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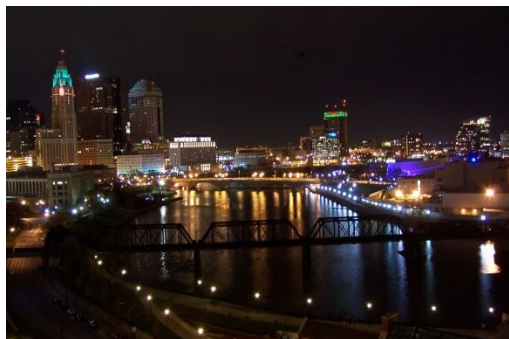
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President's Column – It's Not Too Late to Join a Committee!

Hello ORALL Members!



ORALL 2014 will be in Columbus, Ohio

I heard that 2013 Annual Meeting in Toledo was a real smash (pun intended – it's the Glass City!). Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a ruptured Achilles tendon. But the education committee and Shannon Kemen came to the rescue and filled in for me. Thanks to them and to Rick Goheen and the local arrangements folks, everyone who presented, and everyone who attended.

Next year's meeting in Columbus, Ohio will be just as fantastic. Mark your

calendars for **October 15, 16 and 17, 2014**. Ingrid Mattson is heading up the Local Arrangements Committee. Contact Ingrid if you are a Columbus area member who wants to help with local arrangements - mattson.30@osu.edu, (614) 292-9476. If you have suggestions for meeting topics or speakers for next year, contact our Vice-President and Chair of the Education Committee, Shannon Kemen, (513) 556-6407, shannon.kemen@uc.edu. Also let Shannon know if you would like to present at ORALL 2014.

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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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President's Column *continued*

And here's more exciting news – ORALL 2015 will be hosted by Phebe Poydras and the gang at Indiana Tech Law School! I can't wait to take a peek at one of the newest law schools in the United States.

Over the years, I've really enjoyed attending ORALL meetings. I learn a lot, not only from the educational programs, but also from talking to my fellow librarians. As an academic librarian, it is extraordinarily helpful to get the perspective of the court/county law librarians and law firm librarians. The more members who attend the ORALL meeting means the more perspectives and insight gained by all the attendees.

On one of the meeting surveys, one of you suggested conducting a survey to find out why some members do not attend the annual meeting. We have about 256 ORALL members, but in recent years, member meeting attendance is around 80-90. This year, there is a new committee in charge of conducting a short survey of the members to find out how we can increase meeting attendance, and how we can make ORALL more beneficial to its members. If you would like to be on the member survey committee, please contact me, Sue Altmeyer, at 216-687-4894, s.altmeyer@csuohio.edu.

For that matter if you would like to serve on ANY ORALL committee, it is not too late to sign up! We particularly need people for the Membership, Government Relations and Newsletter Committees. A [list of the committees](#) is on the ORALL web site. The web site still has last year's members listed. Feel free to contact one of last year's committee members if you want to know what the committee has been doing and how much time you can expect to spend on committee work.

From my experience, ORALL committee work is not that time consuming. It is also a great way to meet ORALL members, be creative and have input into the organization. You can beef up your resume or promotion dossier by listing all your committee work. When asked at a job interview, "Can you describe your involvement with professional organizations?" you will have impressive things to say.

ORALL needs you and your many talents to help make it a better organization. There is a [Committee Sign Up Form](#) on the ORALL website, which you can fill out and email to me, or just call or send an email stating on which committee you would like to serve. Sue Altmeyer, at 216-687-4894, s.altmeyer@csuohio.edu.

If you have already signed up for a committee, thank you, thank you, thank you!

I look forward to working with everybody in ORALL this year as ORALL president. Happy New Year, everyone!

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Columbus, Ohio, in 2014

by, Ingrid Mattson, The Ohio State University Moritz Law Library

ORALL in Toledo was a big success, and we hope to follow it up with something just as good in Columbus on October 15–17, 2014. The conference will be held at the [Ohio State Supreme Court](#) in downtown Columbus. The conference hotel is the [DoubleTree](#) right across the street from the courthouse. The opening night event will be held at the [Ohio Statehouse](#) a very short walk from the conference hotel, and tours of the historic building will be offered. We are also working on [free ice cream](#), dine-arounds, library tours, free use of [comfy bikes](#) for seeing the sights and more! For just a hint of the fun things to see and do in Columbus, here is a list of suggested activities while you are in town:

- (1) Football: [The Ohio State University football team](#) is playing Rutgers October 18, 2014.
- (2) Running: The [Columbus Marathon](#) takes place October 19, 2014. Run through [the 'Shoe](#) or simply cheer folks on as they run 13.1 or 26.2 miles through the city streets. (The race course does not go right by the conference hotel, so if you stay in town through the weekend, you should be able to escape by driving south or west.)
- (3) Soccer: [The Columbus Crew](#) play into October, so you may be able to catch a game.
- (4) Hockey: [The Blue Jackets](#) season starts in October; perhaps they'll play your favorite competing NHL team.
- (5) Food: [The North Market](#) is just a mile away from the conference hotel. With food vendors, crafts, and produce, you can enjoy the bustle of a lively market from the seating upstairs. Grab an ice cream cone from [Jeni's](#) an artisan pretzel from [Brëzel](#), barbecue, sushi, the [Best of the Wurst](#), and (or) a beer and start planning your trip back and lunch the next day.
- (6) Transportation: Does a mile seem like a stretch? Or would you prefer to head all the way up to the Short North for shopping, but you are reluctant to drive and look for parking? Columbus's newest quick-and-easy way to see the city has arrived: [CoGo Bike Share](#). We've joined the ranks of D.C., Boston, and New York by adding bikes you can rent and ride around to a number of stations within a couple of miles downtown. They're easy to ride and comfortable, and they offer a great way to see Columbus up close.
- (7) Art: The [Wexner Center](#) and the [Columbus Art Museum](#) aren't the only way to see the arts in Columbus. In fact, the public art can be more interesting. It's also fun to simply discover it by chance. Check out a few [public art walks](#) while you're in town or stroll the [Scioto Mile](#), replete with bench swings to relax on when you just want to sit and watch the river.

On behalf of the Columbus Local Arrangements Committee, we hope to see you in 2014!

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Adam Liptak and Law Reviews

by: Brian E. Cassidy, Cleveland-Marshall school of Law

Adam Liptak, the Supreme Court correspondent of The New York Times, has recently written an article titled “Law Scholarship’s Lackluster Reviews” [\[here\]](#). This article asks why law reviews are edited by law students and why law reviews exist in the first place. The author is against the use of law student editors and seems doubtful on law reviews themselves.

This sentiment is not new and pokes its head up from time to time in the legal community. As Mr. Liptak points out, even a Yale law professor in 1936 was against law reviews. In fact Mr. Liptak even wrote about the same topic in his 2007 article “When Rendering Decisions, Judges are Finding Law Reviews Irrelevant” [\[here\]](#)

Liptak points out that the numbers of law reviews cited in cases is down. However, they are still being cited to in significant numbers. Is Liptak’s quote of 37% of US Supreme Court decisions citing to law reviews not a significant number? Further, is the number of 57 % of law review articles being cited in another article or in a judicial decision not also significant? To say an article that is obscure is useless is akin to saying an archeological dig is useless because so few people care about it/are affected by it. I believe humankind’s pursuit of knowledge for knowledge’s sake is important and also applies to law reviews.

Liptak also cites a few Federal judges who have come out and openly said that law reviews aren’t helpful to them. Liptak however says nothing of the hundreds of state level, elected judges.

Finally, Liptak misses the point of law reviews. The purposes of law reviews are not to just be used by judges, or the bar, they are also vehicles for students to gain practical research, editorial, and management experience while in school and for professors to do research and to gain tenure.

In my own experience, I have had lawyers balk at law reviews for various reasons when I suggested secondary sources. I, on the other hand have found law reviews in general to be useful in my legal research. I think users may find fault with something or another related to law reviews, that doesn’t mean they are useless. In fact my own research and experience shows me that a practitioner who ignores law reviews as sources of research does so at his or her own peril. A great example of the helpfulness of law

reviews is legislative history. On the state level, legislative history can be murky depending on the jurisdiction. Law reviews can be the only (or one of the very few) source(s) of legislative history for a piece of legislation.

For those interested in some more detail on this controversy in legal scholarship, I have detailed a short list of law review articles related to this topic:

1. Do Law Reviews Need Reform? A Survey of Law Professors, Student Editors, Attorneys, and Judges, 59 Loy. L. Rev. 1.
2. Law Review Scholarship in the Eyes of the Twenty-First Century Supreme Court Justices: An Empirical Analysis, 4 Drexel L. Rev. 399.
3. The Law Review is Dead: Long Live the Law Review: A Closer Look at the Declining Judicial Citation of Legal Scholarship, 45 Wake Forest L. Rev. 1185.
4. The Value of Law Review Membership, 71 U. Chi. L. Rev. 1721.
5. The History and Influence of the Law Review Institution, 30 Akron L. Rev. 15.

If you are interested in seeing how courts have treated a specific law review article you can always take a look at the Shepard's (Lexis), KeyCite (Westlaw) report for the article.

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Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries: News from the Front
by Judith Maxwell, Delaware County Law Library

The Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries has been operating for a little over two years. Currently we are transitioning from Angela Baldree as Director to Judith Maxwell as Director. Angela will continue to act as webmaster for the website, www.COCLL.Ohio.gov, to oversee the cataloguing of grants with Library World, and to help Judith decipher the State way of doing things.

This past year the COCLL has renewed agreements with Thomson West and Matthew Bender to provide a free selection of handbooks to the County Law Libraries. If your Law Library is participating, your fall books should be arriving now. Additionally discounted titles were offered to all agencies through the County Law Libraries. As offers open in 2014 they will be posted to the website.

During 2013 counties who had previously fully paid their statutory 2% (O.R.C. 3375.481 (E) ((1))) to the COCLL were offered refund grants to reduce their obligation. This will again be offered for 2014; information is forthcoming and will also be posted on the website.

During 2013 Option Grants to allow County Law Libraries to improve staff training and career development, programming for patrons, technology, or multi-agency

collaboration were awarded. This program also will be repeated in 2014. We would particularly encourage County Law Libraries to collaborate with each other on projects. Please see the website for details; the deadline is February 28, 2014.

The “big project” for 2014 will be to continue working on deciphering the funding flow from the Courts (O.R.C. 307.515), and identifying ways in which we can ensure that the appropriate amount of money is reaching the County Law Library Funds (O.R.C. 307.514). I am working on finding speakers and arranging for a meeting in Delaware, Ohio in February 2014; details will be posted on the website. If your Clerk of Municipal Court, or their bookkeeper, has been particularly helpful in explaining finances I would greatly appreciate receiving their contact information. I believe I have a contact that formerly worked for the State Auditor, currently works for a County Auditor, and would be willing to speak with us. If you have ideas for other speakers, do please contact me.

The second “big project” for 2014 is to identify and help implement collaboration between County Law Libraries (O.R.C. 307.51(F)). Angela and I, and we hope you, are pleased with the catalogue project with Library World and want to explore other opportunities to work among and between County Law Libraries. One example that I have heard discussed, and hope to see a grant proposal for, is to create podcasts for our Pro Se visitors on how to use basic law library materials.

In the past Angela visited each of the County Law Libraries. Pictures from those visits are now on the ORALL Facebook page. Although I have visited a few of you, and am willing to come for a visit at any time, I will not be making a point of visiting each County Law Library in 2014. You should feel free to email me at Judith.Maxwell@sc.ohio.gov or call me at the Delaware County Law Library, (740) 833-2545, with any questions or concerns. I won't always have an answer, or the authority to solve a problem, but I listen well and “I will do all the good that I can”.

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ORALL 2013 – Perrysburg/Toledo, Ohio

Conference Program – Legal Assistance for Military & Pro Se Patrons – “Very Interesting!”

By Ardis Stein, Jefferson County Law Library

The 2013 ORALL Conference was very informative and nicely put together by both the Local Arrangement and Educational Committees. One of my favorite programs presented was *Legal Assistance for Members of the Military and*

Veterans and Service to Pro Ses. As a county law librarian, I frequently have to deal with public patrons who often lack the knowledge and/or financial resources to pursue their legal issues. Many of them are facing serious problems such as jail time or loss of custody of their child. It is distressing for me to know that they are planning on representing themselves without any legal guidance other than what is available through books and databases in our library.

For this reason, I was quite interested in what conference speakers, Judy Maxwell and Mike Renner, had to say about legal assistance for people in need. As the Director of the Ohio Military/Veteran Legal Assistance Project (www.mvlap.org), Mike Renner explained that their goal was to help the many military personnel who return to civilian life lacking skills to enter the public workforce. If they do find a job, their pay is often much lower and therefore they cannot afford an attorney for any legal problems that they may encounter. The Military/Veterans Project helps these people by providing civil legal services at no cost.

It was a real eye-opener for me to find out that military personnel, who may be called upon to put their lives on the line for our country, would have a hard time finding a job after their service is done. This is one sector of unemployment that is seldom brought to our attention. According to Mike, in the next four years, approximately 300,000 servicemen and women will leave the military and return to civilian life. I am glad to hear that there are attorneys throughout Ohio who are donating their time to the Military/Veterans Legal Assistance Project to help these veterans with their legal issues

In regard to Judy Maxwell's portion of this conference program, I have to say, as a fellow county law librarian – I was very inspired! Judy and the Delaware County Bar members have put a great deal of time and effort into helping the pro se litigants in their area. For the last ten years, they have operated the Interfaith Legal Services Clinic providing legal advice to local residents in need for free. Their work at the clinic has been so successful that in 2009 they were awarded the *Outstanding Program Award* from the Ohio State Bar Foundation. Along with this award, they also received a commendation from the Ohio Secretary of State.

The Interfaith Legal Services Clinic is held in the evenings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Andrews House in Delaware, Ohio. The Andrews House (www.AndrewsHouse.org) is a community services center which provides space and operating support for the legal clinic and other social service organizations. As Judy explained, much of their program is dependent on volunteers – not only attorneys – but people to assist with intake/registration, provide refreshments or simply make a donation to the cause.

Judy went on to give a very instructional presentation on how the legal clinic was started, maintained and also mentioned some of the issues they have faced over the years. Due to the detailed recordkeeping of Mel Corroto, the Andrews House

Director, it was ascertained that they have served 17,000 pro se litigants since the clinic's origination in 2003. I would say that is pretty impressive!

All in all, both segments of this ORALL conference program showed that there are many people who need legal help and just cannot afford it. It is worrisome to think of the outcomes for the ones who do not have service organizations like the Military/Veterans Project or the Interfaith Legal Services Clinic available to them.

Judy Maxwell and Mike Renner provided very informative sessions about their legal service programs. They did a great job of educating the class on how we as individuals could help, or even offer legal services like theirs in our own communities. I am very grateful to ORALL for affording me the opportunity to attend the conference and learn about these valuable programs.

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ORALL 2013: Digital Preservation Session Review
by Katherine Marshall, Ohio Northern University Pettit College of Law

"Digital Preservation: Starting and Managing a Digital Preservation Program" was the title of the session led by Mary Wallace (MA, Audiovisual Archivist, Walter P. Reuther Library, Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs) and Arjun Sabharwal (MA, MLIS, Digital Initiatives Librarian, William S. Carlson Library, University of Toledo). They spoke about the steps needed to preserve all kinds of materials, highlighting procedures, specifications, metadata, workflow, digital curation, back up, and disaster planning as key strategic points when planning a digital preservation project.

They reviewed the physical tools needed for most jobs, such as scanners and digital cameras as well as more specialty items like media converters of all kinds as well as original machines that correspond with older, rarer items like Betacam players.

Storage options were given plenty of consideration since they are a focal point of any digital project. The proper way to store DVD's (vertically, in cases or envelopes) was covered as was the best method for storing digital backups. Built in costs for expandable RAM, uninterrupted power supply, and temperature controlled rooms were not cheap, especially for a Mac set up. They outlined the various pros and cons of open source and fee-based digital storage options like DSpace and CONTENTdm, discussing variables like storage space, customer service, and hosting issues.

The speakers gave a very detailed description of best practices relating to exact storage dimensions and file types. Recommendations included scanning to PDF

and converting to PDF/A, scanning images to TIFF at 600 dpi and even color ratios. Preservation copies of audio should be WAV but access copies in digital collections can be MP3. Videos were recommended in AVI or QuickTime for preservation mode and compressed MPEG in access mode. Free batch renaming and resizing tools were mentioned too, along with functions for serial numeration, and auto-dating.

Applying metadata to scanned and otherwise digitized materials was covered by listing options for metadata and classification schema. Popular metadata choices include Dublin Core, JurMeta, and MARC, while classification options range from the familiar (Library of Congress) to law-specific choices like Hicks & Schiller. The speakers showed how it was possible to insert metadata at time of scanning in Acrobat as well as how to manually input information into Photoshop and displayed in software like Microsoft Access.

Near the end, the procedure heavy session spent plenty of time discussing public relations options for digital collections. There was ample review of popular promotion options like blogging, social media posts, online newsletters, Pinterest and integration into catalog discovery layers. One speaker noted a project that used Flickr to crowd-source metadata on a selection of anonymous photos with little to no information available! Virtual exhibitions like "WHOLLY TOLEDO: THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY THAT SHAPED THE CITY" showcased another unique way to expose local treasures to a wider audience as well. Audience participation also brought up the idea of linking to external collections that mimicked or mirrored your content or subject matter.

Final thoughts considered how any collection restrictions, such as donor requests for suppression of documents, may affect what can be done with the digital final product, or whether one might be allowed to digitize anything at all. For those that attended the conference, the speakers graciously distributed their Power Point presentation as a comprehensive PDF that offers a fantastic starting point for anyone considering a digital preservation project.

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ORALL 2013: Technology and Libraries
by Steven E. Richardson, Indiana Tech Law School

Among the many useful sessions from this autumn's ORALL conference in Toledo, there was one session which was particularly engaging and informative. The Cool Tools Café provided a wide array of software that could be integrated into law library operation. Some programs lent themselves to firms or academic libraries; some would be more useful for governmental or public law libraries. All of them, in one way or another though could be used to expand library offerings and allow us to better serve our patrons.

The Cool Tools Café also gave examples of various types of technology that can be implemented in law libraries to make information services easier and more efficient. Aside from the practical knowledge gained from seeing all of the programs and applications suggested, the most amazing thing was seeing how technology could be implemented in the various types of law libraries. Seeing an application meant for firms, such as iJuror, and seeing how it could be implemented in an academic setting drove home how the assorted aspects of law librarianship: academic libraries, law firm libraries, governmental libraries and public libraries have wildly different needs and purposes, but still share the core mission of providing timely, accurate information to patrons.

It was sobering though, to be reminded of just how varied our patrons are both in terms of technological sophistication and in the materials needed to swerve them. Academic libraries, which usually interface with students and professors, tend to take technology almost for granted and have treatises on a huge variety of esoteric subjects. Firms, depending on their size and budget can range from the cutting edge of technology to relying on print as much as possible. Public law libraries differ in needing to have technology available for patrons who may range from attorneys who use digital devices all day long to *pro se* patrons who may not be comfortable with computers. In every case, there was at least one program showcased that would meet a library's needs and budget and still be accessible to their patrons.

On a more heartening note, it was nice to see just how seamlessly libraries, despite all of the predictions of our imminent demise, have integrated technology into our service models. Law librarians of all stripes have quite happily latched on to digital access to materials and now consider it a normal part of how we guide people to the information that they want. We have gone from carrying books of bibliographies to pointing out pathfinders; our marketing plans now include social media. Instead of being replaced by technology, we have absorbed it and made it a part of our profession.

By its very nature, the Cool Tools Café serves to remind us that our profession is not one size fits all. We must have many varied and assorted tools to help us serve our patrons, but they are still only tools. It is not the technology available, nor the collection that is the heart of our profession; it is the dedication and knowledge that we as librarians, regardless of where we work or what patrons we serve, provide.

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Photos from ORALL 2013



Mike Whiteman delivers his pre-recorded message in his casual clothes



MVP and grand champion of the annual euchre tournament (way-too-small t-shirt courtesy of Angela Baldree)



The rowdy crowd of game night



The quiet group of game night

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Review of AALL's "It's 3 a.m. - Show Me! A Toolkit for Screen-casting Legal Research Instruction"

By Melissa Barney, Hamilton County Law Library

Most of us have been in the situation; we tried to explain something on the computer over the phone, and it's just not conveyed clearly or understood well. Add an invaluable tool of a visual aid, screencasting, and an effective

communication is complete. Jim Murphy, Jenny Wondrack, Sarah Mauldin, and Susan deMaine provide valuable information for creating screencasting videos to help us and our patrons, in these situations.

As they explain, screencasting is a video recording of everything you do on your computer screen with an added audio explanation. Screencasting can prove to be a useful tool to explain a process such as legal research. It's an easy way to get people the information they need, and it saves time for the patron and librarian. Sometimes we hear from a patron, and how they could have used our help in the middle of the night when trying to do research. Instruction can be provided any time and on demand, making the librarian more accessible to the patrons. It's quick, so you can provide on the fly reference, when instruction over the phone will not work. It can be used for teaching, or you may use it for your portion of a presentation you cannot personally attend. You can also make a screencast as you're learning something new, so you can review the information when you use the program. It can work as a guide if you are leaving your job and want to leave behind your knowledge. Screencasting can be used to train students or temporary workers.

When creating your screencast you want to be aware of the length of time. From three to five minutes is appropriate for most screencasts, but the length will depend on other factors. What is the attention span of your patrons, attorneys, or students? What are you trying to show? A quick online tutorial may be three minutes or less, but classes will take longer. You should remember that the longer the screencast, the bigger the file size, and the more time it will take to upload and download. A long screencast can be separated into segments, making it easier for users to review.

Begin by acquiring software that is best for you and your organization, and get a quality microphone. The panel suggested asking yourself: "What questions do we get asked all the time?" You should plan each step of your screencast, and decide if making a script is right for you. Some choose to, while others prefer to have less of a script as to sound more natural. You may choose to record the screen first and add the audio later. Take the time to rehearse and make sure that your recording window is the correct size. You may even want to choreograph your mouse and note how it moves about the screen. Think about how people research; they will not have everything already open in tabs, so it's best if you don't either. You will want to find a quiet space, and be aware any background noise will be picked up in the audio. Remember to play it back to yourself.

When it comes to the software to use, the panel gave a variety of different examples that vary greatly in price and features:

- Bandicam is designed for gamers and can record up to 24 hours. It has no hosting site, no editing tools but it is great for movement. No editing tool,

- \$40 per license. quick and easy, nothing fancy, can upload to YouTube or Vemio;
- Screencast-O-Matic is a web App, with a 15 minute recording limit. The free version will watermark your video, however there is also a paid version you can use that will not watermark your video and will allow you to edit;
 - Jing can be downloaded and installed for free. There is a five minute limit and you cannot edit. It does have a hosting site and it quick and easy usability makes it great for quick reference questions on the fly
 - Camtasia - cost a little bit more money, private youTube, plays nicely with PowerPoint; and,
 - Adobe Captivate is great for online teaching, but cost more money and many of the others. It can do more than just screen casting, open to present in different modes, can make them interact with the video, test mode - must do thing correctly, try mode.

When it comes to hardware all you need is a desktop or laptop computer, a headset and microphone. Check the requirements of the software and verify you have the hardware needed to support the software. Make sure your computer has sufficient memory [RAM].

Before giving a quick demo of how fast and easy it can be to produce a screencast the panel offered tips for those of us that will be making screen casts for the first time:

- Think outside the box and be creative;
- Don't expect to be perfect the first time;
- Involve students with screencasting
- Movements get choppy, move slowly to let the screen casting software to keep up with you;
- Breaking it into parts to allow the viewer to go back and review only the parts they need;
- When recommending the software purchase, explain to the IT department why they also want it;
- When possible, edit to take out the little sounds you make, like heavy breathing;
- Use it for the questions that are cumbersome and the questions that are asked frequently;
- Make sure that it plays on any device. Do not use something that uses flash, because if someone wants to view it on an IOS device they can't;
- Verify your screencast will be accessible to the visual and hearing impaired, scripted screencast are available for people that are hearing impaired with some software;
- Plan a deliberate pause in the audio or script to allow the viewer time to understand the information;

The panel did an excellent job introducing screencasting to the audience, making it simple enough that almost anyone would want to go home and try it out. They also created a LibGuide with more information on screen casting that can be found at the University of Florida's website at <http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/screencasting>. It contains much of the information they shared in the program with examples of good and bad screen cast, as well as a PowerPoint of the presentation.

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ORALL Executive Board Minutes (10/16/2013)

In attendance: Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Judy Maxwell, Rick Goheen, and Rob Myers.

1. The meeting was called to order shortly after 1:30 p.m. by Emily Janoski-Haehlen.
2. The minutes of the 10/17/12 Executive Board meeting were discussed, spelling of names was corrected and times were adjusted; Emily moved that they be approved as corrected, Rob seconded, all say Aye.
3. President's update.
 - a. Lifetime memberships. Four people have been nominated: Kathy Carrick, Al Podboy, Keith Blough, and Paul Richert.
 - b. Logo. The logo was adopted per the survey monkey and is in use on the programs.
 - c. Grants. Discussed awarding grants to attend other professional conferences. Rick moved that beginning in 2014 we grant \$300.00 for attendance at CON-L, Rob seconded, all say Aye.
 - d. Future Meetings. The 2014 conference will be in Columbus. In 2015 it might be in Indianapolis or Covington, or Louisville. Sue will discuss further with Miriam Murphy. Discussion of meeting a different week in the fall, but no action taken.
 - e. Policy updates. See the addendum, email vote, taken after the May meeting; Judy to send out. Rick will draft a proposal and circulate it before the spring 2014 telephone conference. Also, discussed the policy of sending "seed money" to the County Law Library SIG or other SIGs to encourage meetings. No action taken.
4. Annual Meeting.

- a. Toledo local arrangements. Things are on track and going well.
 - b. A quote for Columbus in 2014 at the Doubletree is being arranged, with meetings at the Supreme Court of Ohio.
 - c. Education. Toledo—Rob has the evaluation forms and speakers are set to go.
5. Budget update. See the handouts from Rick Goheen. To date he has received \$12,100.00 in sponsorships (more than the projected \$10K). The expenses are TBA after the event. There should be a small balance going into 2014. We should consider moving some money into a Certificate of Deposit after the meeting.
6. Other – We are wishing Sue Altmeyer well on her Achilles tendon surgery.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m. Rob moved, Emily seconded, all say Aye.

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ORALL Executive Board Minutes (5/8/2013 teleconference)

On the conference call: Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Rick Goheen, Judy Maxwell, Sue Altmeyer, Rob Myers, and Steve Miller. Rick Humphreys was not available.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Indiana time and 11 a.m. Ohio time, by Emily Janoski-Haehlen.
2. Minutes of the 10/17/12 Executive Board meeting were tabled. (note these were later approved at the 10/16/13 meeting) Minutes of the 10/19/12 Executive Board meeting were approved, with corrections; Sue Altmeyer moved, Rob Myers seconded, all say aye.
3. President's Update
 - a. UELMA in Ohio presentation will be attended by Mary Jenkins. She will report. Also, Emily Feltren will speak on the topic at the ORALL meeting this fall.
 - b. Lifetime membership. ORALL-SIG has nominated Keith Blough, retiring Franklin Co. Law Librarian. Emily suggested sending

nominations to the membership and having a vote at the fall meeting. Rick suggested circulating nominations via email. Also discussed announcing nominations in the Newsletter preceding the fall meeting.

- c. AALL membership list request. Emily has not given them the list as the membership list is not to be released to vendors for solicitation and AALL wants it to solicit members.
 - d. AALL meeting in Seattle. Jesse Bowman and Miriam Murphy will organize a get together. There may be an activities table in Seattle. Emily and Sue will look into organizing.
 - e. Grants. Shannon Kemen reports that 8 applications for AALL have been received. They are creating a list of people who have received grants in the past. Lisa Britt Werneke received a grant from AALL for registration.
 - f. Logo. The 2nd survey has not been conducted. Sue will recreate a survey monkey before the ORALL fall meeting. Emily moved, Steve seconded that options 1 and 4 be included in the new survey; all say Aye.
 - g. Bylaws Revisions. Michael White, chair, sent word to Emily that a policy on cancellations and refunds will come from the committee before the fall meeting. Discussion of old notes and prior policies on paying speakers registrations and etc. costs. Emily will send for an email vote of the Executive Board after examining the old notes further.
 - h. Nominations Committee. Shannon Kemen for VP/President Elect, Mike Whiteman for at large Board member, and Rick Goheen for Treasurer. Steve moved that we approve the slate of candidates and send it to the members for a vote at the fall meeting, Sue seconded, and all say Aye. This will be announced in the newsletter before the meeting.
4. Annual Meeting – Toledo update.
- a. Local arrangements. We will be staying and meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn at Perrysburg. There will be one free room for the arrangements committee. Catering will be arranged through the hotel. We will have one evening's dinner by "dine around". The estimated cost is \$20K, with \$10K to come from sponsorships and \$10K from registration fees. The opening reception will be held at the Art Museum.
 - b. Education. Sue moved that we invite the Legal Marketing Assoc. & Assoc. of Legal Administrators to attend to attend a session at no

charge; but they will need to pay for lunch. Steve seconded, all say Aye.

5. Budget Update. See Treasurer's Report as distributed. The invoices for dues went out on Monday.
6. Future Annual Meetings.
 - a. Columbus 2014. A chair is needed ASAP. Steve will ask Mary Jenkins for old emails from folks who have said they would help.
 - b. Kentucky or Indiana in 2015. Emily will send out an email canvas of members. Steve will call Jackie Orlando.
7. Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision at noon Indiana time, and 1 p.m. Ohio time.

Addendum: By electronic vote, using email, the following resolution was adopted on May 14, 2013: ORALL will waive the registration fee for non-members who speak at the ORALL annual meeting. Additionally, hotel and travel accommodations may be paid for non-members who speak at ORALL upon approval by the Executive Board. Those voting Aye: Judy Maxwell, Rick Humphreys, Rick Goheen, Sue Altmeyer, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Robert Myers, and Steve Miller. There were no Nay votes and no abstentions.

Judy Maxwell
Secretary

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ORALL Executive Board Minutes (10/17/2012)

Present were: Steve Miller, President; Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Vice President; Rick Goheen, Treasurer; Sue Altmeyer, and Steve Probst. Judith Maxwell, Secretary was absent.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Miller at approximately 1 p.m.
2. The minutes of the May 5, 2012 Board meeting were tabled.
3. Please see the handout from Treasurer Rick Goheen. Rick will be checking to see if there is an account that would earn more interest than the present CD, when it matures in December.
4. The slate of candidates was briefly discussed. Brief bio sheets will be handed out during the general business meeting. See the Report of the Nominations Committee handout.
5. Steve Miller gave the President's report:

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. AALL Local arrangements. Ten people from ORALL will probably go to an early dinner one night, or breakfast.
 - ii. Bylaws and Guidelines. There was a discussion on amending the Bylaws for uncontested elections and to delete some committees. Committee to work on proposals for fall 2013.
 - iii. Education.
 - iv. Government Relations. See the handout.
 - v. Internet. See the ORALL Website Committee Report.
 - vi. Membership. Possibly change Bylaws as to who can be a member.
 - vii. Newsletter. Please send articles to Paul Venard. See the Newsletter Committee Report 2012.
 - viii. Nominations. See handout of proposed candidates. The bylaws do not require that there be more than one per opening.
 - ix. Grants. There were some problems with applicants not receiving responses. Shannon Kemen will see that this is not an issue in the future.

- b. SIG Reports
 - i. County Law Libraries
 - ii. Private Law Libraries
 - iii. Kentucky Law Libraries
 Tabled until the general meeting.

- 6. New Business
 - a. Grants.
 - b. Nominations.
 - c. Committees.
 - d. Communications.
 - e. SLIS Students. Discussed offering free membership for students. Will this require a bylaw change?
 - f. Toledo Local Arrangements Committee 2013. See the ORALL Local Arrangements Committee 2012 Report.
 - g. Locations for 2013 and 2014 Meetings.
 - i. 2013 Toledo, OH
 - ii. 2014 Columbus, OH
 - iii. Lexington, KY or IN in 2015 or 2016 ?
 - h. Matters Arising.

- 7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2 p.m.; Emily moved, Rick seconded; all say aye.

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ORALL County SIG Meeting (4/18/2013: Marietta, OH)

The meeting of the ORALL County SIG was held in the Delta Queen Conference room at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio. Chair Juanita Henniger opened the meeting and welcomed the group to Marietta. Other members present were Angela Baldree, Kathleen Dugan, Nancy Flautt, Galen Avery, Anna Paczelt, Judith Gill, Kendel Croston, Carla Lenhoff, Monica Overly, Judith Maxell, Kim Duncan Crowthers, Melinda Worthen, Ardis Stein, Deborah Wood, Kathy Moreland, Mary Jenkins, Ron Vest, George Baker, Susan McGrew, Vicki Schramm, Lucy Merges and Bridget Early.

Ms. Henniger then introduced Jennifer Croskey, Assistant Section Chief, Executive Agencies Section from the Auditor of State Office. Ms. Croskey gave an informative presentation on "Appropriate Law Library Resource Board Expenditures". Ms. Croskey's presentation elaborated that public money must be spent for public purposes.

Judge Charles Schneider, Chairman of the Statewide Consortium of Ohio Law Libraries provided an update on Statewide Consortium activities. Angela Baldree is stepping down as Director of the Statewide Consortium of Ohio Law Libraries. Judge Schneider is looking for a replacement for Ms. Baldree. Judge Schneider informed the members that that Keith Blough, Library Director of Franklin County Law Library is retiring and that Ms. Baldree will become the new Library Director at Franklin County.

Next Angela Baldree gave an update on Grants that were given to the law libraries. There has been a delay in payouts of the grant money. The consortium had a contract with the Supreme Court to write out the check and it had unknowingly expired last May. As a result the Supreme Court will not issue any checks until a new contract is signed. Ms. Baldree said that the contract would be signed today (April 18, 2013) and checks should be issued by end of April or early May.

The group then paused for lunch. After lunch Tim Loughry of the Washington County Law Library Resources Board gave an informative presentation on "The Sunshine Law". The group received a copy of 2012 Ohio Sunshine Laws Resource Manual. The Manual was donated by the Attorney General's Office.

With the education portion of the meeting concluded Chair Juanita Henniger asked that the minutes of the meeting held at the Annual ORALL Conference in Valparaiso, Indiana, on October 18, 2012 be approved as written. Kathleen Dugan moved to approve the minutes. Galen Avery seconded. Motion carried.

Mary Jenkins moved that a request for consideration for lifetime membership be submitted to ORALL for Keith Blough, retiring Director of the Franklin County Law Library. Angela Baldree seconded. Motion carried.

Next the Chair Juanita Henniger and Vice Chair Melinda Worthen gave out door prizes (donated by Champaign County Bar Association and the Washington County Law Library Association) to five lucky recipients.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held in Toledo at the ORALL Annual Conference in October, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Worthen

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Thu., 11:47 A.M.: Deer breaks into Trumbull Law Library
(November 21, 2013)
Tribune Chronicle | TribToday.com

WARREN-- A Button Buck crashed through the front door window of the Trumbull County Law Library about 10:30 a.m., causing a commotion in the area of High Street N.W.

Major Harold Firster of the Trumbull County Sheriff's Office said the deer was inside the library for about 10 minutes before deputies, Warren police officers and John Onatz, city animal control officer, arrived at the scene.

Firster said the animal, that suffered some cuts from the glass and possibly a broken leg, was snared with a loop normally used for dogs and was taken from the scene by Onatz.



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A deer that crashed through the glass doors of the Trumbull Law Library