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"You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend." - Paul Sweeney

President’s Message

I feel that my year as LLAM President has been like a good book, and yes—now that it’s over, I feel a little as if I have lost a friend. BUT this book seems to have more chapters in it, and I look forward to building on the relationships I have forged. As Garrison Keillor said, “A book is a gift you can open again and again.”

It doesn’t seem possible that the year is over. It has been busy and rewarding, as we began planning for, and celebrating, the 25th anniversary of our organization.

We had another successful year of monthly meetings...from the convention wrap-up, to the trip to the Office of Administrative Hearings, to the first of a contemplated author series with Marcia Talley. Thank you, Janet, for a great line-up!

LLAM had several firsts this year. With PLL-SIS, we co-sponsored a workshop on copyright. AALL has encouraged SISs to partner with chapters to bring educational offerings to local areas. We hope that there will be more opportunities along this line.

There have been meetings that have brought the LLAM leadership together with library leaders from around the state (see articles in this newsletter and in Feb.2007.) LLAM has become a recognized leader in the Maryland library arena. As more opportunities arise, I know that the LLAM leadership will rise to the challenge.

The Daily Record recognized 3 members of LLAM as “Unsung Legal Heroes.” Congratulations to Maxine Grosshans, Carol Mundorf, and Beverly Rubenstein!

Legal Podcasts

On the social scene, we celebrated in December with a tea at the inviting and wonderfully decorated 4 East Madison (no fireworks this time! ) and donated proceeds from the silent auction to Baltimore Reads.

Privacy & Confidentiality in the Library

The highlight of the anniversary celebration was the Spring Fling at the Johns Hopkins Club. It was a wonderful evening of friends, including many of the inaugural members and former presidents, and good food. Among the friends was speaker Bob Berring, who previously spoke at an early LLAM function. Also among the celebrated guests was Chief Judge Robert Bell, who could be seen snapping photos throughout the evening.

The photograph of the lamb (Lambert) that we adopted in honor of our 25th anniversary was displayed.

Thoughts for next year are already swirling, so if you have an idea for a program or an area that you would like to know more about (technology, budgets...??) direct them to incoming President-elect Jean Hessenauer.

It has been an honor to serve as your president this year, and to work with and meet so many wonderful people. I would like to thank the officers and program chairs for all of their help this year. They made the year go smoothly. Special thanks to those completing their current term of service on the board and as committee chairs, Kathie Sweeney, Trevor Rosen, Scott Stevens, and Beverly Rubenstein. Notable were Kathie’s tenure and help in straightening out the groups’ finances, Trevor’s draft of the Strategic Plan, and Beverly’s long tenure as archivist. She is single-handedly responsible for the breadth of information that LLAM has in its archives and for its organization.

Our 25th anniversary is not over yet, so look for some more features and surprises before 2008.

Have a wonderful summer...relaxing and fun! I hope there will be some library time in your summer: SLA in Denver, ALA in DC, AALL in New Orleans, or making plans for the NE Regional Meeting in Toronto in the fall.

Thanks again for the opportunity to serve as president. I leave you knowing that I will continue to work with a great set of officers and committee people next year.

My wish is for you to find a special book, for:

“He that loveth a book will never want for a faithful friend, a wholesome counselor, a cheerful companion, an effectual comforter.” - Isaac Barrow

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**CLIS Career Fair**

The University of Maryland’s College of Information Studies (CLIS) held a career fair in April, and Janet Camillo attended as a representative of LLAM and VALL. The fair attracted many CLIS students from all stages of their graduate education. Many were interested in working at law libraries and were curious about the job requirements. They were glad to hear about the local law library associations and their placement committees. The CLIS Student Services Office is hoping to have another career program in the fall, which will give representatives from different types of law libraries a chance to describe their work and the job requirements. This will be an excellent chance for outreach and recruitment. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tonya Baroudi or Janet Camillo.

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**Don’t forget that it’s time to renew your LLAM Membership… or to encourage others to join. See the Membership Application/Renewal form on Page 16.**

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### Board of Trustees 2006—2007

- **President** - Pat Behles
- **Vice-President/President Elect** - Janet Camillo
- **Secretary** - Sara Billard
- **Treasurer** - Kathie Sweeney
- **Immediate Past President** - Scott Stevens
- **Elected Board Member** - Trevor Rosen
- **Elected Board Member** - Joanne Dugan

### Standing Committee Chairs 2006—2007

- **Archives Committee** - Beverly Rubenstein
- **Membership Committee** - Jean Hessenauer
- **Newsletter Committee** - Susan Herrick & Kristen Baginski
- **Placement Committee** - Tonya Baroudi
- **Program Committee** - Scott Stevens
- **Public Relations Committee** - Catherine McGuire
- **Publications Committee** - Maxine Grosshans
- **Standing Committee on Technology/Webmaster** - Kevin Vrieze
We would like to announce LLAM’s officers for the 2007-2008 year:

President - Janet Camillo
Vice President/President Elect - Jean Hessenauer*
Treasurer - Bijal Shah*
Secretary - Susan Herrick*
Board Members - Joanne Dugan (1 year) & Glenn Spangler (2 year)*
Past President - Pat Behles

*Newly Elected

Also, the new Committee Chairs are as follows:

Standing Committees:
Archivist: Joe Bennett
Government/Vendor Relations: Joan Bellistri
Membership: Trevor Rosen
Newsletter: Sara Billard
Placement: Tonya Baroudi
Program: Jean Hessenauer
Public Relations: Catherine McGuire and Anne Morrison
Publications: Maxine Grosshans
Technology: Kevin Vrieze

Special committees:
New Member Mentors: Jim Gernert, Carol Mundorf, and Janet Camillo
North East Regional: Jim Gernert
Introducing “LLAMbert”

by Jean Hessenauer
Librarian
Tydings & Rosenberg

To commemorate our 25th Anniversary celebration, LLAM adopted “Lambert” from the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore. Lambert is a member of the sheep family known as the Jacob Sheep. This is an ancient breed that dates back to biblical times, probably originating in Syria 3000 years ago. Both rams and ewes produce two, four, or six horns, which can stand straight up or be curled (which gives them a really cute look!) The Jacob’s fleece is white with black or lilac spots randomly distributed on the body. It is highly prized by handspinners and weavers and for connoisseurs of natural color. Jacob Sheep are raised for milk and meat. They are a hardy breed, and their owners take delight in the personalities of their animals.

The Maryland Zoo has two male Jacobs, Lambert (who is pictured at right) and Droopy. They are located in the children’s zoo. When I visited them, they came right over to the fence and stood there as long as I petted them.

Maryland Librarians in the News

by Janet Camillo
Law Librarian
Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library

At this year’s Maryland Legislative Day, LLAM members were in attendance when state lawmakers in both houses of the Maryland General Assembly saluted Mary Baykan, Washington County Free Library director, who was called a force for libraries throughout Maryland. This year her reputation impressed the Library Journal enough to name her as the National Librarian of the Year. The editor-at-large of the Library Journal said that Mary’s accomplishments on the local and statewide levels made her the obvious choice. On the local level, she transformed the Washington County System, securing funding and introducing on-line services and e-mail. Statewide, she helped shepherd library appropriation bills through the General Assembly for the benefit of the entire state. She used her business sense to commission a survey that asked Marylanders about their attitudes toward libraries. The responses showed that libraries were viewed as fundamental to the community and helped demonstrate to elected officials that funding libraries was one of the best things a government can do.

Joan Deacon is a librarian who has found satisfaction working behind bars for the past 12 years. She works at the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Clarksburg. In recognition of her work, she was selected as Civilian Employee of the Year by the American Jail Association. This award recognizes achievement by a non-sworn employee of a government agency. Joan serves more than 700 inmates with a 15,000 book collection. She is particularly proud of the legal collection which she calls “the best legal collection of any public library.” She sums up her philosophy of service by saying “[t]he inmates may be locked up but should not be locked out from the services that can help them return to the larger community in a healthy, productive manner.”

It’s an honor to have two Maryland librarians awarded these national awards. Three of LLAM’s own also won the Unsung Heroes award from the Daily Record. Congratulations to Beverly Rubenstein, Carol Mundorf, and Maxine Grosshans (see Member News on page 17 of this issue.)
LLAM-iversary 2007

Photo Montage by Kristen Baginski
Research Librarian, Thurgood Marshall
Law Library
LLAM April Meeting: Visit to the OAH

by Carol Mundorf
Librarian/Info. Manager
Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll

On Wednesday, April 25, LLAM met at the Office of Administrative Hearings Library to hear a presentation and to participate in a tour conducted by the OAH Librarian, Elizabeth Lukes, and her assistant, Yolanda Spencer.

The Office of Administrative Hearings exists to review Maryland state agency actions being contested by businesses or citizens. According to the OAH webpage, “these citizens and businesses may now have their cases heard by Administrative Law Judges (ALJs), who are independent of the agency whose action is being contested” because of the creation of the Office of Administrative Hearings. However, each agency has several options regarding the role that OAH will play in its cases unless powers have been delegated to OAH by statute, according to Arnold Rochvarg, *Maryland Administrative Law*, 2d ed. pp.30-32.

During our visit, Elizabeth and Yolanda explained that the Library falls under the Quality Assurance department at OAH. The department proofreads decisions handed down by the Administrative Law Judges, cite checks them, and provides research support. Research is conducted mostly by the legal assistants and library staff.

Decisions handed down by judges at the OAH are generally not shared with the public. The public does not have direct and immediate access to the administrative decisions of the OAH, or to the indices maintained in the Library. If a person desires access, he or she must send a written request to Judge Wayne Brooks, Deputy Director of Operations. Then the Library staff would use its internal indices to locate the appropriate decisions. The decisions would have to be redacted to remove sensitive information before the person requesting the research came to view them. They recommended that those wishing access to decisions should check the web page of the agency in question since some of the same decisions retrieved by this process may already be published there. The Library maintains paper copies of OAH decisions from 1998 forward, but older decisions may not be readily available. Decisions handed down by the OAH ALJs may be appealed to the Circuit Courts, and may be subject to some review by the agency in question.

We then toured the Library, which boasted new compact shelving. Elizabeth and Yolanda answered many questions about the library’s holdings and procedures, and about the OAH in general. LLAM thanks them both for hosting a very informative and interesting event.

Do you know about Merlin?

MERLIN is “Maryland’s Essential Resource for Library Information Networks.” MERLIN is a discussion board for Maryland library personnel to talk with each other, ask technical questions, pose thoughts, and gain access to online learning resources.

And...beginning summer 2007, note the launch of Maryland Libraries Learning 2.0 “23 Things,” a self-paced learning program to explore Web 2.0 technologies.

Check it out!

http://www.merlin.lib.md.us/
Mr. Dames then gave us six questions to look at in the Copyright Analysis Process:

1) Is the work copyrightable? It must be original and fixed in some form. Facts cannot be copyrighted in the United States but are protected in the European Union. Ideas and titles cannot be copyrighted. Names cannot be copyrighted but they may be trademarked.

2) Is the work copyrighted? Contrary to popular belief, it is not necessary to register a work with the Library of Congress in order to copyright it. So how can we tell if a work is copyrighted? Lots of luck! You can check www.copyright.gov/register or the Copyright Clearance Center site, but neither is complete. Adding to the problem are “orphan works,” works whose authors have died or disappeared or are completely unknown.

3) Who owns or controls the copyright? We looked at the meanings of “author,” “joint author,” and “works made for hire.”

4 and 5) What rights does the owner control? What rights are involved? The owner controls the rights of reproduction, derivative works, distribution, public performance and public display but, to add to the problem, the owner can unbundle the rights so that different people can have the right to perform the work in different territories and for different periods of time, for example.


Mr. Dames barely mentioned licensing, which is the dominant form of protection in digitalization, which may abrogate rights under copyright law, and which is so complicated that it calls for a separate session.

I would have had no trouble going home – I left a trail of breadcrumbs – if the Beltway had not been total gridlock at 4:30. Travel problems aside, this was a valuable session, and I would recommend that AALL bring Mr. Dames back for a class on licensing.
For this version of the “Portrait of a Law Librarian,” we asked those persons who were members of LLAM at the time of its formation as a chapter of AALL in 1982, and who are still LLAM members today, to give us a thumbnail sketch of where they were then, and where they are today. These are the responses we received.

When LLAM was formed, Natalie Paymer Ellis was Librarian at the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, a position which she held for sixteen years. When she left the AG’s office in 1991, she became president of Library Services, Inc. LSI continues to serve the law library community. In early 2007, Natalie acquired a similar business, Library Services Group, originally of Philadelphia.

Barbara Gontrum had, since 1979, been library director at the University of Maryland School of Law, after serving in the positions of Associate Law Librarian and Reference/Documents Librarian at the Duke University Law Library. Now Assistant Dean for Library and Technology and Law School Professor, Dean Gontrum serves as director of the Thurgood Marshall Law Library and has oversight responsibility for academic and information technology in the School of Law. She is the current chair of the Council of Library Directors, the governing body for the University of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions Libraries Consortium.

In 1982, Maxine Grosshans was at the law library at the University of Maryland School of Law, which had recently moved from Lane Hall to a new expanded facility and had been renamed the Thurgood Marshall Law Library. Maxine recalls, “I had been at the law library for eight years and my title was Reference Librarian (her title is now ‘Research Librarian.’) The reference desk was located on Level 3 and all reference librarians (there were three of us, plus an Assistant Director) took turns sitting in the office doing ‘reference duty.’

We’ve come a long way since those days! The library is wired for computer access at every work station and almost everything is done electronically. I’m also seeing children of alums coming through the door!”

Jean Hessenauer was the Government Documents librarian at the University of Maryland School of Law Library in 1982. In 1983, Jean went to the law firm of Gordon Feinblatt, and was there for 16 years. In the fall of 1999, she went to Tydings and Rosenberg, where today she is Librarian. Says Jean: “My present managing partner was a law student when I was at Maryland, so I’ve worked with him at two different locations on two different levels. Throughout my career I have crossed paths with many attorneys and judges that I knew when they were in school. That has been interesting!”

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

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Nancy Holden was at Thurgood Marshall Law Library at the University of Maryland School of Law when LLAM was formed. She started in cataloging and moved to circulation and reference, and remembers training students on Lexis when it first came to the library. She then was the librarian at Niles, Barton, and Wilmer for twelve years until her retirement in 1994. Since then, she’s taken courses at the Renaissance Institute at the College of Notre Dame, and has done a lot of traveling and reading. She recently attended her college reunion at Randolph Macon Women’s College (now Randolph College, since it has gone co-ed.)

Sally Miles was the Director of the Law Library at Weinberg & Green Law Firm (now known as Saul, Ewing, Remick & Saul), where she began working in 1980. She ran the W & G library for seventeen years, then moved on to work as one of three department heads at the Library of the Supreme Court of the United States. Sally retired in 2000, thankfully before the anthrax scare hit the Supreme Court and forced the library staff to relocate for a while. Now she works on an "as needed" basis at Venable's Library.

John Nixdorff was Law Librarian at Venable at the time of LLAM’s formation as a chapter, and retains that position to this day.

President Pat Behles and Vice President Janet Camillo represented LLAM at the organizational meeting of the Maryland Library Membership Organizations Council.

The group consists of the leadership of state library organizations such as Maryland Library Association; Special Libraries Association – Maryland chapter; Maryland Educational Media Organization (MEMO); Division of Library Development & Services; State Library Resource Center (SLRC); Maryland State Department of Education; MAILL (Maryland Interlibrary Loan); CML (Citizens for Maryland Libraries); MAPL (Maryland Association of Public Library Administrators); MCCCL (Maryland Community College Library Consortium); CALD (Council of Academic Library Directors); AIMS (Association of Independent Maryland Schools); CVLA (Cumberland Valley Library Association); MASL (Maryland Association of School Librarians); the Library School at University of Maryland; and of course, LLAM.

At the meeting Maryland’s library leadership gathered to discuss common goals. Outcomes might be joint educational programs, or just a venue to share information and concerns common to all libraries and librarians (watch for an email later this summer about the “No Child Left Behind Act” and the omission of library media specialists, and the need for action.) Reciprocal agreements to be worked out will benefit members of the various organizations and will allow their members to attend programs at a member’s registration rate. There are now state-wide calendars for educational programs and meetings. LLAM will be posting to all as appropriate.

Check out the Maryland Library Association calendar.

Also, there is a Maryland Statewide calendar on the Maryland’s Essential Resource for Library Information Networks (Merlin).

There is also a Technology training calendar linked from the Merlin site.

Another area of collaboration will be staff development. The plan is for meetings to be held semi-annually, and the fall meeting will be with program chairs.
Privacy and Confidentiality in the Library

by Steve Anderson
Director
Maryland State Law Library

This article is based on Steve's presentation at the Maryland Library Association Pre-conference, “What is this Filth? Law for Front Line Library Staff,” sponsored by IFAP, Delaware Division of Libraries and Division and Services, and MSDE, on May 2, 2007.

Professional library associations have historically advocated the confidentiality of library records. Consider, for example, Article III from the American Library Association’s Code of Ethics: “We protect each library user’s right to privacy and confidentiality with respect to information sought or received and resources consulted, borrowed, acquired or transmitted.” I recently had an opportunity to reacquaint myself with some of these principles and examine the context in which they exist today— in a post 9/11 world.

For the most part, library records remain confidential for several reasons: the First Amendment, the development of privacy rights in established case law, and state statutes making library records not subject to disclosure under public information acts. For example, Maryland’s codification of library records confidentiality can be found in two places, Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 23-107, and Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-616 (see sidebar on next page for text).

Historically, therefore, library records could be accessed by law enforcement only with subpoenas or warrants permissible under the Fourth Amendment’s restrictions on unreasonable searches and seizures. Even in this area, however, there have been limitations on the accessibility of library records in order to reduce the possible “chilling effect” on the First Amendment. For example, with regard to the constitutionality of search warrants, the Colorado Supreme Court recently held that the government had to show a compelling need for information supplied by a bookstore’s purchasing records that outweighed any First Amendment interest. Tattered Cover, Inc. v. City of Thornton, 44 P.3d 1044 (Colo. 2002). Sought-after information must be relevant to the investigation, not overly-broad, and unobtainable by alternative means. Other courts have treated comparable situations with similar balancing tests.

In two separate provisions, the USA Patriot Act now authorizes the FBI to access library records with two other types of procedures. First, the USA Patriot Act § 215 (50 U.S.C. § 1861) permits the FBI to apply to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) Court for an order to obtain “any tangible thing,” presumably including library circulation records, sign-in sheets, hardware, etc., “for an investigation... to protect against international terrorism...” The Court will issue such an order, describing items with “sufficient particularity,” if the agent presents “reasonable grounds” that the sought-after items are relevant to the investigation. There is a presumption of relevancy. One of the most controversial aspects of this statute is the non-disclosure provision, which forbids a library, or any recipient of a FISA Court order, from informing anyone about the order or the records turned over to the FBI, except to an attorney to obtain legal assistance or to colleagues necessary to produce the identified items. After amendments added last year, a recipient of a FISA court order may challenge both the order itself and, after one-year waiting period, its non-disclosure provision, in the FISA Court. However, the order will be set aside only if the FISA Court determines that the order did not meet statutory requirements or was otherwise unlawful. Additionally, the non-disclosure provision can remain in place indefinitely if the government asserts that disclosure will harm national security. While the debate over the constitutionality and necessity of this provision likely will continue for some time, a recent Department of Justice statutorily-mandated review found that the provision has been used quite seldom in practice. (See http://www.npr.org/documents/2007/mar/doj/doj_oig_215.pdf.)

A second section of the USA Patriot Act has similar implications for certain library records. USA Patriot Act § 505 (18 U.S.C. § 2709) authorizes the FBI to use “National Security Letters” (NSLs), a type of administrative subpoena, to obtain financial, Internet, credit, and telephone records. NSLs apply to libraries that allow Internet access, which is nearly every library. Therefore the records in question would be related somehow to Internet use and not other tangible records. Non-disclosure provisions are similar to those in § 215. A recipient of an NSL may challenge both the NSL itself and its non-disclosure provision in U.S. District Court. An NSL will be set aside only if the Court determines that it was “unreasonable, oppressive, or (Continued on page 11)
otherwise unlawful.” It may also keep the non-disclosure provision in force if circumstances warrant.

A recent challenge to the NSL process indicates, however, that the constitutionality and political suitability of § 505 have been called into question. In 2005, the FBI served an NSL for Internet records on a Connecticut library consortium, Library Connection, Inc. (See Doe v. Gonzalez, 386 F.Supp.2d 66 (D. Conn. 2005) and http://publishers.org/press/pdf/George%20Christian%20Testimony.pdf.) The consortium challenged the NSL on constitutional grounds, and the District Court enjoined the Federal government from enforcing the non-disclosure provision of the NSL. The U.S. Attorney General appealed to the Second Circuit, which combined the case on appeal with a related case involving an Internet service provider (ISP). After the appellate argument, Congress amended the USA Patriot Act by adding several provisions relating to NSL challenges. Shortly after that, the government dropped the case against the library consortium entirely. The Second Circuit remanded the case relating to the ISP to the District Court for further consideration in light of the new amendments and dismissed the case involving Library Connection. (See Doe v. Gonzalez, 449 F.3d 415 (2d Cir. 2006).) Furthermore, the Court of Appeals rejected the government’s request for the vacatur of the District Court opinion, thereby allowing the lower court opinion to act as precedent. There has been no decision yet regarding the ISP litigant.

A recent statutorily-mandated review of § 505 provisions noted that NSLs have been used tens of thousands of times, but that there were also inaccuracies regarding record-keeping and problems with various procedures. (See http://www.npr.org/documents/2007/mar/doj/doj_oig_nsl.pdf.) Congress continues to debate the role that NSLs may continue to provide in combating terrorism.

Libraries should take this opportunity to review their privacy policies and procedures. In order to ensure the confidentiality of records, libraries might consider some of the following approaches: avoiding the creation and retention of unnecessary records; limiting the use of users’ personal information; avoiding placing personal information in public view; and conducting privacy audits. Additionally, libraries could develop some strategic policies with respect to privacy, such as the creation of a privacy statement; the construction of a records retention/management policy; and the making of guidelines for responding to law enforcement inquiries. Additional potential issues also exist in school libraries, with vendors’ information collection and affiliation with library consortia. In spite of recent enactments and debates, one point remains certain: the confidentiality of library records is a complex, political issue that likely will continue to challenge librarians for some time.

(a) Inspection, use, or disclosure prohibited.- Subject to the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, a free association, school, college or university library in this State shall prohibit inspection, use, or disclosure of any circulation record or other item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual that:
(i) Is maintained by a library;
(ii) Contains an individual’s name or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual; and
(iii) Identifies the use a patron makes of that library’s materials, services, or facilities.
(b) Exceptions.- A free association, school, college, or university library in the State shall permit inspection, use, or disclosure of the circulation record of an individual only in connection with the library’s ordinary business and only for the purposes for which the record was created.

(a) In general.- Unless otherwise provided by law, a custodian shall deny inspection of a public record, as provided in this section.
(b) Circulation records, or other item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual.-
(i) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this subsection, a custodian shall prohibit inspection, use, or disclosure of a circulation record of a public library or other item, collection, or grouping of information about an individual that:
(i) Is maintained by a library;
(ii) Contains an individual’s name or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual; and
(iii) Identifies the use a patron makes of that library’s materials, services, or facilities.
(ii) A custodian shall permit inspection, use, or disclosure of a circulation record of a public library only in connection with the library’s ordinary business and only for the purposes for which the record was created.
by Jenny Smith
Research Librarian
University of Maryland School of Law

Do you struggle to keep abreast of legal news and developments? Do you want access to more seminar and continuing education opportunities, but don’t have the time or the money to attend? Podcasting is one answer to this common professional development dilemma.

Law-related podcasts, also called “blawgcasts,” make legal news and instruction available in an audio format. Podcasts are accessible from a variety of online radio stations, blogs, news feeds, webinars, and continuing education classes that you can play on your desktop or portable media player.

Blawgcasting was pioneered by practicing attorneys. Now, law librarians, publishers, courts, government agencies, law schools, law students, and traditional news sources are venturing to add their voices online.

Check This Out! A Law Librarian Podcaster
Jim Miles, Director of the Law Library at the University at Buffalo Law School, is a podcasting law librarian pioneer and the personality behind the Check This Out! Podcast. Check This Out! is self-described as “a weekly podcast on law, libraries, and life in a northern border town.” Recent episodes cover topics such as the Building a Virtual Community in Second Life with Micala Lumiere, Social Networking Technologies, and an Update on Blogging and NY Lawyer Advertising Rules.

Miles says in his ALLUNY 2005 newsletter article “Why Podcast?” the reason he podcasts is because “being able to explore my own voice is crucial.” He adds, it’s “one of the things librarians are least successful at.” One way to make the most of this technology is to attend Jim Miles’ “How (and What) to Podcast” workshop at this year’s AALL Annual Conference!

Podcasting Attorneys Get the Last Word
The Legal Talk Network offers seven talk radio podcasts by attorneys on current legal news and a wide variety of hot topic discussions in the legal community. Legal Talk Network shows are available for Continuing Legal Education credit through Law.com’s CLE Center in jurisdictions other than Maryland. LTN is sponsored by Law.com, Boston Media Group, and Ringler Associates.

You can listen to the following seven podcasts on the Legal Talk Network. The Lawyer 2 Lawyer radio show is co-hosted by Law.com bloggers J. Craig Williams and Bob Ambrogi. Recent shows include Lawyer Advertising, Legal Wikis, Patent Law and the Supreme Court, and Legal Liability & Virginia Tech. On Ringler Radio, host Larry Cohen from Ringler Associates discusses with guests legal topics ranging from Litigation in Brain Injury Cases to Productivity for Lawyers. Listen in to Conversations with F. Lee Bailey as he is interviewed on current legal events including The Legal Profession Today and his Personal Reflections. Regarding Workers Comp Matters, host Attorney Alan S. Pierce talks about issues on Disability Prevention vs. Disability Management, Defending Complex Workers Comp Cases, and Representing Undocumented Workers. Boston-area trial attorneys Paul Kenney and Jim Brady co-host The Boston Bar: Myth & Magic - Being a Trial Lawyer in the America of Today. The Boston Bar commentators last discussed Understanding the Defense with Boston trial attorneys. The Power of Attorney host and President of the Massachusetts Academy of Trial Attorneys (MATA) Marsha Kazarosian recently aired shows on Tests of Justice, and Involuntary Manslaughter: A Double Standard? Finally, LTN features Special Reports broadcasting hot topics like Historic Legal Cases: A Conversation with Attorney Joseph F. Rice about Big Tobacco, and interviews with high profile figures such as Bill Gates, Sr.

An online radio station to watch is the Legal Broadcast Network. Podcast personalities Mark Wahlstrom and Jan Schlichtmann are practicing attorneys with blogs who broadcast interviews and discussions for LBN’s Civil Action Center and The Settlement Channel. Several more “channels” are advertised for sale or lease to law firms or other interested parties.

There are many other podcasts by individual attorneys sharing their perspectives on legal news, such as The Legal Underground Podcast hosted by Evan Schaeffer, trial lawyer and partner at Schaeffer & Lamere. Listen to intellectual property lawyer Denise Howell on her Bag and Baggage Podcast discuss current legal decisions and ways lawyers can use social technology tools like blogs. She often records her podcasts from her cell phone while commuting! A panel of technology lawyers, Denise Howell, Cathy Kirkman, Ernie Svenson, and John Palfrey, let the world listen in on their conversations about current events in technology and IP law on This Week in Law. The SCOTUSBlog Multimedia site of SCOTUSBlog provides audio and video podcasts on issues of concern to the US Supreme Court.

New Trends: Court and Government Podcasts
The Supreme Court broadcasts court news through Oyez! New media releases. Search for 7th Circuit Court of Appeals Oral Arguments, the first podcast of federal courts of appeals proceedings available online! Read more about access to the 7th Circuit Court’s oral arguments in the Third Branch newsletter of the federal courts, “Access As Easy As Tuning In.”

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Federal administrative agencies are starting to share audible information with the public, and the recordings are accessible from the Podcasts from the U.S. Government portal on USA.gov. The directory is organized into 10 categories, including defense, science & technology, and health. The public is invited to talk back to USA.gov; there is a form to tell USA.gov about additional government podcasts not yet posted on the portal.

Closer to home, the Maryland Judiciary provides the Maryland Court posted on the portal.

Podcasting Legal Education

Law schools have a built-in expert (the law professor), studio (the classroom), and audience (the law student) to create podcasts, which accounts for the dozens of law schools that provide access to recorded lectures and courses to date. Jurist provides a catalog of over 400 recorded classes in its Law School Courses portal. More than a dozen law schools have consolidated their course podcasts on Jurist. Other law schools like Georgetown Law Webcasts and Podcasts and Rutgers School of Law-Newark’s Podcasting at Newark Law also provide podcasts of law classes, events, and lectures. CALI Radio is a podcast created with the Computer Assisted Learning and Instruction’s Classcaster podcasting tool. CALI Radio broadcasts lectures on issues of interest to law professors, such as recent podcast episodes on Tips for Multiple Choice Exams in Law School, Top 10 Tips for Successfully Writing a Law School Essay, Advice to a 1L From a Law Professor, and How to Prepare for the Study of Torts Law.

The saying goes that the best way to learn is to teach, and law student Neil Wehneman is putting this maxim into practice with his blawgcast the Life of a Law Student. Lectures on legal topics from constitutional law to torts are contributed by law students, practicing attorneys, and amateur historians; law librarians may want to consider the invitation to help contribute content to the site.

Tune in to Publishers

LexisNexis’ Mealey’s offers the daily Lexis Legal News Podcast of headlines in U.S. legal news, as well as news from California, New York, New Jersey, Texas, and Pennslyvania. Westcast is Thomson West’s podcast frequently updated with expert interviews, legal commentary, and information for practitioners and law firms.

The personality behind Nolocast is writer and attorney Richard Stim at the self-help legal publisher Nolo. In concise language, Stim broadcasts his interviews with experts and discusses legal questions that frequently arise in 7 key areas: Legal News; Business and Human Resources; Patents, Copyright and Art; Wills and Estate Planning; Property and Money; Family Law and Immigration; and Rights and Disputes. Nolocast archives begin in January 2006.

Online News Radio

The Marc Steiner Show, an NPR daily talk show on Maryland state and local public affairs, is available online from the past two weeks. Radio shows are recorded conversations between Marc Steiner and guests on the BGE Rate Increase; Immigration; History of ACLU and Nora Pierce; and Charles Village Development.

Where Can I Find Blawgcasts?

The list above is inherently incomplete. Since there are too many podcasts about the law to be included here, and new podcasts are created every day, I’ll wrap up with some pointers on where in the World Wide Web to find these and other blawgcasts.

A great place to begin looking for quality blawgcasts is in the BlawgsFM blawgcast directory created by Justia, a marketing and web design solutions provider for law firms. The site boasts 94 blawgcasts organized into a broad array of 25 categories, from Alternative Dispute Resolution to Trials and Litigation. BlawgsFM displays the date the podcast was last updated.

The Podcast Alley directory doesn’t have a law category, but a search on “law and legal” resulted in a list of 200 podcasts. Podcast Alley allows users to vote on podcasts and ranks them by popularity. The website IdiotVox provides a ranked list of 36 podcasts about the law. Visitors may rate and review the podcasts. Yahoo! has a beta Yahoo! Podcasts Directory that sorts podcasts by tags added by listeners. A search on “law” by podcast series (as opposed to by episode) returns 297 results. Browse the podcast directory Podcast.net for 116 podcasts in the crime and law category. Podcast.net refreshes the date of the latest episode available. Other generic podcast directories include Podcasting Station, Podcast411.com, Podfeed.net, and Digital Podcast. You can download Apple’s iTunes version 6.0 or higher for free to access the iTunes Store podcast directory. The iTunes Store asks for suggestions of podcasts to be included.

Podcasts are broadcasted and posted on the web as a series of episodes. To search the web for specific words spoken in individual podcast episodes, try search engines Podscope and Podzinger. These are cutting-edge multimedia search engines that use advanced speech recognition technology.

This article was inspired by my professional curiosity as well as but also by my 50 minute commute to work every day. It clearly would be impossible, not to mention illegal, to keep current on my reading while driving, but I can certainly keep current by listening. My next project is to figure out how to listen to my favorite podcasts on an MP3 player!
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The St. Lawrence Market, http://www.stlawrencemarket.com/, one of the 25 best markets in the world, according to Food & Wine magazine, is located in the heart of historic Old Town Toronto. You can also find gourmet vendors, lunch counters, an art gallery, and a Saturday Framers market and a Sunday Antiques Market (for those extending their stay) - and a wide array of cuisine from around the world.

The conference hotel is built atop the famous Eaton Centre, http://www.torontoeatoncentre.com/calendar/index.ch2, one of the premier shopping centers in North America. How convenient! More than 320 shops & restaurants, multi-leveled, 17 cinemas and the hotel!

For the sports fan, there is the Hockey Hall of Fame http://www.hhof.com/, where you can get a glimpse of the storied silver Stanley Cup. The Hockey season will have started, so check out the schedule for the Maple Leafs www.mapleleafs.com/ The Canadian Football League will be playing. Toronto’s team, the Argonauts, http://www.argonauts.ca/, will also be playing. Don’t forget that there is a Baltimore connection to the CFL. The Baltimore Stallions won the coveted Grey Cup in 1995. The next year the league reverted to all-Canadian again. And the tour of the Toronto Blue Jays facilities (Rogers Centre) is a lot of fun.

There are many, many museums in the city. The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) http://www.rom.on.ca/ boasts diverse collections of world cultures and natural history which make the ROM one of the largest museums in North America. In October, over 250 miniature worlds of brilliant color and style are featured in an exhibition of spectacular 19th and 20th century glass paperweights. The Toronto Art Museum http://www.ago.net/ is the eighth largest gallery in North America, with more than 24000 works. The Ontario Science Centre http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca/ will have “Titanic the Artifact Exhibition.”

But the most unique may be the Bata Shoe Museum http://www.batashoemuseum.ca/ Over 10,000 shoes are housed in architect Raymond Moriyama's award-winning four-story structure. The Museum celebrates the style and function of footwear in four impressive galleries. Artifacts on exhibit range from Chinese bound foot shoes and ancient Egyptian sandals to chestnut crushing clogs and glamourous platforms. Over 4,500 years of history and a collection of 20th century celebrity shoes are reflected.

Out of doors you can choose from West Humber River Valley Discovery Walk starting at the arboretum, the shores of Lake Ontario, the Toronto Islands, one of Toronto’s many parks and Canada’s largest zoo, the Toronto Zoo, features more than 5,000 animals in their natural environment.

Weather: October in Toronto: the trees are brilliant with color as fall reaches its peak. Average daytime temperatures are around 18 degrees Celsius (65 Fahrenheit), and conditions are usually dry.

More to See:
If you have a car, Toronto is an excellent starting point for many day-trips. Niagara Falls and the Niagara wine region (and its many wine tours) are an easy 1.5-hour drive, as is the delightfully "colonial" Niagara-on-the-Lake, home to the renowned Shaw Theatre Festival. A bit further afield are the town of Stratford and the world-renowned Stratford Shakespeare Festival, or, for lovers of the wild, Algonquin Provincial Park in the wilds.

Don't forget to check out the conference website and Blog at http://www.librarieswithoutborders.net/
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Janet Sinder, Associate Director for Research Services at the Thurgood Marshall Law Library, University of Maryland at Baltimore, has been selected as the new editor of Law Library Journal, starting with volume 100. Janet will be the 24th person and 9th woman to serve as LLJ editor since its beginning in 1908. Her appointment follows the resignation of Frank Houdek, who has served as editor for the past 13 years.

Scott Stevens reports: “Henry Ogena Stevens was born April 18, 2007. He was 21 inches and 8 lbs. 9 oz. We’re all doing fine. He has mommy’s good looks and daddy's appetite. Everyone falls in love with him as soon as they see him. :-)*"

Have a great summer, everyone! And keep LLAM posted on your professional and personal activities for upcoming “Member News” columns!

LLAM Member News

by Susan Herrick
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Kristen Baginski will be leaving her position as Research Librarian at University of Maryland School of Law as of June 29, 2007. Kristen is returning to her home town of Pittsburgh, where she will have a job with the City.

Tonya Baroudi’s son, Christoph Baroudi, attends Newbury School. He is graduating from kindergarten in June.

LLAM congratulates Maxine Grosshans, Carol Mundorf, and Beverly Rubenstein, who are 2007 Honorees of the Daily Record’s Unself Legal Heroes Award.

“The Unsung Legal Heroes Awards Program seeks out and recognizes legal support staff that works behind the scenes and often does not get public recognition for their contributions.”

Beverly was selected as the “Top Winner” in this category, an honor richly deserved, but which by no means diminishes LLAM’s pride in all three. Congratulations, Beverly, Maxine, and Carol!

The directors of ten county libraries met at the Montgomery County Law Library to set up a Conference of Maryland State Court Law Library Directors and to discuss topics of interest. Joan Bellistri was installed as the Chair of the Conference and Janet Camillo as the Vice Chair. Other LLAM members who will participate include Tonya Baroudi, Joe Bennett, Mary Rice, Beverly Rubenstein, Steve Anderson, Catherine McGuire, and Sandy Brewer.

Stephanie Levasseur, Director of the Baltimore County Circuit Court Library, welcomed her second son, Mark Christian, on January 14, 2007. He joins her son Evan, who is now two years old. Stephanie has returned to work after maternity leave. Congratulations!
Requesting Submissions for LLAM Newsletter

The LLAM Newsletter Committee welcomes submissions from LLAM members on a variety of engaging topics, including but not limited to legal research tips, member news, and local events. Submit your contribution by August 23 for inclusion in the September 2007 issue!

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