association of Law Libraries pre-conference Institute will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, June 8-11, 1982. Case Western Reserve University School of Law will host the Institute on Fiscal Management.

Program chairmen for the Institute are Robert Berring, University of Washington Law Library, and Mary Forcellon, Cahill, Gordon & Reindel, New York City. Loree Potash, Case Western Reserve University Law Library, is local arrangements chairman.

Welcome New Members!

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Reminder . . .

Dues statements for ORALL were sent out at the first of the year. If you have not yet forwarded your ten dollar check, payable to ORALL, please do so immediately. Send to:

Alvin M. Podboy
ORALL Treasurer
Baker & Hostetler
3200 National City Center
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

President's Message

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My long experience with a variety of volunteer groups makes me reluctant to specify in print exactly what will be accomplished this year, but accountability may as well start at the top. In 1982 we will complete the officer and committee guidelines, revise the Bylaws accordingly, and publish a handbook for members describing the functions of ORALL. We will find out what computer systems are operating in our law libraries and which ones will be operated in the near future. We will revamp or discontinue the Union List of Serials. We will improve the usefulness of the Model Bibliography. We will produce three good newsletters in February, May, and September. We will wind up the Public Access to Law project. We will print a brochure and begin its distribution process. We will have two excellent and successful conferences. Our new relationship with Banks-Baldwin in terms of the newsletter, directory, and membership records will prove beneficial for both parties.

Since many of these projects have been in the works for the past year or two, it should be possible to bring them to completion in 1982. May doing them bring us all comradery and satisfaction.

We are in bondage to the law in order that we may be free.

—Cicero

A judge on the bench is now and then in your whimsical situation between tragedy and comedy: inclination drawing one way, and a long string of precedents the other.

—Lord Mansfield

ORALL and Banks-Baldwin Join Forces

For many years the Membership Committee, the Treasurer, the Newsletter Editor, and the Local Arrangements Chairperson have had to spend hours manually producing a current list of names and addresses of ORALL members. Two years ago, Cathy Gillette developed a computer program using the Cleveland State computer to handle this information in an efficient manner. When ORALL changed its Constitution to allow for mail ballots, it relied on this accurate, up-to-date set of mailing labels for those who had paid their dues. It has been a great boon for our Association, but the Cleveland State computer was a temporary gift. The Executive Board pondered the possibility of relying on the new treasurer every two years to supply the computer service; this has not turned out to be feasible.

A primary concern of the former Publications Committee was to find a more efficient means of producing and printing ORALL publications. Some publishers offered to print our directory.

ORALL has negotiated a contract with Banks-Baldwin to print and to distribute both our directory and our newsletter. The final decision of the Executive Board was to put all this in the hands of one publisher, Banks-Baldwin, on a trial basis in order to streamline production. Our thanks to their artist, Bill Davis, who designed the attractive new ORALL logo. Our primary contacts at Banks-Baldwin, Craig Fraser and Margaret Latch, have been enthusiastic, helpful, and most cooperative. We at ORALL anticipate a long and happy future together.

The ORALL Newsletter is the official publication of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL), a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

Membership: 260
Dues: $10 per year

For extra copies of the ORALL Newsletter write: Melanie Solon-Kochheiser, The Ohio State University, College of Law, 1659 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

For membership information contact: Alvin Podboy, Baker & Hostetler, 3200 National City Center, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

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Akron Sponsors LEXIS Program by Lynn E. McGrew

The University of Akron is engaged in a one-year pilot program with the Akron Bar Association to provide members of the Akron Bar with access to LEXIS, Mead Data Central's computer-based legal retrieval tool. Under the program, the Akron Bar has entered into its own contract with Mead but uses the terminal located at the School of Law. In doing so, the Bar can provide LEXIS service to its members at a substantial discount and Akron attorneys are exposed to a new research tool.

Since the contract is under the aegis of the Akron Bar Association, no individual firm or attorney need take on the full cost burden of the computerized system. A firm which elects to use LEXIS pays a monthly fee of either $50 or $75 plus any costs incurred by the individual search sessions, which are calculated by connect time and search units used. All billing is done through the Akron Bar Association.

For access to LEXIS, an attorney needs to contact the Bar Association to receive a LEXIS authorization number. The School of Law Library does not participate in any way either in issuing or recording the authorization numbers or in billing the attorneys.

Once the attorney receives a LEXIS authorization number, he/she can reserve time on LEXIS for a maximum of a single 1-hour appointment per day. The Library has reserved time for attorneys' use Monday-Friday, 2-5 P.M. LEXIS prohibits any law school use during this time and so students lose no additional hours by this arrangement. Apart from these hours, an attorney must compete with students for LEXIS time. At the time of the search the Library asks that the attorney sign a disclaimer releasing the Library and staff from responsibility for the quality of the search and for any costs incurred by the search.

In addition to providing the terminal, the Library staff of the School of Law is available to assist attorneys with the technical operation of LEXIS searches. The design of each search is the responsibility of the attorney conducting the search.

The program is a viable one for attorneys' use; it provides access to an effective tool at a relatively reasonable cost. The disadvantage for the attorney is the necessity of going to the School of Law to perform the search. This could, however, encourage the lawyer to do more effective preliminary work on structuring search requests since LEXIS is not at his/her fingertips in the law office. The time spent at the terminal could thus be more efficient and productive.

The contract ends this summer and at that time the success of the program will be evaluated. So far the cooperative venture has generated a fair response from local attorneys. The cost of a LEXIS search is still a deterrent for many attorneys, but for those attorneys who do decide to use the system, the availability of LEXIS at the Law School is an attractive service.

ORALL Model Bibliography

The ORALL Model Bibliography has been printed and distributed by the Ohio State Bar Association. Extra copies may be obtained from:

Deborah Cannacay
Columbus Law Library Assn.
10th Floor
369 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Model Bibliography Contest

The 1981 edition of the general section of the Model Bibliography was prepared by Chris Stevens, printed and distributed by the Ohio State Bar, and received by ORALL members in December 1981. As usual, some older titles were dropped, some new titles added, and the prices brought up-to-date as of publication. In addition, this issue has a preface for the first time which describes its purpose and selection criteria. In recognition that we are contributing to our own looseleaf problems, it has directions for saving and tossing. Please read it.

For 1982, the Committee assignment is to bring the state sections up-to-date. We all can benefit from this publication but it also ought to be available to law firms, public and special libraries, and any one else who is less familiar with legal bibliography. The Executive Board has discussed publication with the Hein Co. and will continue to explore possibilities. Meanwhile, would someone please come up with a new title? One that is explicit but precise. One proposal was "Lovable Law Books" but the conservatives or the Executive Board hooted it down just as the membership rejected IMMORAL when it discussed a name change a few years ago.

The idea behind the present title was good. There is a Model Penal Code, a Model Code of Pre-arraignment Procedure, etc., but The Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries Model Bibliography for: General Materials and ditto: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan lacks an essential element of conciseness.

Start thinking now but guard your best ideas like trade secrets. Prizes, rules, and an entry blank to rename the Model Bibliography will appear in the next newsletter.
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Akron Business Meeting: Committee Highlights

The Fall Conference in Indianapolis October 7-9 will be a potpourri having two concurrent sessions at a time. The Activities Committee decided to continue holding the Spring Meeting in conjunction with the Ohio Bar Association and to keep the format of Thursday and Friday conferences with the program ending at 3:00 P.M. Friday.

The Guidelines Committee is revising the ORALL handbook and updating the guidelines for each office and committee chairmanship. The prototype of the new handbook is in a looseleaf format which includes some materials from AALL as well as pertinent ORALL information.

The Ohio Legislative Subcommittee reports that a bill is being readied for introduction to the Ohio Legislature that would provide for Ohio slip laws to be distributed to all Ohio county law libraries.

In 1981 there was an addition of 35 members and a loss of 22 members.

There is a nomination before the membership for two individual life memberships, Simon Goren and Nancy Miller. This resolution will be voted on at the Spring Meeting and will need a 2/3 vote from the entire membership to be accepted.

In the 1981 election 250 ballots were mailed by August 26th. 95 ballots were returned.

The ORALL archives will remain in the state capital at the Columbus Law Library Association. Deborah Cannaday, Secretary, has agreed to maintain the records of the Association.

A Spring Meeting proposal that the newsletter editor, appointed by the President, will also serve as Chairperson of the Publications Committee and as a member of the Executive Board has been adopted.

The 1981 ORALL Union List of Serials included updated holdings records from 16 law libraries. The list was purchased by 30 law libraries. The 1982 Union List of Serials should be available in January 1982 at a price of $40.00. An interesting and helpful feature of participating in the listing is that a printout of an individual library's holdings can then be obtained for $10.00.
Public Access to Legal Information
Survey Report by Anita K. Shew

Thanks to an article submitted by Cathy Gillette (I think) in the AALL Newsletter, the Survey Report is receiving national attention. I have had letters from various law libraries in the U.S. requesting copies. Roger Jacobs, AALL president, has requested copies to distribute to AALL liaison groups. The AALL PALI Special Committee has added it to its clearinghouse. The coordinator of the Ohio Library Association Division II, Margaret Cooper, said it is one of the most exciting topics and projects OLA is presently dealing with.

The interest is generated especially by the currency of the Report and by the empirical data which supports previous assumptions.

The Report itself is 22 pages long including the survey, results, analysis, and contents. The blue cover with OLA and ORALL logos makes this a fitting cover for the committee’s effort.

SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the Survey verified what the committee supposed: that bigger libraries have better collections, better reference service, and more referral sources than smaller libraries. However, there were some notable variations and 10 small libraries did not even have the basic Ohio law, the Ohio Revised Code. It is evident that clarification of available titles and guidance on which sets to purchase were desired.

Academic libraries held more case law than public libraries which in turn had more practice books and general legal reference books (i.e., tax, consumer, juvenile, etc.). Not many of either group had state or federal administrative materials. This was surprising since so much of our business life is regulated by state or federal agencies.

The majority of librarians locate materials but offer no explanation. When more assistance is necessary, most librarians refer to larger collections and the smallest public libraries also refer to local attorneys or legal aid.

A large number of libraries reported being within 25 miles of a usable legal collection.

Judging from selection sources used, it is a wonder the librarians have any legal collections as we know them. Sheehy’s Guide to Reference Books and American Reference Books Annual were used heavily by public and academic groups; publisher’s ads were favored by all.

Law librarians’ assistance was solicited in all the areas listed (workshops, bibliographies, contact persons, etc.) but the two most requested were annotated bibliographies and publicizing major legal collections and the conditions for their use.

ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY—in process

As the Survey shows, most librarians would greatly appreciate an annotated bibliography to help them choose the sources of most use to their patrons. The Committee is working on this and will have it completed by Spring. It will be about 35 pages long with 50 word annotations, bibliographic information, and price. It will include Federal as well as Ohio titles. Some lay publications will be listed as representative works in various popular fields.

It will also include an introduction, a brief section on the use of law books and citations, and a section on the acquisition and maintenance of law books. The Ohio Library Association has requested something brief so other explanatory materials may have to be in the form of handouts at workshops.

CALL FOR WORKSHOP FACULTY

Ohio Library Association members have regional meetings that reach smaller libraries and librarians unable to attend the annual meetings in Columbus. It is at these meetings with a 1 hour time slot that we will begin our workshop involvement. The Central Ohio regional area of OLA has already requested a legal materials workshop at their April/May meeting.

I am now making a call for workshop faculty to review the annotated bibliography, to give more detailed explanations of specific sets, to answer questions, and to distribute other aids. If you are interested please write or call me at (513) 867-5714.

This is only the beginning of a series of workshops which can be held at OLA regional meetings, annual meetings, special sessions, university libraries, etc. The Bibliography can be the basis for one of these sessions with any other materials a person wishes to work up. I do have some aids that might give you ideas.

This project represents a job well done by committee members. This year’s PALI Committee is much smaller; its main function is to finish the Bibliography and to coordinate workshops.

If you would like a copy of the Survey Report, please contact me.

State Law Compilations

A supplement to Foster & Boast’s Subject Compilations of State Laws (Greenwood Press, 1981) is being prepared by Carol Boast and Cheryl Nyberg at the University of Illinois Law Library. Information from the updated file, which has approximately 400 entries by now, may be obtained from them by calling (217) 333-2913.

They would appreciate citations to any recent (1979 to date) compilations that you may have located. They intend to acknowledge any updates and request that you send them how you wish the acknowledgment to appear along with the citation(s). Please send them to: Carol Boast, 104J Law, University of Illinois, 504 East Pennsylvania Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61820.
Placement Notices

CALIFORNIA

Assistant or Associate Director of the Law Library, University of Southern California. Requirements: J.D. and M.L.S. from accredited schools plus significant experience. Duties: General administration of the Public Services Department (includes 4 librarians, 2 Library Assistant Supervisors, 1 secretary, and student assistants). Responsible for planning and development in Public Services Department and for coordinating reference and other services of the department including the computer-aided research systems LEXIS, Westlaw, Dialog, etc. Directly responsible for introducing new and visiting Faculty to the library and its services and acts as liaison between all faculty members and library for reference needs. Assist the Director of the Library with teaching legal bibliography to first year law students and with the general administration of the library (e.g., budgeting process, book selection, collection development, creating and planning new services). Adjunct Professorial title possible. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Available: May 1, 1982. Contact: Albert Brecht, Director of the Law Library, Law Center, University of Southern California, University Park, Los Angeles, California 90007.

INDIANA

Readers Services Librarian. The Indiana University School of Law Library, located in Indianapolis, is the largest legal research facility in the state of Indiana. Position available after May 1, 1982. M.L.S. from ALA-accredited school required. Two years professional library experience essential (preferably in circulation and/or reference work, and preferably in a law library). Position includes reference and supervision of a part-time Reference Librarian and 3 full-time staff, as well as up to 20 student assistants. Functions of the department include reference, inter-library loan, circulation control, computer-assisted searching, and major contribution to book selection. Will also include some legal bibliography and library usage instruction responsibilities. Salary: Commensurate with experience. Deadline: Application must be received by March 15, 1982. Send application and resume to: Prof. James F. Bailey III, Director of the Law Library, Indiana University School of Law, 735 West New York Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Telephone: (317) 264-4028.

OHIO

Assistant Law Librarian for Acquisitions and Reference. University of Akron School of Law, Law Library, is accepting applications for assistant law librarian from persons with J.D., M.L.S., and a good academic record. Experience in a law library although desirable is not a requirement. Duties: Acquisitions, Reference, and an ability to assist the Law Librarian in teaching legal research. Salary competitive. Starting date: July 1, 1982. Send resume and three references, with authorization to contact, to: Assistant Professor Paul Richert, Law Librarian, University of Akron School of Law, Akron, Ohio 44325. The closing date for full consideration is May 1, 1982. Position is a twelve-month contract appointment, with general faculty status.

Head Law Librarian. Case Western Reserve University. Requirements: J.D., M.L.S., and significant law library experience including administration. Duties: Responsible for the administration, short and long range planning and development of the law library, and teaching a course of legal bibliography. Salary: Competitive. Available: July 1, 1982. Contact: Professor Arthur D. Austin, Chairman, Search Committee; or Simon L. Goren, Law Librarian, The School of Law, Case Western Reserve University, 11075 East Boulevard, Cleveland, Ohio 44106.

Librarian 3. The Ohio State University. Responsibilities: Bibliographic control of the collection, applying the library's unique classification scheme, AACR2, and LC subject headings to monographs, serials, rare books, microforms, and other items both in English and other languages. General administration of the department; supervising processing of all materials including bindery. Planning with and recommending to other professional staff use of automated procedures to improve library service. Qualifications: M.L.S. and/or J.D. with several years library experience; should include law library cataloging. Reading knowledge of French, German, and Spanish. Experience with OCLC or other automated procedures desirable. Available: Immediately. Salary: $16,440-$23,680. Apply: Robert D. Williams, The Ohio State University, Personnel Services, 2310 Neil Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210. An Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Member News

Deborah Cannaday, formerly the Director of the Toledo Law Association Library, was recently appointed as the Director of the Columbus Law Library Association.

Doris Kaplan, new member, has been the Librarian at Dinsmore, Shoal, Coates & Deупree since March 1981. She formerly was a Reference Librarian at the University of Maine Fogler Library, where she received her M.L.S. Doris is anxious to show ORALL members her library during the law firm tour of the Spring Meeting in Cincinnati.

Marilyn Kramer was recently appointed as the Head of the Catalog Department at SUNY—Buffalo's Division of Central Technical Services. Marilyn was formerly the Head of the Ohio State University Law Library Catalog Department.

New member, Marianne Mason, before becoming the Librarian at Wood County Law Library, was on the Government Documents Division staff at the University of Toledo Main Library.

Loree Potash presented an all day seminar on Introduction to Legal Research sponsored by AJ Seminars on October 21, 1981. Loree also has been appointed an adjunct Professor at the Matthew A. Baxter School of Library and Information Science of Case Western Reserve University.

Thomas P. Vergamini, formerly Acting Law Library Director at Salmon P. Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University has left Chase to practice law in Cincinnati with the firm Foiles, Lawer & Brown.

Brenda Woodruff is the new Director of the Toledo Law Association Library. Formerly, she was at the Wood County Law Library.
WHO NEEDS YOU?

AALL needs you!
Your fellow law librarians need you!
The 1982 AALL Annual Meeting needs you!
AALL needs you!

As local arrangements Chair, Bernice Frank is responsible for all arrangements for the Meeting except the program. The joint ORALL-MICH/AALL Meeting last fall showed just how much planning and help is entailed in this responsibility. Your help is needed!

What can you do? The committees below need your help both before and during the Annual Meeting. Let Bernice know she can count on your help. Return this form and together we can make the Detroit Meeting one of the best!

Return this form to: Bernice Frank
Burroughs Corporation
Legal Activity Library
Burroughs Place
Detroit, Michigan 48232

Dear Bernice—
Of course I'll help.

Let me know where I can be the most help.

Before the Meeting.
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I'm particularly interested in the indicated committee:

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Address
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