

# LLAM News

A Chapter of the American Association of Law Librarians

## President's Message

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by Pat Behles  
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As I write this first President's Column, my term is almost at the half-way mark. I have been focusing this year on continuing the work that began over the last few years - reaching out to our own members and raising our profile within the law library community, the legal community, and the rest of the library world.

We have been working with the Maryland Library Association on their annual Legislative Day. On February 7, 2007, LLAM will be sponsoring coffee and donuts at the packet pick-up for those who are participating. There will also be a session on advocacy and an afternoon reception for legislators. Plans are in the preliminary stage for a May MLA pre-conference program on legal research.

In conjunction with LLAM's 25th anniversary that will be celebrated in 2007, we are hoping to sponsor a lecture,

*I have been focusing on . . . raising our profile with in the law library community, the legal community, and the rest of the library world.*

LLAM is one of the sponsoring chapters for the fourth Northeast Regional Law Libraries Conference series. This conference, "Libraries without Borders II," will be held in Toronto, Canada, October 17-20, 2007. So save the dates, and look for more information in future newsletters for registration and program details.

Janet Camillo has put together an interesting and varied schedule of programs for the year. We have already enjoyed an AALL and SLA conference update and a tour of the new Special Collections Room at the Maryland State Law Library. On November 14, Dick Spinelli will conduct a session about



LLAM President  
Pat Behles

HeinOnline. Looking ahead, 2007 will bring a program on job hunting from the employee and employer viewpoints, a legislative workshop, and the first ever LLAM book discussion and talk with the author. And wait until you hear the party plans!! There is still room on the calendar for an additional activity, so if there is a topic that would tempt you to come to a meeting, let one of the board members know, and we will try to make it work. Podcasting is something that we are still pursuing and there are some hopes that AALL soon will be announcing plans that should help with our technical difficulties, especially server space.

As President of LLAM, I will be attending "Maryland Libraries Summit II: Advancing our Shared Vision," sponsored by the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries (MACL) in December. This conference will help us develop collaborative strategies to address challenges facing all types of Maryland libraries. I look forward to giving an update on these proceedings after the first of the year.

I hope to see many of you at the Holiday Party in December!

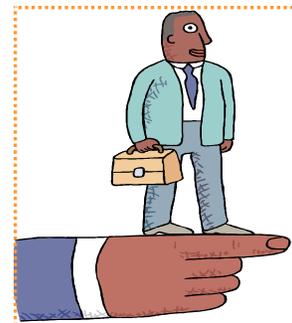
In the meantime, I wish you luxury. "Real luxury is time and opportunity to read for pleasure." - Jane Brody

## LLAM Forms Mentoring Committee

by James Gernert

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Are you new to your job? Considering a move to a different type of library? Or just feeling the need for a little bit of career guidance? Then LLAM has just the thing for you - our Mentoring Committee, established last year to help those in need of advice about the different career paths that are available in law librarianship.

The Committee is comprised of three members, with one member from each of the three main types of libraries - academic, court, and law firm. Our three current mentors are Janet Camillo (court), Carol Mundorf (law firm), and myself (academic). Each of us has quite a few years of experience in law librarianship, and is well-versed on the issues that a librarian in our particular areas may have to confront.

Please take advantage of the opportunity to discuss any questions you may have about your career path with any of the committee members. Sometimes just having a sympathetic (and in this case a fairly knowledgeable) ear can help you achieve a little more clarity when making important decisions. The discussions will be kept completely confidential, and we'd be delighted to hear from you. You can contact us at:

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## LLAM PROGRAM NOTES 2006-2007

by Janet Camillo

Librarian

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In September we opened our year of monthly programs with a review of this summer's library conventions. Anna Cole of Miles & Stockbridge hosted the program, Lexis provided lunch, and Steve Anderson and Linda Hutchinson spoke. Linda, the current president of the Maryland Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and Lexis Senior Library Relations Consultant, described the activities at the Special Libraries Association convention held in Charm City this summer. SLA, with its varied group of special librarians, including law librarians, offered an interesting blend of programs. I wasn't able to attend this year and really regretted it when I heard about the "Science of Chocolate" program, which featured free samples.

Steve, the Maryland State Law Librarian and AALL Board Member, gave us a rundown of the different educational programs and presentations at the AALL convention in St. Louis. He described the eclectic selection of programs, roundtables, meetings, and parties he attended. He also

described some of the issues facing law librarians and gave us some insight into the strategic planning by AALL. Both presentations made me wish that I could split myself in two so I could attend both conventions each year. I'm certainly inspired to give up on sleep entirely the next convention I attend so I won't miss a thing – especially any presentation on chocolate!

In October our program focused on the newly renovated special collections

room at the State Law Library in Annapolis. Steve Anderson gave an overview of the State Law Library's history as a general library collection, which explained why the library holds some of its rare books and Audubon prints. The need to restore and properly house these prints was the impetus for building the room. Steve and Cindy Terry, the State

Law Library's systems and government documents librarian and project manager, then did a humorous skit pointing out the many issues and problems that plagued the project. The cautionary tales would be beneficial for anyone undertaking a building project. Rudy Lamy and Dee VanNest gave the group a tour of the room itself. Inside the room we could see a display of some of the rare books and papers. We also viewed the custom cases made for storing the Audubon prints and were able to see a few of the prints up close. Finally the group watched a video produced by the company that restored the prints describing the preservation work. Thank you to the speakers and the staff at the state law library, especially Catherine McGuire, for this informative program.

On November 14th, Dick Spinelli from William S. Hein Publishing will present a program on HeinOnline. We will meet at the University of Baltimore Law Library and the publisher will provide lunch. Watch for the flyer and registration information.

Future programs and social get togethers include our holiday party in December, which is still in the planning stages (see the announcement on p.10 of this issue of *LLAM News*.) In January 2007, Sharon Youngdahl of Prime Placements will give us tips on both hiring new employees and finding and landing a job. On February 7th, we will once again participate in Library Day at the Maryland Legislature. Joan Bellistri will host Maryland librarians at the Anne Arundel County Law Library before they meet with their legislators. This will be an opportunity for LLAM to get its name out to the public librarians and legislators. There will be a short program in the morning on the legislative process and advocacy.

Marcia Talley, whose latest book is *Through the Darkness*, will appear at our March program for a discussion of the book as well as of writing and publishing. (See Joanne Dugan's discussion of one of Marcia's books in her "What LLAM is Reading" column on page 17 of this issue of *LLAM News*.)

Last but certainly not least, in May we will celebrate LLAM's 25th anniversary at the Spring Fling. Stay tuned for details on all these events.



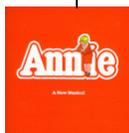
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# LLAM Celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2007!

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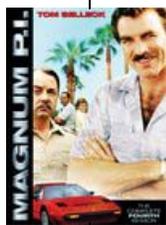
**... We were listening to:**

I Love Rock and Roll (Joan Jett and the Blackhearts)



**...We were going to the movies to see:**

Annie, E.T., and Conan the Barbarian



**... We were reading:**

Mistrals Daughter (Judith Krantz)

**...on TV we were watching:**

Magnum PI, 60 Minutes, Dallas Dynasty, Three's Company, and M\*A\*S\*H



**...we were paying:**

\$82,000 for a house

\$7,983 for a car

91 cents per gallon for gas

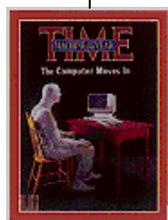
20 cents for a stamp



**... Prince William was born**

**... Grace Kelly died**

**... the Time Magazine "Man of the Year" was: The Computer**



**... And in Maryland:**

**LLAM IS ORGANIZED!!!!!!!**

That's right! LLAM was organized as a chapter of AALL in 1982.



Membership has grown from 16 at its beginnings to a membership today that is over the 100 mark!

Members, while concentrated in the Baltimore/Annapolis corridor, also come from Charles, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, Washington, DC, and even Florida, and represent all types of libraries...public, law school, firm, and court.

Our profile within AALL is impressive:

-We hosted a very successful annual convention (1997)

-We have an active and well-respected Government Relations committee (chaired by Joanie Bellistri)

-In 2004 Joanie, as President of LLAM, attended the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries (MACL) Conference

-The director of the Maryland State Law Library, Steve Anderson, is presently on the AALL board

-Former MSL director, Mike Miller, was a recipient of the Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award

-The Maryland People's Law Library and Ayn Crawley, Director, Maryland Legal Assistance Network, received the Public Access to Government Information Award

-We are strong participants in the Northeast Regional conferences .... the first "Libraries without Borders" and the upcoming "Libraries without Borders II" in Toronto in October 2007

A committee chaired by President Pat Behles is busy organizing activities to celebrate LLAM's history. Look for our Anniversary Logo on the webpage with historical notes, articles in the newsletters, contests, and more. Plans for a very special Spring Fling have begun as well.

Look for more information on the anniversary in future issues.

In the meantime, the committee is still looking for early photos (many were lost during a move) and tales from "those thrilling days of yesteryear." Send any and all to [Pat Behles](#),

[Janet Camillo](#), [Maxine Grosshans](#) or [Joanie Bellistri](#).



## LLAM Goes to AALL!

### Highlights of the AALL Conference in St. Louis, MO- July 8th – July 12th 2006



I always find the Exhibit Hall to be the most informative and enjoyable part of the meeting. On a normal day in the Library, I am often too busy to devote time to the calls from vendors about new titles, or to read in depth all of the brochures, catalogs, and ads for new books, journals, and online materials which come on a daily basis.

At the annual meeting, I can take the time to see the books and journals themselves, and to see demonstrations of the online products. I particularly liked the Thomson Global Products exhibit in St. Louis because our firm has begun to develop a practice in this area. I also get to eat free ice cream, pastries, and cookies in the Exhibit Hall, which is always an added bonus!



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*-Anne Garrett*

One highlight of my conference was the LLAM Dine Around. This was the 3rd annual pre-convention dinner for LLAM and almost everyone who attended from LLAM was there including Pat Behles, Jim Gernert, Anna Cole, Ann Garrett, Joan Bellistri, and Beverly Rubenstein and friends, including Patricia Petriccione from the Arlington County Law Library and VALL. We all met (eventually) at a brew pub near the Mississippi River and had a nice time visiting before the rush of the convention.

*-Janet Camillo*

At the past few conventions I have attended, I have gone to the program called "...And You Thought Gadgets Were Only For the Kitchen." Many of the newest technological items are shown and explained. I have no clue what half of them are, but it is interesting to see what is out there. Later, when you hear

people talking about some of these things, you will at least have some idea what is going on !!! The panelists are really fun people and put quite a bit of humor in the presentation.

*- Jean Hessenauer*



## LLAM Goes to AALL, continued



This was a great meeting for me. I wasn't job hunting or on any committees (for a change!) so I was able to go to plenty of programs. The programs that I found most interesting were those that helped me look beyond my usual tunnel vision of academic public services. A couple of the programs dealt with the academic world outside the library, covering such things as University politics and academic freedom. I was also interested (to my surprise!) in the program on the new cataloging rules that are slated to replace AACR2. But my favorite program was the one moderated by our very own Susan Herrick. This program offered academic librarians a glimpse

into the world of firm and other "practicing" law libraries. The goal was to help us prepare law students for the realities of researching in a real-world setting. As a former firm librarian, I was surprised at how much has changed in the 5 years that I've been in academia. Of course, the meeting wasn't all educational. I enjoyed, as always, the gathering of University of Washington library school alumni. I coordinated the 2nd - now annual - get-together of the stitching SIS. My favorite non-library part of the trip was a visit to the St. Louis botanical gardens, which featured the work of glass artist Dale Chihuly.

All in all, an action-packed 4 days!

*-Joanne Dugan*

As always, the programs were informative, the exhibit hall interesting, and the roundtables useful. I learned a lot. I also ate a lot! If there's one thing you can count on at AALL it's coming home with clothes that are a little bit tighter than when you left! This year was no exception. As always the LexisNexis dessert event that kicks off the conference was a decadent delight. I was happy to once again partake of the chocolate fountain and I very much enjoyed the bread pudding and Mississippi mud cake. There was always a yummy treat to be found in the exhibit hall. (I would like to offer special thanks to the folks at BNA for the endless supply of Starbucks!) Not to miss at this year's conference were two local favorites: fried ravioli and Ted Drewes frozen custard. The fried ravioli popped up on many menus in restaurants around town, and those of us who attended the ALL-SIS reception on the beautiful University of Washington campus got to enjoy this favorite local delicacy there. Sadly, I did not have the opportunity to make it to the original Ted Drewes frozen custard stand, but I was lucky enough to snag a sample at the West Party. I waited in line for quite some time for that frozen custard—and I am happy to report that it was worth it... From a culinary standpoint a very successful conference indeed!

*-Kristen Baginski*

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## History Lessons from AALL

by Beverly Rubenstein

Head Librarian

Maryland Attorney General's Office

One of the best programs that I attended at AALL In St. Louis was "Dred Scott in St. Louis: Freedom Pioneer." I had not planned to attend this program. I had majored in history, I had taught history, and I knew all about the Dred Scott case, or so I thought. The day before the program, I met Dwight King (formerly of the University of Baltimore, now at Notre Dame), we were talking about the Civil War, and he suggested that I attend this program, which he was coordinating. I am so happy that I did.

The first speaker was Paul Finkelman, professor at the Albany Law School and author of *Dred Scott v. Sandford: a Brief History with Documents*. As you may know, Dred Scott, a slave, was taken from Missouri to Illinois, then to Ft. Snelling in what is now Minnesota, and then brought back to

Missouri, where he sued for his freedom because he had lived in a free state. According to federal law, he was free in Ft. Snelling, a federal territory; according to state law, he was free in Illinois, a free state, and, when he sued in Missouri, he was declared free. His owner appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court but, by this time, politics had changed, and the appellate court overturned the earlier decision.

He sued in federal court for assault and battery and false imprisonment, but the judge ruled that Missouri law must be followed. The case went to the U.S. Supreme Court where the question was: should the Missouri court follow federal law or ignore federal law and follow its own law?

The Supreme Court could have gone either way, but the infamous Chief Justice Taney ruled that the Missouri Compromise (which forbade slavery in the western territories) was unconstitutional and that blacks could never be citizens because they were not considered citizens under the Constitution.



Taney was shocked when the decision was condemned. He believed that the decision was compatible with the politics of the 1850's. The Compromise of 1850 and the Kansas-Nebraska Act had opened the territories to slavery, and the Republican defeat in the presidential election of 1856 suggested that the country was not ready for abolition. Instead, of course, this decision, along with John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, sent the country hurtling into the Civil War and Taney's name was blackened forever.

The other speaker was Lynne Jackson, a great-great-granddaughter of Dred Scott. She personalized the history with pictures and stories of Dred Scott, his wife and children. She also spoke of growing up in St. Louis and what that meant to an African-American family.

There was not much time for sight-seeing during the conference, but I did walk down to the old state courthouse where the first trial took place. A beautiful building with a domed rotunda, it is now a museum. The other programs that I attended in St. Louis were mainly on blogs and pods and wikis. (*Don't send letters! I know the importance of science and technology in history and that the invention of the cotton gin played as big a part in the onset of the Civil War as any of the events of the 1850.*) Oh my, it was a pleasure to go back to a time when the course of history was changed by brains, courage, and passion instead of by gadgets.

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## Portrait of a Law Librarian

by Jacqueline Curro

Legislative Librarian

Maryland Dept. of Legislative Services

I came late to librarianship. Although I worked in acquisitions at my college library in Ohio, there wasn't a local MLS option, so I went on to work as an analyst, first for the Defense Department and then for the General Accounting Office (a federal nonpartisan legislative agency). Over the years, the idea of being a librarian stayed in my mind, but I didn't take any action – just talked about it with the other moms at school and community functions. The second time a friend (whom I had encouraged to do so) was graduating with a MLS, I decided it was time for me to do the same. I took a substitute reference job in the public library system first to see if I really did still like the work. I gained valuable experience at the Anne Arundel County Public Library and realized that I definitely wanted a library career, but that I probably lacked the patience to work with children.

At the age of 40, I became a college student again. I was among the oldest in my program. While taking my first

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

courses at Catholic University I heard about “special libraries” and took advantage of opportunities coordinated by the student chapter of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) to visit some. I quickly decided that this was the type of library for me. When I transferred to the University of Maryland, I helped organ-

ize the student chapter of SLA there and became its first president.

My first job after graduating was a short-term position in inter-library loan, document delivery, and reference at the small library at the Office of Tech-



nology Assessment, a nonpartisan (do you see a trend here?) congressional research agency. The agency was losing its funding after 25 years and closed at the same time that a rare position opened at the nonpartisan Maryland Department of Legislative Reference (now the Department of Legislative Services, or DLS) Library - exactly the kind of library I was looking for. (Visit the DLS Web site at <http://dls.state.md.us/index.html>)

The primary customers of the DLS Library are the 181 members of the General Assembly, their staff, and the more than 400 staff members of DLS. Their questions arrive by phone, fax, email, and in person, and can be on any topic imaginable. Members and their staff may be trying to help a constituent solve a problem or may need background information and research that will lead to the introduction of legislation. We often are asked to supply statistics for speeches or testimony - one day ferreting out information that will be used to support passage of a bill, the next day helping someone who wants the legislation to fail.

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## Portrait of a Law Librarian, continued

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DLS staff often needs to see specific laws of other states or exactly how many states have a particular law. In addition to using the printed codes and electronic resources for this information, we have a great national organization of legislative librarians, the Legislative Research Librarians Staff Section of the National Conference of State Legislatures, of which I am the current Secretary, to turn to for help. The group is rather small since many state legislative reference libraries are one or two person shops. We get together twice a year, usually at a state capital, and it is a welcome chance to share ideas with other librarians who deal with exactly the same issues on their job as I do. The travel is fun, too.

The DLS Library is also open to the public who have questions about the bills being considered, need help finding existing law, or want help with a legal problem (for this we tactfully steer them to another resource). Often, members of the public reach the library after multiple referrals from agency to agency and are not happy to hear that the DLS Library does not have the answer they need, or that there really isn't a state law that pertains to their particular problem. Our challenge is to direct them to an agency or resource that would be most likely to help them, if we can, and to get them off the phone feeling good about the DLS Library. Since this is an election year, many people have been in the library recently looking for voting records to help them make a decision on their vote or to use in the campaign.

I am one of six reference librarians at the DLS Library, and when I came here in 1996 as a recent MLS grad, I had experience with the then-new Internet, so I became the "internet/database contact and trainer." My early classes on how to use the Internet



evolved into "workshops" on finding information on the Maryland General Assembly Web site (<http://mlis.state.md.us/>) and using our subscription electronic databases. The information available on the Web site has grown over the years, and I now spend a large amount of time showing library users how to use our resources and helping with legislative history research.

My experience in nonpartisan government and in public libraries helped prepare me for my job, but the unique nature of DLS required on-the-job training. I learned the ins and outs of the legislative process and grew familiar with the rhythm of the

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General Assembly - the build up to the 90-day session, the frenzied pace of the session, the wrap up following it, and the interim. The needs of our users change throughout the year, and I never know what topic I'll be asked to research next. Extensive research may result in one line of testimony or floor debate, a line in a newspaper article the following day, or a new law. I can't imagine a more interesting job.



## LLAM September Program: Review of the Conventions 2006

by Susan Herrick

Research Librarian

University of Maryland School of Law

On Sept. 13, 2006, thirty LLAM members gathered in the offices of Miles & Stockbridge for the first meeting of the 2006-2007 year. We were treated to lunch by Lexis/Nexis and enjoyed a presentation entitled "Review of the Conventions 2006."



Steve Anderson, Maryland State Law Librarian and member of the AALL Executive Board, presented a thoughtful recap of his experiences at the AALL annual meeting and conference in St. Louis. During lunch, Steve shared with us the images from a CD produced for the 100th anniversary of AALL. He began his presentation with a chronology of notable events in the history of AALL. He observed that AALL membership doubled in size between 1972 and 1978, then doubled again in the next decade, currently stabilizing at about 5000 members. He also noted the dates of several significant developments, including the creation of some regional and local chapters, and the establishment of LLAM in 1982.

Steve then presented the highlights of his conference experience in St. Louis. He praised both the first plenary address, "Writing Justice Blackmun" by Linda Greenhouse of the *New York Times*, reflecting on how preservation and access issues impact the type of history and scholarship described by Ms. Greenhouse, and the second plenary address delivered by the ever-popular Bob Bering. Steve described his impressions of the AALL Awards ceremony and the Gen X-GenY caucus, mentioning the new ideas and energy emanating from the younger members of the law library profession. Steve summarized the State Law Librarians'

Roundtable, at which an important topic was the digitization and preservation of state government information. He also discussed the meeting of the Pro Bono Partnerships Special Committee, which is working to promote cooperative efforts among law libraries and with public interest legal services providers, with the dual goals of providing assistance to the public and promoting the visibility of law libraries in the legal community.

Linda Hutchinson, president of the local chapter of Special Libraries Association (SLA) and Lexis Senior Library Relations Consultant, discussed this past June's SLA meeting, which was held here in Baltimore. The conference was well attended by around 5800 librarians. Linda described the pre-conference educational courses offered as well as the topical highlights of the annual meeting. She also showcased SLA's Web site with its array of resources. Of particular interest was her introduction to the "Click University" professional development courses offered via SLA's Web site, <http://www.sla.org/>.

Linda also highlighted a number of the local activities sponsored by SLA's Maryland chapter.

Thanks to Miles & Stockbridge and Anna Cole for hosting the September meeting, which was a great kickoff to LLAM's 2006-2007 programming.

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**Join LLAM for  
a Holiday Tea  
December 8, 2006  
at  
4 East Madison  
Further details will be  
announced soon.**



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## National Conference of State Legislatures Web Site

by Maxine Grosshans

Research Librarian

University of Maryland School of Law

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) is an independent organization serving the nation's legislators and their staffs from all 50 states, commonwealths, and territories. Its primary focus is government, but it also provides answers to librarians and other members of the public.

One of the best places to start researching an issue is the NCSL web page. It offers a wealth of current awareness information for federal and state topics. Access the page at: <http://www.ncsl.org> and click the State & Federal link. A list of "Issue Areas" A-Z appears. This list consists of broad topics such as Education, Immigrant Policy, and Transportation.

The Overview link to the right of the topic provides a summary of policy issues with live links to further information. By accessing the topic itself the researcher can find sources of recent information. For example, if Immigrant Policy is clicked, links to 2006 Laws in the States on Immigrant Policy, Immigration on the Ballot, Employment-Related Immigration Bills, and S. 2611 (the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act) are made available for further study. Featured links to the NCSL Task Force on Immigration & the States, State Immigration Offices, Statistics on Immigrants, and Publications provide opportunities for in-depth review.

One of the best features of the NCSL web page is the 50 State Legislative Tracking Web Resources section:

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/lis/lrl/50statetracking.htm#cri>

If someone asks for "laws on [a topic] from all 50 states" - relax. The National Conference of State Legislatures has developed a list of legislative and statutory databases, compilations and state charts/maps and made them available for study. This Resource Page is divided into broad topics such as Criminal Justice, Environmental Protection, Immigrant Policy, and Transportation. These topics, in turn, are divided into narrower subjects with links to appropriate resources. Coverage varies as to scope and the updating of information, but contact information is provided for further research help.

The National Conference of State Legislatures provides a wealth of information on state and federal issues. Their web page is a great place to start research.



**Mark your calendars for LLAM's November Program!**

Tuesday, November 14, at 12:00 noon

University of Baltimore School of Law Library

Lunch will be provided by Hein Company

Dick Spinelli will discuss the recent changes and updates to HeinOnline

## LLAM October Program: : Maryland State Law Library Special Collections Room

by Catherine McGuire

Outreach Services Law Librarian

Maryland State Law Library

On October 11, 2006, the Maryland State Law Library hosted members of LLAM for a half-day program detailing the history, planning, and construction of the Library's newly-opened Special Collections Room. Steve Anderson, Director of the Library, led the program with a discussion of the background of the need for such a room. A second segment brought in Cindy Terry, Systems/Government Documents Specialist at the Library, who acted as the project's general manager, and who has in-depth knowledge of both the smooth and rough passages of the project. Dee Van Nest, Research Librarian, and Rudi Lamy, Research/Cataloging Librarian, later led the group through the Room, displaying and spotlighting several of the "hot" items in the collection.

One of the highlights of the Maryland State Law Library's collection is a set of John James Audubon's *Birds of America* elephant folio prints. These prints, obtained through a subscription in the 1830's from Audubon himself, had been publicly exhibited for many decades after their purchase. In the 1920s, a visible need to protect the set prompted the Library to remove the prints from regular display and to rebind them in an attempt to maintain their condition. Several times over the succeeding decades, the state of the prints was revisited and reconsidered, but nothing substantive was done until 2000, when a similar set of the prints sold at auction for over \$8 million. That number shocked the Library, and an expert was called in to examine the set. After extensive study, Rolf Kat, Senior Conservator at the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts (CCAHA), pronounced the prints to be in so-so to reasonable condition, and in need of some care. In addition to recommending the cleaning and repairing of the prints, Mr. Kat advocated for improvements in the storage and display of the prints. Once removed from their bindings and matted properly, the prints would need to be stored flat. The space re-

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quirements for such storage prompted a look at the Library's Rare Book Room.

The Maryland State Law Library occupies space designed about thirty years ago. The original design incorporated a room of approximately 400 square feet, intended for the storage of rare books. This space, however, did not incorporate the environmental controls now known to be necessary to the preservation of fragile materials; furthermore, the room size was inadequate to meet the current and growing space needs of the Library's collection. In particular, there was not sufficient space for the needed Audubon storage.

A design was proposed and accepted for the expansion of that Rare Books Room. The Room was doubled in size to approximately 800 square feet. Cabinets for the storage of the Audubon prints were specially sized, configured, and constructed to coordinate with the layout of the proposed space. Both book shelving and folio shelving were installed, along with study tables. All materials chosen for the room fit special collections specifications for gas release.

Exterior perimeter windows were covered with partition construction, and an independent air handling unit dedicated to the space was provided. The unit handles the strict requirements for air circulation, temperature, and humidity required by the delicate nature of the room's collection. Light fixtures in the room have appropriate UV filters and lenses for optimum safe exposure. Fire-rated glass doors and a dry FM 200 Clean Agent fire suppression system were also installed.

Security measures for the room include a key-code door lock, security cameras, and video recorders, with monitors at the front desk for constant surveillance. The library staff developed a written policy for the use of the room and its materials, which must be read and signed by all visitors to the room. A detailed log of visitors tracks usage levels.

The construction process was not without its complications. The sheer number of people involved meant that communication, above all else, was paramount. Cindy Terry volunteered to take charge of

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## Special Collections Room, continued

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(picture courtesy of the Court Information Office)

coordinating the multiple personnel and companies involved in the design and execution. The Library was simultaneously undergoing a face-lift, installing new furniture and carpeting in the public areas. Cindy made sure that construction goal dates were met (as closely as possible), that critical personnel were contacted as each stage developed, that materials arriving at the Library were appropriate to the needs and in the proper condition for installation, and generally ensured the adequate execution of the construction project.

Construction of the space was completed in August 2006. In the weeks immediately after completion, every member of the library staff participated, in rotation, in the return of the materials from storage to the new shelving. Each item had to be individually dusted and checked for condition before its return to the open shelves. Books in poor condition were sent out for archival boxing. During this process the staff was able to get a good look at what is actually in the collection. Several items were rediscovered in the process, including Audubon's five-volume *Ornithological Biography*, published as an accompanying set to the *Birds of America* prints. The set contains detailed writ-

ten descriptions of each bird in the print set, including its physical appearance, habits, and habitat.

The room was renamed the Special Collections Room to reflect the varied materials included in the space. Books, prints, maps, historical catalogs, and even a set of the *Green Bag* U.S. Supreme Court bobbleheads reside in the special environment.

The LLAM program wound up with a discussion by Steve Anderson on the question of "Where do we go from here?" The Special Collections Room has a finite amount of shelf space. Currently, decisions regarding which materials are placed in the Room are based on date of publication. This date-line will likely be adjusted in the future, on a continual basis. Decisions are also made based on the unique properties of certain items (such as the bobbleheads, which have recently appeared on E-Bay at rather high prices). LLAM members asked if there were any plans to attempt to fill in gaps. For example, a full set of Audubon's *Birds of America* contains 435 plates. The Library's collection has 430. There is considerable debate as to why there are missing plates. It appears most likely that those particular plates were never received by the Library, but were lost in transit somewhere between London and Annapolis. However, there are no plans on the part of the Library to attempt to obtain those prints.

*The construction project was not without its complications.*

Members of the public are welcome to view the materials in the Special Collections Room during our regular business hours. The Audubon prints are displayed two at a time in a case in the Library foyer, designed by CaseWerks of Baltimore. The prints in the case are rotated weekly. For in-depth viewing of the Audubon prints, the Library advises calling ahead to schedule an appointment during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.



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## Maryland Library Leadership Institute

by Pat Behles

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The Maryland Library Leadership Institute is a weeklong program designed to promote the growth of leaders in the Maryland library community. Participants focus on self-awareness, assessing the environment, articulating a clear picture of where they want their libraries to go, embracing change, and empowering themselves and others. This year's Institute will be held July 23 – 27, 2007, at the Riverfront Conference Center at the Donaldson Brown Estate overlooking the Susquehanna River in Port Deposit, Maryland.

The Institute is led by Becky Schreiber and John Shannon of Schreiber Shannon Associates and will involve twenty-four participants and six mentors from academic, public, school, and special librar-

ies throughout the state.

The registration fee for the Institute is \$500. The rest of the cost is supported by the Maryland Library Association (MLA), the Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Library Development and Services, and by generous contributions of individuals and corporations in Maryland. Scholarships for the registration are available through MLA. Application and nomination forms are available online at the MLA website:

<http://www.mdlib.org/leadership/> Applications are due on February 15, 2007, and candidates will be notified of their acceptance by April 15.

For more information, contact the Maryland Library Association at [mla@mdlib.org](mailto:mla@mdlib.org)



### AALL/ASPEN OFFERS RESEARCH GRANTS

The AALL Research Committee is accepting applications for research grants up to \$1,850 from the AALL/Aspen Publishers Grant Program. The deadline for application is November 27, 2006.

The committee looks to award one or more grants in the fall of 2006 to library professionals who wish to conduct research that supports the research and scholarly agenda of the profession of law librarianship. The grant program funds small or large research projects that create, disseminate, or otherwise use legal and law-related information as their focus. Projects may range from the historical (indexes, legislative histories, or bibliographies) to the theoretical (trends in cataloging and publishing) to the practical (models for collection, personnel, or infrastructure management). The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research, however, research projects are not limited to those described in the agenda. To review AALL's Research Agenda, please visit <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research/agenda.asp>

The AALL/Aspen Publishers Grant Program was established in 1996 with a generous contribution of \$50,000 from Aspen Publishers, a New York based legal publisher. Aspen Publishers considers its contribution as an investment in research that will examine the role of librarians, researchers, and legal information providers and will yield results to which publishers can respond. Aspen's goal is to sponsor research that will have a practical impact on the law library profession and inspire products and changes in the marketplace.

Grants will be awarded and announced in December. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee.

For the grant application and complete guidelines, please visit [http://www.aallnet.org/about/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/grant_application.asp). For more information, please contact Jean Callihan, chair of the AALL Research Committee, at [jc374@cornell.edu](mailto:jc374@cornell.edu).

## What LLAM is Reading

by Joanne Dugan

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This is my first column as caretaker of the “What LLAM is Reading” feature. Many thanks to Janet Camillo for inviting me to take over as she fulfills her duties as program chairperson and President-Elect of LLAM. I use the term “caretaker” deliberately, as I hope to continue Janet’s tradition of including recommendations from LLAM members.

One of Janet’s great ideas was to hold a “LLAM Reads” event, similar to the “One Book, One Community” movement that has been so popular across the country. The idea is that everyone in a community reads the same book and then comes together to discuss it. The book provides a common starting point, which then highlights the diverse interpretations and unique perspectives of each reader’s experience of the book. We plan to culminate our program at the March LLAM meeting, which will include a visit with the author of our book.

For our first foray into “LLAM Reads” we’ve chosen the works of Marcia Talley. Marcia is an award-winning mystery writer based in Annapolis. Before turning to writing full-time, Marcia was a professional librarian for various federal agencies. Her last post was as the systems librarian for the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA), where her husband is the Director of Musical Activities.

Marcia’s books are a series of adventures featuring Hannah Ives and her extended family. Like Marcia herself, Hannah is a former librarian (having been laid off from her job as a records manager for a large D.C. law firm) who lives in Annapolis with her husband, a USNA professor. Significantly, another feature that character and creator share is a history of breast cancer. Cancer plays an important role in shaping Hannah’s personality, which is feisty and compassionate at the same time.

Another character is Annapolis itself. Those of you familiar with the city will get a kick out of trailing Hannah down the historic streets of downtown Annapolis, stopping in at favorite restaurants and shops, and tracing clues across the campus of the Naval Academy and other local landmarks.

So far, there are six books in the Hannah Ives series. If you’re like me, you love to read mystery novels in sequence. This is especially gratifying in this series, as the books allow you to follow the changes in Hannah’s large and close family. The first title is *Sing It to Her Bones*, published in 1999. It is followed by *Unbreathed Memories* (2000), *Occasion of Revenge* (2001), *In Death’s Shadow* (2004), *This Enemy Town* (2005), and the most recent, *Through the Darkness* (2006). I read all of them in the course of a week – a week during which no clothes were washed, no leaves raked, and precious little sleep had! For those of you who prefer your leisure reading to be more ... well ... leisurely, I assure you that each novel stands on its own. Plus, you have until the March meeting to enjoy this series.

For the next column, I invite you to let me know about a book you read as a child or young adult that made a lasting impression. What is the book that you bought for your favorite niece or nephew, your standard baby shower gift, the one you badgered your children into reading? Even better, what book have you revisited as an adult that has stood the test of time? Please e-mail me at [jdugan@ubalt.edu](mailto:jdugan@ubalt.edu).



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## LLAM Member News

by Susan Herrick  
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LLAM welcomes new members **Matthew Ciszek** – Georgetown; **Valerie Diamond** - Enoch Pratt; **Kimberli Morris** - Enoch Pratt; and **Stacey Ray** (who now lives in Florida, although some of you may remember that she used to be at Niles, Barton & Wilmer here in Baltimore.)

**Jenny Smith** just returned from a ten-day trip with members of her church to Ivanovo, Russia, a university city about seven hours from Mos-



cow. Although her movements had to be registered with the government, she was able to visit families in a Russian non-denominational church, destitute children in the Shuya orphanage, well-educated students in the university, business people, and an entrepreneurial Christian bookstore in the local mall. She also visited Moscow and went to Red Square. She was impressed to see many businesses and well-dressed people on the one hand, and unformed or eroding laws and rights on the other. By sharing what she does in her job with the people she met, she hopes she can help raise respect for librarians; apparently many people have a negative opinion of the profession and assume it is low paying and “boring.” (Could this be left-over propaganda from the Soviet era?) Her trip was a fascinating glimpse into Russian culture, one that has heightened her interest in learning more about the legal system and the freedom of information in Russia.

**John Cannan** started as Assistant Librarian at the Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library in July of this year. He has a J.D. and practiced law in Baltimore before earning his MLS at University of Maryland this past spring.

**Linda Hutchinson**, who has served for nine and a half years as our local LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant, has accepted a position as librarian in the Office of the Chief Counsel

Library, Internal Revenue Service, in Washington, D.C. LLAM thanks Linda for all her help over the years and although we hate to see her go, we wish her the very best in her new position.

Immediate past president **Scott Stevens** married Yolanda U. Ogena-Stevens (nee Ogena) on June 20th, 2006, at the Baltimore County Court House. She was a District Public Attorney in General Santos City in the Philippines who plans to pursue a legal career in the United States. LLAM sends warm congratulations to Scott and Yolanda.

The Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library recently instituted a coffee and pastry service on Fridays for its patrons. **John Cannan** published an article about this program in the Fall issue of SCCLL’s newsletter titled, “Blame it on Barnes & Noble and Borders”.

**Janet Camillo** finished second in her age group (which we won’t mention) in the three-mile Hein Fun Run at the AALL meeting in St. Louis in July. Congratulations, Janet!

At the Maryland State Fair this past summer, **Jean Hessenauer** received a third place for one of the photographs she entered. It was a seascape that she took in Aruba in June.

In the “where are they now?” department, **Anne Morrison** has just celebrated her first anniversary as a Long & Foster real estate agent. Anne sold more than \$1.2 million dollars of real estate in just one year! Anne is working full-time as a Realtor, and is enjoying helping her clients fulfill their real estate dreams. Visit Anne’s websites, [www.AnneYourAgent.com](http://www.AnneYourAgent.com) and [www.AACountyHomeBuyers.com](http://www.AACountyHomeBuyers.com) (Remember, you’ve got a friend in real estate!) But don’t worry, Anne hasn’t strayed far from her LLAM roots. She is assisting **Joanie Bellistri** and **Nancy Wallace** at the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Law Library to complete on-going special projects on a part-time basis.

Do you have news you’d like to share with your LLAM colleagues? Please send any professional or personal news you’d like to share to Susan Herrick at [sherrick@law.umaryland.edu](mailto:sherrick@law.umaryland.edu).



## At the Reference Desk

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### **Q. I need to locate a copy of President Clinton's pardon of 16 members of the FALN in 1999.**

In August 1999, Bill Clinton commuted the sentences of 16 members of FALN, the Puerto Rican nationalist group, who were convicted of numerous bombings in the U.S. (see [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill\\_Clinton\\_pardons\\_controversy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Clinton_pardons_controversy))

The questioner needed a copy of the actual pardon document.

It's easy enough to find information about the pardon, including the DOJ Press Release, available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/opa/pr/1999/August/352dag.htm>. Finding the pardon itself, however, is a different story.

I started with the obvious – the Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents, thinking that it would most likely be published there. No luck. In fact, I determined from a search that there were no pardons published in this set. I looked on <http://www.whitehouse.gov>, and again was unable to find any evidence of presidential pardons. A Google search revealed lots of information about the pardons, but no official pardon document.

My next step was to call the White House Law Library. Surely the White House has copies of presidential pardons. Interestingly, this is not the case. I was told by the librarian that although the President signs pardons, they are really documents produced by the Office of the Pardon Attorney in the Department of Justice.



## Baltimore City Circuit Court Opinions Now Online!

by Trevor Rosen  
Librarian  
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The Circuit Court for Baltimore City has decided to begin posting selected opinions online. They are available at <http://www.baltocts.sailorsite.net/civil/opinions.html>

There are currently only a small number of civil opinions posted on the site. As far as I know, this is the first county in the state to begin posting trial court level opinions online. According to the folks I spoke with, there is currently no policy in place which governs whether or not an opinion is selected for publication. Instead, the assigning judge simply has the option to suggest a particular opinion for publication. The earliest opinion posted on the site is from November, 2004. The site also contains a number of opinions from the Business & Technology Case Management Program--a division within the civil division created specifically to hear cases involving business and/or technology issues.



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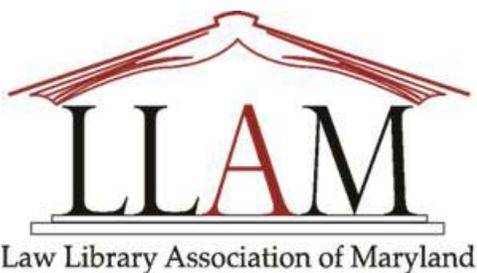
Our profession and its Association have changed greatly in the last 100 years, but have the reasons for joining and retaining our memberships in AALL changed all that much?

The AALL Membership and Retention Committee is sponsoring a 500-word writing contest to find out why membership in AALL is important to you. We want to know what you've gained and what you value from your membership, including illustrative examples or anecdotes. As an added incentive, three winners will receive free full registrations to the New Orleans Meeting next summer. Judging criteria will be based on originality, creativity, and quality and clarity of writing.

So, rise to the challenge! As we embark on AALL's second 100 years, we invite you to tell us the reasons why you belong to AALL. This is also your opportunity for fame (winning entries will be published in Spectrum) and fortune (winners will receive free full registrations for the 2007 Annual Meeting). Read on for more details.

### Contest Guidelines

- Contest participants must be current AALL members.
- Entries will be divided into three groups based on years as a law librarian: 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years.
- One winner will be selected from each group. Be sure to indicate your group on your entry.
- The three winning entries (500-words) will be published in the June 2007 issue of AALL Spectrum, and each winner will receive a free full registration to AALL's 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
- Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, December 15, 2006. Entries should be sent to: Claudia Jalowka, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; e-mail [Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov](mailto:Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov); fax 860/706-5086; or phone 860/706-5151.
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