

# ORALL Newsletter

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## President's Message - Jan Ryan Novak



### Wasteful Duplication

Some twenty years ago when I started out as a science reference librarian, one thing that bothered me was the incredible waste libraries seemed to foster. Major reference libraries,

literally blocks apart, would collect the same expensive serial sets, justified by the assumption that they might be used once or twice. Upon migrating to law librarianship, I found the same pattern: not only did the law library carry multiple sets of codes and case reports, but government offices only steps away would duplicate major portions of the library collection, even though common sense dictated that usage couldn't justify the expense.

Convinced that no self respecting librarian would entertain the notion there was anything wrong with the "books as back-drop" mentality, I kept my opinions to myself. After all, I thought, there must be something wrong with me, something inherently disrespectful of what libraries are all about, if I couldn't appreciate big volume counts and ownership of esoteric titles.

### Access v. Ownership

I am pleased to find that I am no longer a heretic; my time has come! The operative phrase in library circles is "access rather than ownership", a concept that recognizes that the power of librarians lies in their ability to deliver information, regardless of whether that information is housed on

their own shelves. It's an energetic concept which emphasizes the librarian over the library. To be sure, much of our rethinking about library services is driven by economics, but economic choices that favor human resources can't be bad.

### ORCLL as Model

In ORALL, the Ohio Regional Consortium of Law Libraries [ORCLL] is embracing the **access over ownership** concept through positive steps of cooperative acquisitions, interlibrary loan and communications links. Let's make ORCLL's experience a model for ORALL's future.

Hope to see you in San Francisco!

Jan Ryan Novak, President  
Cleveland Law Library Association

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## ORALL Special Committee on Preservation

Pat Denham of the University of Cincinnati Law Library has agreed to chair an ORALL Special Committee on Preservation. The Committee is charged with reacting to the report of AALL's Special Committee on Preservation Needs of Law Libraries, especially the recommendations for chapter activities, and to publicize and possibly direct preservation-related activities in the ORALL region. We need volunteers to join Pat's committee and report to the ORALL membership in November. If you are interested in participating, please call Pat Denham at 513/556-0157.

## Newsletter Committee & Editor Note

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### Editors Note:

- > **Re: Copyright**—Be sure to read the important issues in the AALL Copyright Committee News Column. These all affect us as law librarians.
- > **Re: Voting**—Remember to get an absentee ballot so you may vote in the National election on Tuesday November 3 while you are at the ORALL Fall Conference.
- > **In this issue** are a number of important issues on public access to government information--charging for access to PACER and the Office of Management & Budget seeking to manage the entire "life cycle" of government information. [see Government Documents News]
- > **Do take advantage of the scholarships** ORALL offers for attendance at the Fall meeting. The Form is in this issue.
- > **Many thanks** to all the Newsletter contributors for this issue!

## Union List Committee Change

Tim Watts has agreed to chair the Union List Committee. Tim will be surveying ORALL members on current use of the Union list and the future of ORALL's participation in this endeavor.

submitted by Jan Novak, President ORALL

## ORALL Placement Information

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For other job listings and further information, contact Kyle Passmore, ORALL placement office at Univ. of Akron Law Library, Akron, Ohio 44325 or call 216/972-7330.

### Law Firm Librarian

Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, Charleston, West Virginia. Statewide law firm of 80 attorneys seeks Law Firm Librarian to manage and supervise all operations of firm's main library in Charleston and its libraries in Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Morgantown and Charles Town, West Virginia.

**Qualifications:** Significant law library and library management experience and experience with library-related computer databases required. MLS from ALA-accredited library school preferred but not required.

**Salary:** Commensurate with experience and qualifications.

**Available:** Immediately.

**Applications Deadline:** Applications will be handled in order received until position is filled.

Send letter of application, current resume, and reference to: Thomas E. Scarr, Bowles Rice McDavid Graff & Love, P. O. Box 1386, Charleston, West Virginia 25325-1386.



### The Law Library— A Speech Writer's Gold Mine

"A Supreme Court Justice of a Western state recently told a law librarian that he was going to give one of his 'Texas Longhorn Speeches' -- a couple of points widely separated by a lot of bull. He wanted some help in beefing up his speech. The law librarian laughed [law librarians always laugh at judges' jokes] and told the judge he had come to the right place."

From Effective Speaking for Lawyers. Hein Co. 1969

## Discover Columbus at Midwest Regional Conference

"*Discovering New Horizons in Law Libraries*" is the theme of the **2nd Midwest Regional Conference of Law Librarians**, scheduled for **November 1 to 3**, at the Hyatt on Capital Square, Columbus, Ohio. Jointly sponsored by CALL [Chicago], LLAW [Wisconsin], MALL [Minnesota], Mich/ALL [Michigan], and ORALL [Ohio Regional], the program offers a wide array of topics of interest to both public and technical service personnel, including employment issues, public access problems, alternative dispute resolution, copyright, understanding the KF tables, EPIC, and the legal publishing industry [including a session highlighting Matthew Bender].

Columbus, which is celebrating the quincentennial of the first voyage of the city's namesake Christopher Columbus, is located in the heart of information country. Not only is OCLC headquartered there, but also Chemical Abstracts Service [the largest single discipline information service in the world], as well as Battelle Memorial Institute [the world's largest independent research facility]. Mead Data Central is within an hour's driving distance.

The Hyatt on the Square's location offers several treasures worth discovering. There is immediate access to the City Center, a new downtown shopping mall with Jacobson's, Marshall Field's, Lazarus, Sharper Image, and a Metropolitan Museum of Art store. Located nearby are the Capitol Building and the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library, one of the largest and most elegantly furnished in the country.

For further information contact Tom Spaith, Local Arrangements Chair, Ohio State University Law Library, 614/292-6691.

From AALL Newsletter, v. 23, #7, April, 1992

### Conference Schedule

#### **Sunday Afternoon November 1**

- <Chapter committee meetings & special interest groups.
- <Keynote Speaker.

#### **Monday Morning November 2**

- <Employment Law Issues: Rights & Responsibilities.
- <Environmental Law Issues.
- <Public Access Problems.
- <Employment Issues: Librarian as Supervisor.
- <Librarians/Code of Ethics.
- <Alternative Dispute Resolution.

#### **Monday Afternoon**

- <Internet for the Non-Academic Librarian.
- <The Law Publishing Industry.
- <Federal Legislative Histories.
- <The Matthew Bender Library Program.

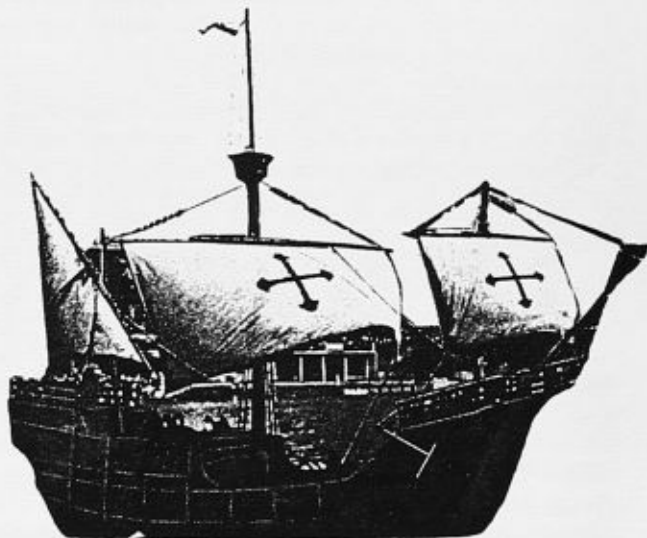
#### **Tuesday Morning November 3**

- <Chapter meetings/Breakfasts.
- <Understanding the KF Tables.
- <Copyright.

#### **Tuesday Afternoon**

- <Epic for the Law Librarian.
- <1992: Sources for Legal Researchers.

**ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS:** Tuesday November 3 is election day. Members should obtain an absentee ballot so you can still vote in our national elections.



### ORALL Scholarship Recipient

The Education Committee is pleased to announce that **Ellen M. Quinn** is the recipient of the 1992 *ORALL Scholarship* for attendance at the AALL convention. Ellen serves as the Information Services Librarian at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. She has been an active member of ORALL since 1978, serving on numerous committees and Chairing the Local Arrangement Committee for the Spring 1984 Cleveland meeting. This is ORALL's newest scholarship and is intended to support the attendance of a loyal member of the regional to the AALL national convention.



### **Unreported Ohio Appellate Cases-CD-ROM**

The Cleveland Law Library recently began subscribing to Anderson's Unreported Ohio Appellate Cases on CD-ROM. On the plus side, this product provides a cheaper alternative to the online services; in some ways it's easier than the online services; it's definitely faster than printing out microfiche copies of unreported cases; and as more and more primary research sources are being published using CD-ROM technology, it's a good training tool for our patrons and staff. On the downside, this product has been rushed into the market; pioneer subscribers are paying the full subscription price while Anderson works out technical glitches--the first update contains significant indexing errors. In June or July there will be a printed manual explaining how the cases are organized and the best ways to search them.

You can search the entire database [unreported appellate opinions from 1981 to present and selected cases from 1953-1980], a single appellate district or, by year. Anderson's software is Folio Previews which lets you search for key words or phrases within paragraphs in the opinions. All words are searchable, unlike online. For example, if you need to find insurance cases construing "lives with," you can search for this phrase on Anderson's CD-ROM. Initial search results display portions of cases containing your search terms. A single keystroke takes you from this abbreviated format to the full-text. Short searches for Revised Code sections, rule numbers, cases citing your case, etc. are far more economic on CD-ROM than online and just as fast. This obvious advantage is somewhat negated, however, by the product's inability to print cite lists. As you add more search terms, the CD-ROM search slows. Searches for multiple issues are still performed more quickly and flexibly online.

One hopes that future versions will be more sensitive to the ways attorneys do research. Search results should display cases in reverse chronological order. Cite list printing capability is a must. A single print case command would be nice instead of having to block text before printing.

Submitted by: Randy Diamond, Cleveland Law Library

### **Butler County Attorneys try CD-ROM**

In the Butler County Law Library, the Anderson's CD-ROM has been installed on a computer in the central reading room. Every morning, a staff member puts the CD in and brings the screen to the beginning of the Unreported Cases database. Attorneys are encouraged to try the new CD-ROM. We "hook" them by using their name in a search and enjoy their responses at seeing their names on cases long forgotten. The response has been very positive. We agree that there are some user-unfriendly aspects to this service and hope that Anderson will incorporate suggestions.

A. Shew, Butler Co. Law Library

### **Environmental Databases on LEXIS & WESTLAW**

There are many useful and interesting environmental sources available on LEXIS & WESTLAW. This article will highlight some sources that attorneys, librarians and law students may find helpful.

The Environmental Law Reporter produced by the Environmental Law Institute [ELI] is on both LEXIS & WESTLAW. It contains such information as news and analysis, litigation, journal literature bibliographies, administrative materials, pending litigation, and statute summaries. The BNA's Chemical Regulation Reporter and Environmental Reporter are also included on both services.

Both services also include the full text of statutes or regulations from the U.S. Code, Code of Federal Regs., and Federal Register. There are state and federal administrative decisions; not all states are covered; however, Ohio is included.

### **Specialty Databases**

Some of the more esoteric items found in these environmental libraries and databases are EPA General Counsel Memoranda [WESTLAW: FENV-GCM]; Ocean Resources and Wildlife Rpt. [WESTLAW; FENV-ORW]; From the State Capitals: Waste Disposal and Pollution Control [FTSC-WDPC]; Monthly reports and analysis of waste disposal and pollution control developments on the state level; Grower Federal Service [GFS]; documents released by the Interior Board of Land Appeals; Complete Legislative History for the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1977 [CAA file], Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 [CERCLA FILE], National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 [NEPA file], Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 [SARA file] in the LEXIS: ENVIRN library; and Facility/site reports for 32,000+ sites identified as hazardous [LEXIS:ENVIRN library CERCLS file].

WESTLAW provides access to such DIALOG databases as Aquaculture, Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts, DOE Energy, Electric Power Database, Environline, Environmental Bibliography, Nuclear Science Abstracts, Oceanic Abstracts, Water Resources Abstracts, and Waternet.

Full text environmentally related periodicals on LEXIS include Chemical Week, Clean-Coal/SynFuels Letter, Forest Industries, Foster Natural Gas Report, Garbage, Greenwire, Industrial BioProcessing, Integrated Waste Management, International Petrochemical Report, Mining Annual Review, Pipe Line Industries, Platt's Oilgram News, Pulp & Paper Journal, Whole Earth Review, World Oil, World Paper, and World Wood.

Submitted by: Ellen Quinn, Cleveland State University.

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## **INTERNET**

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A recent article in the Houston Area Law Librarians newsletter by Al Lewis discusses the "Internet" and how it is used. *Telecommunications and the Law Library* begins with a brief discussion on the development of what we now know as the INTERNET: system protocols and topology, and system applications including FTP, TELNET, and Electronic Mail. Mr. Lewis also cites to Ed Krol's *The Hitchhikers Guide to the Internet*, another informative source for fledgling hackers. For a copy of the article, contact Mr. Lewis at ajlewis@ucdavis.edu, or Randy.

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## **Phone Companies-Information Providers**

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Federal Judge Harold Greene has reversed his 1987 ruling which prohibits Regional Bell Operating Companies [RBOCs] from providing information services [Joseph A. Webb, Judge Greene Rescinds RBOC Decree, 5 *Link-Up* 1, Sept. 1991]. Judge Greene's original ruling only allowed RBOCs to provide gateway services to online vendors and barred them from becoming information providers. This ruling, coupled with the recent decision in *Rural Telephone Service Company, Inc. v. Feist Publications, Inc.*, 957 F.2d 1765 (1992), which states that directories such as the white pages are not copyrightable works, will open the online industry to many more information providers.

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## **Standards Directory**

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The Library of Congress, Network Development and MARC Standards Office is compiling a directory of implementors of the NISO-developed American National Standard Z39.50 [Information Retrieval Protocol]. The register will be published in the spring of 1992 and will include information on the development and availability of products compatible with the Z39.50 protocol. For additional information, contact the NISO offices at 301/975-2814.

Submitted by: Randy Wilcox, Cleveland Law Library

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## **Research Through Imaging**

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Over the past decade digital imagery has developed to the point that libraries can now utilize imaging management systems in a stand alone environment to produce electronic databases. The stimulus for libraries to accept this technolo-

gy comes from several directions. The desire to preserve collections and to give the scholar the opportunity to view the original document in electronic format are the immediate interests. But looking to the future, we know that the traditional interlibrary loan system is increasingly less acceptable to our patrons. Waiting the days or weeks it now requires to fill a loan request forces many users to seek alternatives to libraries for their informational needs. With digital imagery, once the document is captured it can be printed or transmitted in minutes. In addition, access to the information is increased because multiple simultaneous users can reach the same document.

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## **COSTAR Imaging Project**

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Several law libraries, including the University of Cincinnati College of Law Library, have formed an imaging consortium to share optically stored information and to deliver information more cost-effectively. Using ExLibris electronic-library software, the group, called COSTAR [Consortium for Optical Storage and Retrieval], will enter into joint projects, exchanging disks among members. Already, the Library of International Relations at Chicago-Kent College of Law, a depository for papers of international organizations, has imaged its treaty collection and international trade statistics and is marketing them to local law firms. UC hopes to begin imaging parts of its Human Rights Collection and some Ohio legal materials in the near future.

For more information on imaging technology, contact the Association for Information and Image Management, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1100, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5699.

Submitted by Taylor Fitchett, University of Cincinnati

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## **Delivery of Law Translations**

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Lexpress Company can deliver translated copies of laws from places around the world. For more information, contact Mary Pat Klassen, 800/446-0906.

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## **Supreme Court on CD-ROM**

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HyperLaw, Inc. has just released on CD-ROM U.S. Supreme Court opinions. **Supreme Court on Disc**, all 116 full opinions from the 1990-1991 term. Available on diskette or CD-ROM, the introductory promotion price is only \$99 [reg. \$150]. Contract HyperLaw to order at 800/825-6521.

From *ABA Journal*, June 1992

## OHIONET Acquisitions Workshop

The 1992 Ohionet Acquisitions Workshop, sponsored by the Ohionet Acquisitions Council, was held on April 30th in the Columbus Metropolitan Library in Columbus, Ohio. While targeted at all types of libraries, there was information of value to acquisitions and serials in the law library environment.

### Unfilled Orders

The first address, "Books in Limbo" given by Arlene Sievers of Case Western University, dealt with the troubling aspects of unfilled orders and often high percentage of incorrect status reports filed by vendors to the trade and law book markets. As the publishing industry is currently in a state of flux due to mergers and acquisitions, lists of currently published titles supplied by vendors often are incorrect or even difficult to obtain. In addition, a recent study of vendor status reports indicated that on average, 50% of reports contained incorrect information, often in the form of "canned responses".

Ms. Sievers advised the audience to critically examine these vendor status reports, and call a publisher to verify the alleged out-of-print status. Often publishers, unable to fill a multicopy order received from a vendor, will report a title out-of-print or unavailable when in fact, copies may remain on the warehouse shelf.

Also, vendors check only the ISBN number indicated on the order form and often overlook other editions. In many cases, the paperback edition remains in print long after the hardcover version is out-of-print yet may never be offered to the library. Ms. Sievers suggested that by omitting the ISBN number on the order form, the vendor may retrieve a title that otherwise may be listed as "out of stock indefinitely". She added that if you have doubts about a status report from a vendor, telephone the publisher and request information on the title. A title may have changed, been sold to another publisher, or distributor, or simply not yet published.

### "Customized" Periodicals

The next major topic concerning the phenomenon of Electric Data Interchange [E.D.I.] as it relates to acquisitions and serials management was presented by David Fritsch of Faxton subscription agents. Mr. Fritsch began by announcing that *Newsweek* will soon be offering customized versions of their content to customers based on an interest profile from that customer. Mr. Fritsch advised those involved in serials management to begin to develop new "breakthrough services" to respond to the challenges of the new information environment.

## Vendor Evaluation

The topic of vendor evaluation was dealt with first by Trisha Davis of Ohio State University who proposed a theoretical approach to vendor evaluation. Ms. Davis asserted that we buy services as well as titles from vendors and we need to choose vendors for services we need and not simply the vendor who offers the most services.

To make clear choices with regards to vendors, we need to carefully examine the needs, strengths and weaknesses of our own department. We need to match those needs to the correct vendor and develop a systematic approach to evaluation and response to the problematic issues that are bound to occur.

Kathy O'Gorman of the University of Cincinnati main library then took vendor evaluation to the applied level using ALA guidelines and demonstrating the ability of a automated system [in this case Innovacq] to generate reports and statistics on vendor performance. Ms. O'Gorman described how to formulate and execute a performance test to determine the effectiveness of vendors for a comparative study.

## Acquisition of Special Materials

After lunch, the topic shifted to the acquisition of special materials including musical formats, scores, video resources, and foreign language materials. Of special value was a list of foreign language book dealers in the U.S. and Canada provided by Natalia Bezusloff of the Cleveland Public Library.

Submitted by Jack G. Montgomery, Head of Acquisitions  
Marx Law Library, University of Cincinnati

## Shepard's Goes CD-ROM

Shepard's/McGraw-Hill, Inc. has introduced their first CD-ROM product, Massachusetts Citations: CD-ROM Edition. The Texas and Ohio editions will soon be available and California, Florida and Illinois editions will be on CD-ROM in the second half of 1992. While offering the benefits and avoiding



the drawbacks of both online and print research systems, this citator offers a new feature unavailable either in bound volumes or online. Shepard's gives a summary for each editorial abbreviation assigned to citing reference. Other time-saving features allow you to create and pursue multiple research trails, and retain an audit trail of each. A built-in time tracker keeps a record of time spend doing research, and you can print out any screen at any time. You can also cite as many cases as you want, as many times as you want for the same subscription price. For more information, call Shepard's at 800/525-2474. [ABA Journal June 1992]

### **Thomson Corp—The Continuing Saga**

In the last newsletter issue, an article by Anna Belle Leiserson detailed the purchase by Thomson of Lawyers Co-Op, Clark Boardman-Callaghan, Research Institute of America [RIA], Warren, Gorham, Lamont [WGL] and Maxwell-MacMillan, including most of the old Prentice-Hall tax looseleaf. Tom's article gives the acquisitions staff perspective.

#### ***Title Swapping***

Keeping track of which Thomson unit publishers which titles, and the associated billing and ordering information, is one of the more challenging aspects of this consolidation process. Some of the title swapping going on includes portions of RIA's Employment Coordinator looseleaf being published by WGL. The plan just announced by RIA is to transfer all human resources titles currently published by RIA or Maxwell-Macmillan to WGL which will handle all billing and customer service. The tax titles for these publishers will be shifted to a new division of RIA. Some reps have expressed hopes that most of the major title switches and billing procedures will be ironed out by the end of the year.

One of the biggest changes immediately apparent to anyone dealing with acquisitions is the number of subject treatises being transferred from Lawyers Co-op to Clark Boardman-Callaghan. Among them are such standard works as Couch Cyclopedia of Insurance Law, Bankruptcy Service - Lawyers Edition, and Williston on Sales. Our Acquisitions staff has thus far found 24 such transfers from [LCP] to [CBC]. You may easily have overlooked most of these title transfers because they first appeared on the new pocket parts rather than bound volumes.

#### ***Price Increases***

According to all reports, these changes do not appear to have resulted in sizable price increases by any of the Thomson units. The optimists among us hope that the size and diversity of such a huge legal publisher will result in less of a need to hike prices dramatically in any given year. The pessimists contend that any large price increases are simply being dampened by the publishers' desire to keep a low profile during a recession that is forcing both public and private law libraries to look for titles to cut from their collections rather than any economy of scale from these mergers. With Thomson beginning to consolidate many of its titles, it seems almost inevitable that there will be fewer titles from which to choose, and fewer competitors to turn to for a different format, updating policy, or price.

#### ***Competitors***

One competitor not particularly happy with Thomson is Matthew Bender. Bender brought a suit in Supreme Court

of New York claiming that Thomson was hiring away its employees, obtaining non-public information about Bender, and trying to run Bender out of business. Over the past year about 16 high-level Bender executives have started working for Thomson, and they are also named as defendants in the suit. Bender alleges that while seven of these executives were still working for Bender, they conspired with Thomson to use confidential information to persuade Bender employees to move to Thomson. Whatever may happen in terms of book prices, billing confusion, and cataloging problems, at least Thomson's entry into legal publishing promises to have more entertainment value than the last two seasons of L.A. Law.

Submitted by: Tom Heard, Chase Law School Library



### ***CLE Credit - AALL Programs***

The ORALL Executive Board has placed the following on the July AALL Executive Board Agenda.

**BACKGROUND:** A significant number of states now require mandatory CLE and a significant number of AALL members are also members of the bar in their respective states. AALL's educational programs have met CLE requirements in many states. For lawyer/librarians, increasing AALL dues and program expenses compete with costs for meeting CLE requirements; these conditions may force them to make a choice between support for and participation in AALL and meeting their CLE obligations, if they cannot meet those obligations through attending AALL programs.

Some states have instituted application fees for CLE accreditation of programs. According to AALL Headquarters, these fees were not anticipated in the Education Committee's budget. As the primary purpose of AALL's programs is the education of its members, ORALL urges the Education Committee to eliminate some less important function and fully fund the CLE applications. Applying for CLE accreditation and funding the application process is a service to the membership consistent with AALL's objectives of fostering the profession of law librarianship and providing leadership in the field of legal information.

**MOTION:** The ORALL Executive Board moves that AALL adopt a policy to apply for state CLE accreditation for any programs, institutes, or workshops as requested by it Chapters, and that the Association budget sufficient funds to cover any and all application fees. ORALL moves an increase in the Education Committee budget of \$3000 to cover the cost of CLE applications for AALL programs.

# AALL Copyright Committee News

## Faxing & Copying of Newsletters

Many law firm librarians have expressed concern about possible infringement for photocopying and faxing newsletters protected by copyright. A number of out-of-court settlements strongly suggest that cover-to-cover copying is infringement, and these have caused many firms to evaluate their copying policies. A recent case held that cover-to-cover photocopying or faxing of a newsletter constituted infringement [*Pasha Publications, Inc. v. Enmark Gas Corp.*, 22 U.S.P.Q.2d (BNA) 1076 (N>D> Tex. Mar. 10, 1992)]. The court noted that the defendant was a commercial enterprise and that the unauthorized photocopying of the newsletter furthered its commercial pursuits. The court also pointed out that faxing copies of newsletters rendered the purchase of additional subscriptions unnecessary, thereby affecting the market for the newsletter. The defendant was permanently enjoined and restrained from directly or indirectly infringing the plaintiff's copyrights.

This case provides an excellent illustration of the dangers of photocopying commercial newsletters and a reminder that faxing is essentially the same as photocopying. The *Pasha* case is available online and at 19 *Media L. Rep.* [BNA] 2062 and *Copyright L. Rep.* [CCH] Paragraph 26,881.

The May 1992 issue of *Law Office Management & Administration Report* contained an inaccurate statement concerning AALL in an article on photocopying newsletters. The article states that AALL "reached an agreement that condoned cover-to-cover photocopying." In reality, the resolution that was passed expressed the sentiment that cover-to-cover photocopying constitutes infringement.

## Third Party Agreements and Online Databases

The spring 1992 issue of *Law Library Journal* contains a Questions and Answers column written by Linda Will, manager of research services at Holland & Knight in Tampa, Florida. The column discusses the widely varying restrictions on resale and distribution of information retrieved from databases found in NEXIS, Dialog and other online services. It looks like law librarians must pay careful attention to the language of their contracts with the different vendors. Verbal assertions by the vendors do not always agree with the written language of the contracts. Be sure to check the Questions and Answers column for details.

## H.R.4426: Removing Copyright Protection for Legal Citations

This bill, currently before Congress, would remove copyright protection for any name, number, or citation by which the text of state and federal laws or regulations are, or ever have been identified, or for any volume or page number by which state or federal laws, regulations, judicial opinions are, or ever have been, identified. The AALL Copyright Committee has expressed qualified support for the bill.

The West Publishing Company has expressed its strong opposition to the bill. Apparently, the publishing conglomerate, Thomson Company, supports the bill, and its U.S. subsidiaries have written Congressional Representatives in support. The AALL Copyright Committee has discussed this issue and will continue to monitor the legislation. However, the Committee would like very much to hear from law librarians on this issue. If you would like to express your opinion, please contact Kathleen Vanden Heuvel, 510/643-9147, before July 20. After July 20, contact Lolly Gasaway, 919/962-1049.

[**Editor's Note:** Apparently there is considerable difference of opinion among committee members about this. Bob Berring and Penny Hazelton and Lolly have spoken at hearings. Al Podboy, ORALL member, reports that B. R. Pravel, Chair of the ABA Section of Patent, Trademark & Copyright Law offered testimony on H.R. 4426 that the Section "favors in principle an amendment to the Copyright Act that would make copyright protection expressly unavailable for numbers or names by which state statutes texts are identified." The Section declined to comment either affirmatively or negatively upon proposed "(a)(3)" provision regarding "for any volume or page number by which State or Federal laws, regulations, judicial opinions, or portions thereof are, or ever have been identified." Contact Al at (216) 621-0200 for more information.]

## Compiling Course Materials

Faculty members at many colleges and universities are confused about new policies for compiling course materials at many copy services in the wake of *Basic Books v. Kinko's*. Another Kinko's-style case is under litigation in Michigan. On April 2, the U. S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan issued a preliminary injunction to prohibit the Michigan Document Service from preparing or selling course materials. The plaintiffs are Princeton University Press and other publishers of textbooks for the college market.

Submitted by Wes Cochran, Texas Tech Univ. Law Library



## Professional Reading, Mahnaz Moshfeqh, editor



>Barker, Rodney. *The Broken Circle: A True Story of Murder and Magic in Indiana Country*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1992.

>Schuyler, Michele. *Dial In: An Annual Guide to Library Online Public Access Catalogers*. Westport, CT: Meckler, 1992. This publication covers hundreds of the dial-in numbers to access OPACS in libraries of different countries. This list consists of the library's name, address, special collections, loan policies, Internet addresses, and network membership.

>Prichett, Carla. "Ten Steps to an Environmentally Correct Future." June, 1991 DALL Academic Sheet 19. The author offers great suggestions for beginning a recycling program in your library and your own individual office. Contributor: Bonnie Anthis, Thompson & Knight.

>\_\_\_\_\_. *Tapping Officials' Secret*: [name of state, e.g. Ohio] Washington D. C.; Reports Committee for Freedom of the Press [1992]. This is a new series on what government records are available in a state and how to obtain information from state governments. Each state has its own individual volume. Each volume includes information on how to access public meetings. The publisher's address is--Suite 507, 1735 1st N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006. Contributor: Shelley McLane-Attorney General Office, Columbus, Ohio.

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### ORALL SIG & OSBA Meetings

Chair Carolyn Bolin conducted a very successful and informative County Special Interest Section meeting on May 14 in Columbus. The main speaker was Martha Meyer, legal counsel for the State Auditor's Office. She reviewed the MAS Bulletin 90-18 pointing out some omissions and clarifications of sections affecting Ohio county law libraries.

One questions that had arisen was the interpretation of R.C. Sec. 5577.99 regarding overweight truck fines. In Butler County, the sections amended in 1988 [H.B. 409] were interpreted by local prosecutors to include all of R.C. Sec. 5577.99. Ms. Meyer said that the interpretation was not what her office thought and that a revised MAS Bulletin outlining the distribution for statutory funding will be issued in late 1992.

Other items of business were designation of coordinator for the next Biennial County Law Library Survey and a review and discussion of the OSBA Law Libraries Committee Recommendations on Funding. At the Ohio State Bar Association Law Libraries Committee meeting in the late afternoon, Jan Novak, Chair of the Subcommittee on Funding, reviewed some options for funding county law library that might provide more stability and equity. For a copy of these options, contact A. Shew, Editor or Jan.

## Law Librarians Perform "Legal Service?"

On behalf of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries, the ORALL Executive Board has sought clarification of Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline Opinion 92-4 at it applies to law librarians. "Specifically, is the work of a law librarian a 'legal service' within the meaning of Rule VI?"

Law Librarians may be employed by law firms, by county law library associations, by government agencies, or by academic institutions. There are no licensing or certification requirements for law librarians. Depending on the employing institution's policies, they may work exclusively with lawyers or they may occasionally serve the general public. Most have Masters Degrees in Library and information Science, and some have Juris Doctorates. Of those with the J.D. degree, some may be admitted to the bar in Ohio, although membership in the bar is not normally made a condition of employment. Of those admitted to the Ohio bar, some are registered as active, and some as inactive.

In addition to library management duties such as material selection, cataloging, classification, financial reporting, supervision of clerical personnel and staff training and

evaluation, law librarians engage in research activities. They may assist lawyers and other users in their research efforts by retrieving materials in response to specific cites; they may also perform research services of a more direct nature in response to subject queries. These research services include searching legal and non-legal database and materials, and training and advising their users in search techniques.

Given this background, the questions we pose in light of opinion 92-4 are:

1. Are legal research and legal research assistance activities as performed by law librarians "legal services" under Rule VI?

2. Are law librarians who have been admitted to the bar, but registered as inactive, permitted to perform legal research and legal research assistance activities, or are they prohibited from doing so because they have passed the Ohio bar examination?" ORALL Executive Board.

[According to ORALL President Jan Novak, the Board of Commissioners is considering the question and will have an opinion in three or four months.]

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## *Government Document News, Ruth Levor, Editor*

### Proposed Revision of OMB Circular A-130 Released:

On April 29, the President's Office of Management & Budget published its proposals for revision of its Circular A-130, a document that gives guidance to federal agencies in their collection and dissemination of agency information, pursuant to the federal Paperwork Reduction Act. The proposed circular seeks to manage the entire "life cycle" of government information and to coordinate federal and state information policies. The OMB proposed to broaden the kind of "information products" that agencies are directed to disseminate to the public [and to depository libraries] to include information compiled and maintained in electronic formats. However, in proposed Appendix IV, the OMB states that as it interprets the existing law governing the Depository Library Program [44 USC 1901, et seq.], agencies do not have any legal obligation to make electronic "information products" available to depository libraries. In addition, the OMB moves farther away from its former emphasis on private publishers to disseminate much government information by taking a more neutral position between "federal" and non-federal" information providers. Finally, the proposal directs agencies to avoid the establishment of exclusive or restrictive distribution arrangements with publishers and to set any user charges for government information no higher than the cost of dissemination. The OMB proposal appears in the April 29 Federal Register at 57 FR 18296.

Anyone wishing to submit comments on the OMB proposal must do so by August 27, 1992.

### Federal Courts Authorized To Charge Substantial Fees For Public Access To Online Records:

The Judicial Conference of the U.S. has authorized all federal district courts and bankruptcy courts to charge the public a \$1.00 per minute fee to access a new online system of case records and files called PACER [Public Access to Court Electronic Records]. Currently, not all federal courts using the PACER system charge the fee for public access, although most are expected to eventually. The \$1.00 minute per access fee is almost three times higher than the online fee that was proposed by the Federal Maritime Commission last year [but never enacted] for public access to its online tariff data file. The Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts has not made the PACER system available to depository libraries, which would provide free public access to the federal court records.

LC To Introduce New Fees-For-Services Bill: Library of Congress officials have proposed substantial revisions to an existing bill that would authorize the library to develop fee-based programs and services. The bill, S. 1416, would grant the Librarian of Congress broad powers to engage in fee-generating programs, with few limits on such fees, at the expense of traditional LC services. The new proposal, which may be introduced in Congress as a substitute bill, more carefully limits the amount that LC can charge for "specialized library products and services" to the cost of packaging and distributing them. However, the list of these fee-generating specialized products and services has been expanded to

include "electronic access to the contents of the collections." This is a basic service that many librarians argue should fall into the separate category of "national library products and services" or even the category of "core library products and services," both of which are provided to libraries and their patrons at no charge [other than the telecommunications costs, in this case]. Any attempt by LC to recover the full distribution costs for electronic access to the collections could cause some library associations to reconsider their stated positions on the bill.

## *Ohio Attorney General Opinion*

### County Law Library Trustee Compensation--Opinion 92-012

Pursuant to R.C. 1713.30, a trustee of a law library association referred to in R.C. 1713.28 may not receive any compensation except the right of free ingress to the grounds, rooms, and buildings of the association.

If a law library association does not come within the provisions of R.C. 1713.28 and R.C. 1713.30, the association may use private money to compensate the members of its board of trustees, provided that such compensation is permitted by the provisions governing the association and is determined in accordance with applicable law.

Some Ohio county law libraries are not incorporated and thus do not fall in this category. Check R.C. 1713.28 and 1713.30 and your own Bylaws to check compliance.

Submitted by Peter Pogacar, Chair,  
ORALL Legislative Committee

## *Staff Exchange Successful*

Kathy Carrick, Dir. of Case Western Reserve Univ. Law Library, practices what she preaches. As Chair of the ORALL Education Committee, she has participated in the first ORALL area staff exchange. This spring, James Milles from St. Louis Univ. visited CWRU for two days to learn about their sophisticated application of LAN's [local area networks] and document imaging technology. His visit was sponsored through the Mid-America Law Library Association program. CWRU has undertaken a commitment to network the entire university including every office, dorm room and workstation. Jim's written report to his home library Director is strong testimony to the value of such exchanges.

The December ORALL Newsletter issue outlined the staff development program that the Education Committee is coordinating for ORALL members. ORALL will fund expenses for up to two exchanges a year to "promote staff development & increase cooperation among member libraries." For more information contact Kathy at 216/368-6357.

## Are You What You Wear?

Visual image is not really something that most of us are greatly concerned about. Looking around a room of my peers recently, I realized that those librarians dressed 'professionally' would be the ones I would ask for help with a reference question, even though I knew them all to be proficient librarians. Even is we are not aware of the impact our image presents, the results are the same. Remember, high-powered executives dress like that because it works, not necessarily because they like it.

Because librarians sometimes work in a single-professional office, we may not be held to the same dress code restrictions, written or understood, as other professionals. Since we do not always fall under the same mandates, we can forget that how we look from day to day often tells people more than our present mood. One of our hardest struggles as librarians is to keep the library neat and quiet so that others may study. How we look can portray either a competent professional or a replaceable peg who fits into a slot. An investment in attire you can only wear to work may make all the difference in the world in how well we are heard.

Regardless of how unfair it is people do react differently to appearance. Sometimes one's career path is only a thin blue line on a complicated map. The nice wide yellow brick road, like the stereotypical librarian is something to be found and kept in the movies. The image gives a message. That first picture may blind the recipient's view before your pearls of wisdom have a chance to be uttered.

Submitted by Loretta P. Viteh, US Courts Library, Detroit



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An annual conference is held in the Fall of each year. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], *ORALL Membership Directory*, *ORALL Newsletter*, *ORALL Union List of Serials*, *Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd*.

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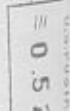
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