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President's Column – Angela Baldree

The County Law Library SIG met on Wednesday at the start of the ORALL Annual Meeting. Judge Schneider asked those in attendance to list their five favorite books. I then extended that same request to all the members during lunch on Thursday. Asking librarians to list only five favorite books, might be seen as cruel and unusual punishment. I use *Goodreads* to keep track of the books I want to read and have read. I looked over my list of 91 books I read in 2016 and one really stands out as a favorite.

Tracy Chevalier's *At the Edge of the Orchard* was a phenomenal book. I heard Tracy speak at a book talk to launch this book and it made the book even more enjoyable. In 1838, extremely unhappily married couple James and Sadie Goodenough, leave their family in Connecticut for a better life out west. Like so many settlers, their wagon gets stuck in the Great Black Swamp in northwest Ohio and they are forced to stop their journey and build their home.

During this time, the Ohio Company of Associates made a deal with potential settlers: anyone willing to form a

permanent homestead on the wilderness of northwest Ohio would be granted 100 acres of land. To prove their homesteads to be permanent, settlers were required to plant 50 apple trees and 20 peach trees in three years. John Chapman, the real-life Johnny Appleseed used this agreement to his advantage, and he approaches the Goodenough's in the book to sell them apples. Most of the apples he sells, though are sour and not good for eating. James Goodenough makes it his life mission to create better apples by grafting good apples with those he buys from Johnny Appleseed. Sadie Goodenough just want to make the popular alcoholic beverage applejack.

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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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Ms. Chevalier went to graduate school in England in 1984, married a British man, and has called London home ever since. However, she has Ohio ties, having attended Oberlin College. In 2012, she wrote *The Last Runaway*, which also takes place in Ohio.

Below are the list of your favorites. I am not surprised that so many of you shared your favorite books – it is what we do as Librarians. Thank you for sharing and thank you for all you do to make ORALL an organization we can all be proud of!

- 1984
- A Long Fatal Love
- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
- And Then There were None
- Beach Music
- Book Thief
- Breakfast of Champions
- Career of Evil
- Catcher in the Rye
- Dante's Inferno
- Deep Green Resistance
- For Whom The Bell Tolls
- Go Set a Watchman
- Gone With the Wind
- Good Soldier
- Harry Potter Series
- Here if You Need Me
- Ishmael
- Little Women
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil
- Murder at the Vicarage
- Needful Things
- Persepolis
- Ready Player One
- Revolutionary Suicide
- Secret Garden
- Siddhartha
- So Long and Thanks for All the Fish
- South of Broad
- Tale of Two Cities
- The Day the World Came to Town
- The Forty Rules of Love
- The Giver

- The Glass Castle
- The Godfather
- The Invention of Wings
- The Last Lecture
- The Law Town on Earth
- The Outlander Series
- The Pact
- To Kill a Mockingbird
- We Were The Mulvaneys
- What We Talk About When We Talk About Love

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***How a Soon-To-Be Unemployed Librarian is Coping with Stress
(Other Than Binge-Watching Cat Videos on YouTube)***
by Youngwoo Ban, Indiana Tech Law School

On October 31, 2016, just four months after I began my career as a law librarian, Indiana Tech Law School, my place of employment, announced that it would close in June 2017. When I first heard the news, I did not feel stressed about losing my job since I was busy in the fall semester and June would still be many months away. However, once the current semester began, I have been feeling heavily stressed and anxious. At work, being with the library staff has helped reduce stress. However, when I am home alone, I would start worrying about my job prospect and the difficulty of obtaining a new work visa (I am neither a U.S. citizen nor a permanent resident). After spending days during which I frantically checked job postings every half hour, I realized that I needed distractions that would clear my head. I decided to spend my free time learning technology.

1. HTML/CSS/JavaScript

Since I use the flipped classroom model to teach legal research, I have been looking to improve the way I deliver the pre-class reading materials. I've used free resources such as *Google Site* and [PBworks](#) to create websites or wikis containing the pre-class reading materials consisting of texts, screenshots, and videos. However, these platforms provide limited customization capabilities. So I signed up for an online course to learn HTML, CSS, and JavaScript so I will be able to create a website that contains not only texts and pictures but also interactive quizzes. I have found [W3Schools](#) and [Mozilla Developer Network \(MDN\)](#) to be very helpful as they offer tutorials and references for HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

2. Basic Office Software Programs

The [current AALL Spectrum issue](#) contains an article on [teaching legal technology](#). It mentions a [3 Geeks and a Law blog post](#)¹ discussing the importance of teaching basic office programs such as Word, Excel, PDF, and Outlook. When I was in law school, I attended a training session (taught by librarians) on creating table of contents for an appellate brief. Now that I am a librarian, I would like to be able to provide similar training to students. To achieve this goal, I need to improve my office suite skills. IIT Chicago-Kent Law Library provides a [LibGuide](#) on using styles, table of contents, table of authorities, and cross-references. Another helpful resource is [GCFlearnfree.org](#) where you can learn the basics of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

It has been several weeks since I have begun to spend my free time learning computer technology. Staying busy has kept me from being over-anxious about immediate future. I hope this too shall pass and that all of you will also be able to overcome stress when adversity comes.

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¹ The blog post contains a link to a [podcast episode](#) on teaching technology. Discussion of the main topic begins around the 23:45 mark.

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2017 ORALL Conference: Theme Announced
by, Ingrid Mattson, Kathy Dugan, and Joe Custer

We are happy to announce a theme for ORALL 2017: Creating Winning Strategies. As you know, the conference will be October 18-20, 2017, on the Case Western Campus in Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland has become the [City of Champions](#); law librarians are champions at leadership, innovation, resourcefulness, and patron service. Whether you see your library as an underdog, a comeback kid, or a born winner, we are excited to hear your story at this year's conference.

While proposals can be on any topic that in some respect addresses emerging or otherwise timely issues facing legal information professionals, the Education Committee encourages applicants to incorporate the theme of creating winning strategies into their proposal. We are particularly interested in hearing from law librarians at all library types. If you have an idea you would like to discuss, need help finding possible speakers or just want to talk before the formal call for sessions is sent out, please feel free to email or call Education Committee Chair Ingrid Mattson (Mattson.30@osu.edu, 614-292-9476).

The Local Arrangements Committee is hard at work planning library tours and dine-arounds; we hope this will be a can't-miss conference!

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List of Candidates for the ORALL Executive Board
By Beau B. Steenken, University of Kentucky

This year is going to be a little different from past years in that two out of the three positions are actually going to be contested. The contested positions are clearly delineated below. With that being said, here are the candidates:

V.P./Pres.-Elect: Rick Goheen, University of Toledo (unopposed)

Treasurer:

- Meredith Conner, Ulmer & Berne LLP
- Susan Azyndar, Ohio State University

At-Large Board Position:

- Tim Hennies, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
- Kristen Hallows, Bricker & Eckler

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Remembering Former Law Librarian Betty Busch
by Joanne Beal, Dayton Law Library

ORALL Life Member Betty Busch passed away on January 27, 2017. Betty served as Law Librarian of the former Dayton Law Library Association from November, 1971, until August, 1993. During the years Betty served as Law Librarian, the collection increased to its largest size and in April 1981, the Dayton Law Library became the first courthouse library in the state to install a permanent LexisNexis terminal.

Betty attended her first ORALL meeting in May of 1972 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She served the Chapter in various capacities on committees and Executive Board and as Vice President in 1977.

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A Note from Your Newsletter Editor

First and foremost, apologies for the late publication of this Newsletter (we almost had a historic first April ORALL Newsletter), but thank you to all that contributed.

As hopefully you noticed, we have a new advertiser with us for this issue – Retrieval-it. Also, be sure to check out our list of ORALL Executive Board candidates; we have some contested races so it may not be so easy to vote this year. Thanks to Beau Steenken and his committee for putting together a list of candidates from various backgrounds.

Not much else to say really, except that our next Newsletter will be published in June, with articles being due the last week in May.

As always, if you ever have any questions, concerns or ideas, please e-mail me at pvenard1@udayton.edu.