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President's Column – Angela Baldree

As most of you are aware by now, AALL has selected Cleveland, Ohio, as the site of its 2021 annual conference. I received an email from Pam Reisinger, AALL Director of Meetings, on April 10 and was beyond excited. She asked that the local chapter provide comments on whether the site will “attract local interest and support from chapters and members.” Most of you are aware that Cleveland is my Home (yes, I meant for the capital H). I love my job and life in Columbus, but Cleveland will always be Home. When I explained this opportunity to my best friend since 8th grade, I said it was “what I was born to write.” I began writing, kept writing, slept, thought of more reasons to pick Cleveland, and wrote some more. I shared it with the full ORALL Board, and they offered many great suggestions. Next, I shared it with the staff of the Franklin County Law Library, especially Jennifer Jones, who serve as my proofreaders. Then I shared it with my mother and said best friend, who offered even more suggestions. Judge Schneider then looked at it and offered his own suggestions. Finally, I sent it to my friend Libby Fischer Hellmann, who some of you may know is an author of several great mystery novels. Her keen

writer’s eye put the finishing touches on the letter I often referred to as my masterpiece (even though so many different people contributed to its success).

I submitted it to Pam on April 17 – a full week after receiving the original email – at 9:01 am. At 10:15, I received the following reply from Pam: “Thank you for this outstanding support of Cleveland for the 2021 AALL Annual Meeting. The support of local law librarians is key to a successful meeting and with this letter of support, the Executive Board is excited to name Cleveland as the site of the 2021 Meeting!”

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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*

I am pretty sure I jumped out of my chair when I got the email. Many people have told me there probably was not another city in the running since the board's reply was so quick, but I choose to believe "our" letter did the trick. Keith Ann Stiverson called me later in the day to tell me that I should work for the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. [So now after all this hype, if you'd like to read the letter, just click here.](#)

While the Cleveland AALL meeting is still four years away, we can all begin dreaming of how ORALL can come together to put on a great conference. In the meantime, though, ORALL will be in Cleveland in four short months. I have been informed that Mary Jenkins will be our AALL board member visitor. It will be nice to have Mary back at ORALL after moving to New Hampshire. Joseph Custer and Kathy Dugan are busy leading the Local Arrangements Committee and have some really fun things planned. Ingrid Mattson is working with the Education Committee to plan many relevant programs. Even though the deadline has recently passed, I am sure Ingrid would take further submissions, especially for Cool Tools. Contact some of your counterparts at other libraries and create a panel on a topic that interests you. That is the easiest way to plan a program, and audiences really enjoy hearing from a variety of speakers.

Many of you remember that it was during last year's ORALL meeting that the Cleveland Indians clinched a spot in the World Series. I am counting on the same thing happening this year, so that is another reason to be in Cleveland in October. Also during that time of year, the Cavaliers are playing pre-season games. And if you stick around, the Browns will be at home playing the Titans on October 22; however, I don't feel as confident about the outcome of that game. Finally, in order to spread some love around the state, I've just been informed that the 2018 ORALL meeting will take place at the Kingsgate Marriott by the University of Cincinnati October 17 – 19, 2018. I am positive the Local Arrangements Committee and Education Committee will once again plan an excellent conference. I know I am looking forward visiting the area and getting some Montgomery Inn ribs.

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Computers in Libraries 2017

by Amy Burchfield, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Library

Early this Spring I had the opportunity to attend the Computer in Libraries Conference in Arlington, VA. Being back in the DC area felt like old times, complete with single-tracking on the Yellow Line Metro resulting in overcrowded delays traveling to and from the conference hotel. While wedged into the aisle

the first morning of the conference, the man next to me asked if my commute had been affected by the track work. I replied that I was just in the area for a conference, so technically no. He asked what I did, and I replied that I'm a librarian. His response: I didn't know there were librarians anymore.

On that note, I arrived at the Computers in Libraries Conference as a first-time attendee. I don't think it's possible to go to a library conference near the nation's capital without running into fellow law librarians. There were a few of us, and we honed in on one another like beacons. But we were in the minority, and that was the point. I wanted to attend CIL to get a taste for what goes on in the wider library world.

Public and school libraries were well represented, as were federal agency libraries of all stripes. The creativity of public library programming and services was especially eye-opening – welcome services for Syrian refugees, LGBTQ drop-ins, artists in residence programs, hack-a-thons, open data book clubs, musical instrument rentals, even SAD therapy lamps. I realize some of these ideas might be a stretch in a law library setting, but it's encouraging to be reminded to try new things.

Librarians at school libraries must be some of the hardest working folks in the business. Like teachers, they must be ridiculously overworked and underpaid. One librarian who talked about how she was involved with getting research mandated at her school said she teaches 50 to 60 classes and training sessions *a month*. I think most academic law librarians can only dream of being in such high demand for teaching services.

Plenty of conference sessions covered topics totally on point for law libraries. Fake news and how to spot it and avoid it came up over and over. Several presenters spoke about videos and gamification for marketing and outreach purposes. One pair of researchers coined the term “container collapse” to describe a phenomenon that I suspect happens as frequently among law students as it does among the middle school through graduate school students they studied. Container collapse occurs when the traditional containers of information – books, articles, newsletters, etc. – are collapsed into a single Google results list. I suspect the same thing happens with the traditional containers of legal information when they are collapsed into Lexis or Westlaw results. The outcome is that sometimes law students have a hard time identifying the most authoritative information sources because they are unfamiliar with the original containers.

A presenter from the Pew Research Center offered some of the most encouraging data about libraries and librarians overall. Pew research echoed a theme that came up several times at the conference – the idea of libraries as institutions that confer identity. Traditionally, individuals have built their sense of identity through shared experience in families, employment, education, or

religion. Now many of these time-honored institutions are in decline or in flux, leaving individuals lacking a secure sense of self. Libraries can step in now as trusted institutions to confer a valued sense of identity for their communities. Pew data also shows that two-thirds of Americans actively engage with libraries, while many more admire them from afar. People think libraries are important and help improve the quality of life in their communities. So, despite the exchange I had with the commuter who questioned whether librarians are even around anymore, I take heart in the good work that librarians from all types of libraries are doing every day.



While on the trip, I had the chance to tour the Library of Congress, one of the most beautiful libraries in the country.

Library Staycations

by, Minnie Ozbeytemur, Franklin County Law Library

Summertime! Summertime! Sum-sum-summertime! Have you been waiting for this? I know I have. No more coats and sweaters. No more shoes or socks. It's all flip flops, shorts and sunshine! And vacations!

Do you know that Ohio has many amazing and quite unique libraries? When you think of vacations, you probably do not want to think of visiting places that are like work, but there are so many interesting libraries here in Ohio that will not make you think of work at all.

We obviously have local public libraries, most of which have wonderful summer reading programs that are not just for kids anymore. Reading programs are so exciting that Columbus Metropolitan Library has a coming soon countdown clock on the libraries website for their program. Lots of public and college libraries have special exhibits that change out periodically also. Last year at the ORALL conference in Dayton I was able to see a banned books exhibit at the Roesch Library along with an amazing collection of Mary statues.

In Northeast Ohio is the Holden Arboretum library - [The Warren H. Corning Library](#). You can walk through the gardens enjoying the plants, flowers, birds and butterflies and then go into the library and look up everything you just saw. You can also borrow a field guide to take with you on your hike. There is a Rare Book Room that is by appointment only. Doesn't that just pique your interest? What rare books could an arboretum library have? I am going to have to go and find out.

You can visit the [Harriet Beecher Stowe House](#) in Cincinnati. If you go on June 11th, you can attend a birthday party for her (though her actual birthday is June 14th, so if you go next summer, you probably want to double check that date). The library also has a book club, concerts and many other events that sound like fun! Also in Cincinnati is [The Mercantile Library](#). You have to be a member to visit but membership is open to everyone who pays the fee. This library was founded in 1835 and includes a large collection of books as well as a collection of artwork.

We also have a number of Presidential Museums/Libraries: the [Harding Home](#), [The Garfield Home](#), and the home of [Rutherford B. Hayes](#). I recently visited the [McKinley Museum](#) in Canton but the library part was closed for the day. The museum had a lot of information about Stark County and about all the presidents, including President Trump. The replica of Melania Trump's inauguration gown is already available for viewing at the [First Ladies' Museum](#). There are many gowns showcased at the museum as well as different plates that were used during each of the ladies' turns at the White House. Next door to the First Ladies' Museum is the childhood home of [Ida McKinley](#). If you go to the First Ladies Museum, a tour of the house is included in the price.

Bowling Green State University's [Ray & Pat Brown Library](#) for Popular Culture Studies is located in northwestern Ohio. You can visit this library and walk around, looking, but nothing can leave the floor. It has the "most comprehensive archive" of pop culture in the United States. It has so much that when I called and asked for specifics, the librarian had a hard time coming up with any one thing. I did, however, get that they have thousands of comic books, graphic novels, and pulp fiction books. She said they have a "very large collection of romance books." The library also has Miss America, Pokémon, and Star Trek memorabilia. And the librarian informed me that they are working on a large

cataloging project of trading cards, as in sports trading cards. I feel a summer road trip coming on!

Speaking of road trips, check out the [Ohio Reading Road Trip website](#). And just look at all the authors from Ohio on the [Ohio Literary Map](#)!

I hope at least one of these libraries has piqued your interest and that you visit one of them sometime. If you have any libraries that you think I should know about please feel free to email me your suggestions! I am always looking for new places to explore!

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Law Libraries and Little Free Libraries

by Kathleen M. Dugan, Esq., MLS, The Cleveland Law Library

Our Law Library recently dedicated two Little Free Libraries in Cleveland, Ohio. In what we believe is the first of its kind in the United States, we installed a Little Free Library (LFL) this Spring at the [Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Justice Center](#). That project was the result of a successful collaboration between our Law Library, the Juvenile Court, and the [FBI Citizens Academy Foundation of Cleveland](#) (FBI Citizens Academy). In partnership with the [Cleveland Public Library](#) (CPL), we also installed a second LFL at Smarty Pants Learning Center 2 in downtown Cleveland on the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday. I hope that the information contained in this article will inspire you to start a LFL at a local court or other venue where you live or work.

You may have seen LFLs in your own communities at local grocery stores or parks or even on homeowners' front lawns. Locally, the FBI Citizens Academy has been busy installing LFLs at local police stations. If you have never seen one before, most LFLs look like friendly bird houses that contain books people can take or exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, and they are all filled and decorated differently based on the interests of their owners. People can purchase a LFL from a non-profit called the [LFL Corporation](#) or build one from scratch. Our two LFLs came from the LFL Corporation and are designed to provide reading opportunities for students in grades K-12. We have posted various pictures of our LFLs on our Law Library's Facebook page, but I have included a few pictures below that we took at the dedication ceremonies.*

Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court:





Our LFL at Juvenile Court was provided compliments of the FBI Citizens Academy, where one of our County Law Library Board members serves on the Board of Directors. It was donated by the LFL Corporation and decorated with a sports theme by Boy Scout Troop 261 from Chardon, Ohio. It is located in a great place on the 2nd floor of the Juvenile Justice Center in between the Clerk of Court's office and the cafeteria. You can find our LFL on the LFL Corporation's worldwide [map](#) by searching my last name as Steward.

I filled our LFL with about 50 gently used books I picked up for free at the [Cleveland Kids' Book Bank](#), supplemented with a few board books I purchased at a local discount store. Our thanks go to Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Administrative Judge Kristin Sweeney who presided over our installation and participated in readings with students from Bolton Elementary School. We had a large crowd of attendees, including two of our Board members, representatives from our partners, and many Court personnel. Afterward, we all enjoyed cake and ice cream in the Jury Assembly Room with the students and dignitaries in attendance. To top off a wonderful event, as I was leaving the reception and heading toward the elevator, I saw a little girl about 5 years old take a book from our LFL and ask her mother to read it to her.

Smarty Pants Learning Center 2:





Our second installation at Smarty Pants Learning Center 2 grew out of our Law Library's long-term membership in [CLEVNET](#), a consortium of public and special libraries in Northeast Ohio, as well as a special collaboration agreement we signed with CPL last year. CPL purchased our LFL from the [Little Free Library](#) corporation, which is devoted to encouraging, promoting and registering LFLs. Both CPL librarians and I contributed books and good cheer to a casual event at the day care which included readings, songs, and donuts.

You may be asking why our Law Library got involved in creating LFLs for children. Not only do our LFLs help foster our Law Library's educational [mission](#), but they fulfill a major goal of our [strategic plan](#) to explore, create and maintain partnerships with organizations that share our legal community. As many of us also know, reading also leads to a life-long love of learning. However, most children in Cleveland have no books at home and insufficient opportunities to read. I also feel that professionals have a responsibility to contribute beyond their schools, churches and neighborhoods to the communities in which they work every day.

For the future, our LFLs will not require any ongoing physical maintenance because they are both located inside buildings. However, I will periodically replenish both as children take books home without replacing them. Thanks to the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank, I have an endless supply of good quality used books for children, including board books, books parents can read to children, chapter books for early readers, and novels for teenagers.

If you are interested in starting your own LFL at a local court or other location in your community, I would highly recommend reading *The Little Free Library Book*:

Take a Book • Return a Book by Margret Aldrich (Coffee House Press, 2015). It contains some great ideas for creating a LFL, as well suggestions for locations.

Finally, if you would like to help support our LFL at Juvenile Court, we will be collecting donations of new or gently used K-12 books at ORALL 2017. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will also be able to accept donations by cash, check, and credit card.

*I obtained prior permission to post pictures with children.



The members of the Local Arrangements and Education Committees for ORALL 2017 hope you plan to make Cleveland your destination this October. We have been working very hard to make this a great conference and have already posted general information on the [ORALL](#) web site about:

- The Conference Hotel: [Marriott at University Circle](#)
- The Opening Reception: [Cleveland Botanical Garden](#)
- The Meeting Site: [Tinkham-Veale University Center](#)

Due to generous vendor support this year, conference registrations will only cost \$90.00 for early birds and \$115.00 after September 15, 2017. In addition, non-members who register to attend will receive a complimentary membership in ORALL through the end of 2017!

Paying tribute to smart ORALLians and victorious Cleveland sports teams, the Education Committee has chosen this year's programming theme as *Creating Winning Strategies*. Work on programming is ongoing as this article goes to print. In addition to informative and instructive education programs, we have lined up some fun and interesting activities for attendees. On Wednesday afternoon, we have scheduled a tour of The Dittrick Museum of Medical History on the Case campus, which includes internationally recognized collections of medical imagery and medical devices from the Civil War. After programming concludes on Friday, attendees are invited to the Western Reserve History Center, where we will tour

the research library and then have the chance to explore the rest of the Museum's collections, including the Crawford Auto Aviation Museum and the Chisolm Halle Costume Wing. Adventurous ORALLians may also want to ride the Euclid Beach Park Grand Carousel!

On Thursday night, come hungry! CLE's reputation as a "foodie" town will not disappoint at our traditional Dine-Around. Afterward, Thursday evening's Game Night will include options to play cards and 'law-related' board games at the Hotel or bowl a couple of games across the street at the Corner Alley Uptown. Wear your favorite sports team t-shirt to dinner and Game Night to spark some friendly rivalry with friends and colleagues.

Finally, please start saving your kids' books. This year, we are collecting K-12 books to support a brand new Little Free Library at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and Justice Center. We will have a box for donations at the registration desk, but we will also be able to accept donations by cash, check, and credit cards.

When Conference, Hotel and Dine-Around reservations go live on the ORALL.org website by early August, we will post information on both the ORALL and ORALL-C listservs.

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A Note from Your Newsletter Editor

Thanks again to all who contributed to the June newsletter. It is always nice not to have to beg.

Our next newsletter will be published in August, after the AALL Annual Meeting. Be sure to check it out for articles from our ORALL grant winners discussing all the cool stuff happening in Austin. If you are unlucky enough, you may run into your favorite ORALL Newsletter Editor at the Conference.

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