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Holiday Greetings everyone –

Here in Valparaiso, fall seems to be sliding into winter and I am just finishing off the last items on my immediate ORALL to-do list following the Canton meeting. What a meeting it was! The opening reception at the NFL Hall of Fame was incredible – as was Lynn Swann. Canton was charming – as was Mary Regula, and the planning was great down to the smallest details. Many thanks to the Education Committee for putting together such a fine slate of programs and especially to the Canton Local Arrangements Committee for knocking this one out of the park (perhaps that should have been a football metaphor). I would also like to thank those of you who volunteered to serve on ORALL committees this past year or for the coming year. ORALL simply would not be the great organization that it is without your enthusiasm and involvement.

As I recall the Canton meeting and turn to other tasks before me, I can't help but notice a consistent theme running

through many of the projects I've been working on lately, and that is the need to embrace change or potentially stressful situations for the opportunities they represent. Take three seemingly unrelated examples I've worked on in the past week: planning for next semester and the inclusion of WestlawNext into our legal research syllabus, writing an article on e-readers for the student newspaper, and composing an article on Alan Canfora, our surprise guest at the ORALL meeting, for *AALL Spectrum*.

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Planning for the spring semester of legal research here at Valpo, with our emphasis on electronic legal research, is currently causing me more angst than usual as I consider how best to incorporate WestlawNext into the syllabus. This year we seem to be teaching a crop of students who have never encountered print indexes or been required read for detail. Can I seriously be considering introducing them to a single Google-esque search box? Can I then trust that they will also take the time to carefully craft a terms and connectors search and select a limited database when it would be more efficient for them to do so? My hesitation diminishes as I consider that law schools everywhere are encountering this same generation of law students. These students will be the next generation of lawyers – and libraries and publishers alike need to learn to evolve to meet their needs. Complaining about our perceptions of their shortcomings doesn't solve the problem or prepare them to succeed in their chosen profession. While we can make an effort to teach skills that others have not required of them in the past, it is also up to those of us who teach them to adapt our approach to suit their strengths.

The column I wrote on e-readers for our student newspaper left me with many of the same feelings. A recent *New York Times* article reported that by the end of this year, 10.3 million Americans will own e-readers, purchasing 100 million e-books – tripling those same statistics from one year ago. While such statistics may lead some people to question the future of both the book and the library (and by extension my profession – okay I'm thinking of my father-in-law here), it's important to view developments like these as opportunities rather than threats. Yes, digital materials are either replacing or complementing their print counterparts at an increasing rate and these developments are, in large part, being embraced by the public. However, it seems as though reliable information is becoming harder to find with the addition of electronic sources rather than easier. For this reason, libraries will endure. The current struggles we all face (as we decide how best to manage our collections with an eye on both our budgets and what our libraries might look like ten years from now) should be viewed not as threats to our libraries, but as opportunities to redefine or reinvent ourselves to meet the evolving needs of our patrons.

A similar theme can be found in Alan Canfora's story. For those of you who were unable to attend the Canton meeting, Alan became known to all of us present during a program on the historical legal aftermath of the Kent State shootings. The program was given by Niki Schwartz, a Cleveland attorney who was the President of the Ohio Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union in 1970 following the shootings as well as one of the attorneys involved in representing the shooting victims and their families. Unknown to everyone present at this program was that one of Mr. Schwartz's former clients, Alan Canfora, was joining us that day for his first ORALL meeting. Alan was one of the nine students shot by Ohio National Guardsmen on May 4, 1970 who survived their injuries. As if his presence at the meeting were not sufficiently coincidental, his occupation

seemed to be: Alan has recently become a reference librarian at the Akron Law Library.

The path Alan's life was on forever changed following the shootings. A pre-law business major before the experience, Alan soon found himself deeply involved in investigating and writing about the Kent State shootings. This eventually led him to pursue his M.L.S. and a career in librarianship (among other professional pursuits). While writing about Alan's experiences, I noticed the change theme again: while Alan's traumatic experience could have set him on any number of paths, he ultimately used that experience in a positive way, embracing his role in this historical incident to educate others about it, and also to serve others through a career in librarianship - something I'm sure he never imagined before this crisis in his life took place.

So where is the stressful situation in your library or your professional life that you can embrace for the possibilities for change it represents? Most of us don't need to look too far to find such situations – we just need to learn to look at them in a different light.

That's all for now – besides wishing you all joyous and peaceful holidays, and a new year filled with possibilities and fresh perspectives.

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ORALL 2010: Canton, Ohio

"Slow Libraries: Creating Time for Quality & Teamwork" **By Maureen Anderson, Reference Librarian, Zimmerman Law Library, University of Dayton**

Amy Burchfield, Access and Faculty Services Librarian, from the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, introduced the exciting new concept of "Slow Libraries" at the ORALL Conference in Canton, Ohio this past October.

So, what is the Slow Movement? Well, according to its website, the Slow Movement aims to address the issue of "time poverty" through making connections (www.slowmovement.com). Ms. Burchfield enlightened us about the genesis and philosophy of this movement, and explored ways in which this principal could be incorporated into libraries to improve relationships and management.

Originating as the Slow Food Movement, the idea has morphed into slow reading, slow travel, slow money, and now . . . slow libraries. It is a theory that has grown exponentially from its origins in Italy in the 1980s. In 1986, McDonalds planned to build a franchise in Piazza di Spagna in Rome, but was met with such opposition that the plan was scrapped. Believers in the Slow Food Movement felt

that fast food would erode local culture and destroy the pleasures of dining socially.

The Slow Library Movement is a movement that fosters teamwork, allows for quality interactions, while allowing time for real communication. As Ms. Burchfield shared, this culture shift away from the hurried pace of modern life allows time for connections and teamwork in all aspects of life. The slow philosophy is not about doing everything at a snail's pace; it simply fights the notion that faster is always better.

Librarians suffer under the same pressure to stay connected and go faster just like everyone else, but has it gone too far? While it is important for librarians to remain aware and comfortable with current technologies, the slow movement espouses the belief that personal connections can never be replaced with electronics. Human interaction is critical to learning and growth. Staff and patrons must be given time to learn. A fast answer is not always the best answer.

In order to meet patron needs, librarians are responding to questions in new and exciting ways – via e-mail, texting, chat, etc., but has it become “fast food” research? Patron expectations are greater than ever before. If the answer isn't within two clicks on the Internet, then the researcher simply doesn't believe that the answer is available. The Slow Library Movement, particularly in law libraries, may be just the answer we need.

Thank you to the ORALL Scholarship Committee for giving me the opportunity to attend the meeting in Canton. I thoroughly enjoyed the Football Hall of Fame as well as the core programming.

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Legal History of the Kent State Shootings

By Paul D. Venard, Reference Librarian, Zimmerman Law Library, University of Dayton

2010 marks the 40th anniversary of the infamous shootings at Kent State University. At the ORALL annual meeting this past October in Canton, Niki Schwartz, a Cleveland attorney who also served as the Ohio ACLU President in 1970, shared his experiences regarding his involvement in both the civil and criminal actions that arose from these shootings

Mr. Schwartz informed us all of his meetings with parents of the victims and students involved in resulting lawsuits. He also vividly recalled the events leading up to the shootings. With the use of his personal narratives and document reproductions, Mr. Schwarz painted a picture which demonstrated the uproar over this “unnecessary, unwarranted and inexcusable” event.

The issues did not stop once the shootings were over, as Mr. Schwarz discussed the constitutional challenges made in relation to this event. Rooms were searched without warrants or probable cause, leading to weapons and drug charges. There were also First Amendment challenges by those who were barred from making statements or demonstrating outside of the courthouse.

And yet, even after the court hearings concluded, there was the issue of what to do with the historical materials from the Hearings. The ACLU was intent on preserving the materials but did not trust any Ohio institution at the time to do so; as such, the materials were promised to Yale. However, the court issued rulings on how to deal with certain documents which were cost prohibitive causing the documents to sit until 2006. The ACLU still has boxes which have not been cleared for release; there is hope that these documents will be made available one day due to the historic interest in the matter.

This talk was a good change of pace in reminding us of such a historic event or, for some of us, hearing all the details for the first time. And while not directly centering on our roles as modern day librarians, it does serve to remind us of our need to preserve the past and ensure that important historical documents are properly preserved for the future; without the preservation of these documents, much of the information may have been lost.

I would like to thank ORALL for providing the opportunity to attend the annual meeting and attend informational and interesting sessions such as this.

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(picture courtesy of Jan Morley)



Pro Football Hall of Fame



Lynn Swann – Guest Speaker at the Pro Football Hall of Fame

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ORALL Announcements

On September 15, Beau Steenken became the newest reference librarian at the University of Kentucky Evans Law Library. Beau has his JD and M.S.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin, an MA in History from Texas State University-San Marcos, and an L.L.M. in Public International Law from the University of Nottingham.

Amy Osborne, Head of Public Services at the University of Kentucky Law Library, will begin a new position in January 2011 as Branch Manager at the Boone County Public Library in Northern Kentucky. Ms. Osborne was recently the president of SEAALL, and present at the recent ORALL conference in Canton.

James M. Donovan will become the new Director of the Evans Law Library at the University of Kentucky on December 1. He succeeds Helane Davis, who is now the Director at Albany Law Library. Dr. Donovan was previously Faculty and Access Services Librarian at the University of Georgia Law Library.

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Changes and Additions to the ORALL 2010-2011 Directory

p. 4 In Bloomington, under Legal Information Preservation Alliance, omit phone and fax number 812-361-7114

p. 5 Under Indiana University School of Law, change job title for Debra Denslaw from Reference/Resource Sharing Librarian to Reference/Circulation Librarian; change job title for Wendell Johnting from Technical Services Librarian to Cataloging and Government Documents Librarian

p. 6 Under Indiana University School of Law, change job title for Kiyoshi Otsu from Technology/Media Librarian to Automated Services and Media Librarian

p. 6 Omit listing for Office of the Indiana Attorney General

p. 7 Under Lexington under University of Kentucky, add:

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p. 8 Under Michigan, add:

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p. 8 Under New York, add:

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p. 9 Under Akron Law Library, omit listing for Mary Leonardi and add **Alan**

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p. 9 Omit listings for Matthew W. Powell and Jill Williams under University of Akron

p. 9 Add:

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p. 10 In Blacklick, change Christina George's email address from
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to george.386@buckeyemail.osu.edu

p. 10 In Cambridge, change email address for Guernsey County Law Library
from guelawlibassn@verizon.net to guelawlibassn@frontier.com

p. 10 In Canton, omit Association from name for Stark County Law Library
Association

p. 11 Under Hamilton County Law Library , omit listing for Glenna Herald and add
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p. 13 Under Cleveland State University, change email address for Jan Ryan
Babbit from jan.novak@law.csuohio.edu to jan.babbit@law.csuohio.edu

p. 14 Under Cleveland State University, change job title for Jacquelyn McCloud
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Services/Reference Librarian and change email address from

jacquelyn.mccloud@law.scuohio.edu to
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p. 14 Omit the comma after Hahn in the firm name Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP

p. 16 Under The Ohio State University, add
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p. 16 Under Supreme Court of Ohio Law Library, convert all email addresses to the format first name.last name@sc.ohio.gov The email address for Erin Waltz is in the proper format

p. 17 In Findlay, omit phone number (317) 977-1570 under name Deborah L. Ward at Hancock County Law Library Association

p. 22 Under University of Toledo, omit listing for Diane S. Bitter and change job title for Claudia Dansby from Acquisitions Librarian to Head of Acquisitions & Serials Department.

p. 35 Under listing for Bednar, Susan, omit Association from name for Stark County Law Library Association

p. 35 Omit listing for Bitter, Diane S.

p. 36 Add **Canfora, Alan**

Akron Law Library, Akron, OH 9

p. 36 Under listing for Capozzi, Ann, omit Association from name for Stark County Law Library Association

p. 37 Add:

Cooper, Matthew

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p. 37 Omit listing for Davidson, Alice

p. 37 Add **Demido, Elisha**

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p. 37 Add:

Dixon-Caldwell, Laura

Hamilton County Law Library Cincinnati, OH 11

p. 40 Omit listing for Glenna Herald

p. 40 Omit comma after Hahn in firm name in listing for Hersch, Susan B.

p. 41 Under listing for Hudspeth, Carol S. Hinkel, omit Association from name for Stark County Law Library Association

p. 42 Add:

Kruse, Edward

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p. 42 Omit listing for Leonardi, Mary

p. 43 Add:

McKenna, Jennifer

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p. 46 Omit listing for Powell, Matthew W.

p. 48 Add **Steenken, Beau**

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p.50 Omit listing for Williams, Jill

p. 50 Add:

Ziegler, Stephanie

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p. 51 Add Athens County Law Library Association Athens, OH 9

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