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President's Column – Steven Miller

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As my term as President enters the summertime, many important events are well into the planning stages and nearing completion. There is still much more to do however. The ORALL Committees and their Board liaisons are working on various important programs and activities. There will be an annual ORALL luncheon at the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, July 21-24. The ORALL, AALL Local Arrangements Committee for Boston activities is working on details to be announced in June.

This year, the ORALL Board was able to fund four scholarships to four members to help them attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. ORALL also will be offering four scholarships to members attending the 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting in Valparaiso, October 17-19. Stay tuned for announcements about ORALL scholarship applications to attend the ORALL Annual Meeting from Kathy Carrick, Grants and Scholarships Committee Chair.

Both the ORALL Valparaiso Local Arrangements Committee and the Education Committee have been busy preparing a fantastic annual meeting on the scenic campus of Valparaiso University later this year. Steve Probst, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, has prepared an extraordinary venue to host this year's annual event. ORALL will have use of Valparaiso University's beautifully designed, state-of-the-art campus facilities and cutting-edge technology during the university's fall break.

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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 wonderful hospitality of the vibrant downtown Valparaiso business and restaurant community will be available to attendees. More importantly, Steve Probst and his Local Arrangements Committee have many exciting events planned for you on campus including outdoor activities to take advantage of the autumn weather, scenic landscape, and the traditional culture of Indiana. Steve's Local Arrangements Committee will be offering exceptional service and hospitality throughout the meeting to attendees and speakers.

Because Chicago is so close in proximity to Valparaiso, CALL (Chicago Association of Law Libraries) members have been invited to attend Thursday's (October 18) sessions. Collaboration between the two associations will be part of this year's event. The great City of Chicago will be available to everyone after the meeting. Only an hour from Valparaiso, Chicago has so much to offer with its famous museums, restaurants, shopping and theatre districts, stadiums, libraries, zoos, parks, and cultural events. Chicago is a great weekend getaway after the annual meeting.

Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Education Committee Chair, and her Education Committee have prepared an impressive list of program sessions and speakers that will be of interest to all ORALL members. Emily Janoski-Haehlen will be announcing the educational program content, speakers, and schedule for the 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting.

At this time, the ORALL Board would like to congratulate Emily Janoski-Haehlen on her recent appointment as Director of the Valparaiso University Law School Library. Emily begins her new appointment at Valparaiso in August. Emily will succeed Mary Persyn, the beloved library director and educator, who became a legendary contributor to our library profession, our library association, the community, and other organizations.

Emily will be greatly missed throughout the greater Cincinnati community – the community I have recently joined – having moved here in January from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Emily will impact ORALL as she succeeds me as ORALL President this fall at the conclusion of the business meeting on October 19. Emily's leadership and expertise will further propel ORALL forward in an era of change and new opportunities for our association members.

As many of you know, the 2013 ORALL Annual Meeting will be held in Toledo, Ohio. Details regarding the 2013 ORALL Annual Meeting in Toledo will be announced at our next business meeting during the 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting in Valparaiso on the morning of October 19, 2012.

The ORALL Board recently announced Columbus, Ohio as the location of the 2014 ORALL Annual Meeting. Several Columbus-area, ORALL members

already have volunteered to either be on the 2014 Local Arrangements Committee or sponsor tours of their libraries or both. If you are interested in volunteering to be on the 2014 ORALL Columbus Local Arrangements Committee or are interested in sponsoring a tour of your Columbus law library, please contact me, Steven R. Miller, at srmiller@cms.hamilton-co.org.

The Nominations Committee is working on preparing a slate of candidates for the ORALL election this year. Three ORALL Board positions are open including Vice-President, Secretary, and one Executive Board Member. If you are interested in nominating an ORALL member to one of these three board positions, contact Ken Kozlowski, Nominations Committee Chair, at Ken.Kozlowski@sc.ohio.gov.

The current list of ORALL Committees can be found at http://orall.org/?page_id=15. If you are still interested in volunteering for an ORALL committee or writing for the highly-acclaimed ORALL newsletter (Paul Venard, Editor-in-Chief), please contact me, Steven R. Miller, at srmiller@cms.hamilton-co.org. The ORALL committee chairs and board liaisons still need your help, and Paul Venard still needs newsletter articles from ORALL members. It has been through active participation and committee involvement that our library association has been so successful over the years.

I hope to see many of you at AALL in Boston or at ORALL in Valparaiso this year. Best wishes to all of you in all of your endeavors this summer! If the ORALL Board or Committee Chairs can be of help to you, please let me know.

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What Do Our Patrons Need Today?

by Kim A. Crowthers, Clermont County Law Library

With the recent challenges presented to Ohio Law Libraries with the implementation of H.B. 420, it may no longer be enough to simply do our jobs well; we must learn how to do the things we do better and more effectively than ever before. Housing information that is important to our patrons has always been necessary but it is equally important to emphasize our value and deliver that information in a cost effective manner and in the way our patrons expect it. With the speed at which new technology is evolving, innovation has become imperative to the existence of our Law Libraries. I recently had the opportunity to attend the *Computers in Libraries Annual Conference Creating Innovative Libraries*, in Washington D.C., March 21-23. I thought other Ohio Law Libraries might find some of what I learned helpful and hopefully motivational.

The ultimate goal of libraries is to connect community with content. We have the content, we know our community, and we must continuously improve how we connect the two in ways that make the most sense for our library. What content

do our patrons want and need most? What format do they want it in? Are we keeping our libraries up to date with technology while still keeping up the ability to meet the needs of those who are technologically challenged? Does our staff know how to use all the technology we have? Can we deliver content electronically by email, by fax, or in hard copy, in person and with a smile? Do our users want websites with interactive technology such as blogs, tutorials or chat sessions? Do they want to follow us on Twitter or Facebook or access the catalog via their smartphone? It is up to us to determine what will keep our Law Library a viable, user friendly, and efficient resource that will keep our patrons coming back by delivering to them, what they want, in the format they want it and perhaps most importantly by making the interaction a pleasant *and* productive experience. These are the factors we need to consider when we think of innovative ideas for our libraries.

I have worked for the Clermont County Law Library for more than 24 years. The Law Librarian, Carol Suhre (who has 29 years) and I, together have an institutional knowledge base that few can challenge. We know what works and what doesn't. At this point in our careers it would be easy to just keep to business as usual, after all, we are good at what we do and provide trusted, safe and efficient service. However, we are aware that it is not enough to continue to do our job the same way we always have, regardless of how well we do that job.

So what do we do now... how do we innovate? How do we go from just fine tuning the skills we have to developing and encouraging the creation of 'new ways' of doing what needs done. It will require a culture change to start. We must begin to question the routines we have in place and the tried and true methods we use today. We must open up ourselves to new possibilities. We must promote and encourage imagination in our work environments by rewarding staff for new ideas. We must make sure staff has the appropriate skill set to implement and use the new tools purchased or the new technology just launched. We must allow time for staff to pursue those new skills and research new ideas. But at the same time we must be very careful not to throw out the baby with the bathwater. Change just for the sake of change rarely works and innovation at its best improves upon what already works. It's time to create and define new goals and a process that will allow the entire library (the people and the physical location) to evolve into an entity our patrons both need and enjoy visiting.

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2012 – The Year I LinkedIn
by Sherri L. Mrozek, Ulmer & Berne LLP

Since 2010, I have saved a Fortune magazine article entitled, *How LinkedIn Will Fire Up Your Career*. Being gainfully employed in the special library field for the last seven years, thankfully I have not had much of a need to probe into the job searching functionality of the social media craze.

I decided that 2012 would be my LinkedIn year. I pulled out the article and I registered to participate in an ALA webinar, *Social Media Resources for Increasing Your Job Search Effectiveness*.

While the article and ALA webinar provided insight into a variety of social media sites and their uses, the major starting point for LinkedIn or any social media site was strategically “branding” yourself. It is necessary to purposefully create your brand in the beginning. While linkrot exists, much can be found on the internet which you may not be able to make disappear. Branding was not an issue for me. There are no pictures of me online at the pool, and my Twitter account does not detail my daily life happenings. How I was going to be perceived online was how I conduct myself, professionally and in a businesslike manner.

Signing up for LinkedIn was a simple process and I immediately began to populate my profile. Both the article and the seminar recommended the following.

1. Make sure to add a picture. My professional photograph is forthcoming to my profile.
2. Complete your summary with two to four sentences to help the reader know something more about you.
3. Ask for recommendations. When you receive a recommendation, you will be rewarded with seeing what others think of your service but may not always convey verbally. You can also compliment the works of colleagues you appreciate.
4. Make sure you grow your connections by inviting people into your network.
5. Add books you’ve read to the reading list of your profile.
6. Recruiters often turn to groups so be sure to participate in them and remember to stay on brand.

Do not be overwhelmed by all of these steps. The process is enjoyable and reconnects you to your acquired skills and abilities while networking with present and past colleagues. The main goal is to “get found” if you are using LinkedIn as a job search tool. According to the webinar, 87% of organizations are using LinkedIn for recruiting. Since I am still prosperously employed in a law firm library, at this point I probably will not utilize LinkedIn for job searching but I do recognize the value of its networking opportunities.

Visit me on LinkedIn. I would love to “connect” for the betterment of the field and to network with other law librarians.

If you would like to learn more about LinkedIn as a job searching tool, please check out the archived ALA webinar at <http://joblist.ala.org/modules/jobseeker/multimedia.cfm>.

For further reading materials on the subject matter, the following are available to guide you.

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A Librarian in Cuba **by Angela Baldree, Lake County Law Library**

Every February 600,000 people attend an international book fair in Havana, Cuba. This book fair is held in the San Carlos de la Cabana fortress. Built in the 18th century by King Carlos III of Spain, the entire fortress is about 25 acres and is the largest fortress in the Americas.

Visiting Cuba has been on the top of my bucket list since I was a child. Days after turning 40, I received a solicitation email stating US librarian, authors, and bibliophiles could legally attend the book fair with a proper license. Spam or not, I had to look into this. I immediately went to the web site and found a Canadian travel agency that organizes this and other cultural tours to Cuba every year.

On July 8, 1963, 31 CFR Part 515, or the Trading with the Enemy Act was passed. For almost 50 years the US Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Asset Controls has administered a ban on US travelers going to Cuba. There are, however, two ways for US citizens to travel to Cuba legally. The first is through a General License. Visiting close relatives, official government business, journalistic activities, education activities, religious activities, and professional research are just some of the reasons a US citizen can obtain a General License.

Specific Licenses are another way of legally entering Cuba. These are issued by the Treasury Department on a case by case basis for reasons not covered under the General License. Athletic competitions, public performance or exhibitions, humanitarian projects, and marketing or sales of medicine or medicinal supplies are examples of reasons for a Specific License.

Travelers visiting Cuba on a Specific License need to apply for the license prior to their visit. They must wait for the Office of Foreign Asset Control to approve their trip. General Licenses consist of a blanket license the traveler fills out themselves and keeps with their travel documentation. Upon re-entry into the United States, an immigration official may ask a traveler to name all the countries visited during their time out of the US. In that case, the traveler can tell the official they were in Cuba and provide a copy of the General License.

I traveled to Cuba on a General License. A full time professional librarian attending an international book fair and visiting several public libraries qualifies as professional research. In preparing for this trip, I filled out my General License which I had notarized. I also maintained verification (by way of a letter signed by my board chair and a paystub) of my employment as a librarian, a cover letter explaining my reasons for travel, a current resume, and an itinerary showing my daily research while in Cuba.

Another unique preparation for this trip was the issue of money. There are no US banks in Cuba and they do not honor US currency. Unlike other international trips I have taken, I was not able to use travelers' checks or credit cards. A week before I left, I withdraw cash from my savings account in Canadian Dollars. Upon landing in Havana, I converted my Canadian Dollars into Cuban Convertible Pesos. This entire process was reversed on my way home.

I arrived in Havana on a Russian jet from Cancun, Mexico. Those who enjoy a good irony will be amused to learn that Cubana Airlines does have a first class section to their planes. I arrived on Saturday, February 11 to a very windy, overcast day with the temperatures in the mid 60's. Giant waves were crashing over the sea wall onto the Malecon, the picturesque, main boulevard in Havana. Our group of 18 checked into the historic Hotel Nacional. This hotel has been home to some of Hollywood's biggest legends including Frank Sinatra, Nat King Cole, Spencer Tracy, Marlon Brando, Robert De Niro, and Francis Ford Coppola. This hotel was also the back drop for some of the most notorious mafia meetings in the world, including the 1946 mob summit hosted by Lucky Luciano and Meyer Lansky which was depicted in Coppola's *Godfather Part II*. The hotel is located right on the edge of the Straight of Florida and during the October 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis trenches were dug throughout the property and anti-aircraft missiles lined the edge of the property. The concrete platforms for the missiles as well as the trenches are still visible today and part of a twice daily tour of the hotel and grounds.

On Sunday afternoon we finally made our way to the book fair. For those of you picturing an AALL convention hall with a few hundred book publishers lined up in neat rows displaying their wares, well, you couldn't be further from the truth. This book fair covers the 25 acres of the San Carlos de la Cabana fortress. Most people stood in line for hours to gain access. We had Special Visitor Passes

which got us through the gates immediately. Once inside the fortress we were completely overwhelmed by the sheer number of people. It was the largest gathering of people I have ever witnessed – larger than the Ohio State Fair, larger than Cedar Point on July 4, larger than the security line at O’Hare Airport!

On Monday morning we visited the Jose Marti National Library in Havana. Cuba has one national library, 15 provincial libraries, and 387 local public libraries. There are around a dozen Cuban publishing companies. When they publish a new book they are required to give three copies to the National Library and one copy to each of the provincial libraries. They can choose to give one to the public libraries or the public library may purchase one if they have money in their budget. We also visited the Cienfuegos Provincial Library on Thursday. Unlike our public libraries, only a small sample of their collection is available to be browsed by the public. Most titles are stored in closed shelving. As we toured the closed stacks the most unique item I found was a book called *Kim Jong-il: Lecciones Historicas De La Construccion Socialista y La Linea General De Nuestro Partido* (Historical Lessons of the Socialist Construction and the Main Line of Our Party).

The rest of our trip was rounded out with a visit to a small publishing company and two return trips to the book fair. We also found time to soak up a little sun at a near empty Caribbean Sea Beach in Trinidad, dance lessons at the home of a local woman and her family, a show at the Parisian Cabaret, and a tour of Habana Viejo.

The Trading with the Enemy Act prohibits US citizens from purchasing goods while in Cuba. The only exceptions to that rule are the purchase of books, music or art work. I did purchase a handful of books, one art print and one wooden sculpture during my trip. I was slightly disappointed that upon re-entry into the US neither the immigration nor customs officials inquired about my travels, and thus I had no need to show my General License.

Next year’s book fair trip will take place from February 9 - 16, 2013. If you are interested in more information I will be happy to provide that.



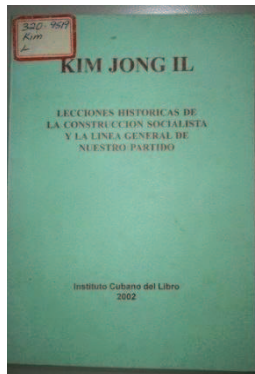
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Jose Marti National Library



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ORALL Minutes**April 6, 2011 Teleconference**

Present: Judy Maxwell, Steve Probst, Steve Miller, Mike Whiteman, Lisa Britt Wernke, Rick Goheen, Ken Kozlowski and Paul Venard

1. Meeting called to order at approximately 10 a.m., via teleconference, by Steve Probst.
2. Minutes of the 10/22/2010 meeting: Motion to approve as submitted by Angela Baldree, by Steve Probst, 2nd by Steve Miller, approved.
3. Treasurer's Report presented by Rick Goheen. Motion to approve as presented by Steve Miller, 2nd by Steve Probst, approved.

Note: In comparison to this time last year receipts are ahead by \$3,000.00. Membership is holding steady between 250 to 270. The difference between “on deposit” and money raised is cost of 2010 conference and deposits for 2011 conference.

4. Update on Cincinnati: Mike Whiteman & Lisa Britt Wernke. Working on revenue neutral event; planning going well; site will be Hyatt downtown, opening reception at the Underground Freedom Center, speaker to be David Singleton of the Ohio Justice & Policy Center; Theme – Navigating the Rivers of Change; food/menus being planned; Thurs. will be a “dine around” & games night; Lisa and Mary Jenkins are contacting potential donors; registration will be \$100.00 to \$120.00; large vendor participation is about the same as last year.
5. & 6.iii Education Committee: Steve Miller, theme is Navigating the Rapids of Change, Carol Furness to speak on networking & showcasing; proposal will circulate; recruiting speakers & creating Google docs for committee. Lisa Britt Wernke, West and Lexis will be providing onsite training. The paperwork for Ohio CLE takes at least 60 days, there have been no requests for Ky CLE, and Indiana paperwork is easy to do.
6. President’s Report: Steve Probst,
 - a. Committee reports
 - i. AALL Local Arrangements; see email re: ORALL get together national mechanics.
 - ii. Bylaws & Guidelines; See article in newsletter, committee has not yet met.
 - iii. See above.
 - iv. Gov’t Relations; no report. Monitoring CCA & budget process.
 - v. Internet; Sarah.glassmeyer@valpo.edu ; no report.
 - vi. Membership; Working on renewals and recruiting – who are potential members? What percent of potential are members currently?
 - vii. Newsletter; Paul Venard; see most recent edition, contacting West re: advertising; may include minutes in future newsletters.
 - viii. Nominations; no report.
 - ix. Grants; no applications received to date.
 - b. 2012 Meeting Update; Steve Probst, either 10/10 to 10/12 or 10/17-10/19 at Valpo, in new student union; will use nearby hotels & shuttle/buses.
 - c. SIG Reports; Private, who is current chair? No report. County Law Libraries; Jody Beal – meeting in Columbus 4/13 at the Ohio Judicial Center. Motion from committee for ORALL to pay up to \$50.00 for the

lunches of Judge Schneider and Desiree Forbes of the State Auditor's Office – 2nd Steve Probst, approved.

7. New business: Future minutes to go to Beth Langston, Sarah Glassmeyer, and Paul Venard. Judy to discuss with Beth project to record old minutes, store online?, and etc.

Adjourned shortly after 1:00 p.m.

Judy Maxwell
Secretary

**ORALL Business Meeting
October 22, 2010
McKinley Grand Hotel
Canton OH**

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:23 by President, Ken Kozlowski.
2. Carol Bredemeyer, representing the AALL Executive Board reported on AALL activities.
 - a. In spring the board adopted the 2010-2013 strategic directions and is currently assigning committees to carry out each of the directives.
 - b. President Duggan's initiative was member recognition. Some of the new awards being given out are the AALL Hall of Fame Award, Emerging Leader Award, Volunteer Service Award, and the Distinguished Lectureship Award.
 - c. AALL weathered 2010 financially better than most organization, but some cost cutting was done. Headquarter staff was reduced by 1, there were no salary increases this past year, most travel was suspended, the organization dropped its IFLA membership. The 2010-11 budget does provide for restoration of travel. The SIS dues will increase in 2011 from \$15 to \$20.
 - d. There is a new vendor liaison (Margaret Maes) and she will be hosting vendor colloquium in Feb.
 - e. AALL2GO rebroadcasts program sessions and is a great way to view annual meeting sessions if unable to travel
 - f. The new AALLNET website will launch this fall
 - g. There will be changes to the Annual Meeting Schedule. All committee meetings will be on Saturday from 3-5, the opening event will be from 5-6:30 in the exhibition hall, the symposium will move to Sunday, the business meeting will be later on Monday afternoon, there will be no closing banquet, the no conflict exhibit hall time on Tuesday will be expanded.

- h. Next year's AALL Annual Meeting will be July 23 – 26, 2011 in Philadelphia..
- 3. Secretary's Report
 - a. Angela Baldree presented the minutes from the 2009 Annual Business Meeting. Mary Jenkins moved, Keith Blough seconded and the minutes were passed unanimously.
- 4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Rick Goheen presented the fiscal year (October 1, 2009 – October 1, 2010). His report is attached.
- 5. Bylaw IX Vote (Name change of "Scholarship Committee" to "Grants Committee")
 - a. The Secretary sent out an email 90 days prior to this meeting for proposed change of name for the Scholarship Committee. They have requested their name be changed to Grants Committee as it more accurately reflects what they do. This proposal passed unanimously.
- 6. Election of Appointed VP. Due to opening in the current Vice President/President Elect, Steve Probst was appointed by Ken Kozloski earlier in the year. The members unanimously passed a measure to retain him in that position. Election of 2010-2011 Officers
- 7. New Officers.
 - a. The Nomination Committee has given a slate of the following names for officers for 2010 – 2011. The membership unanimously passed the slate of nominations.
 - i. VP/President Elect - Steven Miller (IUPUI)
 - ii. Secretary – Judith Maxwell (Delaware County Law Library)
 - iii. Exec. Bd. Member – Lisa Britt-Wernke (Univ. Cincinnati)
- 8. President's Report
 - a. Committee Reports
 - i. AALL Local Arrangements - Angela Baldree reported that there was no formal gathering in Denver, however several county SIG members were together to receive the Robert L. Oakly Advocay Award.
 - ii. Bylaws and Guidelines - Ken Kozlowski gave no report
 - iii. Education - Steve Probst presented his report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - iv. Government Relations - Mary Jenkins presented her report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - v. Internet - Sarah Glassmeyer presented her report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - vi. Membership - SaraJean Petite presented her report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - vii. Newsletter - Paul Venard presented his report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - viii. Nominations - Mike Whiteman gave his report and it is attached to these minutes.

- ix. Grants - Tom Hanley gave his report and it is attached to these minutes.
- b. SIG Reports
 - i. County Law Libraries - Mary Jenkins gave her report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - ii. Private Law Libraries – Beth Langdon gave her report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - iii. Kentucky Law Libraries - No report
- 9. New Business
 - a. Ken Kozlowski led the group in a moment of silence for the passing of Life Member Polly Richter.
 - i. Canton Local Arrangements Committee - Beth Langton gave her report and it is attached to these minutes.
 - b. Cincinnati 2011 Local Arrangements - Mike Whiteman reminded everyone to take the goodie bags hanging from all the chairs in preparation for the 2011 meeting in Cincinnati.
 - c. Locations for 2012 and 2013 Meetings
 - i. 2012 – Valparaiso, IN
 - ii. 2013 – Toledo, OH
- 10. New Officers / Passing of the Gavel
 - a. Ken Kozlowski thanked Angela Baldree, Maureen Anderson, and Shannon Kemen as outgoing executive board members.
 - b. New President Steve Probst reminded everyone to sign up for committees
- 11. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12.

Respectfully submitted by,

Angela T. Baldree, MLS
Secretary

Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resource Boards
by Angela Baldree, Lake County Law Library

The Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resource Boards has been busy giving away money! Congratulations to the following 19 counties on being awarded grants: Ashland, Ashtabula, Belmont, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Erie, Fairfield, Geauga, Guernsey, Hamilton, Highland, Huron, Jefferson, Lucas, Mahoning, Preble, Sandusky, Seneca, and Stark. The board originally allocated \$50,000 in award money, but due to the terrific response and quality grant ideas, a total of \$57,770 was awarded. Grant recipients should be receiving their funds

soon and will have until January 15, 2013 to report to the consortium board on final purchases.

Grants were awarded for technology purchases such as new desktops, laptops, and tablets. Librarians requested grant money to attend training and education courses, including attendance at the 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting. Databases including EBSCOHost and Gale's Legal Forms will also be purchased using grant money.

The consortium board also agreed to purchase another \$1066 worth of Matthew Bender handbooks for each of the county law libraries. These are updated editions of titles previously purchased by the consortium. Libraries should expect delivery of these books between now and October. To date the consortium has provided more than \$2600 worth of handbooks to each of the 88 county law libraries.

Loislaw presented a proposal for its Primary Law National library. Libraries have until August 1, 2012 to respond to this offer. Anyone needing more information may contact Angela Baldree at Angela.Baldree@sc.ohio.gov.

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Make AALL Count: Learn Something New!

by James W. Hart, Associate Senior Reference Librarian, University of Cincinnati

At FCIL's program, ***Piercing the Veil of Sovereignty: The Sources of International Human Rights Law***, you'll learn how the major human rights institutions work, how to analyze human rights issues, and where relevant legal sources are most likely to be found. In the first part Marci Hoffman and Mary Rumsey will describe the charter-based and treaty-based bodies of the UN. In the second part Gloria Orrego Hoyos of Argentina will cover the OAS, Inter-American Commission, and Inter-American Court's activities; and James Hart will describe the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. The program is co-sponsored by ALL and RIPS. Both parts will be on **Sunday, July 22nd**; the first will be from **1:15 to 2:45** in **HCC room 312** and the second will be from **3:45 to 5:00** in the same room. Ms. Hoffman and Ms. Rumsey are the authors of *INTERNATIONAL AND FOREIGN LEGAL RESEARCH* (Martinus Nijhoff 2nd ed. 2012). Ms. Orrego Hoyos was the winner of the Schaffer Grant for Foreign Law Librarians last year and Mr. Hart is the author of *The European Human Rights System*, 102 Law Libr. J. 533 (2010).

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***Call for Program Proposals: 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting,
October 17-19***

Do you have an interesting or hot topic you want to present at the 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting in Valparaiso? Or do you think you know someone who would be a great speaker for a program? If so, please submit your program proposals or speaker ideas to Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Chair of the Education Committee at janoskie@nku.edu.

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ORALL Announcements

ORALL-SIG meeting of the County Law Librarians, on 4.25, in Delaware County, OH.

Judy Maxwell, Delaware County Law Librarian, hosted 28 County Law Librarians on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, as part of the ORALL-SIG: County Law Libraries. Also in attendance were Franklin County Judge Charles Schneider, of the State Law Library Resources Board (LLRB), and John Patterson of the Ohio Attorney General's office. The speaker was Minerva Elizaga, staff attorney with the Ohio Supreme Court Board of the Unauthorized Practice of Law, on the topic of "Legal Advice vs. Legal Information."





AALL Announcements

Master the Skills for Professional Networking

Networking skills can increase library visibility, professional credibility, and collaboration across your library, your larger institution, and your greater community. A new webinar, [Make the Connection: Mastering the Skills for Professional Networking](#), on **June 21 at 11 a.m. CDT**, will teach you the dos and don'ts of interacting effectively and the skills and confidence to navigate any networking opportunity.

Learn:

- Pre-planning techniques for networking events
- Best practices for professional interactions
- Networking pitfalls to avoid
- Effective follow-up etiquette

Be prepared for AALL's biggest networking event – the [AALL Annual Meeting](#) in Boston, July 21-24. [Register by June 14.](#)

There's Still Time to Register for the 2012 AALL Annual Meeting

Designed by law librarians, for law librarians, the [AALL Annual Meeting](#) is an event you look forward to every year. Join nearly 2,000 of your colleagues from across the country to find out what they are doing in their libraries.

This year in Boston, July 21-24, you can look forward to:

- [Keynote speaker Richard Susskind](#)
- [Nearly 100 educational sessions](#)

- A day-long [special series of legal technology programs](#)
- [A bustling Exhibit Hall featuring about 100 vendors](#)
- The return of the [Association Luncheon](#)
- Connecting with the people who understand the issues you face every day

Make sure your plans for this summer include the No.1 educational conference for legal information professionals—you can't afford to miss it. [Register today!](#)

Spread the word to your nonmember colleagues: **Nonmember Conference Registration packages include a complimentary one-year AALL membership.** By joining us in Boston, they'll be joining AALL!

A New AALL Membership Year is Underway—Don't Miss Out!

AALL's new membership year just began on June 1. If you haven't renewed already, be sure you do today so you don't miss out on valuable member benefits.

- **Career resources**, such as the online [AALL Career Center](#) and [continuing education](#) to help you learn new skills to advance in your career
- **Access to specialized information** created just for law librarians, such as the [AALL Biennial Salary Survey](#) and the [AALL Price Index for Legal Publications](#)
- **Subscriptions** to the monthly magazine, [AALL Spectrum](#), and quarterly journal, [Law Library Journal](#), to help you keep up on the latest trends in law librarianship
- **The opportunity to network and connect with other law librarians** from across the country who share similar interests and are facing the same challenges
- **Discounted rates on all AALL products and services**, such as publications, webinars, and online job postings.

AALL is offering a discounted membership rate for AALL members who are recently unemployed (\$58 instead of \$228). Unemployed AALL members should fill out the [online form](#).

Find more information or [renew your membership online](#). If you have any questions about your membership renewal, contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312/205-8022.