President’s Message

By Pat Behles
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Over 25 years ago, a “bliss”-ful group of librarians petitioned to meet as the “mall.” When that turned out not to be possible, they decided to go as the “llam.”

2007 is our anniversary year and, befitting an anniversary as significant as this one, many celebratory events are in the planning stages. If you would like to know more (or to understand the sentence above), keep checking the newsletter for features and the anniversary website (through the LLAM webpage). If you have a memory to share, send it along to one of the officers.

It was great to see so many of you at the LLAM Holiday Party. The atmosphere was festive…4 East Madison was beautifully decorated for the holidays, and the company was merry. A big thank you to everyone who donated auction items and to those who bid and bought! The auction raised over $500, with half to be donated to the Baltimore Reads Foundation. Kudos to Janet Camillo and her committee (Jim Gernert) for the arrangements!

Also in December, I represented LLAM at the Maryland Libraries Summit II (see article on page 11 of this issue for more information.) Important strides are being made around the state to raise awareness of libraries and their needs, but also of their attributes, and to make plans for the preservation of materials.

Earlier this month, a group of LLAM members joined with other librarians to meet with state legislators on February 7th, Maryland Library Day. Following a session on advocacy, librarians met with legislators and staff from their districts to thank them for support in the past and to remind them of future needs.

I urge you to become more involved in the profession. Network with other (law) librarians. LLAM’s mentoring committee can provide help, but you can also post your questions on the listserv. Volunteer for a committee in LLAM, or run for an office. Are you an alum of a local library school? LLAM is seeking to establish relationships with local schools. Check in with Tonya Baroudi, chair of our placement committee, if you can help. Volunteer to speak at career days at local high schools. (That’s how I got hooked on becoming a librarian!) Take advantage of programs that LLAM or other library organizations sponsor. (Remember that LLAMers can qualify for member prices at Maryland Library Association programs.) Suggest topics and speakers for future meetings. The ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) annual meeting is in Baltimore in April; MLA (Maryland Library Association) is in Ocean City in May with a pre-conference on legal research; ALA (American Library Association) is in Washington, D.C. in June; AALL (American Association of Law Libraries) is in New Orleans in July; and the Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting, for which LLAM is a sponsoring chapter, is in Toronto in October. 2007 is shaping up as a wonderful year for library meetings!

The LLAM board, led by Trevor Rosen, is revising our Strategic Plan. This plan will cover the period of 2007 through 2012. Look for an e-mail asking for comments.

Winter weather is here, and I leave you with the advice, “Escape the chill of winter. Check out a book, grab that comfy blanket, and get between the covers.”

LLAM President
Pat Behles
SEAALL Proposal

A proposal has been made to the Executive Committee of SEAALL (The Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries) to invite Maryland law librarians to join SEAALL, or, put another way, that SEAALL include Maryland as a state from which librarians are qualified to join SEAALL. The SEAALL Executive Committee voted unanimously to contact LLAM, to gauge our interest. There are other smaller chapters within the SEAALL region, including the Virginia Assn. of Law Libraries, the South Florida Assn. of Law Libraries, the Law Libraries Assn. of Alabama, Law Librarians Society of D.C., the Atlanta Law Libraries Assn., and the New Orleans Assn. of Law Libraries. This would open SEAALL conferences at member prices to LLAM members who joined.

Joint meetings are held from time to time (in spots as close as D.C. or as exotic as the Virgin Islands), and a joint LLSDC/SEAALL meeting is planned during the spring of 2008 in D.C.

Check out the [SEAALL home page](http://www.seaall.org) for more information about the chapter.

Let the board know what you think. Contact Pat Behles or Janet Camillo.
breakfast. LLAM had a table with information about our organization and our libraries. Visits to representatives began after 10 o'clock and attendees could also stop by the Legislative Reference Library for a tour. There was a rally in the afternoon and a reception in the evening. This annual event is open to all LLAM members; you can come and attend and meet MLA members and legislators during all or any part of the day-long activities. If you missed it this year, mark your calendar for next year’s event, usually held the first week in February.

Your homework assignment for March is to start reading! Our "LLAM Reads" program will be held in comfort at the University of Maryland Law School faculty lounge on March 21st. Marcia Talley, the author of a series of mysteries set in the Annapolis area, will lead a discussion of her latest book *Through The Darkness*. See Joanne Dugan's column in the last newsletter for more information on Marcia's books.

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Our January program was a presentation by Sharon Youngdahl from Prime Placements. Sharon drew on her knowledge of human resources as well as her work in the placement company to answer our questions on both finding and filling jobs. Thank you to Trevor Rosen and his firm for hosting this program.

LLAM joined MLA for Maryland Library Day at the Legislature on February 7. Librarians from all over the state visited with their delegations and gave out packets of information about the libraries located in their districts. Prior to the visits, Joan Bellistri hosted the librarians at a LLAM sponsored breakfast at the Anne Arundel County Courthouse Library. MLA presented a short program about legislative advocacy and the current legislative session during the breakfast. LLAM had a table with information about our organization and our libraries. Visits to representatives began after 10 o'clock and attendees could also stop by the Legislative Reference Library for a tour. There was a rally in the afternoon and a reception in the evening. This annual event is open to all LLAM members; you can come and attend and meet MLA members and legislators during all or any part of the day-long activities. If you missed it this year, mark your calendar for next year’s event, usually held the first week in February.

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Holiday Party 2006

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The Maryland Courts Watcher Blog

by Trevor Rosen
Librarian, Shapiro, Sher, Guinot, & Sandler

Until recently, many of us who wanted to stay current on new Maryland case law would depend on the West publication *Maryland Advance Reports* to provide summaries of recently published cases from the Maryland Court of Appeals and the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. Those not subscribing to this publication would have to rely on a write-up about a case in the *Daily Record* or, worse, would have to periodically check the Maryland Judiciary’s website for newly published cases. All of these options are flawed, however, because they fail to report on all newly published Maryland cases.

Enter The Maryland Courts Watcher Blog ([http://marylandcourts.blogspot.com/](http://marylandcourts.blogspot.com/))! Granted, this blog also does not report on all new Maryland cases, but it does report on all cases which are freely accessible on the Web.

The blog is authored by Stuart Levine, of the Tax & Business Law Commentary blog fame, and a team of eight other talented writers, many of whom appear to be practicing attorneys (a detailed biography appears only for Stuart Levine.) Essentially, the blog posts synopses of new opinions from the following courts, which appear as links on the left bar of the site:

- Baltimore City Business & Tech Court Opinions
- Baltimore City Circuit Court Civil Opinions
- Maryland Business & Technology Court Opinions
- Maryland Courts of Appeals Opinions
- Maryland Judiciary Case Search
- Maryland Judiciary Homepage
- Maryland Tax Court Opinions
- Maryland U.S. Bankruptcy Ct. Opinions
- Maryland U.S. District Court Opinions

As the site’s description explains, the goal of the authors is to provide case synopses that “contain no editorial opinion except where absolutely necessary to accurately reflect any opinion.” Unlike many blogs which are laden with opinions, this blog focuses on providing unbiased summaries of cases. Although written largely for a legal audience, the postings summarizing each case also succeed, for the most part, in avoiding legalese.

Aside from its content, there’s much to like about the site’s design. Although residing on a Blogger platform, the blog’s design has been customized to give it its own unique appearance. The site’s creators have also added an email sign-up feature which allows you to be notified by email whenever a new posting is added. Additionally, a “search this blog” feature has been added, making it easier to find archived postings. Perhaps most useful, though, is the addition of “labels” for the postings. The newest version of Blogger includes this new feature, which allows the author to classify each posting by category. The authors of this site have used this feature to great advantage. To locate all recently published cases on “alimony,” for example, simply click on the link for “alimony” under the link for “labels,” and you are taken to all opinions classified under this heading.

All things considered, this is definitely one site you’d want to bookmark. The site is a worthy addition to the list of quality Maryland legal research websites. Hats off to the authors!
I remember my first reference question, "Where do you keep Martindale-Hubbell?" Unfortunately, I had dropped the law course in library school and had never heard of that title! The date was June 16, 1975, my first day of work as a professional law librarian.

But first, a little background. . . .

I would have been an astronomer but I'm not good at math. Instead, as an undergraduate, I majored in English and minored in astronomy. I knew that I didn't want to teach, but because I liked to read I decided to continue my education and become a librarian. I attended graduate school in Library Science at the University of Maryland, College Park. I hoped for a job in a science library somewhere in the Washington, D.C. area, perhaps at NASA.

But fate intervened. Soon after graduation, in the Spring of 1975, I received a phone call. A former classmate was leaving two part-time law library jobs in Baltimore and asked if I was interested in applying. I was! I interviewed for the positions and received offers at both places. I chose the job that became full-time - at the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland.

So, back to my first reference question. I had just started my new job at the Attorney General's Office. I don't remember who asked me the question about Martindale-Hubbell, but I recall quietly panicking; then I turned and saw the set in the bookcase behind me. "Here it is," I said with relief! The funniest reference question I have been asked (this from a law student on a tour of the AG's library)- "Do you have the Opinions of the Attorney General of Maryland?!"

During my career as a law librarian, I was one of the founders of LLAM. As a member I have held various positions in the Association. I was the editor of its first newsletter, LLAM News. I was the LLAM archivist for a few years and I organized tours for LLAM members at some interesting special libraries, including the Maryland State Penitentiary and McCormick's Spice Company (then on Light Street) and BNA in D.C. I have been involved with various other organizations as well. I served as vice-president/president-elect for the short-lived SALAM, the State Agency Library Association of Maryland. I was on the editorial board of the D.C. SLA (evening meetings were easy for me to attend since I commuted to Baltimore from Greenbelt at that time). I was recording secretary for the Maryland chapter of SLA.

In 1989 my local legal publishing representative formed a small company, Library . . .
Services, Inc. (LSI) that provided filing and professional librarian services. He asked if I was interested in becoming the manager. I was ready for a change of scenery, so I accepted his offer. I worked for Library Services, Inc. during my lunch hour, sometimes visiting libraries and other times conducting interviews of prospective filers. Because I could not bring the applicants into my office, I chose a public location to meet with them - the marble slab bench in the lobby of 2 Hopkins Plaza-the Mercantile Building. I kept the manager position for almost a year.

In 1991, for a variety of reasons, I made the decision to retire from the Attorney General's Office. For the first time since graduation, I was without a professional life, as a stay-at-home mom with three young children. A short time later, LSI again came knocking. I re-accepted the manager position. After a few more months, the owner told me that he needed to devote all of his time to a new legal research service and was selling the business. Was I interested in buying it? At first I said no. Luckily, I reconsidered.

Looking back, it was the perfect career move. I was able to keep involved with the professional community that I had known since college. I also had a very flexible schedule well suited to my children's activities.

As President of Library Services, Inc., I have personally worked in a number of law libraries, enjoying the perks of many private law firms (complementary soda and juice!) I have placed a number of librarians in professional positions throughout the area. I have had clients from D.C. to Delaware, and from medical, academic, accounting, and law libraries. I have used an employee as a coat-check person at a wedding and assigned a librarian to organize a client's kitchen! I have enjoyed combining my library experience with being an entrepreneur. And the business is growing! As of January 1, 2007, Library Services, Inc. acquired Library Services Group of Philadelphia.

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SAVE THE DATE!!

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On November 14th LLAM members met at the University of Baltimore Law School to hear Dick Spinelli, Senior Vice-President of William S. Hein & Co., give an informative and interesting presentation on HeinOnline. In his talk Mr. Spinelli covered the past, present, and future of this online research tool.

I don’t think many of us realized that HeinOnline came into being only six years ago (May 2000) at the suggestion of academic law librarians. It started with 24 titles in a Law Journal component. Coverage was originally intended to stop in the 1980’s so that Lexis and Westlaw could pick up with the more recent information. How times change!

Today, there are over 900 titles in the Law Journal Library with approximately 10 journals being added every month. Recently HeinOnline added a modules feature to the Law Journal Library. It’s now possible to subscribe to the entire Library or a module such as Most Cited Law Journals, Core U.S./Most Cited Law Journals, American Bar Association Journals, and Criminal Justice Journals.

Most librarians think “Journals – PDF – Back to the year one” when HeinOnline is mentioned. But there are a great many additional resources listed on the first page of this electronic database. A researcher can also find the Federal Register (1936 – date); Supreme Court Library (official reports from 1754); the Legal Classics Library; Presidential Library (Executive Orders, Public Papers, etc.); Treaties and Agreements (Bevans, Miller, Treaties in Force, UST, etc.); Code of Federal Regulations (1936 to 1983 and growing); and the United States Statutes at Large (1789-2004). The majority of documents in these libraries are available in PDF format and easily searchable.

So – what’s next for HeinOnline? Or what could possibly be left? Dick Spinelli told LLAM members that starting with a labor law component, more federal legislative histories (based on Covington & Burling’s excellent legislative history collection) will be available shortly. Full texts of Presidential Commission Reports will be added. The moving walls of availability will be pushed back so that more current issues of law journals will be posted in the Law Journal Library. And last, but not least, enhanced statistical reports will be available by early 2007.

The William S. Hein Co. is a small company when compared to Lexis and Westlaw. But it offers a level of personalized service that’s hard to beat. While larger companies like Lexis and Westlaw fit into a broad scheme of things, Hein company representatives go to the roots and see what law librarians need and want. HeinOnline is one of the most important and necessary research tools available.
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LLAM Anniversary Time Line

by Beverly Rubenstein
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1. Dues were $5.00.
2. At the end of the first year, there were 78 members.
3. There were 4 committees – Membership, which created a membership application; Publications, which produced the newsletter and which published a Maryland County Publications Checklist; Public Relations, which planned a logo and sent out information to the Daily Record, library associations, and bar associations; and Program.

1. Dues were raised to $8.00.
2. A Placement Committee was added.
3. The Public Relations Committee added a consulting service, which went out on its first job.
4. In her end of year message, Loretta Yaller (now Orndorff) said that Kai-Yun Chiu “passed the LLAM to me.” This is the stuffed lamb that we still use as a badge of office and that we pass from president to president.

1. LLAM held the first of its joint meetings with LLSDC. Bob Berring was the speaker and the meeting was held in Baltimore at the firm of Weinberg & Green.
2. LLAM published a Union List of Periodicals.
4. LLAM had a booth at the Maryland State Bar Association meeting in Ocean City.
5. Natalie Ellis agreed to collect LLAM history. It was stated that the “Position is a one-time project, not to be a permanent archivist position.”
6. LLAM discussed writing a chapter procedures manual.

1. LLAM did its first (and last) salary survey – the highest salary reported was $40,040 and the lowest was $16,300.
2. LLAM organized a PC Users Group with 11 members.
3. LLAM prepared a hospitality packet for the pre-conference institute held at University of Maryland Law School.
4. The March/April issue of LLSDC’s Law Library Lights focused on “State and Local Legal Research.” LLAM members wrote the articles on Maryland legal research.
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1. LLAM planned a manual of Maryland legal research to be published by MICPEL.
2. An outside commercial company designed a brochure.
3. LLAM was incorporated.

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LLAM Anniversary Time Line, continued

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1989–1990
1. LLAM looked into a non-profit mailing permit but found that the group was too small to qualify.
2. The holiday party was held at the Engineer’s Club, the first to be held outside a member’s workplace.

1990–1991
1. Dues were raised to $20.00.
2. The office of secretary/treasurer was split into two jobs.
3. LLAM supported funding for State Publication Depository and Distribution Program.

1991–1992
1. LLAM celebrated its 10th Anniversary.
2. Baltimore was chosen as the site for AALL’s annual meeting in 1997.

1996–1997
1. The spring meeting was called the “Spring Fling” for the first time. In 1991, it had been the “May Closing Luncheon”; in 1993, the “Springtime Feast and Frolic.”
2. LLAM launched its first webpage and listserv.

1998–1999
1. LLAM drew up a vendor support statement.
2. The Publications Committee split into two – creating a Publications Committee and a Newsletter Committee.
3. LLAM had a joint holiday tea with the Maryland Chapter of SLA.

2001–2002
1. LLAM sponsored its first Legal Research Institute. (There were others in 2004 and 2006.)
2. LLAM bought insurance.

2004–2005
1. LLAM held a book drive in conjunction with the Spring Fling.

2006–2007
1. LLAM celebrates its 25th Anniversary!

Law Library Association of Maryland
“With BNA's electronic delivery, information is never lost in the mail. It's the first publication delivered to our attorneys in the morning and has no competition in its field as far as timeliness and depth of coverage.

“BNA recognizes the information needs of busy practices and has responded with concise and informative publications that aren’t limited to simple articles. The links that are provided, as well as the search engine for each publication, allow me to find a needle in a haystack in a matter of seconds. This is the direction 21st century publishing is going, and BNA is leading the way.”

“BNA, it’s the source we rely on.”

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The Research Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries is accepting applications through April 1, 2007 for research grants from the AALL/LexisNexis Research Fund Grants Program, totaling up to $5,000.

The committee will award one or more grants to library professionals who wish to conduct research that supports the research/scholarly agenda of the profession of librarianship. The grants program funds small or large research projects that create, disseminate, or otherwise use legal and law-related information as its focus. Projects may range from the historical (indexes, legislative histories, bibliographies, biographies, directories) to the theoretical (trends in cataloging, publishing or new service models in libraries) to the practical (implementation models for collection, personnel or infrastructure management). The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research projects. To review AALL's Research Agenda, please go to http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research/agenda.asp

The AALL/LexisNexis Publishers Research Fund Grant Program was established in 2000 with a generous contribution of $100,000 from LexisNexis. The Research Fund will provide grants to library professionals who seek to conduct research that is critical to the profession. The Research Fund provides a secure financial base, enabling the AALL Research Committee to carry out the Association's Research Agenda.

The submission deadline for applications is April 1, 2007 (they must be postmarked by that date.) Grants will be awarded and announced in May. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee. For more information about the grants, please contact Jean Callihan, Chair of the AALL Research Committee, at jc374@cornell.edu

The grant application and complete guidelines are available at http://www.aallnet.org/about/grant_application.asp

"Maryland Libraries Summit II: Advancing our Shared Vision" was held in December. The summit brought together representatives from all types of libraries and library organizations. Stakeholders included directors of public, academic, school, and special libraries; presidents of local library organizations; library trustees and boards; library school educators; and members of the Maryland Department of Education and the MACL.

Participants revisited the progress made since the first conference in 2004. With that knowledge, the group developed collaborative actionable strategies to address challenges facing all Maryland libraries. Strategic focus areas identified were Leadership and Advocacy; Marketing and Outreach; Access to Content, and Workforce Issues. Goals were set and actions have been outlined. The final report is due shortly and will be posted on the Web, with an e-mail alert. Comments are welcome.

LLAM has two representatives as part of the “Access to Content” focus area, with a goal to preserve and foster access to digital state publications. Steve Anderson, director of the Maryland State Library, and LLAM President Pat Behles of the University of Baltimore form a subcommittee to insure that citizens will have continued access to electronic state documents.

A follow-up meeting is scheduled for February 22nd to transition leadership for the path forward. Agenda topics include expectations of action planning teams, the role of MACL/DLDS (Division of Library Development & Services), and development of a timeline.
CROSS THE BORDER OF YOUR LIBRARY!

From October 17-20, the city of Toronto will be hosting the much-anticipated meeting of the Northeast Regional Law Library Associations. An expected 650 delegates will come together to share ideas, challenge preconceptions and broaden the borders of their practice, their libraries and their professions.

A packed program, which will offer both theoretical and practical sessions on the law, legal research, library management and our profession, will also go beyond the borders to explore questions of global importance and examine how library professionals are making a difference.

Although the conference is being organized by the law library associations of the northeastern states and eastern Canada, you are invited to attend regardless of your geography. A block of rooms at the Marriott Eaton Centre, the conference hotel, is now available at C$179/night. Call 1-800-905-0667 and quote NE2007 to guarantee this rate.

Registration for the conference itself is $325 (C or US). Tickets for the closing banquet are $60, and guests are welcome. Please note that there is no requirement to exchange currencies – if you are a Canadian, you will pay in C$, Americans in US$. This will simplify the process considerably for delegates who are paying their own way to the conference.

Program and social details are still being developed, so watch the conference website (http://www.library.dal.ca/law/LibswoBorders/) for further information, and for registration.

Questions may be referred to the organizing committee:

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In last issue’s column, I asked LLAM members to tell me about their favorite children’s books. I got a great response that proved the appeal of children’s books doesn’t end with childhood. The success of the Harry Potter books attests to that! Many of the titles listed are classics – books that we’ve read, books that our parents read, and books that we give to young readers in our lives today. Others were new to me and led to fun hunting expeditions in the children’s section of Barnes & Noble. Browse through the list and see which ones bring a smile to your face.

**Favorite choices for babies:** Many people recommended *Goodnight Moon* and *The Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown; *Pat the Bunny* by Dorothy Kunhardt, and the Robert McClosky books. Other favorites were *Olivia* by Ian Falconer, the *Uncle Wiggly* series by Howard Roger Garis, and *The Little Engine That Could*.

**Favorites for older kids:** Rudi Lamy likes to pass along historical fiction to his grandchildren and nieces and nephews: *The Door in the Wall* by Marguerite De Angeli (Medieval England at the Welsh border) about a boy who overcomes a crippling disease and comes of age; *Song For A Dark Queen* by Rosemary Sutcliff, a historical novel about Roman Britain and Boudica, Queen of the Icini tribe, and their almost successful revolt against the Romans (this one gets a bit gruesome and depressing mostly because the facts are gruesome and depressing).

Here are some other responses from LLAM members:

**Harvey Morrell:** I didn't learn to read English until 5th grade and the first book I read by myself was *My Turn at Bat*, by Ted Williams. Turned me into a Sox fan, which … (insert appropriate Red Sox self-pity remark here.) I also loved the books of Joseph Altsheler ([http://www.online-literature.com/joseph-altsheler/](http://www.online-literature.com/joseph-altsheler/)), especially the Young Trailers series. Escapism at its best. Too bad they are out of print.

**Janet Camillo:** My all-time favorite children’s book is one that I am sure many of you read, *Wind in the Willows* by Kenneth Graham. My dad used to read it to us and do all the different animal “voices”. When my kids came along I enjoyed reading it to them too (I am a great Mole). Another favorite book is *My Father's Dragon* by Ruth Stiles Gannett and illustrated by Ruth Chrisman Gannett (her mother-in-law). In it, the narrator’s father, Elmer, rescues a baby dragon and returns him to his Blueland home after many adventures. Eventually she wrote a series of three books, that have been reprinted fairly recently (*My Father's Dragon, The Dragons of Blueland, Elmer and the Dragon*). Borrow a kid and read them out loud - they are fun!

**John Cannan:** My four-year-old, Justin, developed a concern about the environment when the woods outside his window was bulldozed to make way for a parking lot. To encourage this concern, I got him a book that inspired me way back when, Bill Peet’s *Wump World*. Peet was a Disney animator who worked on movies like *Dumbo*, *Peter Pan* and *The Jungle Book*. In the late 60s, he used his lush style of drawing to illustrate children’s books usually focused on an environmental theme. *Wump World* is the tale of a world of cute critters whose idyllic world of clear streams, grass and trees is invaded by the Pollutions from the planet Pollutus. The Wumps are driven underground as the Pollutions turn their pristine planet into a bleak urban industrial landscape intersected by superhighways. The Pollutions abandon the planet after choking it with smog, trash, concrete, leaving the Wumps alone with their ravaged world. But the Wumps and Nature find a way to reclaim their home and put it on the road to renewal. It is a touching and cautionary tale. And it leaves an impression. Now whenever Justin sees bulldozers carving up the earth to make way for a new subdivision, he yells “Stop you dirty Pollutions!”

**Pat Behles:** I was a fan of all of the series books. Nancy Drew, the Dana sisters, Trixie Belden, and others were all friends. My mom was a nurse and she bought me the Cherry Ames nurse series, which followed her through nursing school and into all sorts of exciting nursing careers, in the army, as a flight nurse, and a visiting nurse, among others. Favorites, but they didn’t
convince me to follow my mom into nursing. (Susan Herrick also claims a nursing series as a favorite – hers was the Sue Barton series.) My uncle also had a large set of Zane Grey’s westerns and I read through them many times. My children remember being read the Berenstein Bears Books and also special Christmas ones. Santa Mouse by Michael Brown is a special favorite, and my oldest daughter has bought copies for her friends at showers. I have stockpiled copies for possible future grandchildren as well.

Catherine McGuire: When I was in my early reading stage, one of my favorite series was the Madeline books. As I got a little more advanced, I became addicted to the Betsy-Tacy series (I have them all today!), the All-of-a-Kind Family series, the Mary Poppins series, and the Anne of Green Gables series.

Susan Herrick: The book that's really stayed with me is a little book entitled Merrylips by Beulah Marie Dix. It is out of print, but I finally purchased a copy from Abebooks a few years ago. Written in the 1920's, it is the story of a little girl born in the era of the English Civil War(s). Merrylips (so nicknamed by her father) has three elder brothers who are her beloved playmates and role models. However, as Merrylips grows older, her stern mother insists that she modify her behavior according to the conventions acceptable for young women, and sends her to live with her godmother. But Merrylips is swept into the conflict when she becomes ill and is left behind with a nursemaid when her godmother must flee from enemy soldiers. The book follows Merrylips’ adventures when, disguised as a boy, she sets off on a quest to find her soldier brothers and go to war with them. The story has themes of war, family, courage, and self-knowledge. I still love it!

Stephanie Levasseur: The book that made a lasting impression on me was The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. This simple story of the relationship between a boy and an apple tree over the course of the boy’s lifetime always brought tears to my eyes. The love and loyalty the tree felt for the boy is demonstrated on each page with simple black and white illustrations. The tree gave and gave of itself until it had almost nothing else to give the boy/old man at the end of the story but its love. This always struck me as a tender, poignant moment. I read this story to my own 19-month-old son now. He actually sits still to listen to the story and look at the pictures. I hope he embraces the story as much as I do.

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Don’t forget our upcoming program “LLAM Reads” - on March 21, from 12– 1:30, at University of Maryland School of Law. We’ll be meeting local author Marcia Talley, whose mystery series featuring Annapolis sleuth Hannah Ives was reviewed in the last LLAM Newsletter.
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John Cannan just finished running his fourth marathon. He ran in the Miami Marathon on January 28 and finished in just over 4 hours. He reports that the Miami race was terrific because it led through all the great neighborhoods that each added its own special flavor. Congratulations, John!

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Pamela Gregory has provided the following report on the grant with the Maryland Legal Assistance Network (MLAN) and the Eastern Shore Regional Libraries (ESRL): “We will begin training public librarians in December to complete several facets of assistance to the courts with an enhanced landlord and tenant section to the Peoples Law Library, and also have added to public awareness with a pathfinder on landlord and tenant issues, as well as a significant purchase of self-help legal materials from Nolo Press for the ESRL system. The pathfinder will have Spanish translation available. This is federal IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) money, and one of the first law library/public library partnerships celebrated with such funding in our state.”


Hats off to Andy Zimmerman and Trevor Rosen for their article on state lawyer licensing databases on LLRX: http://www.llrx.com/features/lawyerlicenses.htm. We’re certain that many will find it a most useful resource. Thanks, gentlemen, for your fine efforts!
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