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## President's Message - Jan Ryan Novak



### Changing Our Paradigms

I'm sure many of you are familiar with paradigms, rapidly becoming a 90's buzz word [people who know about paradigms are busy changing theirs, people who don't are hopelessly trapped and doomed to extinction, in the populist interpretation]. My simple understanding of the concept is that a paradigm is your or your group or society's set of rules, principles and beliefs that define who or what you are, and your limits. That framework of rules is, by very definition, resistant to change [or else why would they be rules?], so that true innovation most often comes from without. In order to predict the future of our organizations, we are advised to imagine what we would like to accomplish but cannot within the paradigms of the organization, and then set about changing those paradigms to make the impossible possible.

### Librarians as Innovators

Think about our paradigms about libraries, library service and librarians, and think also, about the rest of society's paradigms about these things. We are a rule-encumbered profession, in many ways being dragged along into the information age, but in too few instances leading it. Many of us complain that we are barely tolerated or at most benignly neglected by our parent organizations; is it because we aren't perceived as innovators? Well then, let's innovate!

ORALL's staff development grant is designed to help shake up some paradigms. Please take advantage of this opportunity to explore other libraries and begin to imagine the impossible in your own.

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### Many Thanks

This is my last column as your chapter president. I'll hand over the gavel to Carol Bredemeyer at the Midwest Regional Meeting in November, and retire to status as fly-in-the-ointment Executive Board Member. Being President is made easier by association members like you. Special thanks to Carol, Keith Blough, Susan Schaeffgen, Mary Persyn, Sharon McIntyre and Jody Beal for contributing time and effort to the Executive Board, to Anita Shew for a superb newsletter, and to Tom Spaih for all his planning for the Columbus meeting, to Tom Hanley for agreeing to take on any and all assignments, to Ted Potter for his extensive efforts at revising the handbook, and to all the committee and SIG chairs and members for contributing to ORALL's vitality.

### Challenge to ORALL

Now, my last challenge to you is this: what is there that we would like our regional association to be able to do for us, but is impossible within our existing paradigm? Let's imagine it, change the rules, and make it happen!

Jan Ryan Novak, ORALL President

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## ***Has the ORALL Union List Outlived its Usefulness?***

Help! The Union List Committee needs your help. Somehow, the original agreement establishing the ORALL Union List has been lost in the mists of time. The Union List Committee needs to determine how many libraries and what types are dependent on the continued existence of the Union List. The people at University of Louisville who maintain and publish the Union List require that a certain number of libraries purchase the Union List each year to cover their costs [presently \$50.00]; the number of subscribers has now dropped below what they expected. As a result, the production and updating of the Union List has been placed on hold until ORALL gets back to them. The Committee wonders whether the Union List has now been superseded by electronic utilities, such as OCLC, or whether it is still used by libraries such as county or law firm libraries which may be less likely to have access to OCLC. The Committee is looking for answers to the following questions:

What was the original purpose behind the Union List and is it still necessary?

How many members subscribe to the Union List, what types of libraries do they represent, and do they have reasonable alternatives to the Union Lists?

Will those libraries which use the Union List give us their comments about when, why, and how they use it, as opposed to other options?

Will the ORALL membership be adversely affected if the ORALL Union List were no longer published?

Please send your responses and thoughts on this matter by October 15 to:

Tim J. Watts, Chair  
ORALL Union List Committee  
School of Law Library  
Valparaiso University  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383  
219\465-7838

The responses received will indicate how much interest and need there still is in the ORALL Union List, and may well determine its continued existence.

Submitted by Tim Watts, Valparaiso University

## ***Audio/Video ILL***

Brenda Kelley, Toledo Law Assn., is interested in establishing an "audio and video" interlibrary loan program with other interested libraries. Brenda states that she hopes that such a "free" program could be established. For further information contact Brenda at 419\256-4747.

## ***WANTED— New ORALL Newsletter Editor***



Looking for a fun and challenging experience? Sign on as the new ORALL Newsletter Editor. Anita Shew, current Editor will be finishing a 3-year term at the end of 1992. The term is not indefinite but should be at least 2 years.

### **Good reasons to be Editor:**

- you will receive all the other AALL chapter newsletters.
- you will be a member of the AALL Council of Newsletter Editors.
- you will have your finger on the pulse of ORALL.
- you will have only the editing to do; Deborah Bobinet at Akron University will continue to handle the printing and mailing.
- you will have a revised guide and editorial & advertising policies to follow.
- you will have unlimited help from previous editors.
- you will have the chance to interact with your ORALL colleagues.
- you will find it a rewarding professional experience.

### **Qualifications for Editor:**

- care lots and lots about ORALL!
- have a strong sense of responsibility.
- have time for yourself or your support staff to gather copy, edit, and format articles, ads, etc.
- be able to write with clarity and good grammar.

If you are interested, begin looking at the layout and content of the past issues and think about your questions.

Contact current Editor Anita Shew at the Butler County Law Library, 513\887-3456, as soon as possible or notify Carol Bredemeyer, ORALL Vice/President at 606\572-5394.

### ***Editor's Note:***

- <ORALL is very pleased to print the well-written article from visiting law librarian Lian Li, Fudan University, China. It has been printed as received.
- <MANY THANKS to all the Newsletter contributors and Column Editors. [for full listing, see June issue] We need the input of ALL ORALL members to make the Newsletter worthwhile. Start collecting items for the December issue (deadline November 15)
- <We have included the correspondence from Martindale-Hubbell about the archival CD-ROM disks because this is an important issue and vendor policies are still in flux. Law Librarians need to let vendors know what practices are appropriate & necessary for this medium.

## **Fall ORALL Conference Columbus, Ohio**

Don't forget to send in your reservations for the Midwest Regional Conference [ORALL's Annual meeting] in Columbus, November 1-3. You should have already received your conference registration by now. Send it in soon!! Don't miss the excellent programs and chance to network with your colleagues from four other AALL chapters.

If you don't have yours yet, look at your June Newsletter for a description of the conference program and contact Tom Spait, Local Arrangements Chairman, Ohio State University Law Library, 614/292-6691.

### **Sunday Schedule**

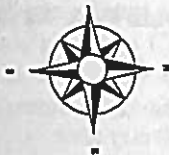
Registration 2-4 p.m.

Chapter Committee & SIG meetings 2-4 p.m.

Keynote speaker 4-5 p.m. [Bruce Duff, Marketing Director, Information Dimensions, Inc.]

### **Reminder About Absentee Voting**

Since the Fall ORALL meeting covers the date of the National Elections this year, get an absentee ballot so you don't miss a chance to be counted!



## **ORALL Members Eligible for Scholarships**

Money is tight for all law librarians! Take advantage of the ORALL Scholarship program. Apply for \$150 for the Fall ORALL meeting in Columbus. The deadline has been extended. The forms are in the June 1992 Newsletter issue. Apply now to Kathleen Carrick, Education Committee Chair, Case Western Reserve University Law Library, 11075 East Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106.



## **Attention: Private & Corporate Law Librarians**

### **Meet your Colleagues - Munch - Mingle!**

Plan now to attend an informal reception for Private and Corporate Law Librarians, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 1, 1992, at the Midwest Regional Meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

ORALL Private Law Libraries Special Interest Group, Lani Mikalas, Chair; Paul G. Mitchell, Chair-Elect.

## **ORALL Committee Preference Form**

ORALL depends on the work of its members. Please take this opportunity to volunteer for the committee(s) of your choice in 1993.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please rank in order of preference, number one being your first choice:

- \_\_\_\_\_ AALL Chapter Breakfast - Boston
- \_\_\_\_\_ Activities
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bylaws & Guidelines
- \_\_\_\_\_ Core Legal Collection
- \_\_\_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Government Relations

- \_\_\_\_\_ Membership
- \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletter
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nominations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Placement
- \_\_\_\_\_ Public Service
- \_\_\_\_\_ Union List

Return completed form by October 30, 1992 to:

Carol Bredemeyer, ORALL Vice/President/President Elect  
Chase College of Law Library  
Northern Kentucky University  
Highland Heights, Kentucky 41076

## ORALL Executive Board Meeting - July 20, 1992 Highlights

**Guidelines Revised:** The Executive Board hopes to print the new Board handbook later in the year.

**Core Legal Collection:** The core legal collection is currently being updated by Melanie Putnam. The update will contain revisions for Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. Michigan will not be included in the update unless a volunteer can be found to review that state.

**Public Relations Committee:** Jan Novak reported that AALL is asking all chapters to establish public relations committees. Issues considered in forming a public relations committee included establishing liaisons with library schools, law schools and related organizations to facilitate communication about law libraries and careers in law librarianship.

ORALL has already appointed recruitment liaisons for library schools and the Board has requested the Membership Committee to consider expanding the duties of the liaisons to fill the role of a public relations committee.

**Legal Research--Attorney Specialization:** The Board discussed the Ohio Supreme Court's impending rules that would allow attorneys to claim specialization in particular fields of law. The rules will permit approved organizations to certify attorneys as specialists in their respective fields. ORALL should pursue the idea of establishing legal research as a specialized field and possibly becoming the certifying agency for legal research specialization.

**CLE Poll - Kent State** A survey has been prepared which will poll librarians about their preferences for types of continuing library education. The information will be compiled by the Kent State Univ. School of Library & Information Science. Survey enclosed--PLEASE fill out.

**Union List** The Status of the ORALL union list is unclear. Tim Watts, chair, is surveying the membership.

**Mailing Labels:** The issue of when and to whom ORALL mailing labels would be made available was discussed.

**CLE Certification:** The Executive Board had submitted a motion to the AALL Executive Board requesting AALL to apply for CLE certification for its programs upon the request of any member chapter and to cover the cost of application fees where specified. ORALL is now proposing that the chapters assist with the paperwork and AALL is to reconsider the request at their July 22 meeting.

**Chapter Breakfast chair duties expanded:** The Board considered expanding the duties of the AALL Chapter Breakfast Committee to include matching roommates at AALL conferences, coordinating applications for CLE approval/credit, facilitating other recreational & free time activities of conference attendees.

**Speaker Reimbursement Policy:** With respect to the regional meetings, the board felt it was the responsibility of each participating chapter to provide for it's own speakers. The Board also feels the policy for reimbursement should be specific and be part of the ORALL Handbook. Generally speakers from ORALL are not be reimbursed for their expenses.

**AALL Council of Delegates:** The last item discussed

by the Board concerned AALL's position on HR 4426 [copyright bill]. Because the membership of AALL does not necessarily agree with the position of AALL on this and other issues to come, the idea of having a Council of Delegates was considered.  
Respectfully Submitted, Keith Blough, Secretary

### ORALL Directory Changes

#### Changes

Ashtabula Cty. Law Library phones to 216\576-8002 & 576-5106  
 Bailey, James F. [p.4] . . . . . extension to 1931  
 Bell, Alice [p.13] . . . . . phone to 513\865-1755  
 Breneman, Kathryn R. . . . . Index reference page to page 16  
 Brunner, Maurine [p.6] . . . . . Apt. # to 511; zip to 48933-1054  
 Chase College of Law Library . . . . . zip code to 41099-6110  
 Detroit Bar Assn. . . . . phone number to 313\961-6120  
 Guernsey Cty. Law Library . . . . .  
 . . . . . from Courthouse to Guernsey Cty. Courthouse  
 Marion Cty Law Library . . . . . phone to 317\327-5499  
 Oakland Cty. Library . phone 313\858-0012; FAX 313\858-2927  
 Schwartz et al. [p.12] . . . . . phone to 614\224-0360  
 University of Toledo Law Library . . . . . phone to 419\537-2854

#### Add FAX Numbers

Anderson Publishing Co. . . . . 513\526-8116  
 Buckingham et al [p.7] . . . . . 216\253-3913  
 Dayton Law Library Assn. . . . . 513\225-5056  
 Defiance County Law Library Assn. . . . . 419\782-2437  
 Detroit Bar Assn . . . . . 313\965-0842  
 Lawrence County Law Library . . . . . 614\533-4387  
 Legal Aid Society [p.10] . . . . . 216\687-0779  
 Logan Cty Law Library phone 513\592-5846; FAX 513\593-3379  
 Marion Cty. Law Library . . . . . 317\327-3298  
 Miami County Law Library Assn. . . . . 513\339-9882  
 Rendigs, Fry et al [p.9] . . . . . 513\381-9206  
 Sixth Circuit Library . . . . . 513\684-6332  
 University of Toledo Law Library . . . . . 419\537-2821

#### Revise Listing

Gallon, Kalniz [p.16] . . . . . Gallon & Takacs Co., L.P.A.  
 3161 N. Republic Blvd. [43615]  
 419\535-1976; FAX 419\535-6564  
 Elizabeth Bowman  
 Medina County . . . . . Jeffrey L. Bramley  
 P. O. Box 394 [44258]  
 216\723-5400  
 omit Medina Cnty Law Lib. Assn. from address  
 Seneca County Law Library . . . . . 4th Floor, Courthouse  
 44883-2352

#### Additions/Deletions

Capital University Law Library . . . . . Delete Eileen Gruver  
 Shaker Heights . . . . . Add Cuyahoga Cty. Library-Maple Heights  
 14325 Drexmore Road [44120]  
 216\991-5391  
 Kathryn R. Breneman  
 Squire et al. [p11] . . . . . Delete Kathryn R. Breneman  
 Toledo Law Library . . . . . Add Jennifer Blum  
 Toledo Law Library. . . . . Delete Elizabeth Hagemeyer

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### *Indiana Academic News*

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Indiana's four law school libraries have begun their new semesters and are ready to produce another year of quality support for legal education.

**Valparaiso University School of Law Library** has brought up the acquisitions component of the Innapac system. Previously the library had installed serials control, circulation, and the OPAC. With acquisitions in place, they now have a completely integrated system. The inevitable database cleanup that accompanies automation is proceeding well.

The **Kresge Library at the Notre Dame Law School** is under the acting directorship of Janis Johnson while Roger Jacobs takes a year to direct Notre Dame's London law program. The librarians will be the first users in the Law School of the new network which will be installed this fall throughout the campus. The integration of the Chicago Bar Association collection, purchased two years ago, continues.

**Indiana University School of Law Library [Indianapolis]** welcomes back Cataloging Librarian Kiyoshi Otsu who has spent the past year teaching in Japan. Grant money has been obtained by the library for the purchase of a CD-ROM player, several CD subscriptions, and an OCLC First Search terminal. The Acquisitions and Serials crews are keeping up with the ongoing NOTIS changes.

This fall the **Indiana University School of Law [Bloomington]** will be celebrating its sesquicentennial. As part of the celebration, the librarians in Bloomington have compiled "150 Years of Research: A Bibliography of the Indiana University School of Law Faculty, 1842-1992." This comprehensive work includes entries for works written before and during time spent at the Bloomington campus for all past and present faculty members.

Submitted by Joe Thomas, Notre Dame Law School

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### *Defiance to Have New Law Library*

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Rose Brown retired from the Probate Court and is now devoting all her time to the Law Library and to working with County Commissioners to develop a County Records Center. The Law Library will occupy the 2nd floor of the structure and 1st floor devoted to the Records Center. The commissioners purchased a large VFW building within the Courthouse complex and hopes to have the building converted in the first quarter of 1993.

The temporary address is: 517 First Street; Defiance, Ohio 43512; Phone 419-782-1186.

Submitted by: Rose Brown, Librarian, Defiance County

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### *GCALL Meets State Legislators*

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The Greater Cincinnati Area Librarians [GCALL] had the opportunity to meet with state legislature librarians from around the country in July. The National Conference of State Legislatures held their Annual Meeting and Exhibition in Cincinnati July 25-30. The Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section of this organization invited the librarians of GCALL to join them for a dinner which was partially funded by Mead Data Central. Among the states represented were Virginia, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Maryland and Texas along with librarians from the Congressional Reference Division of the Library of Congress and the Legislative Service Commission of Ohio.

Following an outstanding dinner which was filled with information sharing, the Cincinnati librarians were treated to an oral history of the Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section presented by its members. The Cincinnati librarians were surprised at the similarities between the convention stories of the legislative librarians and those told about AALL meetings. The GCALL members who were able to attend gained many valuable contacts and encouraged others to seek out this type of network building opportunity.

Anne Abate, Dinsmore & Shohl, Cincinnati

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### *Kentucky*

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In August the Chase College of Law Library implemented the cataloging, online catalog, circulation, and serials check-in subsystems of the Virginia Tech Library System [VTLS]. The Reserve subsystem will be implemented in January of 1993 and acquisitions in the summer of 1993.

The dedication of the computer library system will be held on September 15. All titles at the Chase Library are fully cataloged, including reporters, codes, and law reviews. Full bibliographic information for all titles is now available through the online catalog. For information call Donna Bennett, Automation Director and in charge of library automation at 606/579-5715.

Donna Bennett, Northern Kentucky University



## ***M-H on CD-ROM Archive Policy Doublespeak***

The following is a recent correspondence on Reed reference policy on CD-ROM archival disks. If you have concerns about this, contact Jan.

Martin Brooks, Vice-President, Electronic Publishing  
Martindale-Hubbell

"Dear Mr. Brooks:

We have been a subscriber to the Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory on CD-ROM since its debut. One of the reasons we subscribed was to save shelf space; we were told at the beginning that we would be able to maintain the annual disks, and we looked forward to being able to discard our hard cover volumes at the end of the year because we had a CD-ROM archive.

When I discovered that your company had taken a database leasing approach to the subscriptions and we were not permitted to keep the last update for the year, I called and was told basically that the way you do it is the way everybody does it. I think that's a pretty poor rationale.

The Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory is a separate annual publication, much like CCH's Standard Federal Tax Reporter. CCH allows its subscribers to keep the last updated disk for the year for archival purposes. It is unlike other databases which cumulate data or case reports. When you drop an attorney from your directory, that information is lost unless prior directories are available to search.

We are considering dropping our subscription to the CD-ROM directory until such time as you address the archival needs of libraries. Please consider our concerns and let me know how your company plans to deal with this issue.

Sincerely, Jan Ryan Novak, Director"  
Cleveland Law Library Assn.

Reply: "Dear J. Novak;

Although we haven't yet determined what our new policy will be, I will permit you to archive discs at no additional charge, subject to the following conditions and understandings:

>Only one version of the database may be used at a time. One person may not use one edition of the database while another person is using a past version.

>All editions of the database must reside at the same physical location.

>You understand that past editions of the database may not run under current versions of the retrieval software and vice-versa. Although we will help when we can, officially we can only provide technical support for the latest version of the software.

>If you cancel your subscription, all copies of all editions of the database must be returned as per the original license agreement.

Please indicate your approval of these conditions and return this letter to me. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Martin Brooks, Vice-President, Electronic Publishing.

## ***Update on "Lawyers as Librarians"***

According to a non-binding staff letter from the Supreme Court of Ohio Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline, "Opinion 92-4 [1992] should not be construed as prohibiting law librarians who are attorneys with inactive status from performing the work they are employed to do as a law librarian. The subcommittee's view is that law librarians who are attorneys with inactive registration status may perform their duties as a law librarian," per letter from Ruth Bope Dangel, Staff Attorney.

Submitted by Jan Ryan Novak,



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## *Chinese Librarian Visits Cleveland-Marshall Law School*

Mr. Lian Li, LLB, Assistant Law Librarian at Fudan University Law School in Shanghai, People's Republic of China, is visiting Cleveland-Marshall Law School to work in our library and learn about American law libraries. He is trained as a law librarian and has his law degree from Fudan University. He has been Assistant Law Librarian there since 1985. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Li to the ORALL area and law library community. The accompanying article about law libraries in China was written by Mr. Li.

Ellen Quinn, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

## *Current Awareness - Internet*

A recent article in *Online* provides valuable resources available on the Internet. Mr. Notess discusses what the Internet is and what can be found on it, what is meant by the term "full internet access," and provides a list of vendors who supply access to the network. Here are a few of those which service the Ohio area:

Provider	Area Served
CLASS [CA] ..... [Cooperative Library Agency for Systems & Services] 800\488-4559	Nationwide
DIAL n' CERF USA [CA] ..... [California Education & Research Federation network] CERFnet 800\876-2373	Nationwide
OARnet [OH] ..... [Ohio Academic Resource] 614\292-0700	Ohio
PSI [VA] ..... Performance Systems International, Inc. 800\827-7482	Nationwide & some International

Pricing information is included in the article, but it's best to call the supplier for the most current rates. Limited access is also available through the local Free-nets [e.g. Tri-State Online, Clevnet] which have been discussed in previous issues of this newsletter. Perhaps the day will come when all law librarians, academic, firm and government, will be able to keep abreast of current developments as discussed daily on the Law-Lib Bulletin Board. [Greg R. Notess, *Gaining Access to the Internet*, 16 *Online* 27 (September, 1992).

Submitted by Randy Wilcox, CWRU Law Library

## *Law Libraries in China*

In China, most law libraries are located in university law schools or institutes of law and politics, which concentrate on law science rather than political science. After 1978, law schools and institutes of law and politics have been rebuilt and at the same time law libraries have been renewed as well. During "the Cultural Revolution" most books and documents in law libraries were lost.

In the opinion of many Chinese, a job in a library is not satisfactory and few people are willing to be librarians. In general, the law librarians in China do not have knowledge of law science. Besides this, the resources for purchasing books and other materials and equipment are so limited and the period for replacing books and other materials is too long to meet the needs of faculty and students. Compared with law libraries in the U.S., the greatest difference is that there is not any network in China like interlibrary loan which enables borrowing from other libraries. Without these modern methods, it is impossible to promote efficiency of work in libraries.

### *Problems: Skill & Facilities*

Recently, more and more computers and microfiche machines have appeared in law libraries in China. The National Economic Information Center of China, in the capital city of Beijing, has published a computer database which contains all statutes promulgated from the late 1970's to the present. Only microfiche of foreign documents imported from other countries is available because no Chinese company produces microfiche. The two key problems which have to be solved in law libraries in China are the competence of librarians and the perfection of facilities.

Regularly, the daily work in the law libraries in China is as follows: Work begins in the morning serving faculty and students until afternoon about 5:00. The size of university law libraries in general is small and a librarian may be able to be in charge of a step such as ordering, cataloging or lending, etc. The materials for exchanging among law libraries are mainly law journals, law reviews and books published by their own law schools.

### *Chinese Law Librarians Isolated*

I have attended training seminars held both in the U.S. and China and understand the disparity between law libraries in the U.S. and China. The members of the Committee for Legal Education Exchange with China [CLEEC] feel that Chinese Law Librarians are isolated and need advanced studies in modern law library methods. Effective educational measures include: holding regular training seminars, sending some of them to the U.S. to refresh their studies or to pursue degrees in library and information science. To achieve this aim, I applied for the position of visiting law librarian at Cleveland State University, Cleveland Marshall College of Law.

Mr. Lian Li, Fudan University Law School, China

## **Technical Services Tips - Tom Heard, Editor**

No question is more likely to be directed at an academic law library cataloger than, what kind of cataloging is necessary or desirable in the firm or corporate law library, and how to get it done?

Cataloging refers to creating access to materials according to their authors, titles, or subjects; the adventurous may wish to organize the materials on the shelves according to Library of Congress, Los Angeles County, or some other classification system.

### **Why Catalog?**

If your entire collection is composed of reporters, digests, big encyclopedias and large practice sets, you needn't worry about cataloging. Access to these materials by any of the above would do little to enhance their usefulness. Consequently, the titles most in need of cataloging are monographs, looseleaves, journal titles, as well as briefs and manuals produced within a firm.

Library of Congress, and other cataloging systems are intended for large academic libraries. Even a large firm or county library might find it cumbersome to divide a subject, such as European Economic Community, into three or four smaller subdivisions as most academic libraries would. This subdividing is required if the amount of material is very difficult to locate under a large general heading. Having ascertained what types of titles need cataloging and what level of detail is necessary, the problem is deciding the best way to get that cataloging.

Let us first reject the obvious answer, namely OCLC. While the cataloging is high quality, the connect time and charges are no higher than other online services, and the price of cards is only about 8 cents each. The initial charge to become a member and the annual dues are high enough that even most large county law libraries think twice before joining. OCLC has an online reference service called EPIC [annual fee \$75, connect charge for bibliographic database \$95 per hour, etc.] Most libraries probably can't afford OCLC.

### **Options to OCLC**

Another option is to use an order service. Some agents, like Baker & Taylor, supply card sets with titles ordered through them. If a group of smaller libraries was to pool its orders, an agent could be interested in supplying this service at no extra charge. Cataloging services, such as MARCHIVE, supply libraries with cards and labels for any title. A cataloging service could be a good option for a library desiring to catalog all of its older titles.

For those willing to type their own cards, the first process is to obtain reliable consistent cataloging information. Unfortunately for us, legal publishers seem to believe that Cataloging in Publication [CIP] is some sort of Bolshevik plot; therefore most law books rarely have useful information on the verso of the title page. However, the vast majority of titles you are trying to locate are available on some online systems other than OCLC.

### **Online Services**

Online services often have Library of Congress bibliographic records at low prices. Genie information services offers LG bibliographic records as part of its flat subscription fee of less than \$15 per month. The Library of Congress itself has an online catalog that offers all additions to LC's holdings since the early 1970's. This system, SCORPIO, can be dial-accessed. If you are fortunate enough to live around a large academic law library with an online catalog, you may be able to get accurate cataloging data with nothing more than a local phone call. Akron, Ohio State, and University of Cincinnati all have catalogs into which the public can dial free of charge.

Once the information is printed on a page, the task remaining is to transcribe the desired access points onto catalog cards. Until PC's this job was straightforward and tedious; simply measure the proper spaces and indentations on each card & type the information in the space. Catalog card programs for the PC have made at least the correct order and measuring spaces obsolete. The price range for these programs range from \$100 to \$300 in library supply catalogs; continuous feed catalog cards run about \$30 for 1,000. Even the simplest of the programs prompt the user for each element the user desires then prints a card using correct AACR2 order and spacing. These programs also enable you to create entries for in-house publications that are consistent in format with the other entries in your catalog.

### **Tough Choices**

The crux of the problem with cataloging in the smaller law library is still obvious. Buying the cards needed for the titles from a vendor seems prohibitively expensive, but creating cards in-house seems to demand more staff time in searching, printing out, and printing the final card than can often be justified.

Tom Heard, Northern Kentucky University

### **AALL Program Tapes**

Couldn't attend the AALL conference in San Francisco this year? If you would like to see a copy of the AUDIO CASSETTE Order Form for the programs from Mobiltape Co., contact Editor A. Shew, 513\887-3456.

### **AALL Gov-Line**

AALL Government Relations Committee produces Gov-Line, a recorded hotline that reports the latest news from Washington. Call 312\939-7774. Also, as Editor, I receive a print copy of the 2 page report which you may request from me.





The Exhibit Hall at the AALL meeting in San Francisco offered many opportunities for learning about valuable reference tools. This article will highlight only a few of the many useful information sources encountered there.

### **People as a Reference Source**

One of the reasons I enjoy these meetings so much is because of the opportunities I have of meeting and talking to law librarians. We are useful resources to our patrons but also to each other. So besides the exhilaration of interacting with a variety of very interesting people, you may also learn something from them that can help you with your work, now or in the future. When I meet people at these meetings I try to get their business cards and write something on it to help me remember them.

### **Washington Information Directory**

This is one of my favorite reference tools. I'm not just saying that because I won a free copy in a raffle held at the end of the Exhibit Hall displays! Much of what goes on related to the Federal Government is referenced in this book. It provides names and phone numbers as well as descriptive information about government agencies, quasi-government agencies, private interest groups, independent agencies, embassies, and Congressional Committees. It helped me answer a lot of questions when I worked in a law firm library and continues to be useful in an academic law library.

### **BNA's Americans with Disabilities Act Manual**

Several publishers have responded to the need for guidance in the ADA with looseleaf services to help citizens, employers, builders, local governments, and others understand and begin to apply and comply with the Act and its regulations. The BNA looseleaf service is a two volume set in the traditional large binder of this publisher. It is logically divided and contains helpful summaries and high quality indexing! The tabbed divisions of the set are: Newsletter, Index & Table of Cases, Overview, Employment, State & Local Governments/Transportation, Public Accommodations, Telecommunications, Definitions/Terms, Policy & Practice, Legal Developments, Statutes/Regulations, State Disability Laws, and Technical Assistance & Resources.

The monthly Newsletter that accompanies the updates, provides tantalizing summaries of developments surrounding this legislation. It discusses the various provisions of the Act that may be going into effect, regulations, proposed or in effect, guidance on implementations given at seminars or speeches, and court cases that may arise under the Act. The Index is a detailed subject index which also includes a Table of Cases. The section "Overview" provides a short description of the various sections of the Act and is invaluable. The organization of the set is driven by the structure of the Act. The tabbed sections correspond to the major divisions of the ADA. As with most looseleaf services, it is a major time-saver to have the text of the law and its regulations all in one place. From a practical

viewpoint, the section of "Technical Assistance & Resource seems to be very promising. It contains fact sheets for disabled persons, employers, gives sample job descriptions containing language that is in compliance with the Act's employment provisions, information sources by disability, and much other useful, hard-to-find information.

### **Baldwin's Ohio Revised Code on CD-ROM**



[Submitted by Randy Diamond, Cleveland Law Library Association.] The evolution of PC-based Ohio legal research material continues with Banks-Baldwin's introduction of an electronic version of *Baldwin's Ohio Revised Code Annotated*. *Baldwin's Ohio Revised Code Annotated Electronic Service [ORCe]* comes in three formats: 1) the entire ORC on CD-ROM, 2) custom selection of ORC titles, constitutions, and court rules on diskette, or 3) preselected subject compilations by the publisher on diskette. ORCe employs Folio Corporation's search retrieval and information management software.

ORCe provided the flexibility needed to perform effective full-text statutory research. You can run search terms through the entire annotated code, or limit your search to selected text or editorial folios. The latter approach is similar to field and segment searching on WESTLAW or LEXIS, and gives you the option of searching an unannotated version of the code for more precise results. Related terms, consisting of all major ORC index terms, are searchable by themselves or in conjunction with text folios. This feature relieves the searcher from having to account for variations in statutory and indexing language. Hands-on practice combined with reference to the ORCe User Guide for more sophisticated searching techniques makes for a quick learning curve.

ORCe is an excellent alternative to performing unwieldy and costly Ohio statutory searches on WESTLAW or LEXIS. Hopefully, future versions will enable searchers to link to the full text of the primary source materials referenced in the annotations. It would be an enormous boon for Ohio researchers to have hard-to-come-by administrative decisions [Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Unemployment Compensation Board Review, etc] collected on a single CD. Similarly, the ability to link from a statute's history line to the full-text of the prior version in the Laws of Ohio would be a welcome time saver in performing historical research.

### **Free Toner**

Do you have a Savin Copier models 7350 or 7450? Would you like some free toner? Brenda Kelley, Toledo Law Association has 15 bottles of liquid toner for the above mentioned Savin Copiers. Please contact at 419\245-4747 if you are interested.

## Highlights From Annual AALL Meeting in San Francisco

### Preserving Media Materials

Media Longevity, Preservation Methods for Audio, Video, and Microform Materials was presented by Jim Wheeler and Peter Adelstein. I learned that audio/video tape is currently made up of about 100 products. Current polyester microforms are more stable than the older cellulose versions, but there are still plenty of degradation problems to avoid - adhesion failure, acid release, and a host of emulsion difficulties. Obviously, we'd like to have better temperature and humidity control in the Media/Microform Room but at least our cabinets are doing quite well in combating air pollutants.

### Mandatory CLE

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, presented by Richard Diebold Lee, concentrated on CLE rules and regulations for the State Bar of California, but there were several general principles that are serving as models for other states. In particular, audiovisual materials are being approved for self-study CLE credit. In California, programs over one hour must have accompanying "substantive written materials" to qualify for any credit. In addition, individuals desiring CLE credit must have their own copy of these "substantive written materials" - this means CLE providers [and potentially, libraries loaning such programs] must provide each CLE program participant with a copy of these materials.

### Computers-Adult Learning

Training with Multi-Media, Computers & Other Gadgets was a very funny session, presented by Elliott Masie, a self-proclaimed "computer nerd". Not only did Mr. Masie suggest a wealth of interesting "media" methodologies for instructing, but he also provided an excellent explanation for how adults learn. Story-telling, engaging the verbal, and engaging the visual are highly effective teaching methods. Most adults don't learn till they need to, and most programs try to teach too much. Adults put information into short-term memory first. Before moving information into long-term memory, adults need to know it's true, useful, and related to something already known. Adults like to watch a demonstration before trying something, they want "Cheat sheets", and they want audio and graphic accompaniments.

### Television and the Perception of Law

Impact of Television on the Public's Perception of the Law: Everything I Know About the Law I Learned from TV included an amusing presentation by Nancy Strohmeier on how public patrons interact with library personnel, as well as an informative presentation by Charles Rosenberg on what TV writers want in a show. [Mr. Rosenberg is an attorney and the technical advisor to L.A. Law.] Writers want conflict, conflict resolution, and denouement. To develop characters, writers use sympathy, hatred, or empathy. Writers insist upon maintaining visual interest, dramatic interest over intellectual interest, and "truth over accuracy". Despite a few attacks upon L.A. Law's depiction of some people, as well as the lack of a librarian on

the cast, Mr. Rosenberg fielded the audience's questions well and gave very good arguments for the show's methods.

Laura E. Ray, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library



## The AALL Research Agenda

President Mark Estes has appointed a special committee to establish an AALL research agenda and to develop proposals for supporting and encouraging research on the topics listed.

What is a research agenda? As defined by the special committee, the AALL Research Agenda will be a list of research priorities: areas within law librarianship where research is needed to improve the work of the profession. Some topics on the list will be of general benefit; others will be specific as to library type or specialization.

Why is research in law librarianship important? All professions need ongoing research in order to improve the work and practice of the profession and to remain vital in a changing environment. Research topics on the research agenda should have practical value for the members of the profession.

How will the agenda be compiled? The research agendas of other library association, such as SLA, will be the sources of ideas for the AALL Research Agenda, as will other studies that have identified trends and emerging areas of concern where research is needed. We will also have the benefit of a study of academic law library directors' research priorities published in the Summer 1992 issue of Law Library Journal, and a survey of private law librarians published in PLL Perspectives.

How can I let the committee know what research I think needs to be done? Members of the committee are working with academic, private, and state, court, and county SIS's to ensure that the needs of librarians in all types of law libraries are considered.

But we need to hear from you to make the project work. If you have ideas for research topics or simply want to discuss the research agenda idea, please contact any member of the committee by November 1: Dick Danner, at the Duke Law Library [e-mail ZAD@FACULTY.LAW.DUKE.EDU]; Nancy Carol Carter, at the University of San Diego Legal Research Center; Jack Ellenberger, at Shearman & Sterling in New York; Catherine Lemann, at the Law Library of Louisiana; and Lee Nemchek, at Morrison & Foerster in Los Angeles.

Submitted by Dick Danner

## Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries

### Profile

ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law libraries of this region."

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*.

### Placement

For job listings and further information, contact Kyle Passmore, ORALL Placement Office at U. of Akron Law Library, Akron, Ohio 44325 or call 216/972-7339.

### Membership

Membership: 270

Dues: \$15 per year

Non-membership subscriptions: \$10 per year

Contact: Tom Hanley, U. of Dayton Law Library, Dayton, Ohio 45469, 513/229-2444.

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- Oct 16** -OHIONET 14th Annual Program Meeting, Holiday Inn on the Lane, Columbus. 8:30-4:30. The theme is "Changing Libraries -- Changing Roles." "Change in Librarians: Automation as a Catalyst" - Keynote speaker is Susan Baerg Epstein. Non-Members is \$65 with lunch. For more information call OHIONET 1\800\686-8975
- Nov 1-3** -"Columbus '92, Discovering New Horizons in Law Libraries," Midwest Regional Conference of Law Librarians, Columbus, Ohio. Regional meeting jointly sponsored by CALL, LLAW [Wisconsin Chapter], MALL [Minnesota], Mich/ALL [Michigan], and ORALL [Ohio Regional]. For further information, contact Tom Spaith, 614/292-6691.
- Fall 1993** -ORALL Annual Conference, Cleveland, Ohio.

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