

# LLAM News

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With the fading of winter (please, warmer weather!) and the approaching of spring, LLAM has been busy.

At our March program, we had a successful chat with author Marcia Talley. It was fascinating not only to hear a bit about the creative process, but also to learn more about the publishing scene.

The LLAM strategic plan has been updated and is on the webpage. Our plan now reflects the changes



in the library world since it was last drafted in 2000. A need for

recruitment, an emphasis on technology, and a continued strong commitment to education, networking, and advocacy are all highlights. Thanks go to Trevor Rosen for his work on drafting the new plan, and to the LLAM Board.

LLAM members have been quietly (or not so quietly) making their presence known in the state. Recently LLAM sponsored the refreshments and break area at the Legislative Day for Librarians in Annapolis. In May, Steve Anderson will be a speaker at the Maryland Library Association's pre-conference, "What Is This Filth? Law For Front Line Library Staff." Catherine McGuire, our pub-

licity chair, is a regular contributor to the AALL *Spectrum's* chapter news. LLAM officers have been included in the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries conference and will be attending the Maryland Library Membership Organizations



Council meeting. We will also have a representative at the CLIS

(University of Maryland College of Information Studies) career fair. We hope this will lead to more cooperation and liaison with the CLIS program. Our placement chair, Tonya Baroudi, revised the placement brochure and has established good relationships with prospective employers and sources of prospective employees.

In the upcoming weeks, you will be receiving your ballot for the election of next year's officers, and your invitation to the Spring Fling, a special 25th Anniversary celebration to be held at the Hopkins Club on May 17th. Please make an effort to get involved.

In the meantime:

*"Do your bit to save humanity from lapsing back into barbarity by reading all the novels you can."*

— Richard Hughes



## LLAM 25th Anniversary

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The first 25 years of LLAM history have been marked with expansion, cooperation, and outreach.

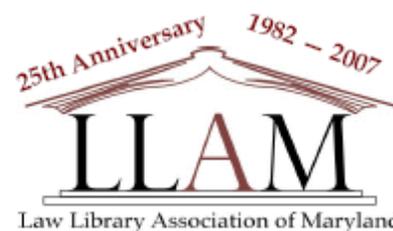
Our membership hovers right around 100. While we have a core of dedicated familiar faces, we continually see new members step forward to get involved.

We now have a regular schedule of legal workshop programs (building on past successes) geared for the non-law librarian and the law librarian alike. LLAM prides itself in offering its members interesting and varied programs targeted to educate, to keep current, or to entertain... whether it's blogs, disaster planning, trips to the Law Library of Congress, holiday parties and spring flings, talks with authors, how to hire or be hired, or what firm librarians wish new hires knew. Socializing with our colleagues, visiting our area libraries, learning about a new product from vendor friends, and convention fun highlight the years.

During the last few years, LLAM has added a philanthropic component. AALL scholarships, library foundations, breast cancer research, tsunami and Katrina relief, and adult literacy have all benefited from LLAM and LLAM member contributions. This year the board has a unique idea which will be announced shortly.

Spring Fling and holiday venues have included restaurants, the Pride of Baltimore, Baltimore Streetcar Museum, Evergreen House, Maryland Historical Society, Flag House, Bowie Baysox baseball, Hogwarts (via the Senator), and Anne Arundel County Courthouses, among others.

What was your favorite?...favorite program...favorite trip...favorite party venue...favorite LLAM moment? Share them with us, and we will post them on the 25th Anniversary page. Send them to [Pat Behles](mailto:Pat.Behles@um.edu) via e-mail with "25th anniversary" in the subject line.



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## LLAM PROGRAM NOTES 2006-2007: SPOTLIGHT ON BOB BERRING

by Janet Camillo

Law Librarian

Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library

Some of us remember when, back in 1985, LLAM hosted LLSDC at our annual spring dinner meeting. We invited Bob Berring, then Vice President of AALL, as our guest speaker. He talked about the need to get more people involved in AALL and the need for more basic training for librarians. He saw librarians as the bridge between the ever-growing body of legal information and the people who need it.

It only seems fitting that Bob will be the speaker at our 25th Anniversary dinner. He really needs no introduction to most law librarians, but I relish the opportunity to set forth some of his accomplishments. He received his B.A. from Harvard and earned his J.D. and M.L.S. from U.C. Berkeley. He worked at several other universities under some wonderful law librarians, but eventually he returned to join the Boalt Law School faculty as a professor and director of the Law Library. He taught contracts, advanced legal research, and Chinese Law, as well as undergraduate courses on China and law and cognitive studies. From 1986-1989 he held a joint appointment as dean of the School of Library and Information Studies, and he also served as the interim dean of the law school from January 2003 to June 2004. He stepped down as the director of the Law Library in 2005.

Many of us are familiar with his published works (with Beth Edinger) on legal research: *Finding the Law* and *Legal Research Survival Manual*. I have particularly enjoyed using his award-winning video series *Legal Research for the 21st Century*.

Bob has collected many awards and honors. At Boalt he was named to the Walter Perry Johnson Chair in 1997, and in 1987 he was awarded the U.C. Berkeley Distinguished Teaching Award. In 2003, he won the Frederick Charles Hicks Award for contributions to law librarianship, and in a survey by AALL, he was named author of the most influential work on the profession of law librarianship from 1957 to 2006. In October 2006, he was honored with a symposium

at Boalt entitled *Legal Information and the Development of American Law: Further Thinking about the Thoughts of Bob Berring*.

When asked why he became (and remained) a law librarian, Bob said, "...[l]ibrarianship is the last truly service-oriented profession - and I have never found a better gig." *AALL Spectrum*, February 2003, available at

<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/rllc/rc-lawlibrarian/berring.asp>



Anyone who heard his plenary session speech at the 2006 AALL Convention will attest to his informative, humorous, and compelling speaking style. We are in for such a treat!



### LLAM APRIL PROGRAM

FIELD TRIP TO THE OFFICE OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS LIBRARY

April 25, 2007, from 10 – 12  
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Please join us for a visit to the OAH Library. We will tour the space and listen to a short information session by the librarian, Elizabeth Lukes. OAH will provide refreshments.

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## Maryland Library Day at the Legislature

by Joan Bellistri

Law Librarian

Anne Arundel County Public Law Library

February 7, 2007 was Legislative Day for the Maryland Library Association. Representatives from Maryland libraries, including librarians, trustees, and friends groups from across Maryland, came to Annapolis to visit their legislators and to represent Maryland libraries. This annual event is the work of the MLA Legislative Panel and consisted of an early morning briefing, a day at the legislature, and a reception in the evening.

The day began with snow falling throughout the state, which did not deter many librarians from arriving in Annapolis in time for the LLAM- sponsored breakfast in the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library. They were briefed on the bills for which legislative support was being requested, and picked up information packets, buttons, and candy for distribution. Jacqueline Curro, legislative librarian at the Maryland Department of Legislative Services, described the work of that library. Librarians were invited to stop in for a tour while making their legislative visits.

The briefing consisted of an overview of the day's events and description of the bills for which support was sought. HB226/SB661 would alter the minimum allocations for the State Library Resource Center beginning in 2009, when the amount would increase from \$1.35 per resident to \$2.10 per resident. In 2011 the amount would increase to \$2.30. SB137/HB575 would allow employees of certain regional library systems to participate in the State Employee Health Plan. In addition to asking for the support of these bills, participants were asked to thank legislators for their past support and to remind them to attend the evening reception.

From the breakfast briefing, librarians walked to the State House Senate Chamber, where it was proclaimed Maryland Library



Day. Maryland librarians were represented on the Senate floor by MLA president, Michael Gannon; State Librarian, Irene Padilla; Jay Bansbach, represent-

ing academic libraries. At the same time, in the House Chamber, Mary Baykan, the Legislative Panel Officer, was honored as "Librarian of the Year."

The rest of the day was devoted to

meeting with the legislators. Librarians visited their respective delegations, leaving them with information, candy and buttons that declared, "Libraries...for Maryland's Future." Buttons and candy were also given to the many support staff in the State House and the Senate and House Office Buildings. Walking through the government complex, one could see many people, from the security guard to members of the House of Delegates, wearing their library buttons.

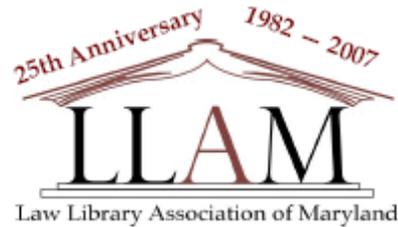
The day concluded with a reception in the Senate Building honoring the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and the Maryland Legislature. The reception was attended by a large group of library representatives and members of the legislature and staff.

LLAM took advantage of the day to let other Maryland librarians learn about LLAM and law libraries, with an information table set up in the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library manned by Pat Behles, President, and Janet Camillo, Vice President/President elect. Handouts included the LLAM brochure, program descriptions, and the LISP Public Library Toolkit.

LLAM was invited to be a member of the Legislative Panel in 2005. The Chairman of LLAM's Government Relations Committee attends the monthly Legislative Panel meetings as LLAM's representative. Other Maryland library organizations represented on the Panel include MEMO (Maryland Educational Media Organization) and CALD (Congress of Academic Library Directors of Maryland). Also represented are Citizens for Maryland Libraries, library trustees, and public library directors representing the various sizes of public libraries and geographical areas of Maryland. In addition to planning the legislative day for libraries, the Panel monitors state and federal legislation of significance to libraries and coordinates lobbying efforts when appropriate.

Working with the Maryland Legislative Panel, LLAM has been able to become involved in the greater Maryland library community. We learn about issues of importance to other libraries and they in turn become familiar with law libraries.





*You are cordially invited to attend.....*

*LLAM's 25th Anniversary Celebration*

*May 17, 2007*

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## Portrait of a Law Librarian

by Joseph W. Bennett

Library Director / Research Librarian

Baltimore Bar Library

I began work at the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar on January 29, 1985. I was hired not as Librarian, nor as Assistant Librarian, a Technical Services Librarian, or a Research Librarian,

*This is the seventh in a series of portraits of your fellow LLAM members.*

but as a Page. Since I have never heard the term “Page Librarian,” I am not sure whether I became a librarian that day or not, although I suspect the “or not,” is the probable “best answer.” I am not sure how wise or unwise Ms. Kai-Yun Chiu was to hire me, although in light of my fairly insignificant status, I suppose it really did not matter a great deal.

While most people on their first day of work think of the future, and whether their new job will be a large part of it, I, in typically backwards fashion, thought about July of 1983, when I had come to the Bar Library for the first time. In a month I would be starting my last year of law school, and I was totally preoccupied in enjoying what I imagined would be my last summer of freedom. A friend told me about an opening in the law library where he worked and wanted to know if I would like for him to arrange an interview. I would, so he did. The morning of the interview I parked on the lot at Mercy and walked the couple of blocks to the courthouse. For whatever reason, I called my friend to let him know that I was there. He asked me, again for whatever reason, where I had parked, and I told him. He was somewhat quizzical as to why I should have parked at Mercy when the

law library he worked at was the Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library. You know the old saying about those that “assume?” My assumption as to what law library he worked at had definitely made one out of me. He called Mary Barranco, who was the librarian at Baltimore County at the time, and explained that his somewhat dim-witted friend would be somewhat late. When I got there, we both laughed, my laughter somewhat more nervous than hers, and I somehow walked away with a job. Perhaps that was the day I became a librarian? Probably not.

By now, many of you are probably beginning to think that I am obsessed with when it was that I first became a librarian. Nothing could be further from the truth. The obsession is whether



or not I have in fact ever become a librarian. The definitions of librarian, or at least the ones provided in my daughter’s desk dictionary, are “1) One who has charge of a library; 2) A person qualified by training for library service.” The first definition would have made me a librarian on June 1, 2003, when I took charge of the Bar Library.

By this definition, however, the Bar Library’s Assistant Librarian, Barbara Karpel, would not qualify as a librarian, and if there is ever anyone that I have ever met that is a librarian, it is Barbara. None of that idiotic stereotype stuff about what it is to be a librarian, but

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## Portrait of a Law Librarian, continued

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the real stuff, or at least what I perceive it to be, from cataloging to binding to tracking down whatever it is a user might need. The Bar Library has a long history of exceptional assistant librarians. Well, I guess since falling outside the ambit of definition one does not mean you are not a librarian, falling within it doesn't make you one.



awhile I qualify as a person.

So, am I a librarian? I love my library. As much as I enjoy being with my family, I look forward to Monday morning almost as much as Friday afternoon. I like books, computers, and people, so where else would I rather be? Nothing gives me more pleasure than providing users with the information they are looking for. If I am in fact a librarian, I

How about definition number two? I am, after all, the holder of a Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland. The date on the diploma is May 22, 2003. Could this be the date I became a librarian? I suppose any of you that have worked in a library for a number of years know how ridiculous this proposition is. Graduating from library school makes you a librarian in the same manner that graduating from medical school

makes you a doctor, or from law school makes you a lawyer.

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For a number of years I was too busy denying that I was a librarian to consider whether in fact I was one. Those of you who might have witnessed my denunciation of the library profession, and fairly constant refrain that I was a lawyer who happened to work in a library and most assuredly not a librarian, are probably pondering how disingenuous an individual can be. Times

change; people change; I suppose I have changed. My wife will tell you that even if it doesn't happen every day, at least once in

think that that's a pretty neat thing to be. It was Descartes who said: "I think, therefore I am." Perhaps one day someone will write a book, paper, or even an article for *T.V. Guide*, and somewhere in there will be the following: "It was Bennett who stated, 'I think I am a librarian, therefore I am a librarian.'" Yeah, that would be pretty neat.



### LLAM STRATEGIC PLAN

*The LLAM Board has approved a new version of our Strategic Plan.*

*We are grateful to Trevor Rosen for his hard work drafting this updated plan.*

*Please take a look at the plan on the [LLAM Web Site](#).*

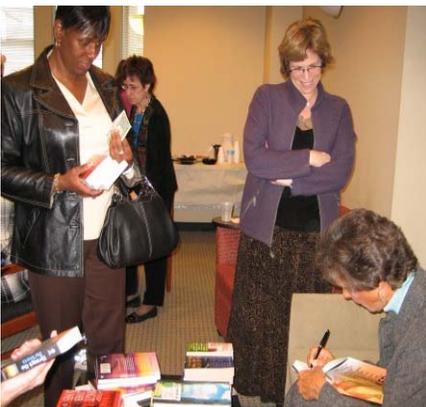
## LLAM March Program: Marcia Talley

by Susan Herrick  
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On March 21, twenty-two LLAM members attended a program spotlighting author Marcia Talley, hosted by the University of Maryland School of Law.

After a warm introduction by Janet Camillo, Marcia reviewed her evolution from librarian to published novelist. She began her career as a school librarian, then for 10 years was the head of cataloging at St. John's College. She later worked for several federal agencies, including the Department of the Interior and GAO, and for four years at the Naval Academy. She wrote her first two novels while working in D.C., and her third and fourth while at the Naval Academy, after which she retired from librarianship to write full time.

While growing up, Marcia enjoyed fiction series familiar to many of us older generation LLAMers: Nancy Drew, the Hardy Boys, Judy Bolton, and Cherry Ames, and as an adult she harbored dreams of



becoming a writer. Hannah Ives, the character who became Marcia's alter ego as a former librarian and breast cancer survivor, was still only a twinkle in her eye. Marcia was working on her first book - which she had not originally planned as a mystery - when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She describes the diagnosis as a jump start to her motivation to become a writer - the sooner the better! She attended the Sewanee Writer's Conference (a program funded by Tennessee Williams) and also enjoyed the support of a local mystery writers group. Marcia described her initial fear of giving her fiction to others to read. She recounted how mentor John Casey (winner of the 1989 National Book Award for fiction for his novel *Spartina*), after reading her first draft of *Sing it to Her Bones*, told her that the first chapter made him feel that he was in the presence of a born storyteller, but that the rest of the novel was "crap." Marcia threw out all but that first chapter.

The book coalesced after Marcia learned of an incident in her husband's home town in which the body of a girl was found in a well. She recounted how a newspaper photograph, depicting the girl's parents walking across a field after learning that their long-missing daughter was never again coming home, ignited her imagination. And the rest, as they say.....

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*In Death's Shadow* was inspired by the controversy involving viaticals (purchases of the life insurance policy of a terminally ill person at a discounted price from a broker.) Marcia explained how difficult it is for a series mystery writer to avoid the "Cabot Cove" syndrome - referring to the "Murder, She Wrote" television series in which it eventually seemed as if everyone in that small Maine town must be either murdered or in jail. Marcia dealt with this problem in part by making the victim of *In Death's Shadow* a cancer patient.

*This Enemy Town* involves a Naval Academy production of the musical "Sweeney Todd," with a real murder on stage. And *Through the Darkness*, Marcia's latest, was inspired by a real-life case she read about while vacationing in California; the book involves Internet sexual predator stings (allowing Hannah to show off her aptitude for Internet searching) and a kidnapping of Hannah's grandchild.

Marcia also discussed her other works, including her short stories and her "compilation" novels, in which various mystery writers each contributed a chapter. After her talk, Marcia graciously answered numerous questions, mainly about the publishing industry, then autographed copies of her books for many enthusiastic attendees.

Marcia pointed out that her heroine Hannah Ives incorporates a little bit of Nancy Drew, as well as some of herself, except that Hannah is "younger, prettier, thinner, and braver." We won't comment on that, Marcia, but rest assured that she's not more entertaining! LLAM extends its thanks to Marcia Talley, and to Janet Camillo for arranging this highly enjoyable program.



## Maryland County Court Libraries

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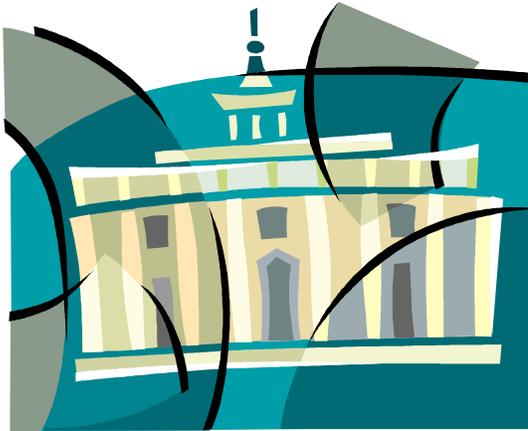
Although LLAM's membership covers a very broad range of library types, there are still some libraries that are underrepresented in our group. Maryland's county law libraries are small in number, and many are small in size. They are struggling with budgets and personnel in ways that many LLAM members can not even imagine. While the group is not wholly unrepresented in LLAM (librarians from Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, for example, belong to LLAM), there are few if any members of LLAM representing the smallest and most financially strapped of the group.

There are twenty-four law libraries throughout Maryland that fit into the "county court" designation: twenty-three counties plus Baltimore City. All but two of these libraries are, to some degree, open to the public (Baltimore City and Wicomico are entirely closed to the public.) Ten of the 24 have at least one professional staff member present in the library (7 full time, 3 part time.) The other fourteen libraries have varying degrees of staffing, some part-time in the library, most with a designated court employee acting as the "librarian," coping with looseleaf filing, shelving, ordering, etc. In several libraries, the administrative judge's assistant processes orders, files, and shelves, while the current law clerk oversees the general set up and organization of the library. In most cases the law clerk is there for a single year, creating a problem with continuity.

Funding for all county law libraries is based on income from fines, fees, and forfeitures. This income is statutorily designated, but can vary greatly from year to year and even from month to month, depending on the number of cases and jury trials in the circuit court. Forfeiture funds, while designated for the library, are quarantined after receipt for a period of ten

years, as they can sometimes be reclaimed. Clearly, there is no guarantee of even a minimal subsistence level of funding from year to year.

A few libraries receive additional funding from their home counties. These county funds are a critical supplement to the standard income. But like the fines and fees income, it is not guaranteed.



To help fill in the finance gap, the Maryland State Law Library administers an annual grant program for county law libraries. Libraries applying can choose either to submit an application for the grant themselves, or to have a field visit, with the field report operating as the grant application. Each year, more than half a dozen libraries opt for the visit. The results of these visits have created a very illuminating picture of the status of county law libraries. For illustrative purposes, this article will take a brief look at one example, the St.

Mary's County Circuit Court Law Library, located in Leonardtown at the southern tip of the state.

The St. Mary's Law Library is unique among its compatriots in that, though quite small, it has a professionally-trained and experienced staff. The Library is headed by William Tench, who is also the Court Administrator. Bill's resume includes a healthy chunk of time as librarian for patent law firms in the Northern Virginia/D.C. area. Law materials are familiar to him, as is maintaining a library budget, dealing with the usual vendors, and assisting at the reference desk. Bill's backup is Lillie Himmelheber, the former librarian and now part-time library assistant. Lillie has, in the past, been actively involved in LLAM events, and in retirement keeps her hand in by assisting at the St. Mary's Law Library several hours a week.

The library is funded by the usual fines and fees, which do not even provide the bare minimum of income needed to maintain a law collection. Without the additional county and state funding, the library could not be adequately maintained.

The library is housed in the new addition to the historic St. Mary's

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## Maryland County Court Libraries, continued

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County Courthouse, on the lower level. During the hours that the courthouse is open for business, the library is unlocked and available to the public. In many counties where the library is overseen by court employees with multiple responsibilities, that employee does not sit in or even near the physical library; however, at St. Mary's, Bill's office is in fact inside the library itself. This gives St. Mary's a unique ability among the small counties to monitor daily traffic and library usage, and enables him to provide regular reference assistance. The majority of users are local attorneys and members of the public. A recent decision to place Family Services forms and materials inside the library has brought a larger number of people into the library.

The library is quite small, with shelving occupying as much available space as possible. There is little empty shelving, and therefore very little growth room for the print collection. New shelving has recently been installed to ease pressure in the Maryland treatise collection. However, there is no real growth space for the federal print collection at this time. Options being considered to ease the crunch may include withdrawing the A.L.R. first and second series from the collection, either by moving the materials into storage, or by simply discarding them entirely. Bill and Lillie are also considering the status of their Decennial Digest collection.

The guiding documents for collections in Maryland county law libraries are the *Recommended Treatise List for Maryland County Law Libraries*, and Appendix C of the *Circuit Court Libraries Study Committee, Proposed Minimum Standards for Maryland County Public Law Libraries and Chambers Collections* (2001). St. Mary's uses these documents to assist in their collection development. The State Law Library has also recently drafted a *Sample Collection Development Policy for Maryland Circuit Court Libraries* (2007), to further assist libraries. St. Mary's uses all of these materials as a framework for continued growth.



The library has a core collection of print materials, including a significant collection of Maryland primary and secondary materials, as recommended by the above documents. St. Mary's also has a healthy collection of federal materials in print. Significantly, they also have a subscription to Westlaw Patron Access. They are no longer unusual in this; all but one of the county law libraries have at least a minimum subscription to either Westlaw or Lexis available to the public. Having Westlaw enables the library to offer access to a wide range of federal materials for which it does not have the physical space in the library. The existence of Westlaw in the library proved its worth recently when a group of Baltimore-based attorneys in court for the day were directed by the judge to research a critical legal issue during the lunch break. The attorneys arrived in the library tense and concerned about their ability to adequately research the issue in the short time available in such a small library. They were, as Bill relates, "astounded and greatly relieved" to find that St. Mary's had Westlaw available for their use. They were able to do the necessary research and were prepared when the trial resumed after lunch.

County law libraries frequently struggle with their reasons for being. As a nation, we pride ourselves on the concept of equality under the law. But it is a fact that certain segments of the legal community have more money than others. It follows, therefore, that those segments with more money may, right or wrong, have a better chance of winning - they have the resources to provide personnel with access to a huge array of information, as well as the resources to hire personnel to help patrons effectively use those sources. The court library, by its very existence, levels the playing field. A solo practitioner who cannot afford the high cost of maintaining a library or subscribing to Westlaw or Lexis can access legal materials at the local law library, thus providing clients with a level of service more on par with the opposing representation. Similarly, those without the funds to hire an attorney have, to some degree, an ability to still research and develop their case and make adequate use of their court system. While it's not possible to claim complete equality, there is at least a better chance at attaining it. Libraries such as St. Mary's, and its sister libraries in other Maryland counties, serve a valuable purpose.



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## AALL 2007 MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

by Jim Gernert

Information Management Librarian

University of Baltimore Law Library

For the first time since the early 1990s, the American Association of Law Libraries sponsored a Leadership and Management Institute for selected members. The Institute, held March 5-8 in Tucson, Arizona, was the outgrowth of an AALL special committee on "Training the Next Generation of Law Librarians," chaired by Michael Chiorazzi, the Director of the Law Library at the University of Arizona. Having taken part in a similar program sponsored by the ARL, Mike appreciated what a valuable experience the Institute could be, and wanted to make the experience available to a new generation of AALL members.

There were thirty-five attendees at the Institute, including a mix of academic, law firm, and court librarians. We were extremely fortunate to have Maureen Sullivan as our facilitator, as she has extensive experience as a consultant to libraries and other organizations in the areas of strategic planning, management, and leadership skills development. Over the course of the four days, Maureen led us through a number of exercises to stretch our minds and to develop skills that would allow us to become leaders in both our organizations and our profession.

Day one topics involved general principles of management and leadership - roles and responsibilities, skills and competencies - as well as consideration of leadership through project management, rather than as a personnel supervisor. Day two focused on interpersonal relationships, with an emphasis on effective communication skills and conflict resolution. The third day spotlighted more specific tasks - strategic planning, budgeting, and further project management. Day four dealt with team building, leadership in a time of change, and concluded with a wrap-up of all the topics covered during the Institute.

All of the participants in the Institute seemed to find it an extremely rewarding experience, and expressed the hope that AALL will offer the Institute again (and more often than every sixteen years!)

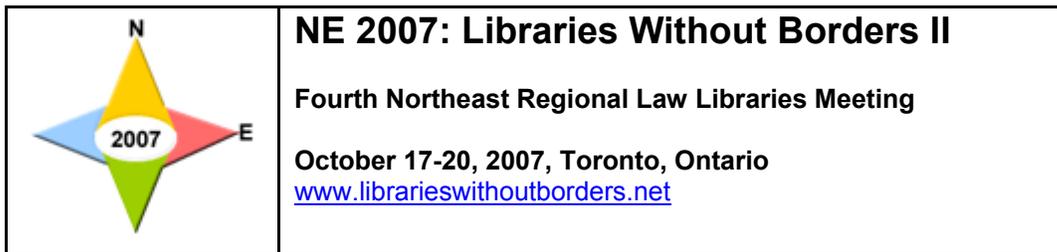


## LLAM LISTSERV NEWS

Starting immediately, LLAM will no longer be sending out, by U.S. mail, paper announcements of its programs and events. Upcoming events will be announced via the LLAM listserv and will be posted on the LLAM Web page. This will save our organization postage costs, as well as saving paper and printing costs currently absorbed by our members' employers.

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The Northeast Regional Law Libraries Meeting will be held in October in Toronto, Ontario. By then we will be tired of the summer's heat (the average October temperature in Toronto is 48) and fall foliage should be prime! What a gorgeous time to travel to Canada!

Additionally, the various participating chapters and program committee have put together some great-sounding programs... numbering over 40! The preliminary program should be released shortly, but in the meantime here's a few highlights to pique your interest and tempt your budget.

*Negotiating Contracts: Tips, Tricks and Tools*

*Rising to the Top: Conducting a Professional Self-Evaluation* (Whether you're considering a new job or looking for a promotion within your current organization, the first step is to conduct a professional self-evaluation. A top headhunter will present.)

*Teaching Adults: The ABCs of Adult Learning*

*Future of Law Publishing* (A panel of speakers from Lexis, West, and other publishers will discuss what legal publications and law publishing might look like ten years from now. What is the future for loose-leaves and law reporters?)

*Cross-Border Insolvency Law*

*Foreign Law in the Supreme Courts of the United States and Canada*

*Researching Canadian Law*

*Reinventing the Academic Law Library*

*"Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" vs. "Peace, Order and Good Government": A Comparative Overview of American and Canadian Constitutional Law*

*What is the Future for Private Law Libraries?*

*Hiring, Retaining and Dismissing Librarians*

And of course, the best one of all, sponsored by LLAM:

*Education Without Borders: Distance Education for Librarians and for Law* (Including speakers from SLA's Click University, Drexel University's Online MLA, and Susan Herrick, who has taught online classes at UM Law.)

On the [website for the conference](#), information has been posted regarding registration and hotel, and registration will be open shortly. If you would like to go ahead and make your hotel reservations now, the Booking Code is "NE2007."

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## What LLAM is Reading

by Joanne Dugan

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Many of you will be heading to the Big Easy this summer for AALL's Annual Meeting. I thought it would be fun to highlight some books featuring New Orleans and Louisiana.

New Orleans has always had an air of mystery – think steamy bayous, Creole culture, Garden District intrigue. No one captures that air of decadence and grandeur better than Anne Rice. Her *Vampire Chronicles* and other supernatural novels are set in the city. Anne was born and raised in New Orleans, and she returned there when she became successful. Her house in the Garden District was a favorite destination for fans of Lestat and the gang. Ironically, Anne sold her New Orleans property upon the death of her husband, so she was not living in town when Hurricane Katrina hit. She has been very involved in relief efforts, however, and wrote a moving editorial just days after the storm hit: “Do You Know What It Means to Lose New Orleans?” *New York Times*, September 4, 2005.

James Lee Burke and Julie Smith are other contemporary writers who use New Orleans and Louisiana as an effective backdrop for their mystery stories. James Lee Burke's series featuring former N.O. cop Dave Robicheaux moves beyond the city limits to Robicheaux's Dock & Bait Shop in New Iberia, Louisiana. It is here that Dave retreats to recover from wounds suffered during his stint as a big city cop, and the series offers insights into the disappearing world of Cajun culture. The newest book in the Dave Robicheaux series, *The Tin Roof Blowdown*, is scheduled for release in July, and will see the detective grappling with the aftermath of Katrina. Just as Anne Rice did, James Lee Burke wrote a touching editorial in the L.A. Times following Katrina: “Katrina: A City of Saints and Sancho Panza”, *Los Angeles Times*, September 18, 2005.



Julie Smith writes two series set in New Orleans, each featuring a female lead character who is as idiosyncratic as the city itself. Talba Wallis is a buttoned-down private eye and computer whiz by day, and the exotic Baroness de Pontalba, poetess, by night. Her series begins with the novel 82

*Desire*, and the most recent addition is *P.I. on a Hot Tin Roof*. In a second series, Detective Skip Langdon has never fit her prominent society family's ideal: she's big, a party girl, and none too fond of rules. To her family's horror, she becomes a cop in New Orleans. Her adventures begin with *New Orleans Morning*, and her most recent outing is *Mean Woman Blues*. In addition to her mystery writing, Julie Smith has also edited a collection of short stories set in post-Katrina New Orleans: *New Orleans Noir*.



Of course, New Orleans has a long literary history. If you'd like to get a taste of what New Orleans was like before Katrina hit (or “pre-K,” as the locals say), check out these classics: Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire*, where the city is so integrated into the story it is more of a character than a setting. Or read the irreverent *A Confederacy of Dunces*, John Kennedy Toole's Pulitzer Prize-winning take on corrupt Louisiana politics. A less satirical but equally fascinating treatment of Louisiana politics is Robert Penn Warren's *All the King's Men*, a loosely fictionalized account of the career of legendary Louisiana governor Huey Long. Walker Percy's *The Moviegoer* won the National Book Award in 1962 for its portrayal of the malaise of the genteel Southern aristocrat.

If you are interested in reading non-fiction account of the hurricane and its aftermath, I suggest two books. *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Coast* by Douglas Brinkley offers a series of narratives by people who lived through the storm, including the author, a history professor at Tulane University. His anger at the politicians and bureaucrats, Mayor Ray Nagin especially, is palpable, and led to a public feud with the mayor. A slightly shorter book focused exclusively on New Orleans is *Breach of Faith: Hurricane Katrina and the Near Death of a Great American City*. The author, Jed Horne, is the Metro editor of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, whose reporting in the aftermath of the storm won a Pulitzer Prize. Horne's book covers what went wrong before, during and after the storm that led to the worst natural disaster in U.S. history since the San Francisco earthquake.

For those of you heading south for AALL, this list offers some background reading. For those of you who will miss the AALL meeting, perhaps these books can give you a flavor of The Big Easy - both its rich history and its uncertain future.

## LLAM Member News

by Susan Herrick

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**John Cannan's** article "Are Public Law Librarians Immune From Suit? Muddying the Already Murky Waters of Law Librarian Liability," appeared at 99 *Law Library Journal* 7 (Winter 2007). Also, John's article on outsourcing, titled, "Legal Reference from Mumbai? Will law librarian jobs be the next outsourced overseas?" was published in the March 2007 issue of *AALL Spectrum*. Congratulations, John!

The Baltimore Library of DLA Piper is very happy to introduce **Rebecca Miller**, research librarian. Rebecca joined the firm in November 2006. She holds an MLIS from Long Island University and a BA from the University of Virginia. Please feel free to contact Rebecca to extend a warm LLAM welcome! (Direct line) 410-580-4651 or [rebecca.miller@dlapiper.com](mailto:rebecca.miller@dlapiper.com)

**Jim Gernert** was one of the attendees at AALL's Management and Leadership Institute. It was held in Tucson from March 5-8. There were 35 attendees, from academic, law firm, and court libraries (see Jim's account of the Institute on page 12 of this newsletter.)

Congratulations to **Jenny Smith**, who was recently admitted to the University of Maryland School of Law in the evening division program! Jenny will go to law school part time while continuing her duties as a research librarian.



On February 18th, **Jean Hessenauer** participated in the Maple Sugar program at Ladew Topiary Gardens. Here's her description: "It's the second year I've done this program. After an explanation indoors on the history and techniques of maple sugaring I took a group of people

out on the trail and showed them how to tap a tree and attach a bucket for collecting the sap. There was fresh snow on the ground this year so we were also able to identify animal tracks. We then collected sap from already tapped trees, and we took it back inside to start boiling it down to make syrup. We then had a taste test with syrup made from the sap collected earlier in the month and the syrup bought in the grocery store. At the end of the program we, of course, served pancakes and syrup. It's a fun afternoon - come check it out next year !!!!!"



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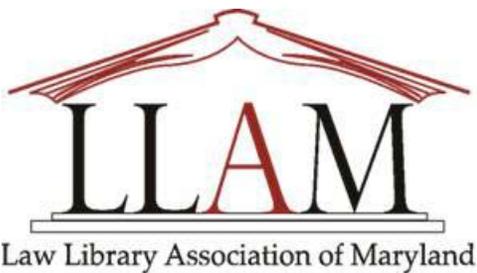
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