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President's Column – Steven Miller

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63rd ORALL Annual Meeting and Conference, October 17-19, 2012

As my term as President enters the autumn season, the planning stages for our annual meeting are now complete. From Wednesday October 17 to Friday October 19, 2012, ORALL will hold its 63rd Annual Meeting and Conference, "A Fresh Perspective" on the beautiful campus of Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Registration is now open and available. Click [here](http://orall.org) for registration and other information about the upcoming annual meeting or go to our homepage at <http://orall.org>. Much time, effort, and preparation has gone into this year's annual meeting. Steve Probst and Local Arrangements Committee members have planned a spectacular number of events for attendees this year. And Emily Janoski-Haehlen and Education Committee members have put together an impressive number of education programs for all.

CALL and MichALL Members Invited to Attend ORALL Annual Meeting and Conference

Members of both the Chicago Association of Law Libraries (CALL) and the Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL) have been extended invitations to attend the conference education sessions.

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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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With Chicago being just one hour away by car or train from Valparaiso, the City of Chicago makes a great getaway weekend for ORALL members following the annual meeting with its many attractions, museums, parks, and shopping and theatre districts.

The historic South Shore train line is available from Valparaiso to Chicago for those interested in visiting Chicago after ORALL 2012 but concerned about traffic. The South Shore Line opened in 1908 and currently is one of the few remaining electric interurban railways in the United States. The South Shore Line offers convenient, affordable, and stress-free travel between Northwest Indiana and Millennium Station in downtown Chicago. Grab some coffee and a newspaper and relax, and you'll be there in no time. For more information, including schedules and fares, visit the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District website at <http://www.nictd.com>.

I thank the ORALL Local Arrangements Committee and the Education Committee for their hard work in putting together this year's annual meeting. The Local Arrangements Committee 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.

The wonderful hospitality of the vibrant downtown Valparaiso business and restaurant community will be available to attendees. More importantly, the 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. This year's Local Arrangements Committee includes: Steve Probst, Chair, Mary Persyn, Sally Holterhoff, Mike Bushbaum, Jesse Bowman, and Emily Janoski-Haehlen.

Great Programs with a Fresh Perspective

The Education Committee members have prepared an impressive list of program sessions and speakers that will be of interest to all ORALL members. The educational program content, speakers, and schedule for the Annual Meeting is now available from the ORALL home page. This year's Education Committee includes: Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Chair, Susan Boland, Jesse Bowman, Carol Bredemeyer, Carol Furnish, Sarah Glassmeyer, Cheryl Niemeier, and Mary Lynn Wagner.

One program this year of interest to all is "Managing Budgets in the Age of Austerity," which will be held on Thursday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. Perhaps at no time has our profession witnessed library budgets under such financial scrutiny and pressure. Panel discussion speakers Kathy Dugan, Rob Myers, Cheryl Niemeier, and Professor Judith Ford Anspach will help us cope with this

growing phenomenon with their vast knowledge and experience of fiscal management and creative solutions during lean times.

Another program of particular interest this year is “Outreach Tools on the Cheap: How to Make Sure You’re Getting Bang for your Buck without Breaking the Bank.” All of us want to succeed with the right outreach tools, but we often don’t know what to use, what to invest in, and most of all in a time of austerity, what amount to spend. Since we need to show a good return on our initial outreach investments, what do we do? Come to this session on Thursday, October 18, at 9:30 a.m., and Sarah Glassmeyer will help us resolve many of these issues.

Other major programs at ORALL this year include:

- Researching Private Companies: How to Uncover Information Private Companies Want to Keep Private, Speaker: Shannon Kemen
- A2J: Bridging the Access to Justice Gap, Speaker: John Mayer
- Libraries in Cuba, Speaker: Angela Baldree
- Legal Industry Insights for Law Librarians, Speaker: Katie Leonard
- Is It Authorized or Unauthorized Practice of Law? Speaker: Minerva B. Elizaga, Board on the Unauthorized Practice of Law of the Supreme Court of Ohio
- Ohio Legislative History, Speakers: Susan Boland and Laura Dixon-Caldwell
- Using Audience Response Systems to Engage & Teach in Research Classes, Speakers: Michael Whiteman and Donna Spears
- Roundtable: New Products Entering the Market, i.e., BNA/Bloomberg Law, Practical Law Company, LexisAdvance vs. WestlawNext
- Emerging issues in Animal Law, Guest speaker: Rebecca Huss, Professor of Law, Valparaiso University.

Opening Reception and Dine-Arounds

The opening reception this year will be held at [County Line Orchard](#), an area favorite. Dress casually for this event as we will be going on hayrides and cooking s’mores after a down-home dinner served in rustic ambiance. Bus transportation to and from this event will be provided from the conference hotel beginning at 5:15 p.m. (CDT). The deadline for hotel reservations at the discounted conference rate of \$89.00 per night is October 1, 2012. Click [here](#) to make your hotel reservation online, or phone (219) 464-9395 and mention you are with ORALL.

Click [here](#) for information regarding restaurant information for the Dinner Dine-Arounds on Thursday, October 18. The password is ORALL. If you are able to drive to help attendees carpool to the restaurants, please also indicate this when you sign up for your restaurant.

Share your Pet Photos at the Conference

Valparaiso University Law Professor Rebecca Huss is going to be speaking about emerging issues in animal law at the ORALL meeting during our Thursday luncheon. To keep the audience's full attention, Professor Huss has asked that registrants to the meeting send digital photos of their own current animals to be used in the PowerPoint presentation. The photos will only be used in the presentation and not further disseminated. Professor Huss does say if your animal is particularly adorable she may ask you for permission to use the photo elsewhere. Her talk is primarily about companion animal issues.

If you would like to participate, please e-mail your photo in JPG format to tina.duron@valpo.edu. Please put in your subject line: "ORALL presentation" no later than September 17, 2012 with the photo titled [name of animal][your last name]. For example, Huey Persyn (denoting a photo of Mary Persyn's dog Huey). This way everyone can 'ooh and ahh' over everyone else's photos. Professor Huss is not going to edit any of the photos. So if you have anything in the background you would rather not share with your colleagues, please edit the photo before sending it.

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New, Ever-improving, Ohio County Law Libraries **by Charles Kallendorf, Hamilton County Law Library**

County and bar association law libraries didn't start making their appearance until the early 1800s and even to this day maintain a sense of obscurity with even many of those who are, or could be, served the most. The essential concept behind them, though, has been around since before the birth of the nation.

The first law libraries in the U.S. were portions of the private collections of the wealthy & more affluent landowners and magistrates of the thirteen colonies coming into their primes. Christine Brock, then of DePaul University, in her 1974 iconic *Law Libraries & Librarians: A Revisionist History...* wrote that "the early colonists faced the elemental problem of obtaining the law books they needed or using someone else's when prices or the availability were beyond reach."

She also wrote of another challenge facing the neophytes – subject matter. By 1774 each of the thirteen colonies had established some sort of provisional congress by which to attempt some form of self-government or regulation with the framework of British rule – but it was still British rule. Here Brock related that the colonial judges & lawyers "were almost completely dependent for quite a while on English law books as they had none of their own. By the time of the Revolution, not more than 150 case reports had been published in Great Britain,

and of those only about 30 were in familiar use in the colonies... Blackstone was the core of the new nation's legal system, his works being absolutely necessary for anyone who read law at the time as Coke had been a century before. Coke's works were still prominent in early America, but Chitty's Pleadings were second to Blackstone in popularity in any lawyer's library..."

With the end of the Revolution, British rule, and the ensuing westward migration came an even greater impetus for an even purer American judicature. As the Ohio valley, for instance, became more settled, early courts in the region were at first communal affairs dealing in basic wrong-doings – theft, murder, assault, drunkenness, and the like. As the new territories grew, Blackstone, Coke, and Chitty represented the essential backbones of the evolving democracies, coupled with the cloning and transplanting of conglomerated rules & standards from the original colonies. National maturity spread westward, and more formal structure emerged especially with the passage of the Northwest Ordinance in 1787.

Alan Briceland of Virginia Commonwealth University's history department, in writing about Ephriam Kirby and the origins of American case law in 1972, related that "although a majority of the new American states considered English common law decisions announced before their independence as still binding in their courts, there was already a mood developing by the 1780s that American law should dissociate itself from the English. A lessening of dependence on English statutes was undertaken in New York, Virginia, and North Carolina by reviewing, compiling, and publishing volumes containing only those English pronouncements declared valid by their own legislatures, but lessening the dependence on English common law precedents could only be accomplished after adequate precedent was available from American courts." That began in significance through Ephriam Kirby's efforts who in 1789 became the first to publish a set of fully developed decisions, after Connecticut, four years earlier, became the first state recognizing the necessities of case law reporting and control of its judges by requiring the "rendering of written reasons for their decisions."

While the late 1700s had been dominated by the private library, the growth in population of towns and cities with the emergence of the 1800s saw a shift to bar and county law libraries. Wikipedia's entry says "the United States pioneered the concept of the large law firm in the sense of a business entity consisting of more than one lawyer, with the first law firms with two or more lawyers appearing in the U.S. just prior to the American Civil War (1861–1865). That was still some time coming. The first bar association library, the Philadelphia Social Law Library, was established in 1802 and the Allegheny County Law Library in Belmont, New York, the first officially sanctioned county law library in 1806. Our library, here in Cincinnati, was formalized in 1847, twenty-five years before Ohio passed its first county library statute in April 1872.

Brock here related that “the nucleus of public law libraries was often a collection of law books to be used by judges, state officials, attorneys who were not members of the local bar library if there was one, and private citizens who wanted to know more about the laws that governed them. In many ways they resembled bar association libraries, but were supported in whole or part by public funds and were available for use by part or all of the public... They also fulfilled the need of judges, public officials, and attorneys to have material available to them on neutral grounds.”

In writing the section on law libraries in the Dept. of Interior’s 1876 special Bureau of Education report, *Public Libraries in the USA...* Stephen Griswold, the longest serving librarian at the New York State Library (1868- 1904), reported that “In nearly all the states, provision is made by law for the distribution of the reports, statutes, and official papers of the state to each of the counties therein, which, together with such books as are purchased by means of small grants from the county treasury, by order of the board of supervisors or county court, from what may be called a county law library of which the county clerk is custodian.”

That continues to this day and has now evolved into, potentially, a more focused, effective endeavor..... “creating in each county a county law library resources board, consisting of five members who shall be appointed and hold office as provided in section 307.511 of the Revised Code, and, beginning on January 1, 2010, subject to appropriation pursuant to section 307.513 of the Revised Code, provide legal research, reference, and library services to the county and to the municipal corporations, townships, and courts within the county and shall manage the coordination, acquisition, and utilization of legal resources.”

Along with reducing a lot of procedural redundancy, the corresponding creation of “a statewide consortium of county law library resources boards comprised of the county law library resources board of each county” offers a reflection envisioned by Ohio’s supreme court more than a decade ago in its *Changing Landscape* in 2000, proposing that “courthouses and county law libraries be linked in a statewide network, and court users in all 88 counties able to access that networks resources through court-provided terminals or other user-friendly means, with staff assistance being available to help persons with special needs conduct public information searches....”

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Access for All: A review of "Law Libraries, Government Transparency, and the Internet," a presentation by Daniel Schuman of the Sunlight Foundation at the ALL-SIS Meeting, July 22, 2012

by Susan David deMaine, Ruth Lilly Law Library – Robert H. McKinney School of Law

Attendees at the ALL-SIS Breakfast and Business Meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting had the pleasure of hearing from Daniel Schuman of the Sunlight Foundation speak on “Law Libraries, Government Transparency, and the Internet.” The Sunlight Foundation is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose mission is to increase access to federal government information resources through advocacy and the development of information technology tools.

Mr. Schuman began with the point that the internet has changed public expectations regarding access to information. As the availability of private sector information increases, the public expects greater online access to government information as well. Data from the Pew Research Center for 2012 indicate that over 80% of the adult population in the United States uses the internet. In 2011, 67% of internet users visited government websites at some point, an increase from an already impressive 40% in 2009.

As Mr. Schuman went on to say, governmental institutions are struggling to keep up with the demand for information. Much of what our government produces is simply never made accessible. When documents and data are made available, they are often incomplete, presented in difficult-to-use formats, trapped in poorly-designed websites, or require payment/licensing to access. Mr. Schuman offered the example of PDFs, an image-based format often used for government-produced documents. PDFs are easy for people to read but very difficult for computers to read because computers cannot “see” the text of a PDF the way we do. This presents a challenge if information experts want to mine a collection of PDFs for content.

In response to rising public expectations and advocacy from the Sunlight Foundation, new information intermediaries and tools are emerging. Mr. Schuman walked through a number of websites that are opening up access to more government information:

- THOMAS and GovTrack.us can help citizens track current legislation as it moves through Congress.
- OpenCongress.org provides news and information about pending bills and contact links for members of Congress.
- OpenSecrets.org helps users see who is lobbying for any given piece of legislation.
- Scout.SunlightFoundation.com lets you receive alerts and updates about Congress, state legislatures, and other governmental units; search federal bills and regulations; receive notice of scheduled congressional votes; and follow bills in all fifty states.

- CapitolWords.org allows people to conduct deep searches of congressional speeches, making it possible to compare the language used by different members of Congress. The striking example provided by Mr. Schuman was a comparison of the use of “Obamacare” vs. “Affordable Care Act” and how it fluctuated over time (and by party, of course).

Given the Sunlight Foundation’s interest in universal access, it is not surprising that it has also created an Android app for congressional information as well as “Call on Congress,” a service that provides congressional information by phone.

There is current legislation designed to increase access to government information. The CRS Electronic Accessibility Resolution, which would allow free public access to some CRS reports, was sent to committee in July 2012. This House resolution is sponsored by Republican Leonard Lance and has a chance of being passed. The DATA Act (Digital Accountability and Transparency Act), which would increase access to information on federal spending, passed the House in April 2012 but has yet to clear the Senate. The Access to Congressionally Mandated Reports Act, which requires the establishment of a centralized website for all reports mandated by Congress, awaits action by both chambers. In less encouraging news, the Public Online Information Act, which included nonbinding guidelines for electronic access, was introduced in 2011 but, at this point, is presumably dead (or nearly so) in committee. The Lobbying Disclosure Enhancement Act, introduced in 2011, has met a similar fate. Finally, the DISCLOSE Act, a bill introduced in the Senate to increase access to information on election spending, failed to break through a filibuster.

Mr. Schuman concluded his talk by urging law librarians to act boldly in working to increase access to government information. His suggestions included working with the government on best practices in cataloging and access portals, partnering to build websites and services, publishing unique documents from our collections, and using our expertise to point the public to the best sources of information.

This presentation was one of the best I attended at AALL. Mr. Schuman is clearly an effective advocate for his organization and its mission, and I felt inspired by his work. With skills in both technology and law, law librarians are in a unique position to help encourage and facilitate access to government information. I hope that at least some of us will heed Mr. Schuman’s call for our expertise.

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Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resource Boards

by Angela Baldree, Lake County Law Library

One of the Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries' goals for 2012 was to successfully negotiate a statewide contract for electronic publications for Ohio's county law libraries. We were very pleased to received bids from both large vendors for print resources in 2011 and had hoped that that would translate into both vendors being amicable to discussing online options.

In January many visits, calls, and emails were shared discussing options. The intention of the consortium was not to accept bids and select one vendor over the other, but to accept proposals that county law libraries could decide to take advantage of or not. Neither vendor was willing to discuss Government Access since they had both submitted state bids through the Department of Administrative Services. They were, however, willing to discuss options pertaining to Patron Access.

Throughout the year, other vendors contacted the consortium and submitted a variety of proposals. EBSCOHost offered a tiered proposal for its Legal Information Reference Center. Four county law libraries took advantage of this deal. Loislaw also presented a proposal for its Primary Law Package. Two county law libraries took advantage of this deal. Fastcase and Hein Online are currently working out proposals to present to the board at its next meeting.

While talks are still ongoing with Lexis Nexis, they have essentially shut down with Westlaw. Before the June meeting, Westlaw informed the consortium that while it does have a proposal ready to go, they were not going to present it to the board until and unless the board promised not to accept a later proposal from Lexis Nexis. The consortium once again explained to West that this was not an either/or process. However in the latest correspondence with West they continue to hold their proposal until after the board makes its selection for next year's print handbooks. Needless to say, the board is very disappointed in this turn of events but will continue to accept proposals from any vendor willing to work with them.

On a slightly different note, the Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries was mentioned in a session at AALL last month. On Monday, July 25 a program titled State Advocacy Strategies: Learning to Connect, Grow and Survive used the consortium model of Ohio as one of its success stories. Presenter Jonathan Stock from Connecticut noted five advantages of the Ohio Consortium Model: law libraries are majority stakeholders, consortium yields cost containment, cost containment preserves service levels, preserving service levels projects good management, and projecting good management builds advocacy. We are very proud to be considered a model for the country. A copy of the Power Point presentation can be accessed here <http://www.sendspace.com/file/pilpzq>.

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ORALL 2012

A Fresh Perspective: 63rd Annual Meeting & Conference Registration Now Open!

That's right ORALLiens, registration is now open for this year's annual meeting and conference to be held in Valparaiso, Indiana, October 17-19. The local arrangements and education committees have been working hard to make this meeting one you will not want to miss! The agenda is packed with programs on budgets, outreach, vendor relations, and legal research, plus the always popular Euchre tournament, library tours, and a Valpo Velvet ice cream sundae bar. What more could you ask for? Well, the opening event will take place at the County Line Orchard where there will be bonfires, hayrides, shopping, a corn maze, down home cooking and much more fun-filled activities. If that still doesn't convince you to send in your registration, then how does spending the weekend following the meeting in Chicago sound? Valparaiso is only 40 minutes from Chicago by car or train so after the conference ends you can stay and play in the Chicagoland area which offers fabulous museums, shopping, restaurants and much more. And, don't forget there are four \$350 grants available to attend the meeting so apply now! We hope to see you in Valparaiso!

More information on registration, housing, programming, etc. can be found on ORALL.org. Registration packets are available here: <http://orall.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/ORALL-Registration-Final.pdf>

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Slate of Candidates

Ken Kozlowski, Chair, ORALL Nominations Committee, earlier this summer had asked for and had received the following names for open positions on the 2012-2013 ORALL Executive Board below. The Nominations Committee wishes to thank these members for their enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

VP/President Elect – Sue Altmeyer, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

Secretary – Judy Maxwell, Delaware County Law Library Executive Board

Member – Rob Myers, Case Western Reserve University (full term 2012-2014)

Executive Board Member – Richard Humphrey, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

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Four \$350 Scholarships Available to Attend ORALL Annual Meeting and Conference

The 2012 ORALL Annual Meeting in Valparaiso is certain to be one of the best, offering an exciting array of educational sessions. The ORALL Executive Board would like to encourage members to attend the Annual Meeting, if possible. To ensure this possibility, the ORALL Board is pleased to offer **four \$350** grants to ORALL members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting (two more grants and \$150 more per grant than in prior years). Take advantage of this expanded opportunity.

These grants are open to all ORALL members, regardless of the type and size of your organization. The grant award may be used for travel, registration, or lodging expenses. The ORALL Executive Board requires that each grant recipient prepare a short article for the ORALL Newsletter. Details will be provided along with notification of the grant awards.

To apply, complete and return the attached form by Friday, September 28th, 2012 to:

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The Grants Committee will acknowledge all applications within a day or two of receipt. Any applicant who does not receive an acknowledgement should contact Kathleen Carrick. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision by Friday, October 5, 2012.

ORALL ANNUAL MEETING GRANT APPLICATION

Valparaiso, October 17-19, 2012

Application Deadline (completed application and any attachments must be received by: Friday, Sept. 28, 2012)

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 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 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 grant.

Feel free to expand on any answer on a separate, attached sheet.
Complete this form and return (1) by email to: kxc4@case.edu, (2) by FAX to: (216) 368-1002, or (3) by U.S. Mail to:

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AALL Announcements

Submit a Program Proposal for AALL 2013 in Seattle

Were you inspired by the AALL programs you saw or heard this year in Boston? 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 2013 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, July 13-16.

Starting September 6, you may 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 October 15**. [Helpful resources for program proposers](#) can be found online.

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Accounting - Prepare for Your Future](#).

Do you need to learn how to read a balance sheet, an income statement, or interpret cash flows? Perhaps you yearn for a better understanding of financial auditing processes or more insight into how funds are allocated in your organization. Spencer Simons, director of the O'Quinn Law Library at the University of Houston, reviews the basics of accounting reports and procedures to help law librarians better understand the terminology and accounting processes used by the financial managers in their organizations.

Why should law librarians have a better sense of accounting principles? Law librarians who understand the drivers of financial decisions in their organizations will better equip themselves to work effectively within the budgeting process. Many law librarians also do business intelligence research and find themselves working with unfamiliar language.

This 69-minute audio program was presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver on July 12, 2010, and is available free to members on AALL2go

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