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President's Column - Theodore A. Potter



A hearty thanks to those of you who have volunteered for committee positions for 1994. Each committee was sent a charge to be completed during the year and I have asked many of them to report to you, the membership, in the *ORALL Newsletter*. The AALL Arrangements Committee is to create a bulletin of information on the annual meeting of AALL, so that those of us who are going can have some kind of basis by which to make plans for our trip AND provide those of us who aren't members (or who are wavering as to whether to go) some reasons to consider making the trip this year. I have asked Bylaws and Guidelines to consider whether awards should once again be a part of our Bylaws. Other committees have been given tasks which complement the charges as printed in the *ORALL Handbook*. The list of committee assignments is located elsewhere in this issue.

Two other committees are in the works: A Special Committee on the INTERNET, which will be charged with determining how the INTERNET can be made accessible by all ORALL member law libraries.

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Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

Randy Wilcox from Case Western Reserve University Law Library is our new INTERNET Coordinator with AALL. Randy will be on that committee. In addition, a Special Committee to Create an ORALL Display at AALL will be charged with setting up a table of ORALL materials in the exhibit hall at the AALL Annual Meeting. If you would like to be a member of these and/or other committees, please send me a letter with your request and I will try to accommodate you.

Speaking of the AALL Annual Meeting, I want to encourage you to become active in our national organization. Money and time are tight; yet all of us need professional rejuvenation. For those of you who haven't had the experience of a national convention, I suggest you consider applying for a grant to go to Seattle. The guidelines and application form are located in the *AALL Newsletter*. If you don't subscribe or belong to AALL, call one of your academic colleagues. If this year seems like a bit of a stretch, consider applying for next year in Pittsburgh. It will be good experience for when you are asked to help out in Indianapolis in 1996.

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President's Column (Cont'd)

As for those of you aren't new to AALL, I think the annual meeting experience is invaluable, not only for the programs but for things like experiencing the exhibit hall, where vendors will take the time to show you the newest CD-ROM or just talk about the wonderful sights to see. You will also make new friends, with whom you might go to a reception and then use as contacts for a problem facing you at your work. The Northwest is beautiful and the programs are always thought-provoking, whether directly relevant or merely enlightening. The AALL Annual Meeting is a wonderful experience and makes the money and time well-spent.

While we're on the topic of meetings, the plans for our annual meeting in Indianapolis are in good hands. Jo Ann Fisher and Trudy Timkovich are working on making 1994 an exciting time for us and are laying the groundwork for our chapter sponsorship of the 1996 AALL Annual Meeting. All of us should learn from this experience so that 1996 goes smoothly and makes us proud to be hosting the national conference.

To build on the idea that national and regional meetings are important for our professional and personal growth, there is talk that the next super-regional meeting will be held in 1996, somewhere in the Northeast. Remember, the next two national meetings are within driving distance for most of our members, so maybe travel money can stretch a

little farther the next few years. We haven't been formally invited to participate in the super-regional but it will be considered by the Executive Board at its next meeting.

Each year the Executive Board has a special meeting between the annual meeting and the AALL Annual Meeting. It is a time for the Board to assess where the organization is going and to make plans for the year. One of the things we will be discussing is an officer's handbook, a document which will be used by those who are elected to officer's positions and by those who are considering running for office. We hope it will provide a concise statement of the duties and responsibilities of each officer and executive board member, as in the *ORALL Handbook*, while at the same time giving people a narrative of what it means to be an elected officer of this organization.

Despite the work of being an officer, every time I dig into the work of ORALL I am glad to be a part of it! We have an active participation from the various types of law

libraries and a group of talented leaders at the committee level. We can accomplish much when we work together to reach manageable goals. I appreciate the dedication of our membership. Happy Spring from Toledo!

Theodore A. Potter
University of Toledo
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Fond Farewell

February 1 Brenda Kelley, Lucas County (Toledo), began her new duties as Pima County (Arizona) Law Librarian at Tucson. Brenda has been a long-time member of ORALL, having served as Secretary, Treasurer and President. Although her list of laurels is extensive, most of us will miss her friendliness, willingness to help, her bubbly "y'all" at ORALL meetings, and her sincere desire to contribute to others' law librarianship.

Brenda states that the Pima County collection is somewhat smaller than that of Lucas County, but it is spread out between 20 to 30 judges' offices. Her first chore will be to get to know the collection, and WHERE it is located. She states that she will also be serving a greater public population, many of whom are of Spanish descent, thereby requiring Brenda to polish up on her Spanish language skills.

Those of us who know Brenda and love her are happy for her move. Her roots to the West have been calling for some time. We knew it was inevitable that she would be moving on. Sincere best wishes from ORALL to Brenda and we will be planning to visit with her again at AALL meetings. The next one is Seattle, "y'all"!

Rose Brown
Defiance County Law Library

REFERENCE TIPS FROM ELLEN QUINN

1) Revised volumes of O Jur Criminal Law. Lawyers-Cooperative is in the process of revising the Criminal Law volumes of Ohio Jurisprudence, 3d. The revised volumes do not indicate on the outside that they are any different than the older volumes they are replacing. In order to minimize confusion to your patrons, you may want to include an explanation in the revised volumes or at least be aware of the confusion that is very likely to result.

2) United Nations Gopher. If you have access to the Internet, check out the United Nations Gopher. It contains resolutions from the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly, and the Security Council. The U.N. Gopher also contains press releases issued by the U.N. on topics such as disarmament, the environment, world health issues, and human rights. The U.N. Gopher allows easy access to these hard-to-find U.N. documents. It is not a source of all U.N. publications, but it provides directory information to assist you in obtaining materials not in the Gopher database.

3) Health Security Plan. How many online places can you find copies of and information on the President's Health Security bill? Some of the places where this information can be found are:

The longest list of sources I found was through doing a Veronica search in "gopherspace" through the University of Cologne. That resulted in 12 screens of listings of sources on the Health Security Act (there were many duplicates). Sophisticated Internet searchers are probably appalled at this imprecise way of collecting information on the Internet; however, novices and those of us who know just enough to be dangerous, may find this dragnet approach useful.

Another source is through the CPL Electronic Library. Choose #8 Government and Law, from the opening menu, then on page 2 of the "Government and Law" menu, choose #23 "National Health Reform Plan."

LEXIS. For information about health reform, check the Health file in the Legis Library.

WESTLAW. Information about the President's Health Security proposal can be found in the BNA Health Care Daily (HCD) and Health News Daily (HND) databases.

4) Sources of Bill status information, Federal and Ohio. Getting back to more familiar turf, if you need to find out the status of a Federal or Ohio bill, there are several sources you can check. Print sources include CCH's Congressional Index, and CQ's Congressional Weekly. Online try the LEGIS Library on LEXIS and go into the BLTRCK file for information on the status of currently pending Federal bills or OHTRCK for Ohio bills. On WESTLAW the Federal bill tracking database is US-BILLTRK and the Ohio bill tracking database is OH-BILLTRK. If all else fails, you can call the Federal bill status line at (202) 225-1772 or the Ohio bill status number (800) 282-0253.

5) Jump feature in Legal Resource Index on WESTLAW. A handy feature of the Legal Resource Index on WESTLAW combines the comprehensiveness of a Legal Resource Index search with the convenience of full text law reviews online. If the full text of an LRI indexed article is also in the WESTLAW database, then there will be a jump marker (>) next to the cite field and you can hypertext right to the full text of the article.

6) Regional newspapers on WESTLAW. Newspaper articles can help you find information on lawsuits or legal trends that have not found their way into the appellate reporting system. You can also find biographical information on people or organizations in a particular geographic area. If you need some information on pending legislation, a local newspaper article can be very helpful. The Ohio newspapers available on WESTLAW include the Akron Beacon-Journal (AKRON-B), Cincinnati/Kentucky Post (KYCIN-POST), Columbus Dispatch ((COL-DISP), Dayton Daily News (DNLA), and the Plain Dealer (CPD). You can search all of the Ohio newspapers in the group database PAPERSOH.

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NEW SIS ON AUTOMATION

Mahnaz Mashfegh, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, and Terence Rose, Reference Librarian, both at Indiana University Law Library, submitted the following proposal for the creation of an ORALL SIS on Automation.

PROPOSAL FOR ORALL SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION ON AUTOMATION

A. Why is there a need for a SIS on automation?

1. Law Librarianship has been in the forefront of automation and having an ORALL SIS on this subject allows the membership to stay current on automation issues.
2. Most institutions within ORALL have some form of automation.
3. There is a formal/informal need within the organization to address these issues.
4. Most libraries in ORALL use OCLC, RLIN, LEXIS and WESTLAW.
5. Automation is changing the way law librarians are doing their work.

B. What are the objectives of the new SIS?

1. Provide a forum for discussion of these issues on a local, state, and regional level.
2. Track new developments and their applications to law librarianship.
3. Serve as a liaison between AALL Automation and Scientific Development and Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Sections.
4. Serve as a liaison between the bibliographic utilities, vendors and ORALL.

C. What are some duties that the new SIS could perform?

1. Develop programs for ORALL and AALL Annual Meeting.

2. Create a possible newsletter or special section in ORALL Newsletter that deals specifically with automation.

3. Serve as a sounding board for problems with vendors.

D. The New Section could have subcommittees on different automation topics.

1. A subcommittee on Local Systems
2. A subcommittee on OCLC
3. A subcommittee on RLIN
4. A subcommittee on Microcomputing
5. A subcommittee on LEXIS and WESTLAW.

The creation of the SIS on Automation was approved at the Fall 1993 business meeting.

For more details, contact either Mahnaz or Terence at (317) 274-4028 or Fax (317) 244-8825

Ohio Counties Sig Meeting

CD-ROM technology is the word of the day, and it is the subject of the Ohio Counties meeting scheduled May 19th at the Stouffer Hotel in Cleveland. The vote was overwhelming at the October meeting as to what topic content should be for the forthcoming meeting. The program will begin with an overview, or CD-ROM 101, to be followed by discussions by various librarians of their needs and usage of CD-ROM technology. The program will end with presentations by representatives from Anderson Publishing as well as Banks/Baldwin Publishing. All County librarians are urged to attend, because it is anticipated that many of our questions will be addressed, regardless of the size of the library. For further information, contact Rose Brown, Defiance County Law Library, 510 Court Street, Defiance, OH 43512 (419) 782-1186. Look for program details in the mail soon.

PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES SIG - SPRING EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

Since November, the Private Law Libraries SIG has been planning its first spring educational Institute. We are excited about this additional opportunity to share ideas with colleagues and hopefully solve some of life's little problems along the way.

The Institute will be held on Friday, April 22, right at the end of National Library Week and, hopefully, before the influx of the "dreaded" summer clerks. (I think this could qualify as an event for the National Legal Research Teach-In, sponsored by the AALL Research Institute Caucus!)

CD-ROM will be the featured topic at the Institute. All of us, unless we've been buried in the stacks too long, have heard of CD-ROM in one way or another. Yet many of us still don't have it and, in some cases, can't seem to persuade our firms to take that intellectual leap of faith ("spend the money"). Meanwhile, some of us have jumped in with both feet and have networked CD-ROMs all over our offices.

Consequently, because the spectrum is so wide, we have decided that the best approach would be a holistic one (at least as holistic as one day will allow). We will take the participants through the decision processes--what CD-ROM is and why we should (or should not) get it, which products to get, how to configure them to maximize use, and finally, how to train users so they can get the most out of the firm's investment. There should be something there for everyone, no matter how complex your current setup is.

The format will be a mix of lecture, large-group participation, and individual conversation. Vendors will be on hand to answer questions about their products (they have been warned that the focus of this is to provide information more than to make sales); "expert" users will be available to help ease the anxiety of any novices.

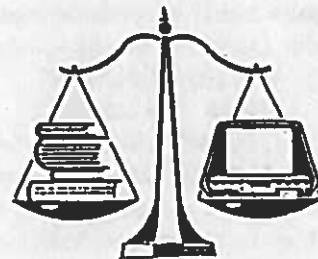
We will be meeting on Friday, April 22, in Columbus at the Harley Hotel. It's right off I-71 at Route 161 (Dublin-Granville Road)--adjacent to the French Market and the Continent. Since the Institute will last only one day, you will have plenty of time to get home or, if you want, you can spend the weekend in Columbus. A block of rooms at reduced rates will be available for both Thursday and Friday nights--should you want to come in early, or stay longer.

A mailing will be going out in early March to all private law librarians. If you do not receive a registration packet by the middle of the month and would like to attend,

please feel free to contact me. I will see that you get the pertinent information.

We're looking forward to the Institute. Susan Hersch and Sue Schaeffgen have worked very hard putting this together--we hope to see you there!!

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ORALL Nominations

The Nominations Committee of ORALL worked very hard this year to put together a slate which would balance the composition of the Executive Board by geographical location and type of library. Believing strongly in the democratic process and pursuant to the constitution and the bylaws of ORALL, the Nominations Committee has selected the following members as candidates for office:

Vice President/President-Elect Paul Mitchell
Secretary Irene Milan
. Deb Ward

Executive Board Member Susan Hersch
. Judy Rodgers

According to ORALL bylaw XI, Sec. 1(c), "Additional nominations may be made upon the written petition of five active voting members in good standing submitted to the Secretary no later than May 1st of the year. Such nominations by petition must be accompanied by the written acceptance of the nominee."

An official ballot will be prepared and mailed to each member by May 15. Please follow the instructions that will be included and return your ballot by June 15. The candidates receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected, and the results will be announced at the Annual Meeting.

-- ORALL Nominations Committee
Carol Furnish
Constance Matts
Jan Novak
Anne Abate, Chair



Meet The Candidates

Vice President/President-Elect Candidate:

Paul G. Mitchell has been the Law Librarian at Marathon Oil Company in Findlay, Ohio, since September 1989. Before coming to Marathon, Paul was a reference librarian at Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis in Philadelphia from 1987 to 1989.

Paul has served as Chair of the ORALL Private Law Libraries Special Interest Group from 1992-94 and as a member of the Activities and Newsletter Committees of ORALL. Paul has also been active in AALL, working with the Research Instruction Caucus research certification project and on the Special Committee on Committees (1992-93). Paul served for two years on the Advisory Council of the Conference on Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL).

Paul has a B.A. from Mount Union College and an M.S. from Drexel University.

Executive Board Candidates:

Susan B. Hersch has been the Firm Librarian at Hahn Loeser & Parks in Cleveland since 1989. From 1978 to 1988 she was the Librarian at Burke, Haber & Berick in Cleveland.

Susan is currently serving as the Chair of the Private Law Libraries Special Interest Group of ORALL. Susan is also active in the Cleveland Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, currently assisting with bulletin production.

Susan received her M.S. in Library Science from Case Western Reserve University and a B.A. in English from the University of Wisconsin.

Judy Rodgers has been the Librarian at the Columbus office of Baker & Hostetler since 1987.

Judy has served ORALL on both the Newsletter Committee and Local Arrangements Committee for the November 1992 Midwest Regional Conference. She chaired the Membership Committee 1989-90.

Judy received her B.A. from Northwestern University, an M.A. from The Ohio State University and an M.L.S. from Kent State University.

Meet the Candidates (Cont'd)

Candidates for Secretary:

Irene M. Milan has been Librarian of the U.S. Courts Library in Cleveland, a satellite of the Sixth Circuit Library for the U.S. Courts since 1985.

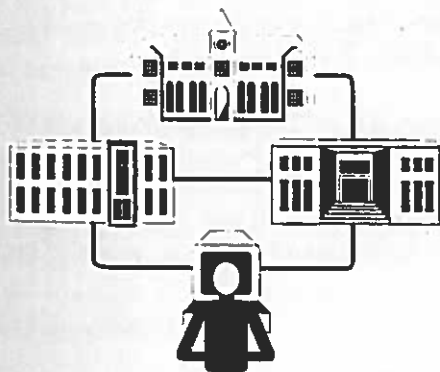
Irene has a B.A. from Cleveland State University, an M.L.S. from Case Western Reserve University, and a J.D. from the University of Akron School of Law.

Irene currently chairs the Bylaws Committee of AALL's State, Court & County Law Libraries Special Interest Section. She chaired the ORALL Model Bibliography Committee in 1984-85, and she revised the "Core Legal Collection for Ohio" section for ORALL's 1984 Core Legal Collection. She is also a member of the Special Libraries Association.

Deb Ward has been the Law Librarian at the Hancock County Law Library Association for the past 5 years.

Deb is an active member of ORALL, where she has served on the Membership, Nominations and, presently, the Public Services Committee. She is also a past chair of the County Law Libraries Special Interest Group.

Deb also enjoys being a member of the Ohio State Bar Association Law Libraries Committee and of the Long-Range Planning Subcommittee. In addition, she is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries and of its State, Court & County Special Interest Section.



New Members

ORALL extends a big welcome to the following new members:

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Please add their names to your 1994 membership directory.



OUTSOURCING: HOPE OF THE FUTURE OR THE BUZZWORD OF THE MOMENT

Last December, Wright State University announced it had conducted an agreement with OCLC to supply all of the cataloging for the University's libraries with an attendant cost savings of \$200,000 to \$250,000 per year. The university is also taking bids for a vendor to handle authority control. All of the savings will remain in the library budget for new acquisitions.

The trend toward outsourcing (using third-party vendors to perform operations off-site) has become popular in most industries during the past decade, but WSU is the first major academic library to attempt to outsource a major portion of its operation. Law firms, in contrast, are accustomed to outsourcing everything from food service to records management, and some firm libraries already rely on third-party services to provide printed catalog cards of MARC records.

Certainly, any academic law library director would entertain the idea of outsourcing technical services in order to get something like the savings noted above into the acquisitions budget. This decision may well reflect the notion that, somehow, technological change should result in a decline in people and resources devoted to technical services. This view is reflected by Brian Alley in the November 1993 issue of *Technicalities* where he opined:

During the planning stages of the Ohio College Library Center, many of us were contemplating a day when cataloging departments would be downsized dramatically. But while we were planning, so were the catalogers. In the end, they managed to hold on to their trade secrets and magical powers and simply shift them into the electronic area.

It seems more than probable that some measure of this "cataloger bashing" (a term I'm attempting to get into the next ALA Glossary) is coloring what is ostensibly an objective management decision on outsourcing library operations. It is odd that some library managers consider cataloging a realm of secrets and magical powers, yet are able to determine it is the prime candidate for cutting or outsourcing.

Some functions can probably be outsourced successfully to OCLC or other vendors, while other functions which are tied to meeting the needs of one institution's OPAC may need to remain in-house. Will the copy catalogers at OCLC look at older editions of *Prosser on Torts* to see where you classified them and whether the

headings applied?

Who will close open entries which have ceased or been canceled? Who will create added entries or authority reference screens vociferously demanded by public service librarians? Who will be responsible for keeping up on all the publisher changes swamping the legal world right now? These issues are further complicated by the added time pressure of automation. Because of the ability to alter this data quickly and accurately, technical service employees are expected to use the full potential of every system feature. While these jobs could be switched to areas such as pre-order searching or database maintenance, a change in nomenclature or organization will have little impact on the actual amount of work to be done.

Outsourcing also alters the nature of communication in the library. The vendor and its employees may well entertain views of many problems that are quite different than the views of the contracting library. The formal and informal tools of persuasion and discipline exercised by managers will not be available when dealing with OCLC or Blackwell North America.

The case in favor of outsourcing some operations will grow as resource sharing has the effect of standardizing library operations. Soon the implementation of the Z.39.50 standards will enable a remote user to access another OPAC using the same commands as his campus OPAC. Library users will become increasingly impatient with the quirks and eccentricities of individual library catalogs and practices (e.g., the same title cataloged with different headings and classifications at different libraries). For the first time, the technology exists to achieve a far higher level of standardization. This would, in turn, allow large vendors to supply sets of standard data for new titles to many libraries which could immediately plug the data into an OPAC without the need to massage it to fit old practices.

In closing, it is only fitting to note that one of the most studied industrial plants in the world is GM's Saturn plant where about 90% of each car is fabricated from scratch under one roof. Consequently, how long can it be before forward-looking library leaders start singing the praises of insourcing?

-- Tom Heard
Salmon P. Chase
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BREAKFAST IN SEATTLE

ORALL-Mich/ALL Breakfast is scheduled for Monday, July 11, 1994 at 7 a.m. ORALL and Mich/ALL members will receive a mailing from me shortly after AALL sends our registration packets for the meeting.

The ORALL AALL Arrangements Committee will also be preparing a special package of information for ORALL members highlighting events and items of interest to them concerning the AALL meeting and the Seattle area.

-- Tom Hanley
University of Dayton
Law School Library

Roundtable for Newer Academic Law Librarians

Has your environment changed lately? New job, new career, new...well, it's always something out there. The Seattle Annual Meeting theme is Changing Environments. Come and discuss your environment with like-minded colleagues at the Roundtable for Newer Academic Law Librarians sponsored by the Academic Law Libraries SIS.

Who is a "newer" academic law librarian? Librarians who are in non-supervisory academic library positions having five years or less professional experience are "new" and welcome at the Roundtable. Speakers will discuss issues relevant to newer academics and time will be allotted for group discussion. Last year's Roundtable was a great success--while newer academics are encouraged to attend in Seattle, we welcome any member's input in planning the Roundtable. It's a fun way to get to know people and become involved in AALL.

For further information, please contact either Pam Deemer, Emory University Law Library, Gambrell Hall, Atlanta GA 30322-2780 (phone: 404/727-0850, e-mail libped@emoryu1.cc.emory.edu) or Jane Underwood, Capital University Law School, 665 S. High Street, Columbus OH 43215 (phone: 614/445-8836, e-mail junderwo@mcs.capital.edu).

ORALL "MATCHMAKING"

The ORALL AALL Arrangements Committee is organizing a room "matchmaking" service for the 9-14 July 1994 AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. Watch your mail for further details.

"Matchmaker" coordinator will be Laura Ray, MA, MLS Media/Reference Librarian, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library (216 687-6880, FAX 216 687-6881 laurer@jaslan.csuohio.edu).

NATIONAL LIBRARY SURVEY WEEK

The American Library Association is encouraging libraries of all types to distribute an eight-question survey to patrons for a minimum of 12 hours during National Library Week, April 17-23, 1994. The purpose of the survey is to provide for the first time ever a national "snapshot" of library customer satisfaction. The responses will be used to document the degree of such satisfaction with the nation's libraries, learn how libraries can better serve their customers, and to let patrons know that libraries care what they think.

A camera-ready survey, in a simple "check one" format, is available from ALA, along with guidelines for administering the survey. Libraries are encouraged to customize the survey by adding their name or logo, or asking additional questions. Estimated time to complete the survey is three minutes. Libraries will be asked to report their results to ALA by May 15. All responses will be confidential and used solely for the purpose of compiling a national picture of library customer satisfaction that can then become a tool for promoting library use and support.

For more information and a copy of the camera-ready survey, contact: ALA Public Information Office, 50 E. Huron St. Chicago, IL 60611, (800) 545-2433, ext 5044 or 5041.

OOPS!!

The last issue was incorrectly dated November 1994 Number 5. It should have been dated December 1994 Number 4.

The editor apologizes for the mistake.

ORALL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - 1994

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Several years ago, ORALL created a \$500 scholarship to help an active member of our regional association attend the AALL national convention. The applicants are screened by the ORALL Education Committee. Candidates are evaluated on prior ORALL activity and commitment in law librarianship.

To apply for a scholarship of \$500 to be used to help meet expenses for attending the AALL national convention in Seattle, Washington, on July 9-14, 1994, please fill out this application and return it to me by April 15, 1994.

**Return to:
Kathleen Carrick
Education Committee Chair
Case Western Reserve University
Law Library
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Cleveland, Ohio 44106**

Include three letters of recommendation from people familiar with your work, potential and need of this scholarship. Please remember that prior involvement with ORALL committees and attendance at regional meetings is a prerequisite.

1. Name: _____
2. Work address: _____
3. Phone (including Area Code): _____
4. Employment in Law Librarianship (Give Dates and Places) _____

5. Other Relevant Information: _____
6. Education: _____
7. Professional Activities and Committee Memberships: _____

8. Member of ORALL since _____ Member of AALL? _____ Since _____
9. Will your employer pay any or all of your expenses in attending this seminar? _____
If so, how much? _____
10. Have you previously attended ORALL meetings? If so, when? _____
11. Have you previously attended an AALL convention? _____
12. Please describe what you do in your current law library position? (For questions 11, 12, and 13, use back page if necessary.) _____
13. Please attach a summary of your career goal and a statement of how you will benefit from attending this meeting.

RIC WANTS YOU!... For the Second Annual Legal Research Teach-In

Following on the heels of a hugely successful inaugural Teach-In during the 1993 National Library Week, AALL's Research Instruction Caucus (RIC) is already hard at work organizing what promises to be an even bigger and better *Legal Research Teach-In II* during National Library Week, April 17-23, 1994. Designed to improve the research skills of library patrons, it also offers a wonderful public relations opportunity for law librarians to demonstrate their skills as teachers as well as promoting their role of information providers.

RIC needs the participation of as many law librarians as possible to make *Legal Research Teach-In II* a success. [Translation: RIC NEEDS YOU!] You can take part in two ways.

First, RIC needs to add to the collection of "research instruction kits" compiled for the 1993 celebration. These kits, focusing on various subject areas, are made available upon request to libraries participating in the Teach-In. That way, no one needs reinvent the wheel to be involved--big staff or one-person library, everyone can be a Teach-In player. **BUT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NEEDED TO MAKE IT WORK!** Pathfinders, research guides, charts, posters, puzzles--any creative works that you are willing to share are welcome. RIC organizers are especially interested in building new kits on tax, labor, environmental, intellectual property, and international law research. These materials will be aimed at diverse audiences including students, lawyers, paralegals, and secretaries, so just about anything will do.

The other way you can participate is by making a commitment now that your library will conduct an event of some sort involving legal research instruction during National Library Week. Once you have committed to action, the doing will sort of fall into place. But if you do find yourself stuck for ideas, RIC will be there to assist with practical suggestions, sample instruction kits, and lots of promotional materials. In addition, you can mine the following article for a wealth of suggestions: K. Brunner and K. McCarthy, *1993 Teach-In Events, 2 PERSPECTIVES: TEACHING LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING 13-17* (Fall 1993). The *P.R. Potpourri* column in the December 1993 issue of the *AALL Newsletter* also focuses on the many ways in which the 1993 National Library Week was celebrated by law librarians.

So here is your new "TO DO" list:

(1) Send all contributions for new research kits as soon as possible to:

Karen B. Brunner, Library Manager
Piker, Danzig, Scherer, Hyland & Perretti
Headquarters Plaza
One Speedwell Avenue
Post Office Box 1981
Morristown, NJ 07962-0800
(201) 538-0800 x 480
FAX: (201) 538-1984

(2) Immediately begin planning your *Legal Research Teach-In II* activity to coincide with National Library Week, April 17-23, 1994. For assistance from RIC, contact Karen Bruner. For assistance from AALL on National Library Week generally, contact Frank Houdek, AALL Public Relations Coordinator, Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL 62901, (618) 453-8788, FAX (618) 453-8728. E-MAIL houdek@siucvmb.siu.edu

Books To Be Donated:

Public Utilities Reports (PUR)
1915-1933 (approx. 12 ft.)
New series, v. 1-100, 1934-1953 (approx 13 ft.)
Third series, v. 1-100, 1954-1973 and Digest
(approx 18 ft.)

Federal Power Commission Reports
v. 1-40, 1931-1968 (approx. 10 ft.)

Trauma
v. 1-28, 1959-1986 (approx. 7 ft.)

Call Sue Schaeffgen at (614) 227-2090 if you would like any of them for your library.

AALL CALL FOR PAPERS COMPETITION

The AALL Call for Papers Committee seeks submission of papers for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are threefold: (1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians and in areas of interest to the profession; (2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and (3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members and potential members of AALL.

The winners of the competition will receive a \$750 prize and will be recognized during awards ceremonies at the Opening Luncheon of the annual meeting. Co-authors of winning papers will split the award. Winners are given the opportunity to present the papers at the annual meeting of the association. The paper will be forwarded to the Editor of the Law Library Journal for publication consideration.

Eligibility:

Open Division: Current AALL members who have been members for five or more years.

New Members Division: Current AALL members who have been members of AALL for fewer than five years.

Student Division: Currently enrolled in library school or a law school. Students need not be members of AALL.

Substantive Requirements:

Papers must be original works. Papers submitted for courses are acceptable provided they otherwise comply with the requirements of this contest. The papers may address any subject relevant to law librarianship. The papers may be scholarly or practical in substance and tone; the subject should be explored in depth with appropriate reference to sources and documentation of assertions. Submissions for the Student Division should also include a supporting letter from an instructor at the institution at which the student is enrolled (preferably the supervising faculty member for the paper.)

Submission deadline should be postmarked, Friday, 29 April 1994. For more information and an application form, contact Arturo L. Torres, Gonzaga University, School of Law Library, Box 3528, Spokane, WA 99220.



"Spirit" Award Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1991 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award. This coveted award will be presented to a member of the American Association of Law Librarians who, through his or her position, makes a significant contribution toward the improvement of a social condition or the increased awareness of a social concern.

The award, funded by the proceeds earned by the title *Spirit of Law Librarianship: A Reader*, is presented to the recipient in the form of a memento. This memento is donated by Roy M. Mersky and Richard A. Leiter, authors of the *Reader*, and by Fred B. Rothman & Co., the publisher.

The first award was presented to Westwell R. Daniels, Professor of Law and Director of the University of Miami Law Library. Professor Daniels was honored for his extensive work on behalf of the homeless in the Miami area.

Nominations and a statement of justification should be submitted no later than May 1, 1994 to: Professor Roy M. Mersky, Hyder Centennial Professor of Law and Director of Research, University of Texas at Austin, Tarlton Law Library, 727 E. 26th Street, Austin, Texas 78705.

The spirit of Law Librarianship Award Committee members for 1994 are Roy Mersky, Rich Leiter, Wes Daniels and Paul Rothman.



NW 2D WANTED:

Former ORALL member Joe Hinger, Detroit College of Law, needs a set of the Northwestern Reporters 2D for his library.

If anyone has one to donate or to sell cheaply (as in the cost of the postage), please call Joe at (313) 226-0100.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
LAW LIBRARIES (AALL)**

Scholarship Information

Type I LIBRARY DEGREE FOR LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

Awarded to a graduate of an accredited law school who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school. Preference given to AALL members, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Preference in selection is given to persons with meaningful law library experience. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Type II LIBRARY SCHOOL GRADUATES ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL

Awarded to a library school graduate who is in the process of working toward a law degree in an accredited law school, who has no more than 38 semester (54 quarters) credit hours of study remaining before qualifying for the law degree, and who has meaningful law library experience. Preference given to members of AALL, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

TYPE III LIBRARY DEGREE FOR NON-LAW SCHOOL GRADUATES

Awarded to college graduates with meaningful law library experience who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school. Preference given to members of AALL, but scholarships are not restricted to members. Preference given to applicants working for degrees with emphasis on courses in law librarianship. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

Type IV SPECIAL COURSE IN LAW LIBRARIANSHIP

Awarded to law librarians for a course related to law librarianship. Scholarships restricted to members of AALL. Evidence of financial need must be submitted.

THE GEORGE A. STRAIT MINORITY STIPEND

\$3500 awarded to a member of a minority groups who is a college graduate with library experience, who is working toward an advanced degree which would further his/her law library career. Preference will be given to individuals with previous service to, or interest in, law librarianship. Applicants must show evidence of financial need.

Applications are available from AALL Headquarters after December 1, 1993. Applications are due back at Headquarters on April 1, 1994, and awards will be made shortly thereafter. Headquarters requests that interested persons write, indicating which types of scholarship forms they want, and include self-addressed, stamped envelopes. The Headquarters address is: AALL; Suite 940, SCHOLARSHIP, 53 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604.

Calendar 1994

April 17-23 - National Library Week, theme is "Libraries Change Lives."

April 17-23 - The National Legal Research Teach-In. Sponsored by the Research Instruction Caucus of the AALL.

April 19 - Library Legislation Day, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by The American Library Association and Special Libraries Association.

May 10-12 - 15th National Online Meeting and Integrated Online Library Systems '94. New York, NY.

June 11-16 - Special Libraries Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

July 9-14 - American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

October 26-28 - ORALL 1994 Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN.

Newsletter Deadlines

February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15

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: \$15.00 per year

Non-membership subscriptions:
\$10.00 per year

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

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