

## President's Message

*Tonya Baroudi, Director — Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library*

Fall is my favorite season of the year because it brings a sense of rejuvenation and vigor. I relish the back to school activities and festival farm events that include hay rides, corn mazes and pumpkin patches. Plus, gone are the typical hot and humid Maryland days. As the leaves change from one hue to another, we pull out our cardigans, scarves, and other fall fashions. Not to mention, football is upon us! As we cheer for the team of our choice, I am reminded of the camaraderie that exists amongst the members of LLAM.

We are certainly off to a great start as the Executive Board's functions and duties were updated over the summer and have been posted on LLAM's website. The Board and Committee Chairs met on September 7 and revised the Strategic Plan to reflect the direction of the organization. That too will be posted in the upcoming months. Our team of committee chairs and members are: Katherine Baer (Archives), newly appointed Sara Thomas (Communications), Joan Bellistri and member Mary Jo Lazun (Government and Vendor Relations), Pat Behles (Membership), Kate Martin (Programming) and Jenny Rensler and member Dave Pantzer (Technology). Feel free to contact any of the committee chairs with an offer to help.

In the next few months, members will be asked to provide suggestions for programs, times and locations. Please be generous with your comments. In the meantime, our first program of the year featured former LLAM member John Cannan who discussed "how legislative procedure shapes legislative history." This program was followed by a brainstorming session led by Kate Martin who carved the way for LLAM's LRI program scheduled for March 21. In addition, we are thrilled to announce that the Honorable Irma Raker has graciously agreed to join us on November 6 at 3:00 p.m. at the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library. Judge Raker will address her experiences as Chair of the Standing Committee on Maryland Pattern Jury Instructions.

As you are now aware, LLAM has ventured into the world of blogs, hence "Shear News". Sara Thomas and Katherine Baer proposed this exciting platform as a way to create a dialogue and develop new relationships with LLAM members. It does not stop here. Sara also proposed an incentive program which allows members to earn points towards LLAM dues. Stay tuned for more information.

Clearly, LLAM has a strong Board and experienced colleagues. I trust that LLAM will continue its efforts to promote the value of law libraries and grow throughout the year in terms of knowledge, skills and membership.

I look forward to working with and seeing you at our LLAM events.



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# rethink YOUR VALUE

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## AALL Conference Recap

*by Jean Hessenauer, Librarian— Tydings & Rosenberg*

I have attended quite a few AALL conventions since 2001, and I have always taken away a certain amount of information. My colleagues will often say that they aren't going to the convention because they don't see enough programs that interest them. From my experience I don't find that to be true. No matter what session you attend you will learn something or hear something that you never knew. Even if the topic is not related to your current position, there will be something presented that is a new idea. You obviously can't retain 60-75 minutes worth of information, but I try to take away one or two what I think are key concepts from that session.

Rethinking Your Value really did come out loud and clear in most of the programs I attended. Every speaker echoed the same message — in this economy if you aren't valuable, then you may not have a job. Bruce MacEwen, the Summit keynote speaker, advised us and our law firms not to be complacent. He said complacency is the greatest threat to any business. The legal culture has to change in order for firms to survive. Leadership and strategy matter more now than ever. As the world becomes more digital the library has the opportunity to build visibility. David Weinberger, the keynote speaker, spoke about the amount of knowledge now available on the web. He said it is up to the librarians to take all of the data and metadata and make it usable. Here are openings for librarians to prove their value.

What's My Bottom Line (Hot Topic) was one of the programs I found most interesting, which surprised me since the speaker was the managing partner of a large firm. (I didn't think listening to a partner was going to be too inspiring, I can do that in my own office) He was a very articulate speaker and he spelled out the situation that has been facing law firms for the past few years. Keeping the partners happy is his role, something basic I guess we all know, but hearing it did make an impression. Failure to embrace technology will have a negative effect on law firms. Some law firms would rather fail than change. This is rather a dramatic statement, but the truth of this can best be seen in the recent dissolutions of a few large firms. There are many opportunities for librarians and other administrative staff members to affect the firm's bottom line. He also said that law

Our perception of a person or event dictates our behavior. The panel of Recharge: Increasing Your Influence, explained that only 10 % of what we perceive is really true. They gave examples showing how interaction with co-workers can often be misleading. We react to someone in a certain way because we think they either like us or don't like us. In reality they don't feel the way we think, but our actions may eventually cause them to change their original opinion of us. When we take our interpretation as fact our influence can be either positive or negative. We need to keep in mind the weight our perception has on our decisions. This was a very thought provoking session because at first glance it seemed like such basic information.

One of the last sessions I attended was again an excellent presentation – Wine and the Law. While this was very entertaining it was also very informative. I pour at festivals for a winery near my home in Maryland, so I am interested in wine statistics from other states. Maryland laws recently changed affecting wine sales. Wine can now be shipped into Maryland and local wineries can ship wine out of the state. This was an economic boost for the small wineries that don't have the distribution exposure as do the larger vineyards. I enjoyed talking to the wine commissioner after the program.

I found value in all of the programs I attended this year, hopefully I will bring that value to my job.

***Jean Hessenauer*** is the Librarian for Tydings and Rosenberg in Baltimore, MD and was the LLAM member awarded the AALL Conference Grant this year.

*The Scholarship Committee chose Jean to receive a travel grant in the amount of \$500 so that she could attend the conference which was held in July in Seattle, Washington.*

*AALL's 106th Annual Meeting and Conference Grant this year focused on the theme "Rethink Your Value"*

# ALA Conference Recap

*by Vickie Yiannoulou— Assistant Law Librarian, Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library*

The American Library Association Annual Conference, held this past summer in Chicago, can be overwhelming. Spotting the ALA new attendees from the veterans is easy. The rookies usually have an exhausted look on their faces, carrying three or four bags full of books while trying to look on their phones for their next event. The veterans are the ones with the rolling bags, gliding through the throngs with ease while they snatch advanced copies of books from under the nose of unsuspecting publicists. The exhibit hall, where most of the mayhem occurs, is filled with exhibitors offering candy, bags, books, wine, and whatever else they can use to lure you to their booth. It is also a great place to learn about the newest software, technologies, and trends in the library field. The vendors are always willing to answer questions when you are trying to evaluate different integrated library systems or document scanning products.

While the exhibit hall draws you in with tote bags and author signings, the real fun of the conference happens during the individual events. Though geared mostly towards public and academic librarians, there are also some hidden gems for law librarians. One memorable event I attended was a tour of the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center. The huge complex houses a juvenile court, offices for judges, beds for almost 500 boys and girls, and a school. The tour guide led us through the living spaces, the exercise yard, pointed out a new vegetable garden tended by the kids, classrooms, and the library. As a temporary facility for juveniles awaiting trial, the average stay is less than one month. The school is run by the public school system so there is some continuity in the kids' education. The school library had just been renovated, with new books that were the envy of the other

## ALA Recap continued

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Another event I found interesting was a presentation by Illinois Legal Aid Online. It is a stand-alone organization of attorneys and other employees who provide legal information to the public online and through self-help centers. The focus of the presentation was the continuing efforts to provide Spanish-language legal information, especially through mobile devices. The online assistance provides articles, step by step instructions, forms, referral services, and chat for some of the most common legal issues. The presenters highlighted that while not every county in Illinois has a law library, they do have public libraries and that public libraries are an important partner in providing access to legal information.

Traveling to another city for ALA also gives you an opportunity to experience some of the local sights. Spending an hour and a half on the Chicago Architecture Foundation River Cruise is well worth the time. The cruise boat takes you down the Chicago River while a guide describes the history and evolution of the city's skyline. The tour is not just for history or architecture buffs, but for anyone interested in looking at really cool stuff. Another must see in Chicago is Millennium Park, home of the famous Cloud Gate sculpture, otherwise known as the 'Bean.' Looking at pictures of the Bean does not do justice to how mesmerizing it is in person. The park is also a great place to people watch or catch a free concert. Finally, Chicago's deep dish pizza more than lived up to its reputation, while the discovery of Hannah's Bretzel has made me a fan of pretzel bread sandwiches for life.

The ALA Conference is a huge event with over 20,000 attendees. The days are long and comfortable shoes are a necessity. But the information presented and the people you meet throughout the four days makes it a worthwhile event for any type of librarian to attend.

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## Member Profile: Catherine McGuire

Catherine McGuire's library career has its roots in Government Documents. As an undergraduate at Duke University, she took a work-study position in the Government Documents Department of Duke's Perkins Library. Her work there combined with her history major to inspire her decision to pursue a career in librarianship. She had always loved libraries and originally wanted to become an archivist.

After graduating from Duke, Catherine worked as an interlibrary loan assistant in charge of lending at Boston University. Her move to DC for a "change of scene" resulted in her landing a job at the DC office of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, where she worked for twelve years. During those years she earned her MLS at Catholic University, and she was promoted to legislative librarian and then to assistant librarian at Cleary.

After her marriage and move to Annapolis, she accepted a position at the Maryland State Law Library as Outreach Services Librarian in 2003. Embracing the change from the more enclosed atmosphere of a large law firm to a position emphasizing outreach to libraries across the state, Catherine has worked for over ten years to promote law library service and to educate librarians and others about legal research and resources. Currently the Head of Reference and Outreach for MSLL, Catherine is the contact point for twenty-four Circuit Court libraries, the majority of which are open to the public, but most of which have no professional librarian and which face severe budget challenges in supplying access to even basic legal materials to members of the bench and bar as well as to self-represented patrons. Catherine also represents the non-staffed Circuit Court Libraries on the Conference of Maryland County Court Library Directors. In addition, she conducts many educational sessions on legal research for members of the Maryland judiciary and judiciary staff, law clerks, and others, as well as for public librarians. Catherine has also served on the Maryland Circuit Court Library Study Committee and has co-chaired a sub-committee focusing on the needs of rural circuit court libraries.

On top of it all, Catherine actively participates in the provision of reference services to patrons of the MSLL and through the Maryland AskUsNow 24/7 chat service. Catherine has also been a guest lecturer at the iSchool at College Park as part of a series of presentations on special libraries.

Catherine's contributions to LLAM include a 10-year stint on the Public Relations/Communications Committee, both as solo chair and as co-chair with Anne Morrison.

With her remaining time and energy after professional pursuits and raising a family, Catherine is interested in genealogy research. Along with her father and great uncle, she has traced her family back to its New England ancestors in the 1640's during the Great Migration, and has discovered entire new branches of her family. She points out that in addition to being a fascinating hobby, this expertise helps her to field the many questions received at the MSLL about family history research. Catherine is also an accomplished needle crafter, as those who have seen and bid on her works at the LLAM Holiday Party silent auctions can attest (more lamb-themed ornaments, please!)

LLAM salutes Catherine for her many contributions to promoting law libraries and access to legal information in Maryland.



**CATHERINE McGUIRE**

Catherine is the Head of Reference and Outreach for Maryland State Law Library in Annapolis, MD



## On the Radar:

# Goings on in the Library World

*By James Durham Deputy Director — Maryland State Law Library*

- The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is offering a webinar entitled *The Law of E-books* on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Central Time. The speaker will be Mary Minow from the Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The session and discussion will be moderated by Cynthia W. Bassett from the University of Missouri School of Law Library. Fees are \$30.00 for AALL members or \$60.00 for non-members. A site registration of \$150.00 is available.
- The Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC) will hold a brownbag luncheon entitled *Working with Fall Associates: Trick 'Em or Treat 'Em?* on Thursday, Oct. 31, at 12:00 p.m. at Jones Day, 300 New Jersey Ave. NW. For additional information, contact Cameron Gowan at [cgowan@jonesday.com](mailto:cgowan@jonesday.com)
- The Maryland Library Association's Technical Services Division (MLA – TSD) is sponsoring a workshop called *Basic Repairs for the Circulating Collection*, which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Two sessions are available: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Both sessions will be held at the Frederick County Public Library's Urbana Branch. Fees for MLA members are \$40.00, for non-MLA members are \$60.00, and for students are \$34.00
- AALL is offering a webinar entitled *Trademark Law for the Law Librarian* on Thursday, Nov. 14, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Central Time. The speaker will discuss registration, protection, infringement, and abandonment of trademarks. Fees will be \$30.00 for AALL members or \$60.00 for non-members. A site registration of \$150.00 is available
- The Maryland Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL - MD) will present *Library Secrets: Confessions of Falling Flat & How to Get Right Back Up* on Friday, Nov. 15, from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Levering Hall on the Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Campus. Fees are \$50.00 for members, \$75.00 for non-members, and \$42.00 for students
- The Maryland Chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA – MD) will hold *Holiday Cheers & Celebrations* on Thursday, Dec. 12, at the Sandy Spring Museum in Sandy Spring, MD
- Save the date: *Turn It Up*, the Joint Conference of the Maryland Library Association and the Delaware Library Association, will be held May 7 – 9, 2014, in Ocean City, MD.



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## LLAM PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR SOME OF THE  
EXCITING UPCOMING LLAM-HOSTED EVENTS!

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- ◆ **November 6, 2013** A Lecture by the Hon. Irma Raker will be held at Anne Arundel County Public Law Library from 3pm—4pm : 7 Church Circle, Annapolis
- ◆ **December 2013** Our Annual Christmas Party and Silent Auction will be held in Baltimore. More details on date and venue to come!
- ◆ **January 2014** A program on Library Technology will be held in Baltimore. More details to come!
- ◆ **February 2014** Maryland Legislative Day will be held at Anne Arundel County Public Law Library : 7 Church Circle, Annapolis
- ◆ **March 21, 2014** Legal Research Institute at University of Baltimore Law Library - we will explore the topic of Access to Justice. More details to come!
- ◆ **May 2014** Our Annual Spring Fling is currently being planned. More details to come!

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