President’s Message

by Scott Stevens

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I’ve found writing this final column more difficult than the others. It seems as if it should be the easiest! A year-end summary of highlights; “thank you”s to all; etc., etc., etc. I guess finding a good way to say goodbye is harder than it seems. Hopefully it won’t be a final goodbye, because I still hope to participate in LLAM.

This is a definite testament to the folks involved. Whether behind the scenes or not, there are many good people keeping LLAM a top-notch organization you MUST be a member of. For example, this past year LLAM hosted a very successful Legal Research Institute. This biennial outreach program heightens awareness of our skills and our value to people with whom we normally might never be involved.

Our 2006 Spring Fling had a pretty decent turnout on a very pleasant day at the Bowie Baysox stadium where the Baysox took on the Akron Ohio Aeros. It was nice to attend a ballgame where the local team won for a change. That day was also Breast Cancer Awareness Day at the ballpark, and in the true spirit of LLAM philanthropy, half the proceeds from our silent auction were donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

Among our organization’s other accomplishments this year was the institution of our first podcast. What I find most exciting about our organization getting into podcasting is not that it shows we are on the cutting edge of technology, but rather that it expands our outreach to LLAM members and potential members, so that even our colleagues in far corners of the state who can’t attend programs still receive the benefit of the knowledge and the experience of those programs.

It’s been a real treat working with folks this past year. I cannot stress enough how highly I regard everyone on the Board, everyone who worked hard on the Committees, and everyone who taught at the LRI. Many people have worn many hats throughout the year. Truly, the law librarians of Maryland are so very fortunate to have such a dedicated, dynamic group of people out there working for them. Thank you, all!

Unfortunately thanking each individual who made this past year a great one for our organization would take pages. However, I do want to extend a most heartfelt thank you to Pat Behles. It’s been a great pleasure working with her. She’s put on some very exciting programs this past year. LLAM is very fortunate to have Pat as the new president. She truly cares about our members and making sure they have the best possible LLAM experience.

See you around!
LLAM’s final meeting of the 2005-2006 year, the Legislative Wrap Up, took place on Wednesday, May 24, at the Department of Legislative Services in Annapolis. After an introduction by the DLS library staff, Warren Deschenaux, Director of the Office of Policy Analysis in the Department of Legislative Services, spoke to the group.

Mr. Deschenaux gave a good description of the 2006 Maryland Assembly’s Legislative Session. He described it as a cycle: Let’s override some vetoes; debate the definition of marriage; settle down to get some work done (budget, stem cell, healthy air and teacher retirement...pass; eminent domain, sex offenders...fail); override more vetoes; BGE. He reported that conditions were favorable for spending with renewed revenue growth and the loosening of the spending limits. So, spend government did! The biggest winners, according to Mr. Deschenaux, were children and their teachers (he pointed to a budget increase for public schools and a tuition freeze for undergrads benefiting college kids and their parents); trees and those who love them (he noted an increase in funds for land preservation); and counties and municipalities. He observed that in the area of budget projections, “the crystal ball and the 8 ball” should have government officials concerned for the future. Lisa A. Gladden, State Senator for District 41 (Baltimore City), and A. Wade Kach, Delegate for Legislative District 5B (Baltimore County), spoke about the 2006 session from their perspectives, touching on bills that had passed and areas of interest.

In addition to handouts from the presenters, a copy of the 90 day Report and the Legislative Wrap-up, both produced by Legislative Services were available. After the session, one of the Legislative Services staff led a tour of the State House. Highlights were the Tiffany glass windows in the State House, the renovated House building, and the “Silver” room, which houses the silver service from the U.S.S. Maryland (more details available at http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/stagser/s1259/131/html/silverrm.html). LLAM extends its thanks to the Department of Legislative Services for hosting this event.

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On Sunday, May 12th, an enthusiastic group of LLAM members and friends gathered at the home of the Bowie Baysox for food and fun. The Baysox took on the Akron Aeros, and in a fast-paced game, prevailed 3-2. While the action played out on the field, LLAM members caught up with friends, bid on silent auction items, partook of some great food, and recognized fellow members for their service to LLAM. The board and program chairs contributed some great auction items including a wine tasting, a tea basket, books (children & adult), a garden pot, crab items, a gourmet basket, a sandwich grill, a beach basket, and handmade jewelry. (Who knew that Carol Mundorf made such pretty jewelry?) The auction raised over $300; the board had decided that the proceeds would be split 50/50 with a breast cancer group, fitting with the theme of the ball game, “Pink in the Park.” (The auction has become a much anticipated sidebar to our gatherings. Start planning now for a basket that you and your colleagues could put together for the upcoming Holiday Party!)

The board thanked the speakers who contributed their time and talent to the Legal Research Institute, as well as Carol Mundorf, whose term on the board has expired. The association acknowledged Scott Stevens’ presidency and our ground-breaking podcast of one of this year’s programs. All in all, the day was a great send-off to the 2005 – 2006 LLAM year.
LLAM Goes to Washington

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On April 26th, fourteen LLAM members ventured to Washington, D.C., to attend presentations at the Law Library of Congress (LLC) and the Folger Shakespeare library. At the Law Library of Congress, we heard presentations from three of their divisions, Research Services, the Law Rare Book Room, and the Reading Room. There were two surprises. One was learning that LLC lends books under some circumstances and that the staff answers reference questions. One librarian said, “I thought they lived on Mt. Olympus and paid no attention to us mortals.” The second surprise was that the LLC has no idea whatsoever of what its holdings are, because of the original classification system that was used in the past. It was also interesting to hear about the structure and what reports and publications LLC produces.

After lunch in the Library of Congress cafeteria (a great view!), we were off to the Folger. For those of you who thought that the Folger was an add-on with no law relevance, HA! The librarian pulled some incredible rare legal items for us to see. A highlight was seeing (and touching) the document, with the king’s seal attached, freeing Sir Walter Raleigh from prison. The Folger has a LARGE collection of British law, and has an e-mail address for requesting assistance in finding old British legal documentation. Much of the collection, including texts, manuscripts, and documents, consists of primary sources.

Some of the law treatises have handwritten notes in the margins…maybe not a plus for a book collector, but to Mr. Folger and to historians, just as or more important than the text itself. And of course no trip to the Folger would be complete without seeing one of their 79 (yes, 79…more than the British Library!) copies of the First Folio.

Interested parties can check out the Folger Web site at http://www.folger.edu/

I think we can all agree with Natalie Ellis who wrote, “The hosts put a lot of thought and effort into making our time with them enriching. I came away with the sense that these libraries and their special collections were fascinating places to work.”

It was a great experience! Great minds are already plotting where LLAM can go for our next Washington field trip…. stay tuned for 2006-2007.
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In January of this year, the Baltimore City Council unveiled its new online legislative research tool: the Legislative Information Center, available at http://legistar.baltimorecitycouncil.com/mattersearch/home.aspx. If you’ve had problems in the past locating new Baltimore City legislation, this tool should make your life much easier.

At the heart of the site is the Legislative File Search, which is one of the links on the left toolbar. This service allows you to search for the full text of bills, whether enacted, withdrawn, or still pending, introduced into the Council since 1999. The system supports a number of search options. You can select a simple keyword search option which supports basic Boolean searching. Alternatively, you can try the advanced search option which allows you to narrow your search by a number of variables including: file ID (every piece of legislation introduced in the Baltimore City Council is assigned a unique file number), index term (e.g., “alleys,” or “alcoholics”), matter status (e.g., “enacted” or “failed”), matter type (e.g., “city council resolution”), sponsor, controlling body (e.g., “Mayor,” or “Board of Estimates”), or by date (“introduction date” or “final action date”).

After running your search, you should note that the results list is ordered by file ID number and not by date or by how closely the document matches your search terms. Clicking on an individual bill from the results list opens up a separate window with information about the bill including legislative history information, the title, and the bill’s sponsor. To view the full text PDF version of the bill, click on the attachment link for “Legislative File Text.”

In a nutshell, that’s what the system has to offer. A few other items worth noting: the site includes the full text of Council Agendas, a diagram of “How a Bill Becomes a Law,” and links to the Rules of The City Council, the Baltimore City Code, the Code of Public Laws, and the City Charter. We welcome the City Council’s decision to place its bills on line and we hope that other counties in Maryland will follow suit.

AALL in St. Louis: The Gateway Arch

While AALL celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2006, St. Louis’s famed Gateway Arch (aka The Arch) celebrates its 41st anniversary. The 630 foot tall monument had its beginnings in 1933 when lawyer Luther Elm Smith came up with the idea for a memorial in St. Louis as a way to beautify the city’s run-down waterfront – the first glimpse many visitors got of St. Louis. The memorial would mark Jefferson’s role in the nation’s westward expansion and the 19th century migration of hundreds of thousands of people to the West, at a time when St. Louis was the last major city before the frontier. Smith began raising $225,000 for a national design competition and even went back to one large donor, who pointed out that he had already contributed!

While work was done to secure and clear 90 acres, the idea for a memorial was not revitalized until two years after World War II. In 1947-48 the design competition had 172 submissions – including ones from Eliel Saarinen as well as his 38 year old son Eero. The winner in the competition was architect Eero Saarinen, whose idea of a giant stainless steel arch in the shape of an inverted catenary curve is a complex engineering feat. He constructed his first model of the arch out of pipe cleaners. In 1963, construction began on The Arch, and it was completed in 1965. Unfortunately, Eero Saarinen died in 1961.

The Gateway Arch, one of the newest monuments in the National Park system - and its tallest - is 75 feet taller than the Washington Monument and more than twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty. There are a Museum, two movie theatres, and exhibits underneath the Arch, and also a 40-passenger tram system in each leg which delivers visitors to the top for stunning views of the city. The Arch and the nearby Old Courthouse make up the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.
When I was asked to write about myself for this issue of the LLAM News, I couldn’t imagine what I could possibly say. I agreed to it, because I have a hard time saying no to people! But then I thought about the 36 years I’ve spent as a librarian – including the 34 years I’ve spent as a law librarian - and I figured that certainly I have seen a lot of change, but at the same time, things are very much as they were.

I haven’t always wanted to be a law librarian. I started out around the ninth grade investigating career opportunities for civics class. I took one of those aptitude tests to help people place their interests, and I found out that my aptitudes should lead me in the direction of an outdoor life, as perhaps a National Park ranger or an archaeologist. Unfortunately, at the time the NPS had no intention of hiring women as rangers. Remember, we are talking about the late 1950s, and women’s occupational opportunities were somewhat limited; as for being an archaeologist, my parents convinced me that the profession involved hot, dry, dusty work in open fields, and I was fairly easily persuaded away from that. That left the traditional women’s occupations. I didn’t want to teach – after all, I was in the ninth grade. My mom wanted me to be a nurse, so naturally I didn’t want that! My dad didn’t care as long as I went to a college like Goucher, so of course I went to Hood College instead.

I really liked to read, so I decided upon being a librarian. An additional benefit was that, since I would need an MLS, I could major in anything I wanted to; thus, I majored in history. Oh, the optimism of youth!

Skipping many years into the future, gliding over my wonderful years in high school and college, in 1966 I applied to the library science program at the University of Maryland, SLISMU, I think we called it. I was in charge of the student coffee pot. We had a great visiting professor from England who taught reference; also, we had a great course on computers taught by an engineer from IBM (on Saturday mornings, no less!) Actually, it may have been the very first “computers in libraries” course taught anywhere. Remember, SLISMU was very avant garde back then.

My first job was at the Enoch Pratt Free Library, Central Branch, where under the tutelage of Eleanor Lynn, Martha Ann Peters, Mrs. Rose, and just about everyone else who worked in the department and the library, I learned a great deal, especially about service. It was a wonderful opportunity for a beginning librarian. To this day, I maintain that no matter what job you have, there is always something you can learn from and carry with you.

About two years later, in 1970, I married someone I met who was researching in the department – Miles Cole, a budding young lawyer - and off we went together to Germany for two years while he fulfilled his military commitment. When we returned to the United States, Baltimore City was experiencing a hiring freeze, but the Human Resources Department at Enoch Pratt told me of a law firm that was looking for a librarian. Didn’t I tell you it was a great place to work?

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Since I was already familiar with the Maryland Reports, the Maryland Code, and the session laws, I decided to apply to Weinberg and Green and was hired. With the help of my new friends Mary Dzurinko, Pam Gregory, Maxine Grosshans, Mike at the Bar Library, and a host of other colleagues, I became a law librarian. I learned there was a lot more to law librarianship than familiarity with those few titles!

Right away, I joined AALL and LLSDC. This was before LLAM! I was already a member of SLA. After a year or so, I started attending the AALL annual meetings. What a group we were: Yvonne Harris, Phyllis Schocket, and me. In those days we shared rooms to cut costs and we made the rounds at the vendors’ hospitality suites to “graze” for dinner.

Seven years later, I left to join Miles and Stockbridge, and I have been here for over 26 years. I missed being a charter member of LLAM because I was out on maternity leave. So you see, I’ve done it my way!

I suppose I should get serious and try to distill my philosophy to share with you, gentle readers. I believe in good customer service. I tell my staff that we are only as good as what we did yesterday. I believe in hiring good people and placing them where they are best suited. I don’t believe in over-supervising if they know what they are to do and can do it. Sometimes this hasn’t worked out as it should. I encourage my staff to participate in LLAM activities and to learn as much as they can. I’ve had two staff members go on to library school and earn their degrees. I always remember that it is my good, loyal, and true staff who make our library look good - and that makes me look good! If they decide to move on to better opportunities, I give them a big hug and my best wishes, and urge them to keep in touch. I’m always there to provide advice. (I tell the same thing to my lawyers when they leave!)

I think over my career, and remember that during the time when I was in college, we talked about the “Death of God” controversy; now some are talking about the death of books! Somehow I don’t think that will ever happen. I may be a hard case, but I teach my summer and fall associates research the old fashioned way, and my senior attorneys and some younger ones back me up on this, because print research combined with CALR can only make a better product. There will always be librarians. This is a profession that went from clay tablets to desktops; and with each permutation, someone predicted the death of librarians! Somehow our profession seems to attract people who can assimilate new ideas and adapt them to the needs of our users and clients.

I was told that this column should be about two pages long, and I think I could keep on going, but I won’t. I’ll just remind you of my opening ramble. I still like to read - some history, mostly mystery stories. One of my favorites is a series by Nevada Barr, whose protagonist is a middle aged woman who becomes a national park ranger. Oh yes – her name is Anna! Another favorite is a series by Elizabeth Peters about a woman archaeologist in Egypt in the 1890s through the early 1900s. It’s fun reading except for the gruesome parts. And as we used to say, keep the faith babe!
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Westlaw’s “Regulations Plus”

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On February 27th, Westlaw Librarian Relations representatives, Wendy Brown, Elaine Clark, and Carol Williamson introduced LLAM members to RegulationsPlus.

Just what is RegulationsPlus? It is a new enhancement in searching federal regulations that is designed to make researching federal agency regulations easier. Westlaw describes this feature as “Get the research you need, all in one place.”

To utilize the RegulationsPlus feature, researchers must first access the CFR database and then use the RegulationsPlus Index to find the title and section in which they are interested. For example, to find the regulations on acid rain as an aspect of air pollution, type “acid rain” in the search box at the top right of the screen. Click the appropriate topic in the resulting list and then select the regulation link on the topic being researched. In this case, it’s 40 C.F.R. § 72.1. The full scope of RegulationsPlus now kicks in to provide the researcher with a number of useful research links. These links provide additional sources of information: Historical, Administrative, Statutes, and Analysis.

In the Historical segment of RegulationsPlus, a researcher can find prior editions of the Code of Federal Regulations dating back to 1984. This feature is especially useful for reading the actual text of a regulation as it was promulgated as well as any subsequent textual changes.

Under the Administrative heading, links to FR Summaries, FR References, and Cross References help the researcher find additional information on the regulation being searched. The FR Summaries link provides editorial summaries of the federal regulation along with Federal Register textual links. FR References gives a list of Federal Register citations that deal with the regulation being researched. Full-text to the Federal Register is available by clicking the numerical link. Cross References provides an important cross-jurisdiction research aid in the form of citations with links to full text of state administrative codes dealing with the same topic.

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Law Reviews and Treatises & Forms links appear under the Analysis heading. This is a good way to find instructive and practical information on regulatory topics.

RegulationsPlus is a valuable enhancement. Take advantage of one stop shopping for federal regulatory information!
A Few Thoughts About Information Use

By Steve Anderson
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As most of you know, I will be completing my first year of
directorship at the Maryland State Law Library in June. It has
been an exciting and challenging year!

As I review the past few months, one of the recurring themes I
have encountered is the complexity of “information selection.”
Everyone knows that different types of library users want dif-
ferent types of materials, often in order to use them in differ-
ent ways. All of us librarians can appreciate that point, at least
in the abstract. How this philosophical assertion is applied in a
practical manner in a library is much more demanding, of
course.

In the law firm world—not that it is an easy one—there is
typically one class of user—the attorney. (For the sake of ar-
gument, paralegals, support staff, and corporate clients often need and
use law firm library materials in the same fashion.) During the last year, I
have been reminded often that public law libraries present a somewhat
different model of users. At the
Maryland State Law Library, for ex-
ample, there are a variety of users, including judges and law clerks, members of the bar, self-represented litigants, and
even historical and genealogical researchers. Each user group possesses different expectations about what types of materials it will find in the Library and how it will appropriate that in-
formation for research purposes. The Maryland State Law Library’s excellent reference staff provides efficient and accu-
rate access to much of our material. However, developing a
collection that will take all of these perspectives into consid-
eration is a much more interesting endeavor.

Several months ago, the Library, with assistance from library school interns,
drafted a collection development pol-
icy, subsequently approved by the State Law Library Committee. Simply
stated, the policy mandates a comprehensive Maryland law collec-
tion, a well-developed American law collection, the continuation of its Maryland history collection, participation in state and federal
government publications programs, and maintenance of its special
collections, such as the John James Audubon “Birds of America”
prints. Selection criteria for acquisitions within this scope include
the following:

a. Relevance of title to existing collections
b. Authority and reputation of author/publisher
c. Accuracy and currency of information
d. Future reference value of the title
e. Initial price, upkeep and maintenance costs
f. Scarcity of material on the topic
g. Quality and durability of the format
h. Availability of material in alternative formats
i. Space to house the material
j. Multiple copies where heavy use is expected
k. Recommendations from user groups, staff, and committees
l. Preference for materials published in languages appropriate for
   the library’s intended users

Within these parameters, the Collection Development Committee,
consisting of a reference librarian, the systems/electronic service
librarian, the acquisitions librarian, the head of cataloging, and the

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director, may exercise a high degree of discretion.

Although it may seem that this framework is quite formalized, selection processes will long remain an art, rather than a science. For example, when considering a standing order subscription to a CLE provider, the library staff was faced with a few really interesting questions:

a. Will attorneys consult these handbooks after a few years?

b. Will any other library in Maryland comprehensively collect these handbooks?

c. Should we “hard-bind” the handbooks if they are only paper bound?

d. If an online service is made available to the same materials, should the Library switch to that format immediately?

e. Will judges, law clerks and the general public derive any value from these materials, which happen to be written primarily for the practicing bar?

We ultimately decided to err on the side of diversity, inclusion and—that hot new management word—“nimbleness.” After all, Library users might dig up interesting legal information in CLE handbooks twenty years from now. Chances are that few other law libraries have our mandate to retain Maryland legal materials of every kind, so we should strive to make these items permanently available, even in an online format, if possible. We also decided that all users benefit from these materials, even though a particular group might find them to be of special interest. Most importantly, we realized that attorneys will seek this information elsewhere if the Library does not provide it for them. Librarians need to address information selection on an individualized, case-by-case basis, with knowledge of library users at the forefront of the task.

In the coming months, I hope that the Maryland State Law Library will be able to bring additional materials to the Maryland legal community in new and interesting ways. Librarians and attorneys will see new services, new databases and “restored” special collections. The Library will continue to provide diverse groups of legal researchers with the necessary information sources for them to make intelligent and effective decisions.
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Keeping up With Trends in Law Librarianship: GLM

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Many of us rely heavily on the Library of Congress’s GLIN (Global Legal Information Network) to locate foreign primary law, but what coverage is available for emerging trends? The Library of Congress launched a new electronic publication, the Global Legal Monitor. According to Donna Scheeder, the Director of Law Library Services, “The Global Legal Monitor is a new electronic publication of the Library of Congress intended for those who have an interest in legal developments around the world. It draws upon information selected from official national legal publications and reliable press sources and is arranged by broad subject topics.” In its inaugural issue, there are 12 topics, including foreign trade and trade regulation, international relations and terrorism. There are also over 60 countries and international organizations covered as well. Each summary of law contains the relevant factual data as well as a citation to the original report of legal news—great for those who would want to explore the subject in more depth.

It is the first of its kind and a monumental compilation. This monthly publication will be a resource for librarians and attorneys alike. Add it to your bookmarks today!

OFFBEAT ST. LOUIS

With museums dedicated to bowling, dogs and recycled materials, St. Louis just may be the offbeat attraction capital of America. You can decide for yourself during your next AALL conference.

Bowling and baseball together? Yes, but only in St. Louis. Two of the country’s most popular participatory sports share space at the International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, home of the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum. Galleries that recall St. Louis’ proud baseball traditions and the history and heroes of professional bowling can be found in same building. Don’t miss Ten Pin Alley area where you can trace the evolution of bowling from the time of cave men to today’s computerized lanes and the bowling pin-shaped car.

See the world’s only completely recycled museum when you visit the art-filled playground of City Museum—an intriguing mix of history, architecture and whimsy. Don’t let the name fool you. This defiantly no-tech, hands-on warehouse of adventure, located in a former shoe manufacturing facility in downtown St. Louis’ Washington Avenue loft district, has nothing to do with city history. An outdoor playground called MonstroCity, a walk-through whale, indoor performances by everydaycircus, the world’s largest pair of underpants and a pint-size railroad are just some of the offbeat museum’s treasures. The World Aquarium has set up shop inside City Museum with a please-touch attitude toward its tanks of baby sharks, stingrays, turtles and other assorted water-loving creatures.

One man’s passion for collecting just about everything related to popular culture has created Blueberry Hill in The Loop neighborhood. In addition to its reputation for food and music, the restaurant is known as home to the world’s best jukebox and eclectic collections that range from Chuck Berry’s guitar to Howdy Doody items and vintage lunchboxes. Outside, along Delmar Boulevard, a changing window display at Blueberry Hill often includes performance art, and Loop merchants sell a variety of goods and services that will delight seekers of the offbeat.

Get your kicks on Route 66 by visiting St. Louis’ Museum of Transportation. It’s home to more than 300 moving vehicles including locomotives, streetcars, aircraft and automobiles. The passenger car collection includes the 1964 Bobby Darin “Dream Car” and a 1901 St. Louis car—a four-seat, single or two-cylinder engine vehicle with tiller steering. Another display features a portion of the Coral Court Motel—St. Louis’ infamous Route 66 rendezvous spot that offered drive-in units.

The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog may sound offbeat, but in reality its exhibits are dedicated to the history of the dog in art. You’ll have plenty of fun learning all about man’s best friend through the Dog Museum’s permanent collection and special exhibits. Good attractions also come in small packages. The Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis is where you’ll find everything from cute dollhouses to an entire recreated western town on display.
What are you planning to read over the summer? Here are some suggestions from fellow LLAMers including a variety of long tomes, exciting page turners, mysteries, and heart warming stories.

Tonya Baroudi recently read *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant and found it a compelling story because of the biblical setting. It was so well written she had to keep reminding herself that the story was fiction. This novel, full of intrigue, passion, and courage, was one which she ultimately wanted to share with her mother, sister, aunts and friends.

Catherine McGuire is currently reading *Mr. Darcy's Daughters* by Elizabeth Aston. This author has written several interesting takes on the *Pride and Prejudice* characters and anything that continues the Austin tradition is always welcome reading. She is also looking forward to reading more of the detective Joe Sandilands mystery series by Barbara Cleverly. *Publisher's Weekly* called these mysteries, set in colonial India in the 1920's, classic Golden Age whodunits. Don't they sound like great summer reading?

Another book continuing and expanding on a well-known and loved story is *March* by Geraldine Brooks (not to be confused with E.L. Doctorow's *The March*). Recommended by Susan Herrick, this novel, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2006, tells the story of the experiences of Peter March, father of the sisters portrayed in *Little Women*. The story takes the reader from Mr. March's beginnings as a peddler, to his years as a businessman and abolitionist, including his relationships with historical figures Emerson, Thoreau, and John Brown, to his Civil War and postwar experiences as a preacher. (You may know that his character was based on that of Bronson Alcott, Louisa May Alcott's father.) Although the letters exchanged by the father, mother, and daughters are used as a literary device, the story provides a much more intimate view of the marriage of the March parents and a much less sanitized view of Mr. March's war experiences, which are vividly portrayed.

Kristen Baginski suggested *Marley and Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog* by John Grogan. She says, "I am a dog lover and proud owner of a Lab, the eponymous Marley is also a Lab, so this book truly tugged at my heartstrings. However the book has plenty of laugh-out-loud moments and useful life lessons about all relationships, so that even non-dog people can appreciate this story. Check out pictures of Marley and read an excerpt from the book at [http://www.marleyandme.com](http://www.marleyandme.com)". Kristen noted one caveat - read the book with a box of tissues nearby.

I am also reading a book dealing with animals, Temple Grandin's *Animals in Translation*. The author overcame autism to become a scientist and has wonderful insights into both animal and human behavior.

For those who immediately think thrillers when confronted with the need for beach or travel reading, I can suggest Dan Brown's books *The DaVinci Code* (I loved the librarian's Boolean search in the King's Chapel library) and *Angels and Demons*. Since I am probably one of the last people to read these books you may need other ideas. Bill Ott author of the "Quick Bibs" column in *American Libraries* magazine suggested several bibliothrillers recently. I'll paraphrase his descriptions here:

*Codex* by Lev Grossman is a combination thriller and computer gaming book. Asked by his firm to help an eccentric client catalog his book collection, an investment banker overcomes his indignation at doing librarian work (!) to help solve the mystery of a medieval codex hidden in one of his client's books. *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafon was a sensation in Spain. It combines elements of romance, fantasy, gothic horror, mystery and the coming-of-age tale. The book concerns a young boy who is taken by his bookseller father to the Cemetery of Forgotten Books, where he is asked to choose one book to protect from oblivion. Naturally the book he chooses happens to be very much in danger. Finally *The Well of Lost Plots* by Jasper Fforde is part of the Tuesday Next mystery series. In this book corporate evildoers are trying to recycle unpublished books and peddle plot devices. Fforde creates an incredibly elaborate alternative world, but once there, Ott says you will find it a special place indeed.

A reminder for book lovers, coming up on September 30th the Sixth Annual National Book Festival will take place on the mall in D.C.; the Baltimore Book Fair will take place September 29 - October 1 on Mt. Vernon Place.

Also, don't forget the annual AALL children's book drive. Check the AALL web site for more information on the school wish lists and how to donate books even if you don't attend the convention.

Joanne Dugan (jdugan@ubalt.edu) will be writing this column next year. Let her know all the interesting books you read this summer!
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Congratulations to our newly elected officers! Janet Camillo, Librarian, Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library, will be the Vice-President/President-elect. Joanne Dugan, Assistant Director for Public Services, University of Baltimore Law Library, has been elected to the board, joining Trevor Rosen from Shapiro, Sher, Guinot & Sandler. Sara Billard, Research Librarian from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, is the new secretary. Continuing as treasurer is Kathie Sweeney, Library Director from Semmes, Bowen & Semmes. The new board joins incoming president Pat Behles for a great year in 2006 - 2007.

Janet Camillo has been appointed the new head librarian at the Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library, taking over from Karen Smith after her retirement. Congratulations, Janet, on your new position!

LLAM members (and others) attending a Westlaw update session at the Renaissance Inner Harbor Hotel on May 4 were treated to breakfast and a presentation about, among other topics, Westlaw’s “Statutes Plus” feature. On this occasion we also bid at least a temporary farewell to Wendy Brown, who has been our Librarian Relations Manager, and greeted Elaine Clark, our new Librarian Relations Rep. Wendy will be staying with West but relocating to Florida to join her fiancé. LLAM welcomes Elaine and wishes Wendy the very best!

Jean Hessenauer, librarian at Tydings & Rosenberg, and her dog Bella were featured, along with the Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue group, on the "Manic Monday" spot on WJZ TV, on April 10, 2006. You can see Jean (on the right hand side of the screen) at http://wjz.com/video?cid=25

Her dog was introduced too! (Woof!) Bella was discarded at 8 weeks old because she was blind. If anyone is ever interested in adopting a German Shepherd or a Shepherd mix dog feel free to give Jean a call.

On the same “doggy” note, Kristen Baginski and her black Lab, Jack, participated in the Maryland SPCA “March for the Animals” at Druid Hill Park on Sunday, April 1. After Mayor Martin O’Malley’s cutting of the ceremonial ribbon, Kristen and Jack joined over 4,000 participants whose efforts raised $250,000 for homeless animals at the SPCA.

The American Association of Law Schools held its 2006 Conference on Clinical Legal Education from April 30 - May 3 in New York City. Jenny Smith, library liaison for the Clinical Law Office at the University of Maryland School of Law, attended the conference, where clinics shared best practices and lessons learned from collaboration in teaching, learning, and lawyering settings. She found that libraries will need to keep in mind the expanding information needs of clinics in collaborative settings. Clinics presented case studies of collaboration with clients, students, multidisciplinary academics, community organizations, and communities. In these diverse partnerships, clinics are applying writing, research, technology, knowledge management, litigation, advocacy, and entrepreneurship skills to build bridges across national, cultural, disciplinary, professional, and community borders. Jenny observed that clinics in collaborative settings are looking for new ways to meet many of the complex and long-term information needs of their academic and client communities.

LLAM wishes a safe and exciting summer to all its members. We’ll look forward to hearing more “Member News” for the fall issue of LLAM News.
This column highlights interesting reference questions received by Maryland law librarians. If you have any reference transactions you’d like to see included in this column, please send them to jsinder@law.umaryland.edu.

Q.: Can I find old federal session laws online or do I need to hunt down those crumbling volumes of Statutes at Large hidden somewhere in the library?

A.: Session laws, which used to be all but unavailable electronically, can now be found in a wide variety of databases and formats. However, at this time only the oldest and the newest session laws are available free – the comprehensive sets are all found in subscription databases.

The best version of the Statutes at Large, in my opinion at least, can be found in HeinOnline (http://www.heinonline.org). As with all HeinOnline products, coverage is back to the first volume, and is complete up through volume 116 (2002). All the volumes are searchable (although the HeinOnline search engine is certainly not up to Westlaw/Lexis standards) and available in PDF format. You can also browse by Popular name, and browse for Treaties (Indian Treaties and Other Treaties are in two separate lists).

Another source for PDF versions of Statutes at Large, which is not as complete as HeinOnline is LLMC Digital (http://www.llmc.com/digital_toc.htm). For those of you not familiar with LLMC (the Law Library Microform Consortium), “LLMC is a non-profit cooperative of libraries dedicated to the twin goals of, preserving legal titles and government documents on film, while making copies inexpensively available either in microfiche format or digitally through its on-line service LLMC-Digital.” Libraries can join the consortium and then have voting rights as well as access to the digital materials.

LLMC Digital provides access to the Statutes at Large in PDF format although there are a few missing volumes and only individual volumes are searchable; you cannot search across the text. Holdings, with a few gaps, are from volume 1 through volume 115.

You can also access to the complete set of Statutes at Large on Lexis and Westlaw. On Westlaw, the laws are available in PDF format from volume 1 through 1972. After that, they are available in "standard" Westlaw format. One drawback to Westlaw is that the laws are in three separate databases: US-STATLRG from 1789-1972, US-PL-OLD from 1973-2004 and US-PL for the current Congress. Note that the PDF laws are searchable only by summary information and the full text in the PDF is not searched in a search of the US-STATLRG database.

Lexis has coverage similar to Westlaw’s but there are a couple of differences. First of all, PDF coverage goes from 1789-1987. Coverage from 1988 is in “standard” Lexis format. The database for the current (1988-date) materials is in Federal Legal - U.S. > United States Code Service (USCS) Materials > USCS - Public Laws. Older material is available in the same directory, but under USCS – Statutes at Large.

Law school users should note that since 2003, this second, older, Statutes at Large database is no longer available under the educational contract. This does not mean, though, that you can’t get the text of the public law. Instead, you must use Find a Document, enter the Statutes at Large cite and get the document that way. You can find the Statutes at Large cite either in the history of the U.S. Code section or from the Statutes at Large Table, also available under United States Code Service (USCS) Materials.

If you are looking for free access to the Statutes at Large, your choices are the very old or the very new. GPO Access has the session laws from the 104th Congress (1995) forward available for browsing or searching at http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plaws/index.html. Each law is available in both text and PDF format. The Library of Congress’s American Memory Project contains the first 18 volumes of the Statutes at Large (1789-1874) at http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsl.html. Each page is in a separate graphic, so they can be hard to download. There are searchable indexes (one for volumes 1-8 and others for each volume 9-18).
Top 12 Things to do With Kids in St. Louis

St. Louis offers so much for kids that the Top 10 list of things to do with them on a vacation here has just become the Top 12. Everywhere you look, there’s plenty to enthral, entrance and excite kids and much of it is free.

1. **Ride to the top of the Gateway Arch.** It’s hard to tell what’s more exciting - the ride in a barrel-shaped capsule starting 50 feet underground and traveling up a leg of the Arch to 630 feet above St. Louis, or the spectacular panoramic view of both sides of the country’s longest river. Here’s a tip the kids will love: If you stand in the middle of the top of the Arch and look straight down through the window, you can see both legs of the Arch below you.

2. **Bring plenty of dimes and feed the fish.** Kids will find much to enjoy at the Missouri Botanical Garden. They’ll love meandering through a tropical rainforest in the Climatron where bananas grow, talking to an orchid, walking under a waterfall and finding their way through a maze built just for them in the children’s garden. But the perennial favorite for children of any age is feeding the exotic fish in the Japanese Garden’s pond – you will see dozens of brightly-colored fish pushing against each other at the water’s surface as they vie - mouths gaping - above the water - for fish food thrown by visitors.

3. **“Ride” the turtles in Turtle Park.** Young children love the baby turtles and their mamas in Turtle Park, a sliver of Forest Park across I-64 from the Zoo’s south entrance. The “turtles” are sculpted from concrete and represent species native to Missouri.

4. **Visit the City Museum,** a one-of-a-kind experience not to be missed. Don’t let the name “museum” fool you. This is no dark, dusty hall filled with mind-numbing exhibits, but is better described as a combination hands-on art gallery and adventure playground. Both kids and adults delight in the activities and exhibits that draw them into the action at the former shoe factory.

5. **Feed a lorikeet.** You’ll find enough to see and do at the world famous St. Louis Zoo to fill more than a day, but save time to drop by the Children’s Zoo for an encounter with the lorikeets, colorful, little parrots from Australia. Pick up a tiny cup of nectar available at their outdoor aviary and you’ll have a lorikeet eating out of your hand -- literally -- in no time at all.

6. **Absorb the rivers.** Whether it’s playing Tom Sawyer trying to skip pebbles across the water, watching barges float by or riding an authentic paddlewheeler, the rivers have special appeal to kids. Plan time to wander along the cobblestones, look at the boats on the Mississippi Riverfront downtown or ride a paddlewheel riverboat. Then, for a different river feel, journey to nearby historic St. Charles, site of Missouri’s first state capitol, to watch the barges roll down the Missouri River at Riverfront Park.

7. **Tackle a mystery.** Every kid loves a mystery, and one of the biggest mysteries of all time is detailed at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site just minutes from downtown St. Louis. Here the remnants of a prehistoric group of people living and working in the complex community known as the Land of the Sun can be viewed as the story of the Indian civilization which vanished after 1300 AD is told. And think of the energy the kids can burn off climbing 100-foot tall Monks Mound, the largest prehistoric earthen structure in the New World.

8. **Dig it!** Learn all about dinosaurs at “Dig Dinosaurs,” a hands-on exhibit at the Saint Louis Science Center that lets kids excavate fossil models, reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton and learn how paleontologists unearth the past. You’ll also want to check out NASCAR: The IMAX Experience. This giant-screen film puts you in the driver’s seat with some of the industry’s biggest drivers. Die-hard NASCAR fans and amateurs alike will experience the thrills of one of America’s fastest growing sports. Go behind the scenes to build a car from the ground up. Then, hit the tracks with Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Tony Stewart, and many more. It’s a film full of thrills and spills that will leave you breathless and make your daily commute seem like a bicycle ride.

9. **Make their hair stand on end.** More than 70 unique, hands-on exhibits, including an electrostatically-charged ball that gives visitors a hair-raising experience, make the Magic House the fourth most visited children’s museum in the country. Even the youngest visitors will have an exciting time at “For Baby and Me,” an exhibit designed especially for children under 2.

10. **Ride a carousel, chase a butterfly.** Faust County Park is home to two of a kid’s favorite St. Louis attractions - the Butterfly House and an 80-year-old carousel. The Butterfly House, a glass flight enclosure visitors can walk through and observe dozens of species of butterflies in flight, is one of only 10 such attractions in the country. Be prepared for a butterfly or two to land on you during your visit. The carousel, a long-time St. Louis favorite, survived a fire that destroyed the St. Louis Highlands amusement park many years ago.

11. **Take on “The Boss.”** Six Flags St. Louis, with more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, is always exciting but the word “excitement” takes on a whole new meaning with the park’s 5,000-foot wooden roller coaster, “The Boss.” Zooming at 65 miles per hour, “The Boss” plunges 150 feet before going through a 565-degree helix near the end of the ride. This is not one for the faint of heart.

12. **Catch a wave.** No, it’s not the ocean but it’s something better - a salt-free way to enjoy the surf. Whether it’s Raging Rivers, a water park with eight ways to enjoy the water along the Great River Road on the Illinois side of the river; Aquaport, a four-acre aquatic center in suburban Maryland Heights or Hurricane Harbor, Six Flags - St. Louis’ tropical paradise with an 80-foot volcano as a backdrop, there’s a water attraction in St. Louis for every family.

With these exciting things to do with kids and lots more awaiting you, the hardest thing about planning a visit to St. Louis is trying to fit in everything you want to do!
CONALL/Mentoring Program
(Conference of Newer Academic Law Librarians)

The Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) is once again pleased to present the Conference of Newer Academic Law Librarians (CONALL) to help introduce newer academic law librarians to the world of law school librarianship:

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Always an effective "ice-breaker," CONALL continues to provide the newest members of ALL-SIS and their mentors a chance to begin the exciting process of forming new professional relationships. Registration is not required for this event, but attendance is limited to newer academic law librarians and their mentors. Attendees should meet at the Renaissance Grand Hotel, St. Charles Street Entrance at 3:45 pm. The bus for CONALL participants will leave at 4:00 pm.

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