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President's Column – Sarah Starnes

... and all of a sudden it's June. ORALL has a lot going on this month, including voting for our new executive board members and some bylaw changes. [Please click here to vote!](#) (*editor's note: you can find bios for the candidates below.*) Voting will be open until June 22. Proposals are opening up for our annual meeting in Akron in November, and we're all preparing for AALL in Boston in July! I look forward to seeing many of you at Trident Booksellers.

Something that's been on my mind lately is the passage of time. How is it already June? I feel like last week it was August 2022. This past academic year has been a blur, and I often felt like a broken record. "Once this week is over, I'll have more time next week." "I just need to get through the next two weeks, and then I'll be able to catch up." "I apologize, it was a busy week but I'm working on catching up now." Sound familiar?

But it's not August 2022, it's June 2023 and I've spent an entire year focusing on doing my best to stay on top of things. I'm making sure (most) things don't fall through the cracks, I'm making sure to be as pro-active as possible, and I'm attempting to accomplish both my to-

do and wish lists. You know the song: everybody's working for the weekend. I feel like in our attempt to live for the weekend that we forget to live during the week. We are so focused on not falling behind that we don't notice how quickly the weeks pass by. Then all of a sudden it's the next semester, the next season, or the next big event. We enjoy our weekends, but much like the weeks, they pass by quickly.

Don't get me wrong, I absolutely enjoy and love what I do, both at work and outside of work.

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Profile

ORALL is a 3-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky]. 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*

However, I feel like in my attempt to live it, to get through it, to check things of my list, I forget to *appreciate* it. I speak frequently about things I've done, people I've seen, conversations I've had and I realize that they're no longer in recent history. These things happened prior to the pandemic, during the pandemic, over a year ago. How can that be? Did I appreciate going to this place, seeing this person, reading this book? I think I did, but I also think that I could be more aware of my appreciation during whatever it is I'm doing.

I absolutely adore a to-do list and I'm sure many of you do as well. I have them everywhere: on my phone, on my computer, in a notebook, on lined sticky-note pads. There's nothing more satisfying than checking an item off my list. But in my need to complete said list, I don't stop to realize all that I've done, or what I've accomplished. I'm automatically onto the next thing, to have a little check next to every box on my list.

I'm realizing that my life is passing by quickly, and I'm not taking the time to appreciate all I've done and what I'm doing. It's important that I become more conscious of this, to practice taking a step back and not focusing on getting x, y, or z finished. Be mindful and present and enjoy the process of *doing*. Appreciate the people you're with, the things you're doing, and don't focus so much on getting to the next thing.

We talk about summer as being an opportunity to catch up on things. Do I have a to-do list this summer? Absolutely. However, I'm putting this reminder at the top: be present, enjoy what you're doing, and appreciate what you've done. If you feel like I do (and maybe, hopefully, I'm the only one who feels this way), I encourage you to do the same. I hope we all take the opportunity to enjoy the slower summer months, reflect back on our accomplishments, and feel rested, prepared, and present for what the future holds.

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AI Chatbot Technology and Law Libraries **by Kathleen Dugan, Cuyahoga County Law Library**

Every day, my newsfeeds are filled with articles about artificial intelligence (AI) chatbots and the things that they can do. Setting aside the warning bells from their creators or the ethics of using them at all, I have read that ChatGPT can pass a bar exam, draft contracts, compose emails and letters, write papers and briefs, create images, and even replicate voices. Lawyers are already using various AI tools to automate some of their routine tasks such as document or

contract review, and legal research vendors are racing to integrate chat functionality into their databases to enhance natural language searching. These developments have made me question whether chatbots can replace law librarians and the services that we provide. While I have more questions than answers, I think we need to acknowledge this new ‘elephant in the room’ and learn all that we can in order to continue to remain essential in supporting the practice of law and the legal research needs of our patrons.

Like many of you reading this article, I have been experimenting with Chat GPT, Google’s Bard, and Bing Chat by testing them with legal research questions from our patrons.¹ Notably, all three products allowed me to input my questions in a natural language format using both facts and legal facts, and all three generated narrative responses that were very easy to read and understand. Although their summaries were basically correct, they only provided high-level cross-references to gateway web pages, and one even cited an incorrect authority. Although some articles I have read indicate that Internet chat services make up answers that are wrong, I have not yet personally experienced that problem. One of the chief differences from traditional Internet searches, which generate lists of results containing clickable links, chatbot searches generate conversational answers with only a few allegedly curated links to review.

I think we have to admit that this type of searching will be popular with both lawyers and self-represented litigants, who we know are already ‘Googling’ for answers to their legal research questions. What if they only need a black letter law principle-can an Internet chatbot provide a reliable answer? Inasmuch as lawyers have ethical obligations to keep abreast of new developments in technology, they will be duty-bound to explore the scope and reliability of chatbots in their practices. Although they can ill-afford to ignore products that their clients will be using, do lawyers run the risk of offending or losing clients who want more than the chatbot answers they already found themselves?

The problem may not be in using these AI products but in relying on them without verification or further research. It is realistic to expect that many researchers will stop looking when chatbots provide answers that sound reasonable and accept them at face value, without knowing if they are actually wrong or only partially correct. Although a great deal of primary law and academic content is available for free on the Internet, and the universe of other types of materials chatbots browse before generating answers is extremely large, not all of those resources are authoritative or reliable. I do not know about you, but my library science professors regularly emphasized the doctrine of authority control in many aspects of librarianship. In addition, many of the best secondary authorities are behind pay walls that web-based chatbots cannot search. As both a lawyer and law librarian, I might be tempted to start my legal research with an Internet chatbot search on an unfamiliar topic. However, I would not be able to rely on the results

¹ For those who are interested, I have included an Appendix with the text of my three legal research questions.

without verifying them before advising clients, preparing and filing documents in court, or helping patrons conduct their own legal research. Hopefully, both lawyers and self-represented litigants will continue to need our assistance to verify the answers they initially find on the Internet.

This is, however, only part of the equation because legal search engines are adding new AI chatbot tools as well. As examples, Lexis® recently held a webinar where the company demonstrated the generative AI features of its latest product, Lexis+ AI®. In addition, Thomson Reuters just announced that it plans to invest \$100,000,000.00 to incorporate generate AI into its products by the end of this year. Firms and lawyers who already purchase these companies' databases will presumably want to add chatbot tools, and law libraries will want to acquire access for their staff and patrons once these products become available to our industry. If legal chatbots can do what they look like they might be able to do, they could make online legal research a lot easier for everyone, except perhaps those who totally dislike the research process or struggle with technology. We can definitely still help these types of patrons. If legal chatbots also capture the best and most relevant results, they could potentially reduce the time it takes to find precedential authorities for a controlling jurisdiction. Stated otherwise, chatbots could be a time-saver as the number of primary and secondary resources that fee-based legal research databases aggregate and provide continues to grow exponentially. This could be a boon for busy lawyers and law librarians.

Even with these potential benefits, practicing lawyers and *pro se* litigants will still have to read and verify the results that legal chatbots generate to ensure that they did not miss anything. Because the law is often very obtuse, we may be able to fill in gaps by providing resources to which firms and lawyers do not subscribe. I wish I had a crystal ball to tell me what to expect, but, at a minimum, there is still a role we can fill for firms, lawyers, and self-represented litigants who are not able to purchase their own legal research databases. They will have to continue to rely on law libraries for their access to these products and their AI components.

Appendix: Legal Research Questions

As examples, I tested GPT4, Bard, and Bing Chat with the following legal research questions:

Legal Research Question No. 1: In Ohio, can an interested third party file for custody of children in juvenile court when a domestic relations court already granted the parties a divorce and awarded sole custody to a parent?

Legal Research Question No. 2: Under Ohio law, does a witness in a civil case have to be made available for cross-examination?

Legal Research Question No. 3: Is it a violation of the Truth in Lending Act for the lender to mis-quote or mis-estimate the property taxes on a property in loan disclosure documents?

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Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) 2023-24 Executive Board Candidate Statements



Vice President/President-Elect Candidate: **Margaret (Maggie) Kiel-Morse**

Margaret (Maggie) Kiel-Morse is the Faculty Services Librarian at Indiana University Maurer School of Law, a position she has held since 2019. In this role, she manages the Law Library's Faculty Research Assistant Program, a group of law students that do research projects for faculty on behalf of the library and provides scholarly communication services for the faculty. She also teaches Advanced Legal Research and participates in providing reference services. Maggie earned both her B.A. in History and her J.D. from Michigan State University, and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Arizona. She has worked as a librarian at Cleveland State University College of Law and the State Library of Arizona.

Maggie has been an active member of ORALL since 2015, serving on several committees over the years. She is currently a member of the Grants Committee and the Education Committee. She is also chairing the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2024 Annual Meeting in Bloomington, Indiana. She has presented at several ORALL Annual Meetings, including collaborations with colleagues on topics such as patron, student, and faculty services. She is also an active member of AALL and currently serves as the Chair of the ALL-SIS Faculty Services Committee. Maggie would be honored to serve as ORALL's next Vice-President/President-Elect, to continue contributing to the chapter's vitality and usefulness, and to help keep ORALL engaged in the future of law librarianship.



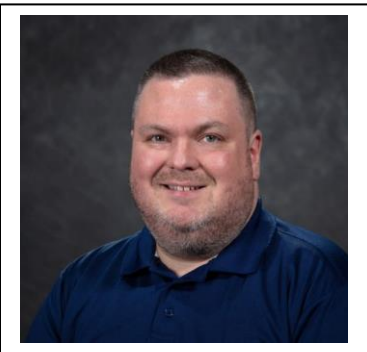
Vice President/President-Elect Candidate: **Amelia Landenberger**

I am a Senior Legal Information Librarian at Boston University, where I teach legal research to 1Ls and LLMS as well as International Legal Research to 2Ls and 3Ls. I have also taught a Bar Exam Skills Course for LLMS, focusing on Constitutional Law, Criminal Procedure, and Torts. Prior to my move to Boston, I worked at the University of Kentucky and the University of Colorado, Boulder. Even though I've left the geographic area, ORALL remains close to my heart.

Almost all of my education has been in Ohio. I grew up in Suffield, OH, graduated from Archbishop Hoban High School in Akron, and I have a B.A. from Case Western Reserve University, a J.D. from The Ohio State University, and an MLIS from Kent State University. My first experiences in law librarianship came from student employment at The Ohio State University and a practicum at the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library, where I was introduced to ORALL. I am grateful for the mentors who helped me to get to this point in my career.

I have served ORALL as a Member at Large on the Executive Board, the Chair of the ORALL Grants Committee, the Nominations Committee, and the AALL Arrangements Committee for ORALL, and also as a member of the ORALL Grants Committee and ORALL Membership Committee. I once had the great honor of winning the ORALL Annual Meeting Euchre Tournament. I always look forward to the ORALL Annual Meeting and I would like to continue to serve ORALL and be as involved as possible in my favorite professional organization!

Treasurer Candidate: **Travis Eastham**



Originally from eastern Ohio, Travis Eastham returned to the Buckeye State in October, 2022. He is currently the Evening and Weekend Reference Librarian at the Capital University Law School. Prior to coming to Capital, Travis worked in the Access Services department at the DePaul University Library in Chicago, IL, most recently as the Course Reserves and Copyright Supervisor. He also co-taught a first-year introduction to college course as part of the DePaul University Chicago Quarter program. Travis joined AALL and ORALL in 2022, and was appointed to the AALL Leadership Development Committee to begin in July, 2023.

Travis has a B.S. in Psychology from The Ohio State University, and a J.D. and M.Ed. in Counseling/Student Affairs from DePaul University. He is currently completing a M.S.L.I.S. from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Treasurer Candidate: **Larissa Sullivan**



I am honored and humbled to be nominated for the position of ORALL Treasurer.

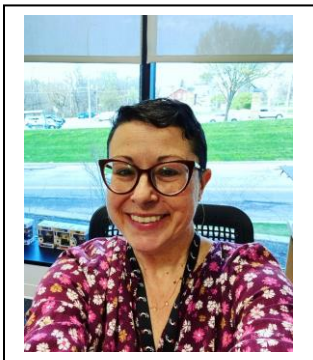
I have been a member of ORALL since the year 2000. Having seen the commitment and dedication of its members, particularly those on the Executive Board, I knew I wanted to get involved and be not just a member, but a member who contributes to the organization. It was not, however, until 2016 while at Valparaiso Law School and thereafter at the Indiana University Robert McKinney School of Law, that I got involved actively with ORALL, serving as a Member-at-Large (2016-2018), chairing the ORALL Membership Committee in 2018-2019, and again in 2022-2023, and being a member of the ORALL Diversity and Inclusion Committee in 2018-2020.

I look forward to using the skills and talents that I've acquired working with library budgets to further serve the organization that has benefited me in so many ways. I am particularly motivated to work on supporting our efforts for continued funding of ORALL scholarships and awards, as well as providing funds for further research. I am dedicated, dependable, enthusiastic, and organized - not to mention approachable and friendly - qualities I view as essential for the position of Treasurer. If elected, I expect to learn a lot in this role, but I'm also confident I can provide a new perspective.

Appointed to my position as Head of Collection Services at the Indiana University Ruth Lilly Law Library in January 2017, I provide leadership in all aspects of library acquisitions and collection development. I work closely with the Library Director and the Associate Director in maintaining the library's acquisition budget and producing financial reports to track library acquisitions.

Before coming to IU McKinney, I held various library positions at the University of Michigan Graduate Library, at the University of Michigan Law Library, Ave Maria School of Law Library, and Valparaiso University Law Library.

Member at Large Candidate: **Laura Dixon-Caldwell**



I have been a part of the Law Library Community for 15 wonderful years! I am currently a Reference and Instructional Services Librarian at the University of Cincinnati College of Law. I have previously worked as a librarian at Keating, Muething & Klekamp, Dinsmore & Shohl, and the Hamilton County Law Library. In my current role, I provide reference assistance to faculty and students, teach 1Ls in the Legal Research & Writing classes, and am working to get our Legal Research Competency Program off the ground. I have been a member of ORALL and AALL on off since 2008, and a member of MAALL since 2022. I

previously served on the ORALL Executive Board from 2014-2016 and would love to do so again.

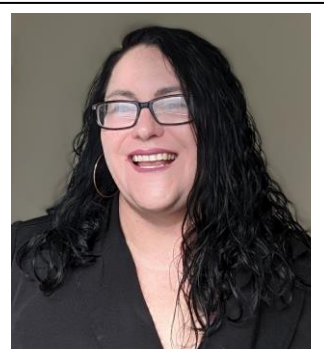


Member at Large Candidate: **Tim Hennies**

Tim Hennies is the Director of Library Services for Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, an AmLaw 200 firm based out of Cincinnati, Ohio. He has been with the firm since 2011, starting originally as a research librarian, before being promoted to Director at the end of 2018. Prior to joining Dinsmore he worked in various library environments including public and special libraries.

He received his Master's in Library Science from the University of Kentucky and additionally has a Master's of Arts in European History with a minor focus in Comparative Gender Studies and a Bachelor of Arts in the History of the Modern Middle East, both from the University of Cincinnati.


He has been an active member of ORALL since 2011, having served a prior term on the board as well as on local arrangements in 2018. He has authored articles for his local Bar Association and AALL Spectrum.



Member at Large Candidate: **Jeannette Mazur**

Jeannette has been a fan/member of ORALL for the past 7 years. You should consider her for a Member at Large because she will be there for you. Jeannette tries to contribute to the ORALL organization wherever possible. She has presented at conferences in 2016, 2018, 2019 and is gearing up for another great one in 2023. Jeannette has been on multiple committees in ORALL, MAALL and AALL. She has a lot of experience being a Member at Large on the Ohio Amblyopia Registry (eye patches for kids) for the past 5 years. Even if you don't vote for her, make sure to friend her on Linked in: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeannette-mazur-aa2492aa/>.

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***ORALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fall Conference Lexington, Kentucky
October 26, 2022***

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Ashley Ames Ahlbrand at 1:44 P.M. In attendance were President Ashley Ames Ahlbrand, Vice President/President Elect Sarah Starnes, Secretary Shara Parkomaki, Treasurer Susan Azyndar, and Member at Large Amelia Landeberger

MINUTES Susan Azyndar moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes from the October 19, 2021 Executive Board meeting. Sarah Starnes seconded the motion. Motion was voted and passed.

Susan Azyndar moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes from November 15, 2021 Executive Board meeting, seconded by Amelia Landeberger. Motion was voted and passed.

Amelia moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes from April 12, 2022 Executive Board meeting, seconded by Susan Azyndar. Motion was voted and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT Susan Azyndar gave the Treasurer's Report from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. She advised about registration revenue and expenses. Expenses included gift cards, AALL grants, County SIG meeting and web site expenses. Balance \$26,076.41 see attached treasurer's spreadsheet. She advised that Wild Apricot (web) has multi-year option and there is not an annual charge from the account. Conference expenditures will be more this year. Amelia Landeberger moved to approve the Treasurer's report, Sarah Starnes seconded. Motion was voted and passed.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Sarah Starnes advised there are 11 proposals and the AALL guest speaker who will speak at tomorrow's lunch

LOCAL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE – Sarah Starnes discussed in Beau Steenken's absence. They are a little short on rooms than expected. There are 50 attendees including vendors. There were not enough sponsors to cover all of the costs and there will be a loss this year.

DISCUSSION ON ITEMS ON BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA - President Ashley Ames Ahlbrand wanted to discuss some of the items that will be talked about at the business meetings and wanted to discuss with the Executive Board in preparation.

- Publications Committee – there was a request to merge or eliminate his committee. No one was assigned to this committee this year. Wants to have an open discussion with the members about this. Will need to change the bylaws to eliminate as a standing committee and there are procedures to do this.
- Return to Listserv for ORALL communications – wants to discuss the possibility of getting rid of the forums on Wild Apricot. It was used for a year and doesn't appear to be working as originally thought. Discussions about possibly moving to a google group etc.
- Student Memberships – discussed offering this membership free of dues like a life member without voting rights or the ability to run for a board position. This will be discussed with the members then will need to be added to the Bylaws
- Lifetime memberships – President received quick a response to this inquiry and will address these at the business meeting on Friday. This is given those librarians who have retired.
- George Baker Award – plan is to offer 2 of these year at the next fall conference. Shara will discuss this with the County Law Librarians (SIG) at their meeting today.

OLD BUSINESS

- Institutional memory – Ashley discussed the need to move on this and make it more concrete. We will continue to discuss this and ways that we can implement it. Maybe it can be stored on the website?
- Updating Bylaws & Handbook – This is something the board has been trying to accomplish for a while now. Susan discussed the need to also address the policy & procedures book as well.

FUTURE ORALL CONFERNENCES - Akron will be in 2023 and Bloomington in 2024. There were discussions about possibly changing the dates to later, maybe November?

THANK YOUS – President Ashley Ames Ahlbrand thanked Shara Parkomaki, outgoing Secretary, Lisa Britt Wernke, Past President and Ameila Landeberger outgoing Member at Large for their service to the board and ORALL.

NEW BUSINESS – nothing to discuss under new business

Motion to adjourn was moved by Susan Azyndar and seconded by Sarah Starnes, motion voted and meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.
Submitted,

Shara H. Parkomaki, ORALL Secretary

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ORALL Executive Board Meeting Minutes October 28, 2022 Lexington, Kentucky

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Sarah Starnes at 12:33 P.M. In attendance were President Sarah Starnes, Vice-President/President Elect Stephanie Ziegler, Secretary Jackie McCloud, Treasurer Susan Azyndar, Member at Large Sarah Sampson, and Past-President Ashley Ahlbrand.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS – The following new members were welcomed: Stephanie Ziegler, Vice President/President Elect, and Jackie McCloud, Secretary.

MINUTES – No minutes were presented for approval.

2022 LEXINGTON ANNUAL MEETING – There was a discussion about the success of the 2022 ORALL Annual Meeting. It was noted that the conference

went well; specifically, it was well attended, offered great programming, and had good vendor participation.

FUTURE ORALL ANNUAL MEETINGS – The 2023 ORALL Annual Meeting will be held in Akron, Ohio. There was discussion about changing the date from October to November. November 8th-10th was discussed for the 2023 meeting. Sarah Starnes moved to change the date from October 2023 to November 2023. Ashley Ahlbrand seconded the motion. The motion was voted and approved. Ideas for the 2023 annual meeting were also discussed, including the following:

- (1) Curating programming to appeal to different special interest groups;
- (2) Hosting roundtable discussions;
- (3) Keeping vendor spotlights;
- (4) Only providing electronic committee reports; and (5) presenting two George Baker awards.

The 2024 ORALL Annual Meeting will be held in Bloomington, Indiana. There was discussion about the possibility of the 2025 annual meeting being held in Columbus, Ohio.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS –

- **ORALL Listserv:** There was a discussion of Indiana University hosting the ORALL Listserv to replace the community forums and using ORALL's organizational email address for archival purposes.
- **Updating Bylaws & Handbook:** There was a general discussion about having the Bylaws and Guidelines Committee review and suggest amendments to the ORALL Bylaws. Additionally, it was proposed that vice-chair positions should be added to committees to increase continuity. It was also discussed that the minutes of Executive Board meetings should be sent to the newsletter editor for publication per the ORALL Handbook.
- **New Awards:** There was a general discussion about having the Nominations Committee consider new awards for next year, including awards for county, private, and academic members.
- **Expanding Membership:** There was a general discussion about having the Membership Committee explore the possibility of expanding membership to include librarians in Pennsylvania and Michigan.

- Organizational Name Change: There was a general discussion about the possibility of changing the organization's name and whether that would be the work of a committee or task force.

The meeting was moved to adjourn and seconded, motion voted, and meeting adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ J. McCloud
Jackie McCloud, ORALL Secretary

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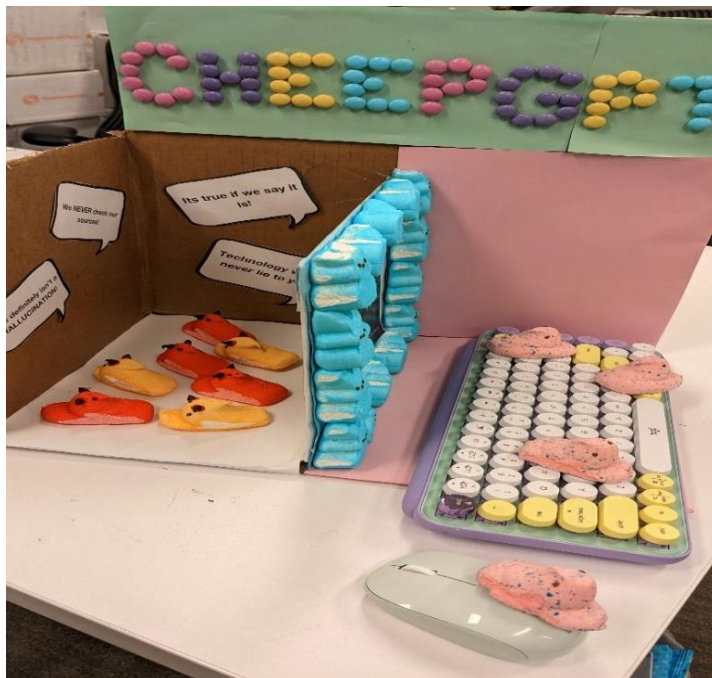
Congratulations to the Winners of the ORALL Peep Show 2023 Contest

by Kathleen Dugan, Cuyahoga County Law Library

The Hamilton County Law Library won in 2 categories for the Funniest and Most Creative entry with its display entitled Wild WestLaw:



The law firm of Baker Hostetler won in 2 categories for the Most Topical and Most Thought-Provoking entry with its display entitled CheepGPT:



The award for Best Law-Related Theme went to the Mahoning County Law Library for its entry entitled Johnny Peep v. Amber Bird:



Finally, the Lucas County Law Library took the prize for the Most Use of Peeps for its entry entitled Winner of the Peepular Vote-Moments from the Biden Inauguration:



Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's competition!

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DEI Bibliography on ORALL Website & DEI Activities at AALL Annual Meeting

by ORALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee (Laura Ray, KathyK. Ly, Kimberly Cogswell Mattioli)

The ORALL Diversity & Inclusion Committee recently started crowdsourcing a bibliography of diversity, equity, and inclusion resources developed by ORALL members. The bibliography will soon appear on the ORALL website, and the D&I Committee will continuously update the bibliography. Please continue to send your electronic LibGuides, research guides, and other resources to the D&I Committee. Any and all materials that relate to diversity, equity, and inclusion are welcome!

If you plan to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston, and are interested in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion issues, below are some programs that may be appealing to you. Check the [Annual Meeting Schedule](#) to verify program times and rooms.

◆ Sunday, July 16:

A More Inclusive Classroom: Considerations for the Legal Research Professor Teaching Neurodivergent Students (11:30am-12:30pm; Hynes-210)

Planning Welcoming Spaces with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Mind
(2pm-3pm; Hynes-302)

Pronouns, Best Practices, and Gender Inclusivity in the Law Library:
Understanding the Needs of Nonbinary Individuals (2pm-3pm; Hynes-312)
Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Are We Neglecting “Inclusion?” (3:5pm-
4:15pm; Hynes-312)

◆ Monday, July 17:

“Pause” and Effect? How Suspending DEI in the Public Sector May Impact
Law Librarianship and the Legal Profession (Hot Topic) (9:30am-10:30am;
Hynes-302)

The “Strait” Road to a Diverse Profession: Creating and Supporting a
Successful Fellowship
Program (3:30pm-4:30pm; Hynes-207).

◆ Tuesday, July 18:

Whose Story is Missing? How Law Libraries Can Adapt Collection
Development Policies for DEI (8:30am-9:30am; Hynes-210)
Discovering Diversity through Linked Data (11:15am-12:15pm; Hynes-311).

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An Annotated Bakeriography of Boston
by Amelia Landenberger, Boston University

As AALL brings you to Boston, you should be considering one important question: “where will I eat?” Well, I’d love to give you suggestions about where to eat entire meals, but honestly, the most important thing to know about the restaurants around Newbury Street is whether they’re \$\$\$\$ or \$\$\$\$\$, and so I really can’t offer an educated opinion about dining near the convention center. So I’ve decided to focus on the part of a meal that makes me happiest: dessert! Here are a few suggestions:

Eataly

Eataly (Italy in an Italian accent, get it?), is not completely a restaurant. It’s half a restaurant, half a gourmet grocery store. But it’s 100% inside the Prudential Center, which means you can walk from the hotels or convention center to procure your desired Italian food items without going outside in what will surely be the blistering heat of July in Boston. Try the rosemary sugar cookie. It’ll blow your mind. The double-chocolate cookies are also excellent, though not quite as mind-bending. Chocolate is traditional; rosemary is herby and special. I’m going to have to learn to make these at home someday.

I’m not giving you an address for this one, because if you’re using your GPS it’ll probably lead you outside and around; it’s *inside* the Prudential Center (which is connected to the Hynes Convention Center, the Sheraton, and the Copley

Marriott), across from the Sephora. <https://www.prudentialcenter.com/map/>
https://www.eataly.com/us_en/stores/boston/counters-and-cafes

Flour Bakery + Cafe

Yes, it's a chain. But it's a Boston chain. And yes, you'll have to leave the convention center, but only barely. It's across the street from the Sheraton, but you can always use a mapping app to find it if you're staying in the Marriott instead. I really appreciate their cheddar-scallion scones, their ginger-molasses cookies, and their meringue clouds. I have been pleasantly surprised by several of their sandwiches; my suspicion about their non-traditional ingredients is usually rewarded by a harmonious balance of flavors.

30 Dalton St, Boston, MA 02115. Be careful not to map the one on Clarendon Street which is also close-ish to the convention center but considerably further than Dalton Street. (If you are staying at the Copley Marriott, the two cafes are equidistant 8-minute walks from that hotel.) You can order ahead if you don't want to wait in line behind all of the other ORALLians who have read this article. <https://www.flourbakery.com/>

Tatte

Also a Boston chain--also fabulous. I would recommend anything they make that has nuts in it. The pistachio-cherry tart was my favorite until I ate too many and they began to seem mundane, so these days I often go for the palmier or (on the weekends) the vanilla sugar donut. The nut tarts are also sublime. All of their desserts are beautiful. I also highly recommend the Lamb Hash for breakfast and the Green and Nutty Salad for lunch or dinner.

The nearest location to the convention center is 160 Massachusetts Avenue Boston, MA 02115, on the campus of the Berklee College of Music. You can order ahead online for takeout; they are often quite busy. If you shop your way down Newbury Street and still have money left for a pastry, there is also a Tatte at 399 Boylston St. Boston, MA 02116. That location gives you a perfect opportunity to turn your takeout Tatte into a picnic in the Public Garden, watch the Swan Boats, and see the Make Way for Ducklings statue, thereby checking three items off the tourist agenda while enjoying your dessert. <https://tatebakery.com/>

Levain

Their website says the founders of this bakery were trying to find a cookie with enough oomph to sustain them for a triathlon. Since walking around Boston takes about as much energy as a triathlon, you could always try one of these very thick cookies to keep you going. I bought three the first time I went inside because I couldn't decide between the flavors. Three cookies turned out to be two cookies too many for me to eat in one day, but it might be the perfect lunch for you.

180 Newbury St, Boston, MA 02116
<https://levainbakery.com/>

Lady M

Crepe cakes = many many many layers of crepes and icing. Not cheap, but boy are they fancy, and I can understand why I'm paying a lot because of the effort it probably took for someone to carefully drape all of those layers. It took me ages to notice this place because it's below street level, so trust your mapping app and remember to look down.

304 Newbury St, Boston, MA 02115

<https://www.ladym.com/>

J.P. Licks

Ok, it's not quite as innovative as Jeni's, but this isn't Ohio. You're going to be in Boston and so you want to try the local ice cream. The J.P. part comes from Boston's Jamaica Plain neighborhood, where the original location of J.P. Licks can be found, but you can go to the one on Newbury Street, only a few blocks from the convention center. This is where I go when I want some cookies in my ice cream. I particularly recommend peanut butter cookies and cream or mint cookies and cream, but they also have coffee cookies and cream or salted caramel cookies and cream, if you don't want plain old normal cookies and cream. They also have many flavors that don't include cookies, but I usually don't make it past the nostalgic and textural appeal of the cookies and cream flavors.

173 Newbury St, Boston, MA 02116

<http://www.jplicks.com/>

Library Tea

This requires advance booking and \$64++ per person but if you'd like to have afternoon tea *inside the Boston Public Library*, you can make a reservation for the Library Tea. I would imagine that the reservations will fill up quickly with a horde of librarians just down the street at AALL. I must confess that I haven't personally splurged on this experience yet, but I'm planning to go soon. And even if you don't go for the three tiers of tea delights, I recommend sitting by the fountain in the Boston Public Library's courtyard and soaking up the atmosphere. The reading room is also beautiful—a postcard-perfect library image.

700 Boylston St, Boston, MA 02116

<https://www.librarytea.com/courtyard>

Dunkies

This is not a bakery and honestly most of their donuts are not my cup of tea. The only redeeming donut is the butternut. Don't be fooled into thinking this has something to do with a squash. It's a donut covered in sugar, nuts, and probably some butter. And since nuts have protein it's more balanced than the plain old boring glazed, right? (I am a law librarian, not a nutritionist). Everywhere you look in Boston you'll trip over a Dunkin', including inside the Prudential Center.

<https://www.prudentialcenter.com/map/>

<https://www.dunkindonuts.com/en/locations>

Mochinut

Mochi donuts have a texture that blows away flour donuts, plus a cool shape. My favorite is the ube donut; partly because of the flavor and partly because of the vivid purple color. I also like their Korean Rice Flour Hotdogs, especially the half-dog, half mozzarella stick option. It's very greasy but delicious. This is a longer walk from the convention center, about a mile and a half, but if you eat one of those Levain cookies on the way you can probably survive the trek.

83 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA 02111

<https://www.mochinut.com/> (strangely the website doesn't list the Harrison Ave. location, but I bought an ube donut there last week. It does exist.)

Bakey

I wasn't going to include this one because it's pretty new to Boston so it wasn't on my list of Boston classics, and then I tasted the cheese babka and the almond babka and I added it to this bakery list. They have truly epic babka in unusual flavors (not just chocolate). And honestly, this is walking distance from the convention center if you like walking and if it's not 90 degrees out. Part of your route from the convention center to Bakey hugs the Public Garden and crosses part of the Boston Common, so it could be a pleasant itinerary for a stroll.

151 Tremont St, Boston, MA 02111

<https://bakeybabka.com/>

Are you willing to take the T? If so, consider all of these worth a trip:

- Toscanini's Ice Cream in Cambridge—edgy, sophisticated ice cream flavors
- Paris Baguette in Central Square (inside HMart)—try the lemon cronut (croissant-donut)
- Tous Les Jours in Allston—really beautiful French-Asian baked goods
- Bova's in the North End—this bakery is open 24/7, except when Matt Damon and Casey Affleck recently shut down the bakery so they could film themselves smashing prop bakery cases inside for [some upcoming movie](#). Their lobster tail pastries are deliciously balanced between the flaky exterior and the not-too-sweet interior cream.

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County SIG Corner
by Kristy Wells, ORALL SIG CO-CHAIR

Hello fellow Orallians! As we look towards a beautiful summer filled with sunshine, picnics, and travel, I wanted to take a moment and reflect on the wonderful spring conference we held in Salt Fork. We had a great turnout, and the topics discussed were intriguing and interesting. Gathering around a fire pit Thursday evening was a great ice breaker and way to get to know everyone. Friday morning, I gave a speech on moving a law library, which is something I personally experienced a little over a year ago. Many good follow up questions were discussed. Lauren from Hamilton County gave a presentation on administrative duties for law librarians, and everyone who attended learned something new. JeanMarie from Jefferson County held a roundtable discussion on outreach, and this was met with great enthusiasm. Many ideas were passed around as to how to increase patronage and participation in our county libraries. Finally, the advisory board met in the afternoon.

All in all, the experience was a great one. We had great attendance, great participation, great food, and a great atmosphere. I am looking forward to stepping into the chair position in October and planning another interesting and fun conference.

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News from ORALL Libraries and ORALLians

Ted Potter, longtime member and Past ORALL President, retired from law librarianship after 40+ years, 15 of which were at the University of Toledo. He fondly remembers and appreciates working with ORALLians across the decades.

His favorite times were attending the many meetings to learn from each other and enjoy each others' company. He plans to stay in Iowa, where he spent the last 18 years. You can reach him at thelawlibrarian@gmail.com.

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A Note from ORALL Secretary – Jackie McCloud

Staying current with ORALL's business is as easy as checking ORALL's [Meeting Minutes & Annual Reports](#) webpage. Recent additions include approved Executive Board Meeting Minutes from [October 26th, 2022](#) and [October 28th, 2022](#) (editor's note: the approved Minutes are also included above.)

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Call for Program Proposals

Hello everyone,

The ORALL Education Committee is requesting program proposals for the 2023 Annual Meeting in Akron, Ohio, November 1-3. As the world emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic, and in the spirit of our host city's reputation as The Rubber Capital of the World, the theme for this year's meeting is **Bouncing Back: Resilience in the Rubber City**.

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 "bouncing back" into their proposals.

We are open to a variety of session formats, including the traditional 60-minute session, a few shorter topics offered in a joint program, or a "cool tools" session.

For the program to be considered, the proposal must contain the following information:

- Detailed description of what the program will cover.
- Names of the planners of the program.
- Names of speakers.
- Presentation format of the program.

Submit your proposal using this form.

Proposals Due: Sunday, August 6th.

Remember, this is also a great way to prepare for a larger presentation for a national conference or meeting!

The ORALL Education Committee welcomes your comments and questions. Inquiries should be sent to Stephanie Ziegler, Education Committee Chair, ziegler.149@osu.edu.

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A Note from Your Newsletter Editor

Thank you all once again for your contributions to this quarter's newsletter. Lots of news and events happening within ORALL (don't forget to vote and get in your program proposals!). Also some valuable information for those planning to attend the AALL Conference Boston.

I am very happy to see the continued contributions (without the need for too much begging), and I will continue to thank IU for hosting the listserv.

Our next newsletter will be published in September, 2023. Hopefully we'll have much more information about the ORALL Conference and reports from AALL.

Thank you.

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