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Librarians Targeted by FBI

Wallace While educated us about the FBI's Librarians Awareness Program at our Spring 1989 meeting in Toledo.

We can thank our colleagues at the American Library Association for their continued vigilance in safeguarding librarians.

ALA has filed an appeal with the U. S. Dept. of Justice asking for "maximum possible disclosure of FBI records pertaining to the program". ALA is asking for release of the names of libraries visited by the FBI. It seems that the FBI made background checks on approximately 100 librarians and contends that several librarians have been targeted for agent development by Soviet intelligence. FBI Director William Sessions described the background checks as "routine." Although he was originally unaware of the checks, he said he would have approved them. The FBI seemed to think that the criticism of the program by librarians was Soviet backed. You may recall that the investigation continued from the FBI's New York office even after they received instructions from Washington to discontinue it.

The National Security Archive, a non-profit organization, obtained much of this information under the Freedom of Information Act and provided it to ALA. This report was compiled from information in Library Hotline, Library Journal, and Publishers Weekly.

by: Carol Bredemeyer, Chase Law Library, NKU

"Tyro from Toledo"

Presidents Message

Brenda Woodruff, ORALL President



I am presently reading Gerry Spence's With Justice for None which portrays the entire justice system in a cloudy, murky image. It made me ponder how law librarians are regarded by society and even how we are regarded by those we serve. I actually kept looking for Spence's comments on law librarians. I saw none. I have to admit I am deeply troubled when law firms choose to hire a non-librarian to be their librarian. I think it takes talent to run a library. When consulted, I gave my opinion. After all, I would not want a carpenter working on the engine of my car. What each of us says does make a difference; so I just keep voicing my opinion.

Professionalism does count. People [even lawyers and judges] notice how a library is run, how we conduct business, how organization is just one way to network with other people in your field. There have been plenty of times I have asked others in our profession for their ideas and suggestions and I am thankful for those people. If you know of law librarians who are currently not members of ORALL, please encourage them to join and encourage them to attend a meeting.

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Calendar

May 9-11	Indiana Library Assn. -- Indianapolis
May 16-18	ORALL Spring Meeting--Dayton, OH
June 9-14	SLA -- Pittsburgh, PA
June 17-20	AALL Annual Meeting -- Minneapolis
June 23-28	ALA Annual Meeting -- Chicago, IL
July 15-20	"Middle Management Program" Miami University -- Oxford, OH

Newsletter Deadlines

May 31, August 10, and November 8

Core Legal Collection

Bibliographies including major primary and secondary sources desirable for a working legal collection. The State Law Section last published in 1986 contains bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan. The General Law Section last published in 1984 contains a subject arrangement of recommended treatises. Both include prices and publisher addresses.



1990 Core Legal Collection committee chair James Leonard says that new state bibliographies were ready in 1988 but they were never printed because the Ohio State Bar Association could no longer do the printing at no charge. He says his committee will be working on 1990 bibliographies, perhaps without book prices. Anyone interested in information about the older lists can call him at [419] 772-2251. [Ohio Northern University, Taggart Law Library].

A Handbook for the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

This handbook was distributed on fiche by Hein and contained ORALL's purpose and history, organizational structure, officer and committee guidelines, etc. 1985 edition now out of print. ORALL President Brenda Woodruff says that work in progress on the ORALL Constitution will make the 1985 handbook obsolete so perhaps a new edition will be produced.

ORALL County Law Library Survey

The 1988 edition of this detailed biennial survey of ORALL county law library operations covers collections, staffing and salaries, revenue and expenditures, services, population service, automation, physical facilities and litigation. Copies may be purchased for \$3.00 from Jan Novak at [216] 861-5070. Please make checks out to the Cleveland Law Library Association.

ORALL Membership Directory

This annual directory is distributed at the fall meeting as part of ORALL membership dues. It contains a listing of ORALL officers; geographical, alphabetical and institutional indexes of members; membership statistics and the ORALL constitution and bylaws. Associate members [vendors, non-ORALL libraries, etc.] may subscribe to both the Membership Directory and the ORALL newsletter for \$10 per year. Anyone needing extra copies of the 1989-90 directory can call 1990 Membership Committee Chair Jacqueline Orlando at [614] 445-8836 [Capital University Law Library].

ORALL Newsletter

The quarterly newsletter is part of annual dues. Associate members may subscribe for \$10 per year. The Newsletter contains regular columns by ORALL officers, announcements, meeting reports and a wealth of other information. Anita Shew, Butler County Law Library [(513) 887-3456] is the 1990 Newsletter editor.

ORALL Public Services Committee Materials

1990 Committee chair Anne McFarland of the University of Akron School of Law Library says that her committee hopes to publish a third edition of the Ohio Legal Resources Bibliography & Guide before the 1990 ORALL spring meeting. Ohio Legal Resources is produced jointly with the Ohio Library Association and the new edition will also include "Guides for Legal Reference Services" and "Law Books for Laymen". Two other Public Services Committee publications may be purchased from the Ohio Library Association in Columbus at [614] 221-9057. Call first to determine price and availability:

-1981 Survey of Ohio Legal Resources Report [\$1.50]

-Ohio Legal Resources 2d ed. [\$4.50]

Available Free

-Guides for Legal Reference Service [Contact A. Shew]

ORALL Union List of Serials

The Union List is an annual compilation of serials held by ORALL libraries who agree to contribute their lists of holdings. Contributors are primarily law schools, although a few county and law firm libraries are included. The list may be purchased for \$47.50 from the University of Louisville [Ekstrom Library, 2301 South Third Street, Louisville, Kentucky 40207]. You do not need to be a contributor to purchase the Union List. Anyone with questions about becoming a contributor--or about the Union List in general should call 1990 committee chair Nona K. Watt at the Indiana University Law Library: [812] 855-9666.

by: Corliss Davis, Akron Law Library Association

Editor's Note: Corliss went to a lot of trouble to compile this information. We hope to publish an unannotated list of completed, current ORALL publications in at least one issue per year.

ORALL





Importance of Cataloging. Discussions of cataloging in law libraries are generally limited to the concerns of those of us in academic or very large law libraries. But providing quality access to any-sized collection is really the concern of every librarian, not just cataloging specialists. By taking the time to carefully plan for a catalog, a librarian in a small library can create a simple, useful public tool without extensive training in cataloging. The key is in defining who the users of this catalog will be, and in determining if this catalog will be shared with other libraries.

Easy Software Programs...For the smallest libraries with limited budgets, card catalogs are still an economical choice. With a simple PC programs [e.g. Librarian's Helper, On-line Catalog, Catalog Carder] card catalogs are far less labor-intensive than they used to be. Data saved on diskette is available for use later in an on-line system, although beware--it is not in MARC format.

Consider OCLC...Libraries that can afford it should consider membership in OCLC. Besides the initial cost of hardware there is an annual membership fee and additional fees based on actual usage. While a librarian has to have more training to use OCLC properly, it is still not necessary to become an expert cataloger. You can modify [edit] an OCLC record to meet your library's needs and choose a variety of formats [card, diskette, tape].

Tailor Catalog To Your Library...Unless there is a desire to catalog internally-generated documents, a small library should not have to do much, if any original cataloging. Should the need arise, the State Library of Ohio will catalog the title [for a fee, of course] or an original record can be entered on OCLC as "less than full," a status which allows another library to upgrade the record if necessary. Small libraries that are not doing original cataloging and are not sharing their catalogs with university-or state-wide networks do not have the same obligations to follow national standards as other libraries do. Subject cataloging is a case in point for law libraries. The phrase "law and legislation" is superfluous in a small law library catalog, but it can provide an important distinction in a large catalog.

Help Available...The prospect of cataloging a collection does not have to be overwhelming or intimidating. Help is available. AALL's Technical Service SIS will assist small law libraries. In Ohio, OHIONET is expanding its services, even to libraries that are not OCLC users. Some Ohio County Law Libraries use OCLC and Columbus law firms share a membership. These groups can provide advice and training. The end result will be a catalog that best serves the needs of one's own patrons.

by: Phyllis Post, Capital University, Law Library

Dayton



The Dayton ORALL Spring meeting will be held Wednesday through Friday, May 16-18, 1990, at the Ramada Inn South in Dayton [Miamisburg], Ohio. The program will focus on planning for law libraries, taking into consideration the various kinds of planning that occur in the typical law library.

Special guest will be **Thomas H. Reynolds**, Associate Law Librarian at the University of California at Berkeley. He will speak on planning for new developments in law-European Economic Community 1992.

Committee meetings are scheduled for either Wednesday afternoon from 3:30-4:30 or Thursday afternoon from 4:30-6:00. If you want to schedule a committee meeting, please contact Mary Persyn at Valparaiso, [219] 465-7838.

Wednesday Afternoon

1. County SIG Meeting.
2. Indiana SIG meeting.
3. Committee Meetings 3:30-4:30.
4. Opening reception.

Thursday Morning

Tom Reynolds, EEC 1992.

Thursday Afternoon

1. Dr. Donald Morland, Dept. of Communications at the University of Dayton, will provide pointers on planning and running a meeting.
2. Chris deBear from Library Design Associates in Columbus will speak on space planning from a professional's perspective.
3. Panel discussion on space planning within existing facilities. [Carol Bredemeyer, moderator from Northern Kentucky, Kathy Welker, 6th Circuit Library and Andy Brann, Columbus Law Library.]
4. Committee meetings 4:30-6:00.

Friday Morning

1. Business meeting conducted by Brenda Woodruff.
2. "Ask your Colleagues" round table discussion.

Tom Hanley, Local Arrangements Chair, is planning the opening reception, luncheon, and banquet. In addition, the Ramada Inn is close to Dayton Mall with its infinite variety of shops, restaurants and other attractions. Registration materials for the Spring Meeting will be in the mail in March. Watch for them and be sure to join us for an interesting & informative time in Dayton.

Dayton

Blueprint for Progress

County Law Library Survey



The ORALL County SIG released the results on its first biennial comprehensive survey of county law libraries in the ORALL region in the Fall, 1989.

Thirty-six Ohio surveys were returned, representing 40% of Ohio county law libraries. The 60% who did not respond represent primarily rural areas. Areas surveyed included collection size, periodical subscriptions, standard salaries, revenue expenditures, services, population served, automation activities, physical facilities and litigation.

The survey reveals what many of us already knew: there is great diversity among the Ohio county law libraries. A uniform definition or "average" defies description. The largest law libraries serve a substantial private bar clientele in addition to the judiciary; in fact, the largest libraries would probably rank service to the private bar as their primary obligation. Medium-sized libraries strike a balance in service priorities between the public and private bar; many of these describe a library organization with structural ties to the local bar association. The smallest libraries appear to serve primarily as "office collections" for the courts, accessible to local attorneys but without any pretext of serving the reference needs of the practicing bar.

The libraries reported volume equivalents ranging from 2000 to 252,987, with an average size of 40,096.

Twelve of the respondents were unable to report a total title count. Title holdings ranged from 123 to 10,205; periodicals numbered from 2 to 585. Average titles reported were 2,540; average periodical subscriptions were 109.

The average statutory fines and penalties income reported by 26 libraries in 1987 was \$188,178.53. In 1988, 30 libraries reported average fines and penalties income of \$209,531.53. Two libraries who receive among the greatest fines allotment did not report figures for both years, therefore it would be misleading to read an eleven percent increase in the overall averages from 1987-88. If we exclude both of these libraries from the averages, the increase from 1987 to 1988 is 8%. Eight counties reported decreases in fines and penalties revenue from 1987-88.

Most libraries rely on fines and penalties money as a near exclusive source of income. The percentage total of revenue represented by statutory fines and penalties for each county for the last reported year ranged from 47% [Cuyahoga] to 100% [several counties].

Ten libraries supplement statutory fines with membership dues: however, four of these reported total dues collections of less than \$130. Of the remaining 6, the percentage of total revenue represented by dues is 7% or less for all but Cuyahoga [45%].

Income from fee paid services, including photocopy and computer research charges was negligible for most libraries.

The average total income reported by 27 libraries for 1987 was \$215,074.70. The average income reported by 30 libraries for 1988 was \$233,587.56. However, excluding the libraries who reported only for one of the two years, the average income for 1987 was \$198,872.92 and for 1988 was \$215,136.92, an increase of 8%.

Seven libraries reported 1988 library materials expenditures equal to or less than those of 1987.

Expenditures per user ranged from \$91.26 to \$603.15; expenditures per attorney in the county ranged from \$85.68 to \$3,400.31. In both cases, a large urban law library spent the least per user or per attorney.

While the majority of libraries reported being open at least 40 hours per week, 6 did not have full-time staff available during all regular "service" hours. Access outside regular hours encompassed a variety of situations, including bar members possessing keys, signing in with the sheriff, or restrictions to judicial personnel only. Access outside regular hours was the exception for the largest libraries, while the rule for the smallest.

Six libraries did not offer any on-line services; one expects if all 88 counties had responded, this figure would increase significantly. The majority who do subscribe to only one database; most operate on a cost recovery basis, although 7 libraries appear to underwrite the cost of on-line research.

The majority of libraries offer free photocopying to some extent. Ten libraries offered FAX transmission services. Only one library provided fiche to fiche duplication.

The average 1988 fines and penalties revenue per statutory member in the counties was \$842.67. The average 1988 expenditure per total users was \$317.30. The average 1988 expenditure per attorney in the county was \$1,144.62. There is little pattern of consistency in spending "per capita", but generally the larger urban libraries have the least money to work with per attorney population.

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County Law Library Survey cont'd.

Conclusions

With regard to the survey itself, we surmise that in many cases it was much too complex for those charged with filling it out. Many times an attorney on the Board of Trustees submitted what little information was known, omitting basics such as collection size or funding statistics. Perhaps a simplified survey done with greater publicity, and perhaps under the auspices of the Common Pleas Judges Association or the Ohio State Bar Association Law Libraries Committee would generate a higher rate of return.

The survey data returned, and in truth the lack of data for much of the state, reveal some obvious areas for improvement.

Recommendations

**The practicing bar and judiciary in every county, no matter how small, must have basically the same needs for legal information as those in the larger communities: Libraries in these areas would benefit by the services of a qualified law librarian capable of making the most of limited resources and coordinating the delivery of legal information from other libraries.

**Libraries with less than full-time service hours operate as little more than warehouses. Staffing levels should be increased to meet at least basic service needs.

**Libraries who are completely dependent on the unpredictable statutory funding scheme should investigate other sources of income such as dues and service fees.

**County law libraries generally lag pathetically behind their public and academic counterparts in professional salaries, staffing, services, automation activities, and probably, outside perception of value. We should all investigate partnership and/or cooperation arrangements with our better funded colleagues to maximize our potential.

**The ORALL county SIG and the Ohio State Bar Law Libraries Committee should take a more aggressive educational role to improve the levels of service in each county. The 2 groups should work together to revise standards for county law library operations in Ohio based on the American Association of Law Libraries State, Court and County Law Libraries Section recommendations as published in 81 Law Library Journal B12-16 [1989]. Most importantly, the standards should be widely disseminated to judges, court administrators and trustees.

**Larger libraries should commit to greater resources sharing, taking an active role in promoting inter-library loan services, professional consultation, and cooperative acquisitions.

**Absolute minimum services in every county should include WESTLAW and/or LEXIS, and the legislative resources of the HANNAH system.

**All libraries should be equipped with FAX machines to facilitate inter-library loan and document delivery.

Note: Copies of the complete report and survey data are available from Jan Novak. (216) 861-5070, Cleveland Law Library Association, 404 Cuyahoga County Courthouse, Cleveland, Ohio 44113

"Tyro from Toledo" cont'd.

Thanks to all of who sent in your committee preference sheets. I was able to assign everyone who responded. Elsewhere in the NEWSLETTER is the list of Committee assignments I have made. If you failed to turn in your committee preference sheet and wish to serve on a committee, please contact the committee chairperson directly. As I have tried to stress earlier, a lot of the work of ORALL is done by committee, and we need your help and input.

Plans are going forward for the Spring meeting in Dayton, May 16-18, 1990. The program will be on "Planning in Law Libraries." Mary Persyn and the Activities Committee is diligently working on putting together a first-rate program.

In December I was pleased to receive a letter from Diane C. Lahm of the Commission on Continuing Legal Education of the Ohio Supreme Court to inform me that the Commission has awarded 3.5 credit hours for the May 17-19, 1989, ORALL meeting [in Toledo] on Labor Law and Privacy Issues. If you would like to receive credit for the CLE hours., complete Form 1 [available through the Commission] and be sure and use the activity code #181006661 when corresponding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in calling me.

Editor: Do you need to look up "Tyro"? I did.

AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis

I would like to request assistance from all AALL members who are willing to volunteer a few hours to help with local arrangements at the **Minneapolis Annual Meeting, June 17-20, 1990**. We need people who would be willing to work a shift in **Registration, Exhibitor Registration, Hospitality, and the AALL Office or Souvenirs**. No experience necessary.

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS VOLUNTEER FORM

Name _____

Firm/Institution _____

Address _____

Telephone [] _____

List areas that you prefer in order of preference: **Registration, Exhibitor Registration, Hospitality, the AALL Office or Souvenirs.**

Please Return To: Linda Rolontz, Chair for Volunteers
Minneapolis Annual AALL Meeting
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Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402
Phone [612] 335-1644 FAX [612]335-1657



From the Treasurer -- \$ \$

Dues statements were sent out Monday, January 29th. If you did not receive yours, write or call me. Also, if the address information is incorrect, please send correct address so you receive the Newsletter and association mailings.

- We made money on the Midwest Regional conference.
- We got our \$500 seed money back.
- We also shared in the profit from the meeting and received a check for \$3,728.13.

Send address corrections to:

Thomas G. Spaith
Ohio State University
College of Law Library
1659 North High Street
Columbus Ohio 43210-1391
Phone [614] 292-6691

Indiana News

SIG News

Since Mary Persyn, Vice-President/President-Elect of ORALL, the Indiana Law Libraries SIG is in need of a coordinator. The consensus of law librarians from Indiana is that the coordinator should be from Indianapolis since it has the most law librarians. The duties are not onerous, and there is great potential to shape the activities of the SIG. If you are interest, please contact Mary Persyn.



Position Changes

Charles Gillespie, formerly with Baker & Daniels in Indianapolis, accepted a position with Lilly Endowment Library.

Merlin Whiteman left Indiana U-Indianapolis School of Law Library to take a senior staff attorney position with an Indianapolis company.

Greg Jackson, formerly of Bose McKinney & Evans to a position at Children's Museum Library, Indianapolis.

Sarah Holterhoff, Government Documents Librarian at Valparaiso, is serving as Secretary of the Government Printing Office Depository Library Council this year. In her final year of her term as a member of the Council, she will coordinate a round table discussion of government documents at the ORALL meeting in Dayton.

Proud Parents

Tim J. Watts, chair AALL's Duplicate Exchange Committee & Public Services Librarian at Valparaiso U Law Library, & his wife, Cheryl, are the proud parents of their own little duplicates, twin daughters Brianne & Lacey born December 15.

American Bar Association welcomes Law Librarians as Associates

Law Librarians now are eligible to become Associates of the American Bar Association, and to gain the exposure to legal profession activities and issues that participation in the ABA offers its members.

The association recently approved associate status for law librarians, and is encouraging law librarians who do not already hold membership as licensed lawyers to join.

Basic ABA dues for law librarian associates are \$50 per year, and entitle the associate to the ABA Journal and discounts for car rentals, hotels, and long distance telephone services, no-fee credit cards, and discounts on some privately published references. Sections dues range in cost from \$25 to \$50 per year. Additional information is available by calling 312-988-5522.

Legal Research Course

Librarians from The Ohio State University Law Library are conducting a one-day course in legal research for attorneys. Entitled "The New Legal Research: Computers as Partners," the course offers the practicing attorney an introduction to computerized legal research and integrates both computerized and traditional research methods in specialized areas such as taxation, labor and international law. Targeted at the attorney who may have attended law school before the birth of computerized legal research, the course is worth 3.75 hours of Ohio CLE credit and will be repeated two more times this spring. Persons interested in learning more about this program are encouraged to contact the library for details.

The Ohio State University
Law Library College of Law
1659 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43210-1391
Phone [164] 292-6691



People Changes

Barbara Bonge, formerly with Cooley Law School now with Michigan Court of Appeals, 109 W. Michigan Avenue., P. O. Box 30022, Lansing, Michigan 48900

Peter Pogacar, new librarian at Calfee, Halter in Cleveland, Ohio.

Capital University Law Library changes

Delete:

William Newman
Rebecca Testerman
Beverly Williams

Add:

Sheryl Hardin
Jane Underwood



Deborah Hughes, Washington Court House Law Library, now Deborah Hughes-Glaze.

Mary Tekancic, Lorain County Law Library, Elyria, Ohio, now Mary Kovaks.

Polly Richter, former law librarian at Geauga County Law Library and Vice-President of ORALL, retired from her most recent position with the 11th Appellate District Court in Warren, January, 1990.

Polly was an active, interested ORALL member and we will miss seeing her at the meetings.

County Law Library Funding Clarified

SUMMARY OF Attorney General Opinion 89-98

On December 29, 1989 the Ohio Attorney General issued opinion 89-98 which concerns the distribution of fine moneys to county law libraries. Last summer the Columbus Law Library experienced a drop in fine receipts of approximately 25%. We learned the decrease was due to our Municipal Court inadvertently adopting a draft revision of a flow chart developed by the State Auditor's Office. The revised flow chart cut in half the amount of money we received from traffic fines collected by township constables and other township police officers. The conflict in the revised flow chart was due to AGO #68-021 which interpreted the statutes differently with respect to fines collected by township police.

We were notified in September that the State Auditor had requested an opinion from the Attorney General to resolve the question. Attorneys Charles Schneider and H. Ritchey Hollenbaugh acting on behalf of the Columbus Law Library had researched the statutes thoroughly and were of the opinion that the language of the statutes supported the flow chart contained in Circular 81-5, which has been used by the State Auditor's Office for years. Fortunately, the text of AGO 89-98 is in agreement with this interpretation of the law.

Keith Blough, Director, Columbus Law Library

Public Access Round 10

Ohio H.B. 771 introduced February 8, 1990 is another attempt to legislate open access to Ohio County Law Libraries. This bill "requires a county law library association that receives fines and forfeited bail distributions to allow members of the public to use the library free of charge, subject to rules adopted by the library associations' board, and to eliminate the \$500 cap on annual compensation payable to law librarians in counties with only one common pleas judge."

We do not know where this concern is coming from this time around, but when it was introduced no law librarians had been consulted or notified.

Many county law librarians in the past have testified in opposition to this issue. Jan Novak, Cleveland Law Library, has already written to her representative outlining a number of viable alternatives. Check on Hannah for current status or call Jan or Anita Shew.

In Memoriam

Marsha Teitelbaum, Librarian at Calfee, Halter & Griswold, in Cleveland, Ohio, died December 15. Marsha had been a member of AALL since 1980 when she joined the staff at the Case Western Reserve University Library as the Circulation Librarian. Prior to joining CWRU Marsha had worked as reference librarian in several colleges and at the Cleveland law firm of Burke, Haber and Berick. Marsha was made the Reader Services Librarian at Case in 1984. Marsha was active in ORALL for 10 years and served on the Long Range Planning Special Committee. She will be missed for her intelligence, charm and gentleness.

The law library at Case Western Reserve has created a Marsha Teitelbaum Book Fund for materials in the area of law and the arts, particularly those dealing with censorship and free speech. If you would like to make a donation to the fund, please send a check made out to the Law Library, with a note indicating that the money is for the Teitelbaum Fund.

by: Kathy Carrick, Director, Case Western Law School

Professor George A Strait, formerly Director at University of Iowa most recently Professor of Law and Law Library Director of the new District Columbia School of Law in Washington, D. C., died November, 1989.

Robert Allred, husband of Carol Allred, Director, Chase Law Library, Northern Kentucky University died February 18, 1990.

Marian Gallagher, much loved, often honored, retired head librarian at the University of Washington "Gallagher" Law Library died October 26, 1989.

She started her library career at the University of Utah Law Library and went to the University of Washington in 1944. From 1954-55 she served as president of AALL.

ORALL Newsletter Has ISSN Number

You can now catalog your ORALL Newsletter on OCLC and add the ISSN number. Former Editor, Ellen Quinn applied for a number last year and it was just assigned. [ISSN: 1048-2199]

ORALL to Host AALL?



AALL has invited ORALL to submit a formal invitation to host an AALL annual meeting in the ORALL region. AALL is particularly interested in scheduling meetings in the Midwest, since so many meetings scheduled by AALL in the future are on the coasts-New Orleans, San Francisco, Boston, Seattle. The ORALL Executive Board discussed this at the December meeting, and voted to investigate the possibility. James Bailey and his staff at Indiana U-Indianapolis School of Law have been in touch with the Indianapolis Convention & Visitors Bureau gathering information on the possibility of hosting an annual meeting in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis has the facilities to host the AALL convention, but the Executive Board does not want to issue a formal invitation to AALL without consulting with the ORALL membership. Consider the possibilities and responsibilities of hosting an annual meeting, then come to the Friday business meeting in Dayton to discuss the topic.

Major Constitution & Bylaws Revision

ORALL's Constitution and Bylaws are in for an overhaul, thanks to the efforts of Merlin Whiteman and the Executive Board. In 1988, the Constitution, Bylaws, and Guidelines Committee reviewed AALL's Model Chapter Bylaws and concluded that ORALL's governing documents should be redrawn to incorporate several of the AALL recommendations and to reflect current practices. Merlin chaired the Committee in 1989 and took up the task of drafting a Unified Bylaws for the newly incorporated ORALL, consolidating and superceding the existing Constitution and Bylaws. The Executive Board approved the draft in December; it will be sent to all members shortly in anticipation of a vote at the May meeting.

Merlin, deciding to take his corporate expertise into private practice, has accepted a position as senior staff attorney with an Indiana corporation. We trust that the enormity of the Bylaws project did not drive him from the profession! The committee thanks Merlin for his tremendous efforts in pulling together this essential piece of work for ORALL.

Submitted by: Jan Novak, Chair Constitution, Bylaws, & Guidelines Committee.

Placement Information

Collection Services & Government Documents Librarian

for the University of Louisville School of Law to oversee & manage the organization of the Law Library collection, including gov docs and microforms. Requirements: ALA accredited MLS. Desirable: JD and familiarity with OCLC and SuDoc classification & automated systems. Duties: Direct & supervise activities related to collection maintenance; manage selective U.S. Government Documents and microform collection; participate in collection development; and serve as a member of the reference staff, including rotation of evening and weekend duty. This is a tenure track faculty appointment on a 12 month contract. Faculty rank & salary dependent upon qualifications. Send letter of application, current resume, library school transcripts, and names, addresses and telephone numbers of 3 references to: Arturo L. Torres, Associate Director, School of Law Library, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky 40292-001. Consideration of credentials will begin March 15, 1990 and will continue until position is filled. The University of Louisville is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Fulbright Professional Librarian Award The Fulbright Commission in London has announced the availability of the 1991-92 Fulbright Program with the United Kingdom Professional Librarian Award for a practicing librarian to pursue professional work in the United Kingdom at a degree-awarding institution or major research library.

Applications will be accepted from individuals working as librarians, library administrators, or archivists at four-year colleges and universities or major research libraries outside of higher education.

Awards are for a minimum duration of three months and candidates are expected to be on paid leave of absence from their home institution as a condition of the grant.

Deadline for applications is August 1, 1990. For more information and a list of libraries approved for affiliation, please call (202) 686-7878 or write CIES, 3400 International Drive, N.W., Suite M-500, Washington, D.C. 20008.

Library Research Specialist The Washington, D. C. office of Kirkland & Ellis seeks an assertive, self-motivated individual to provide sophisticated research support to an office of 80 attorneys. Opportunity to work in a fast-paced environment with an extensive collection of printed and on-line resources. We prefer candidates with excellent interpersonal skills and 1-5 year of legal or business research experience. An MLS from an accredited library school is required. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits. Send resume, cover letter and salary history to Librarian, Kirkland & Ellis, 655 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.

Ohio News

Greater Cincinnati Area Law Librarians Meet Law Librarians from Chase Law School, the Cincinnati area, Butler County, and Clermont County meet for a bit of "brain-feeding" about 4 times a year at various libraries.



The first meeting of GCALL [after the reorganization] was held July 25, 1989, at the offices of Dinsmore and Shohl law firm. This history and future of the organization were discussed. At the October meeting at Taft, Stettinius, and Hollister lengthier introductions were given and a directory was distributed.

In January 1990, the meeting at Frost & Jacobs featured a panel discussion on legal research and writing skill of law students. Paul Ose of Frost & Jacobs, Pennington Landen of University of Cincinnati, Carol Bredemeyer, Chase Law Library, and Taylor Fitchett, University of Cincinnati gave their perspectives on the skill [or lack of it] of law students. A review of these presentations will appear in the next Newsletter.

Taylor and her toys Our own Taylor Fitchett [University of Cincinnati Law Library Director] isn't content to get her name in the Cincinnati Enquirer. No, she has to have coverage in the Wall Street Journal, too [December, 1989]. Her innovative idea to provide puzzles, play dough, Lego cars, etc. for fidgety law students during exam time has gotten some national exposure.



Ask her about it at the ORALL meeting in Dayton. Perhaps she has brought some toys along for frustrated librarians who can't stand to attend one more program!

Thanks to All



A big round of applause goes to all Newsletter Committee members and supporters of this issue. All members can become contributors to future issues. Send articles or news items or call me about topics that would help you. (513) 887-3456.

Thanks go to former Co-editors Ellen Quinn and Deborah Bobinets. Kudos for all your hard work and continuing support. (Akron University will continue to print and distribute the Newsletter.)

ORALL Committee Assignments 1990

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[Minneapolis]

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