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The Final Column

Ah...the last one. The last column I have to write as ORALL President. Even though it's only one writing assignment every three months, it always seemed to surprise me that the column was due. As I reflect back, the year has gone fast. Our meeting in Canton in October looks to be a great one, and being able to get to the Pro Football Hall of Fame will be a treat. As a Cleveland Browns fan, however, I do not have any fond memories of former Pittsburgh Steelers great Lynn Swann, our scheduled guest speaker at the Opening Reception. He did, however, make some great catches in the Steelers 1980 Super Bowl win over the Rams that contributed to me winning a few, ahem, friendly wagers.

Throughout the past year I've been reporting on the mostly disheartening news in the library world. I'm not going to go there this time, as the news has not really gotten any better. Even the

Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library is not immune as we are planning on taking a possible 10% cut to our budget in the 2011-2013 biennium.

One encouraging note, although your mileage may vary depending on your viewpoint, is that the (Ohio) Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Boards held its first meeting in August. Yours truly is involved with that consortium as is Judge Charles Schneider (Franklin County Common Pleas, General Division), Mary Jenkins (Director, Hamilton County Law Library), Kathy Sasala (Director, Cuyahoga County Law Library), and John Leutz (Senior Policy Analyst, County Commissioners Association of Ohio).

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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 each fall. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: *Core Legal Collection* [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.

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The Consortium will not be funded until February 2011 at the earliest, but a seven-member Advisory Council has already been appointed from a group of volunteers, and I believe the existing Ohio Law Library Consortium (<http://ollc.wikispaces.com/>) will also be helping the statewide group set priorities. It's going to take a little bit of time to see if the Statewide Consortium can be an effective voice for the local law libraries, and I urge the locals to adopt a wait-and-see attitude in this regard. The next meeting of the Consortium will take place in Canton at 10am on October 20 prior to the ORALL Annual Meeting. The Consortium is a public body, and the meeting is open to all interested parties.

One last thing I wanted to mention in relation to the future of law libraries is the e-reader. We have been inundated with information concerning these little gizmos over the past few months since the launch of the iPad. It's not that the readers did not exist before – Amazon's Kindle, Sony's eReader, Barnes & Noble's Nook, and Borders' Kobo seem to be the main competition – but when Apple decides to stick its oar in the water, the playing field shifts. Prices have fallen on the dedicated e-readers, some even going below the \$100 mark. I can even read books on my smartphone with the Kindle app for Android. This is a heady time for these devices as it seems like it might be a time for another "paradigm shift" similar to what we saw in the late 80s and early 90s with computer-assisted electronic research (CALR). I have been tempted to pick up the cheaper Kindle for myself and subscribe to my local newspaper, the *Columbus Dispatch*, for ten bucks a month. In the past month I finally pulled the plug (so to speak) on my hardcopy subscription to the *Dispatch* as they raised the rate for my Sunday-only delivery over 40%. *Forty per cent*. Incredible. However, the only thing worse than the *Dispatch's* sales practices are the reviews for the Kindle version of their product.

I've also been tempted to buy a few Kindles (or other reader) for the Law Library and subscribe to newspapers such as the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and *Wall Street Journal* that way. Haven't pulled the trigger yet, but we're talking about it. In my opinion, hard copy newspapers are in their death throes right now. They're getting killed by their own online versions, other news sites, e-reader subscriptions, and their pricing policies. The only thing that is truly missed with a Kindle or other online version is the comics section. Even that section, however, can be found with a subscription to sites like *comics.com*, *onlinecomics.net*, or even a newspaper's own online site that offers its syndicated comic strips for free. Just as with other electronic information (read: legal), a sane pricing scheme needs to be established. Incremental or even ala carte pricing for newspapers and other online resources should be the next step. It's happened in the music and movie industries, albeit with a lot of teeth-pulling, and it can work with news, and hopefully down the road with our large purveyors of legal information.

As for the e-reader and legal treatises, the price just has to come down to be more affordable. As the need for the hardcopy book drops, and publishers stop incurring the high fixed costs of publishing an actual book, one would hope that the price for the electronic version would drop. It might be wishful thinking, but that's the way the industry has to travel if it's to survive. As my daughter entered her first year of college in August, I saw the same struggle with textbooks. However, in the case of the latter, there were a myriad of choices at my disposal for buying the same book. Some were cheaper than others. Some offered a guaranteed buy-back price. Still others are in the market of renting a textbook to the student for the semester at a substantially lower cost.

This is an "interesting" time to be a librarian. We are on the cusp of another sea change in the way we do business. I encourage each and every one of you to take part in this process either on a local level or by working with the various regional and national associations that represent our profession. Don't sit on the sidelines and then complain later that you were denied a seat at the table.

Thanks for a great year, and I'll see you in Canton.

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Ohio County Law Library SIG Receives AALL 2010 Advocacy Award

By Ardis Stein, Jefferson County Law Library – Steubenville, Ohio

ORALL's Ohio County Law Library Special Interest Group is very excited and pleased to be the recipient of the American Association of Law Libraries' 2010 Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award. The award was accepted this past July at the AALL conference in Denver by this year's SIG Chairperson and Director of the Hamilton County Law Library, Mary Jenkins.

The Advocacy Award recipient is chosen by AALL's Government Relations Committee and granted through its Awards Committee. It is presented to the organization whose goals and aspirations are most in line with AALL's mission to provide leadership in the field of legal information and promote equal access to government information.

The award was created in honor of Robert L. Oakley (1945-2007) who at the time of his passing was a professor of law at Georgetown University and also the Director of their Law Library. In addition to his service on many committees of AALL including President and two terms on the Executive Board, Robert was the Washington Affairs Representative for AALL. His dedicated work there provided a link between libraries and legislation and formed the basis for the AALL Government Relations Committee.

Robert Oakley was extremely concerned about the future of law libraries. He worked untiringly to ensure that they would be able to continue to provide and

preserve information in the light of our changing technological environment. In order to honor and maintain Robert's vision for libraries, AALL gives the Advocacy Award to the individual or organization who most exemplifies his work and effort.

Like Robert, the ORALL Ohio County Law Library SIG has always been very active in the pursuit of the continued availability of legal information. From its inception at the 1985 ORALL Conference in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the group has been a great force in assuring that all county law librarians are kept abreast of any changes that would affect their ability to dispense information.

Depending on size and funding, each county law library is not uniform in their operating procedures. However, the communication and networking effort provided by the county SIG –even before the days of email and listserv – has created a unity among the librarians. Perhaps, this “strength in numbers” helped when they were faced with such a crisis as the 2005 biennial budget bill (HB 66) which threatened the future of most all the Ohio county law libraries.

After four years of walking a legislative tightrope, the end of 2008 marked a new beginning for the county law libraries as legislation was finally passed which would restructure the county law library system and ensure the continued access to the legal information and services that they had been providing.

This difficult journey was supported by the unwavering effort of many individuals and groups. Each librarian had a hand in the outcome by participating in the exchange of information needed to form a strategy to overcome the negative effect of HB 66. There was a great deal of data collected and opinions and ideas brought forth amongst the librarians and their respective boards. This was ultimately very helpful as a frame of reference when the new laws were formulated.

Additionally, several organizations were very instrumental in accomplishing the changes to the legislation. To name a few, there was the Coalition for the Support of County Law Libraries and the very attentive lobbyist that they obtained, Victor Hipsley. There was the Task Force formed to study and report on county law library operations which was diligently led by Judge Charles A. Schneider of Franklin County. Others involved in this tremendous endeavor were the Ohio Judicial Conference, the AALL Government Relations Office, the Ohio State Bar Association, its members and its Law Libraries and Legal Information Services Committee.

At this point, the Ohio County Law Libraries are settling into their new roles as County Law Library Resource Boards. Although some are facing new difficulties, such as reduced funding, added expenses and adjusting to county methods of operation, the libraries work well together as a unit. They continue to help each other as new hurdles arise and are well-poised for any future challenges that may occur.

As they celebrate their 25th anniversary, the Ohio County Law Library SIG can now enjoy the added fanfare and honor of being the 2010 Advocacy Award recipient. It is a highpoint for them and represents the culmination of many people's efforts over the years to keep libraries and the information that flows from them alive and well.



Left to right: Mary Jenkins - Director of Hamilton Co. Law Library Association, Angela Baldree – Director of Lake Co. Law Library Association, Carol Suhre – Director of Clermont County Law Library, and Deb Ward – Director of Hancock Co. Law Library

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YOU Can Host a Practicum Student!

By SaraJean Petite, Government Resources Manager and Bibliographic Access Librarian, The Judge Ben C. Green Law Library, Case Western Reserve University

Have you considered hosting a practicum student? There are four library schools in our region, and they all have practicum programs. Kent State University School of Library and Information Science even offers students the

option of completing a practicum in lieu of a research paper or thesis.

Hosting a practicum student is a wonderful way to take care of projects that you've been intending to do for years, but have not completed due to time constraints. At my library, practicum students have revised procedure manuals, indexed special collections, assisted in the bibliographic aspects of major weeding projects, and repaired MARC records where fields had been stripped due to a software glitch. One benefit of practicum students is that, unlike interns, practicum student do not have to be paid.

A practicum at Kent State University must involve 100 hours of professional-level work under the supervision of a MLS/MLIS librarian. After the work is complete, the student is required to spend approximately 50 hours writing a paper describing what she or he learned as part of the practicum. At the conclusion of the practicum, the supervising librarian completes a brief evaluation form. The evaluation form and other practicum-related documents may be viewed on the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science website at http://www.slis.kent.edu/component/option,com_docman/task,doc_details/Itemid,101/gid,111/

If you would like to host a Kent State University practicum student this spring, write a "job description" of the work that needs to be done, list preferred prerequisites (e.g. indexing coursework and fluency in Latin if one has a special collection of Latin documents to index), indicate how interested candidates should contact you (e-mail works well for this), and contact Rhonda Fillipan at Kent State University School of Library and Information Science in Kent (rfilipan@kent.edu) or Belinda Boon (mbboon1@kent.edu) at KSU-SLIS in Columbus. They will ensure your project is appropriate for a practicum and post your practicum to the KSU-SLIS student listserv. The students will contact you directly. For spring practicums, the student must have all of her or his paperwork turned in by November 1, so the best time to look for a Kent State practicum student is early to mid-October.

For those who are closer to the University of Kentucky, Dennis P. Carrigan (carrigan@uky.edu), Assistant Director of the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science, is the person to contact if you wish to host a practicum student. In a phone conversation, he explained that a "learning contract" is drawn up and signed by the supervising librarian, the student, and Professor Carrigan. This causes a student to identify her or his learning objectives and describe how the practicum placement will enable the student to realize those learning objectives. The placement supervisor must describe the basis for evaluating the practicum student, and a letter grade must be assigned at the conclusion of the practicum. The student must spend 140 hours working on-site. In conjunction with the course, the student must write a brief term paper. The student and Professor Carrigan will agree on the topic for the paper, and the term paper will be submitted to him.

And, for those in Indiana, Indiana University has library schools on two different campuses. One is in Bloomington and the other is in Indianapolis. Melanie Hollcraft, Director of Finance and Student Services at Indianapolis, was kind enough to speak to me on the phone about the practicum programs. Indiana University offers a for-credit internship which is similar to the practicums offered by Kent State and University of Kentucky. The host must have the MLS/MLIS degree and be working in a professional-level position. Those interested in hosting a student from the Indianapolis campus should email Dr. Marilyn Irwin (irwinm@iupui.edu) and tell her they are a law library interested in hosting a student intern. Information about the internship will go into a searchable database at <http://www.slis.iu.edu/courses/internship/smartlist.php> Potential interns will contact the host and decide on a project or other learning experience.

The intern will work 180 hours on site and earn three credits. Those interested in hosting a student from the Bloomington campus should contact Dr. Howard Rosenbaum (hrosenba@indiana.edu). Indiana University has posted its internship guidelines on its website at <http://www.slis.iu.edu/courses/internship/guidelines.html>

For further information about hosting practicums, attend the program, "Training Camp: How Libraries Can Benefit from Hosting a Library Practicum Student" at the 2010 ORALL annual meeting in Canton on October 20-22. We look forward to seeing you in Canton!

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AALL Denver 2010 - Selected programs

By Deborah Dennison, The Judge Ben C. Green Law Library, Case Western Reserve University

Returning to a city I lived in long ago, and memories of a life far different than I live today, I was nonetheless unprepared for the myriad of sentiments Denver called to mind. In fact, the city is much changed and has reinvented itself. I could not have envisioned Larimer Square (nor would Jack Kerouac or Jack Cassidy of this, their old haunt) as it exists today, but it's lovely, and I'm glad someone made it happen. For its proximity to my quirky hotel and the Convention Center, I could easily walk to Larimer Square between meetings for the cafes and shops. A few blocks further led me to the Tattered Cover Book Store, one of the biggest independent book stores in the United States. All this, and much more, with a breathtaking mountain view.

Only a month since our conference, 2010 AALL Denver already feels very distant. But as I review the conference materials I am struck by how our conference theme, "mapping our future", resonates well with a host city that reinvented itself. Closer to home, my library intends its own "mapping of the future" by means of comprehensive strategic planning.

A good conference does not solely depend on good programming. Of course there's that! For me, a meaningful conference experience lies in balancing my activities among programs, committee meetings, and volunteer hours. For anyone that has not volunteered at conference, I highly recommend doing so in the future. It's fun; you see old acquaintances and meet new ones, and it helps the local arrangements folks immensely.

AALL Denver did a good job of producing a roster of programs that reflect emerging concerns of libraries: faculty archives and special collections, the increasing interest in economical ways of sharing and promoting those collections and other information (e.g., consortiums, universal search solutions), and related staff development concerns. There were several opportunities to highlight best uses of current technology as patron information needs change and (their) technological savvy is a given.

[Cool Tools Café](#) featured a speed dating technology experience so that one moved among tables set up to demonstrate a variety of emerging information technology. With the abundance of technology available, it's occasionally helpful to see snippets of everything simply for professional awareness purposes; even more helpful is how technology is adapted for practical use in libraries (research guides, information management, etc.).

Few libraries have the resources of entities such as the [California Digital Library](#) (Ellen Meltzer, California Digital Library, "Mapping a digital collection"). For other libraries (i.e., most of us), there were several programs covering the breadth of issues involved with library digitization endeavors. "Mapping a digital collection" (A3), excellent for its comprehensive overview, discussed staffing (digital IQ), access to IT services, licensing and copyright, and decision factors involved. "Mapping uncharted territories" (B2) was even more helpful for the first speaker's candor of, with no training, suddenly being appointed the library archivist ("oh my, what do I do now?!"). Balanced by a very technologically informed presentation partner, both stressed the importance of a digital collection development policy (a team policy), an optimal aspect of which would include outsourcing criteria. Another program, "Beyond Wayback (F4) discussed the rationale, tools, and current efforts of preserving digital ephemera.

There are occasionally programs that are disappointing for any number of reasons. Such was the case with "Information discovery and NELLCO's universal search solution" (C-6). While familiar with the basic concepts, the complexity of the topic combined with technology malfunctions made for a challenging presentation. And pity the programs held at the end of a conference. "Going mobile" (J-2) promoted creative use of mobile technology in libraries. While incorporating mobile apps into library services is clearly the direction libraries are pursuing, and by no fault of the presenters, by late Tuesday afternoon I found myself battling conference fatigue. Even so, exposure to concepts and vocabulary helps to build a good information foundation.

It never fails, but at the end of our annual conference, I have the feeling summer is over – a few last days of vacation, the rush to finish summer projects, and preparation for the new school year. Although AALL Denver 2010 indeed seems long past, I enjoyed the conference – good programs, great venue, and gathering of some very helpful professional information.

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***Review of 2010 AALL Denver Program: The Frugal Librarian: Pinching Pennies (Relatively) Painlessly in Your Law Firm Library - Presenter Michael Saint-Onge, Team Lead, Lexis Nexis Librarian Relations Group
by Cheryl Niemeier, Director of Library Services, Bose McKinney & Evans LLP***

The presenter began the session by defining frugal as “*practising economy, living without waste, thrifty*”, and stated tongue-in-cheek that frugal is what we are with someone else’s money, but cheap is what it is called when it comes to our personal money.

It certainly seems that frugality is now commonplace in law firm libraries, as budget constraints continue to be our top challenge. Results of Outsell’s *2009 Information Management Benchmark* study shared during the presentation show that “library budgets are flat or falling” and the “profitability that made life relatively easy for firm libraries for many years is gone and partners used to getting everything they pointed at are facing new, more rigorous purchasing practices”. Proof of this trend was born out by a show of hands of those in attendance overwhelmingly indicating that many of them have been affected by loss of funding, staffing, and/or space in their libraries.

Prior to his presentation Michael polled firm librarians via an informal survey seeking ideas and solutions successfully utilized to address the lean times in which we find ourselves. The survey sought suggestions/solutions across six broad areas, the results of which he shared during his presentation.

- Staffing
 - If your patrons don’t see it, don’t do it (i.e. forego checking in your newsletters before routing them)
 - Utilize temporary help via outsourcing
 - Staff for the valleys, not the peaks (i.e. guarantees coverage during the busy times)
 - Hire library school students as unpaid interns
 - Share an administrative staff member with another department
 - Be honest about staffing challenges
 - Bill your time - proof of the need for your research/reference services

- Simple recognition (i.e. flex time, small gifts, words of encouragement) for staff to maintain motivation and morale
- Online Resources
 - Avoid paying twice for the same resource – de-duplication across resource formats - if online cancel print
 - Bundled product discounts
 - Use outside resources – your public library
 - Limit seat licenses to actual users, not firmwide
 - Mandatory training and schedule sessions with vendor reps
 - Monitor usage of resources
 - Be diligent in tracking outside contract use - educate, warning screens, hold accountable
- Cost Recovery
 - Require client number for sign-on
 - Utilize cost recovery manager product if possible
 - Bill back online costs
 - Distribute costs across all clients
 - Alternative billing – built into in billing rates
- Print Resources
 - Approval committee for new purchases
 - Subscribe to advance sheets only for case reporters
 - Purchase selected volumes instead of the entire set
 - Factor in cost of supplementation before purchase
 - Svengalis method of updating-alternate years on updates
 - Inter-Library Loans for resource sharing
 - Write a book review get the book for free
- Office Copies
 - Cancel library copy of widely distributed office copies
 - Price awareness via writing the cost on the front cover
 - Rubber band method-if still there when new edition delivered cancel it
 - Require them to pay for office copies out of their own firm account
 - There's an app for that – Black's Law Dictionary etc.
- Continuing Education and Training
 - Local opportunities
 - Webinars – less expensive
 - Split cost of attendance
 - Scholarships / Grants
 - Vendor paid meetings – TRIPLL/AMPLL
- Green Libraries
 - Email instead of printing
 - 2-sided
 - Recycle cover sheets or don't print them at all

Michael's presentation provided many great suggestions for being frugal, but in my mind also begged thoughtful answers to many questions. Chief among them:

Do attorneys really need individual office copies of select volumes of their states statutes when the same statutes can likely be retrieved as part of the firm's unlimited flat-rate content on Westlaw or Lexis? Is the new leaner world of library resources that has been forced on us as a result of the economic downturn really a blessing in disguise, in that it allows us to say no to and get support for unnecessary and unchecked spending that we wish we could have done before the downturn?

As a result of the difficult economic times in which we now operate, the business of law is indeed undergoing significant changes. As law librarians dealing with these changes, it behooves us to pursue new and innovate ways to manage our collections, budgets, and staff expenses. In my view practicing frugality is not a bad thing? What do you think? Furthermore, we can, indeed must, be frugal, albeit not cheap, and using the tips of the collective wisdom of our professional colleagues we can accomplish this task "relatively painlessly".

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***AALL 2010 – Using Pecha Kucha to Enhance Your Presentations
by Paul D. Venard, Zimmerman Law Library, University of Dayton***

I remember, as I'm sure many of us do, being introduced to the wonderful world of Microsoft Office; not only would word processing and the creation of spreadsheets be more intuitive, but Office also provided us with PowerPoint, a "crutch" to people like me who were not very comfortable with public speaking.

PowerPoint soon began making appearances in almost all presentations. The ease in creating slides, while also allowing for the importing of images and graphs, made it the top choice for many presenters. Unfortunately, as more presenters began relying on PowerPoint, more listeners became disenchanted with such presentations: slides became too complicated and crowded; everyone began reading the slides rather than listening to the speaker; and, the newness and variety of PowerPoint seemed to die, causing both speaker and listeners to lose enthusiasm over these presentations.

Consequently, PowerPoint became passé and boring. Fear not, Power Point is still a very useful software product that can still aid in these presentations; the key is to regain the enthusiasm for the product and to make it unique and exciting again.

In an effort to reenergize presentations and make this happen, Wendy Moore and Carol Watson, both from the University of Georgia Law Library, presented the idea of pecha kucha at the AALL Annual Conference in Denver. Not to be confused with the little yellow Pokemon running rampant over our televisions, pecha kucha consists of simplifying your Power Point (or any other similar) presentation to include 20 images, each appearing on the screen for 20 seconds;

these images are timed (using the utility in Power Point) to automatically forward as the speaker presents.

These slides, according to Ms. Moore and Ms. Watson, should consist primarily of images, which can be, but need not be, literal interpretations of the talking point. These images are intended to visually engage the audience, while also preventing the speaker from becoming sidetracked. This method still requires the speakers to present actual, useful content, but it also allows them to be creative in how they do it.

Pecha kucha is still developing, meaning there is no real or right wrong way to do it; instead it is more of a set of guidelines. It allows the use of an already known software program, used in a new way. With the timed rapid progression of the slides, it requires the speaker to stay on point and present only relevant information; at the same time, it will require the listener to pay attention instead of merely reading ahead (difficult to do when the slides are only images representing a concept) and ignoring the speaker.

I for one have become a victim of “death by Power Point” (as the speakers put it), and feel that many presenters are in the same boat. It is up to us to constantly find new ways to engage our audience to present relevant information without putting them to sleep. Pecha kucha may be new and take some time for it to catch on, but at least we now have an option at our disposal to attempt to engage our audiences in a new and exciting way.

I would like to thank ORALL for their generosity in providing a scholarship enabling me to attend the AALL Annual Conference in Denver this year.

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***Scholarships Available
For the ORALL Annual Meeting !!!
October 20-22, 2010 Canton, OH***

While there is no “I” in Team, I would strongly recommend that you join the ORALL Team in Canton in October. There will be many opportunities to learn from your teammates in formal educational programs and to form relationships with teammates in social settings so that you may call on them for help with future questions and problems. The Program for our meeting describes an exciting array of educational sessions to help us team up to tackle our mutual and common challenges.

The ORALL Board encourages members to attend the ORALL Annual Meeting if possible. To ensure this possibility for **three** (3) ORALL members, the ORALL Board is pleased to announce that **three** \$250 scholarships are available for application by the ORALL membership to attend the ORALL Annual Meeting in Canton, OH!

Two of the scholarships are aimed at newer ORALL members (members of ORALL for three years or less). One of the scholarships is aimed at veteran ORALL members. If fewer than two newer members apply, scholarships aimed at newer members may be awarded to a veteran member applicant. If no veteran member applies, the scholarship aimed at veteran members may be awarded to a newer member applicant.

The ORALL Executive Board requires that scholarship recipients prepare a short article for the ORALL Newsletter. Details will be provided along with notification of the scholarship award. The ORALL Board encourages application for the scholarships no matter the type or size of your organization. Complete the following form and return to:

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Applications must be received by September 17, 2010.

All applicants will be notified by October 8, 2010.

If you would like to receive the application form in an electronic version, please e-mail Tom at hanley@udayton.edu



ORALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
ORALL Canton, OH, October 20-22, 2010

Application Deadline (complete application and any attachments must be received by): September 17, 2010

1. Name: _____

2. Organization Name:

3. Address:

4. Phone (include area code):

5. E-mail address:

6. Employment in Law Librarianship (include dates and places; if currently a student please indicate school):

7. Other recent employment:

8. Education:

9. Professional Activities and Committee Memberships:

10. Member of ORALL since: _____

11. What percentage of your expenses will your employer pay for you to attend this meeting? _____

12. Have you previously attended ORALL meetings? If so, when?

13. Please describe your responsibilities in your current position:

14. Please attach a summary of your career goal and a statement of how you will benefit from attending this meeting.

15. Please include one letter of recommendation from a person familiar with your work, potential and need of this scholarship.

Feel free to expand on any answer on a separate, attached sheet.

Complete this form and return (1) by email to: hanley@udayton.edu, (2) by FAX to: 937-229-2555, or (3) by US Mail to:

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AALL Announcements

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Information without Borders? Copyright, the Internet and Librarians](#).

This 54-minute MP3 recording features William F. Patry, author of *Patry on Copyright* and *Patry on Fair Use*. Beginning with an overview of his career path and the growth of his interest in copyright law, Patry relates how his experience of research—and specifically research for his books—has changed through the growth of the internet. His premise is that access to information is far greater now through the internet than through the physical law library, allowing differing perspectives on legal topics. He finds this increase of information from sources beyond the standard law library leads to more interesting legal writing.

Patry goes on to address the misconception that the internet is not bound by any country or any country's laws. He discusses how countries are able to regulate the internet by blocking access and enforcing local laws and even regulate outside their own borders by enforcing judgments over other countries. Copyright law is one example of how the internet as a borderless entity is an illusion.

Find this and more than 60 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go](#)!

Mark Your Calendar: Professional Legal Management Week, October 4-8

Professional Legal Management Week (PLMW) provides a forum for recognizing those in legal management for what they do and the roles they play in the success of their organizations. AALL is one of 11 associations co-sponsoring the event with the [Association of Legal Administrators \(ALA\)](#).

AALL members are encouraged to plan and promote events for the week. The [Professional Legal Management Week Web site](#) includes resources to help you set up events, including a fact sheet, suggestions for planning events, a flyer, logos, and advertisements.

For more information or to renew your membership online, view the [application form](#) on AALLNET. If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312/205-8022.

Submit a Program Proposal for AALL 2011 in Philadelphia

Were you inspired by the AALL programs you saw or heard this year in Denver? Have you talked (blogged or tweeted) with a colleague or two about what would make for an even better program next year? Please consider submitting a program proposal for the 2011 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Philadelphia, July 23-26.

Use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal in your own workspace, share it with your colleagues, and **submit it online by September 15**. Helpful resources include:

- The [Program Proposer's Handbook](#)
- The [Proposer Quick Glance](#)

[Perfect Program Proposals: A Webinar for Annual Meeting Program Planning](#)

2009 AALL Price Index for Legal Publications

The [2009 AALL Price Index for Legal Publications](#) is now available in the Members Only Section of AALLNET. The table-based report includes details for the mean cost of titles and percentage increases over previous years for serial publications, legal periodicals, loose-leaf services, commercially published court reporters, and supplemented treatises.

The purpose of the *Price Index* is to provide members with comparative information about past price changes in order to help with budgeting and collection development decisions. In gathering information for the *Price Index*, the AALL Price Index for Legal Publications Committee asks publishers to provide their pricing. If a publisher declines to do so, its pricing is not included in the index.

61st Annual ORALL Conference



"TEAMWORK"



Join the team at the 61st Annual ORALL meeting in Canton, Ohio on October 20 - 22, 2010.

The 2010 ORALL meeting has been planned around the theme – *TEAMWORK*. We hope to see your ORALL team spirit as we kick-off the program with an action-packed evening at the Canton Pro Football Hall of Fame. To expand on your professional skills, the conference agenda has many educational program options. Plus, there is a great line-up of speakers who will help you to set new goals and inspire you to tackle issues in your law library.

The conference site is the elegant and historical McKinley Grand Hotel in Downtown Canton. It is conveniently located close to the First Ladies Library and Museum where the Local Arrangements Committee has planned guided tours on Wednesday afternoon. The Stark County Law Library will also be available at that time to welcome you for a tour of its library and collection.

For Wednesday night's Opening Reception at the Pro Football Hall of Fame, you will enjoy a hearty buffet, followed by our exceptional guest speaker and member of the Hall of Fame, former Steeler wide receiver - LYNN SWANN (bring your camera)! You can tour the museum, view exhibits, take in a lot of football history and check out the gift shop.

On Thursday, after a full day of fascinating educational programs, you will have the opportunity to get together with fellow law librarians at a wonderful banquet in the McKinley Grand Ballroom. Entertainment will be provided and afterwards the annual "games night" (Euchre tournament included) will be held in the hospitality suite where a very special "anniversary" cake will be served for dessert. As an added attraction, the Friday morning breakfast and ORALL Business Meeting will be held nearby at the beautiful and newly redecorated Canton Club located one block from the hotel.

Our AALL visitor will be Executive Board Member Janet McKinney, joining us from Shook, Hardy and Bacon, LLP in Kansas City, Missouri, where she is the Knowledge Management Librarian. We are pleased to have her join us as ORALL celebrates its 40th anniversary as a chapter of the AALL.

Canton has many attractions, such as the McKinley Presidential Library and the Canton Classic Car Museum, plus much more. If you'd like to arrive early or extend your visit, the hotel rates for ORALL will be honored Monday through Saturday night.

The registration packet is on the ORALL website at <http://www.orall.org/AM2100/ORALL2100AMreg.pdf>. Be sure to send in your registration today. We look forward to having you on the roster!

See you at the Hall of Fame!

Jan Morley & Beth Langton
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