President’s Message

By Joan Bellistri
Law Librarian, Anne Arundel County
Public Law Library

My new position as president has inspired me to review the purpose and objectives of LLAM and to consider what I can and should do to keep these objectives alive. LLAM’s objectives are detailed in the by-laws and restated in our Strategic Plan. The question is, then, how do we promote library and information services, develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, cultivate the science of law librarianship, and foster a spirit of cooperation among the members of the profession? And, how do we carry out the mission of our strategic plan to support our members, be a leader in the development of law librarianship, promote the value of law libraries, and promote effective use of existing and future technologies to access legal information?

LLAM programs, loaded with information and generally offered at no cost, certainly satisfy the objective of cultivating the science of law librarianship, and demonstrate that LLAM is a leader in the development of law librarianship. LLAM programs often promote effective use of existing and future technologies to access legal information. The website and listserv are testaments to LLAM’s fostering a spirit of cooperation among the members of the profession. Our willingness to help each other with ILL requests and reference questions on the LLAM listserv is a prime example of how we cooperate and support our members.

All of the above points are proof that LLAM and its members are doing a great job. Who else knows that we are? How good are we at letting the rest of the library community and the community at large know what we law librarians are up to?  The Legal Research Institute is one of our best efforts in promoting the value of law libraries by providing a valuable service not only to those in law libraries but also to public librarians and others in the legal professions. The LRI is a large-scale, time consuming project that requires much hard work, and is one that we can only realistically offer.

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By Scott Stevens  
Associate Librarian, Baltimore County Circuit Court Library  

Welcome to the 2004/2005 LLAM Brown Bag Lunch Series. After a late start, we are going to have a great series this year. I had a harder time coordinating various parties than I anticipated. But I believe the waiting is worth it. We have some excellent presentations lined up.

The good folks at the University of Maryland School of Law’s Thurgood Marshall Law Library hosted October’s program. Susan Pluhar and Marcia Dysart from Enoch Pratt Free Library’s Telephone Reference/Night Owl services talked about Pratt services and resources that might be useful to Law Librarians, as well as services for the general population.

Upcoming programs include a trip to the Maryland Archives in November, where Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse will talk about the Archives with a special focus on material available via the Internet. After last year’s outstanding success, we will be attending Midnight Madness in Annapolis again this December. Start saving now!

Our spring schedule is also shaping up. Currently there are two openings for the spring, so please contact me if you would like to host a presentation. Spring Fling is also undecided, so please send along your ideas. Most of the places I’ve looked at are very expensive. While I realize LLAM is worth the expense, I think we’d rather be more fiscally prudent.

Mark your calendar for the November Brown Bag Lunch!

**Topic:** Maryland Archives on the Web  
**Guest:** Dr. Edward C. Papenfuse  
**Where:** Maryland State Archives  
**When:** 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004

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every two years.
My goal is to concentrate on getting out the word, to promote library and information services, to develop and increase the usefulness of law libraries, and to promote the value of law libraries through LLAM. This all points to what can seem to be the imposing task of PR and marketing. An article for the public relations column in the recent issue of the AALL Spectrum, “It’s Hip to Be Seen,” pointed out that public relations can be accomplished by just showing up and being seen. We can promote ourselves just by letting our organizations know that we attend LLAM programs and participate in LLAM’s activities. More members can participate in the work of LLAM quite simply by just writing an article for the newsletter, sponsoring a program, or adopting a county to update in the County Publications Checklist. The work of committees is not difficult but every chair could use some help. LLAM can gain recognition through the collaboration with other law library organizations. We can consider joint programs with LLSDC and are currently working with other law library associations to put on a Northeastern regional conference. We can become more visible in the legal community at large. We can find ways for LLAM members to contribute to activities of the MSBA and local bar associations. Anne Morrison’s column in the Prince Georges’ County Bar Newsletter is great example of marketing her library and law librarians in general. LLAM can be an important part of the library community at large with such activities as helping with the law questions on AskUsNow or putting together the Maryland page on LISP’s Public Librarian Toolkit. Volunteering to help with and supporting literacy programs is one way we can be seen as vital participants in the community at large. We can sponsor book drives, maybe on a smaller scale, as AALL has done at the last annual conferences.

Increased visibility through a variety of activities within our own organization, collaboration with other law library associations, legal associations, and library associations, and involvement in the community at large should lead to increased recognition of the value of law libraries and law librarians. This is good for us as an organization and individually. I am asking for your help. Just show up for a start and we can go from there.

Back by Popular Demand: LLAM’s Holiday Party

to be Held in the Anne Arundel County Public Law Library

LLAM’s holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 9 in the historic Anne Arundel County Circuit Court Courthouse. Mark your calendars now so you don’t miss it.
Again, this annual function is scheduled to coincide with Midnight Madness. Midnight Madness has become an annual holiday event in Annapolis that is sponsored by the State Circle and Maryland Avenue Association and Annapolis Business Association from 6:00 until 11:00 p.m. All of the shops stay open later and you can find music, caroling, refreshments and even Santa throughout the downtown area. You will be able to visit with friends, shop, and just enjoy Annapolis decorated for the Christmas season.
There should be free parking in Hillman and Gotts Court garages and the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium where there will be a free shuttle service into town.

LLAM Holiday Party
Where: Anne Arundel County Public Law Library
When: Thursday, December 9
Time: TBA
How Do You Say Chutzpah In Italian?  What Is Polish For Joie De Vivre?

By Beverly Rubenstein
Head Librarian, Maryland Attorney General’s Office

Fay Sauchelli has retired, and LLAM will never be the same. Who will keep us informed about what’s going on in everyone else’s lives? Who will puncture our pretensions? Who will say, “Is that you, Queen Beverly?” when I answer the phone (because my voice mail says, “We cannot answer the phone now” when I am the only one in the library).

Elsewhere, I have written about how Fay changed me from a mousy librarian into an adventuress; how Fay and Loretta Yaller took me to a transvestite bar in New Orleans; and how Fay forced me to crash parties (“if you look as if you belong, no one will stop you”). The games continued even in Nashville this year where we not only crashed a party but we had our pictures taken. I was sure that the pictures would appear on the post office wall. The only thing that saved us was the fact that we were wearing the hats and bandannas they gave out at the door. Who was that masked woman?

Fay was born in Newark, New Jersey. After her marriage, she lived in Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and other states. She and her husband came to Maryland when they both found jobs at Martin Marietta. After her divorce, she thought that the best way to raise six children as a single mother and to make her fortune was to become a librarian. She received her master’s degree at the College of Library and Information Services at the University of Maryland and, after graduation, heard of a temporary job at the University of Maryland Law School Library. (That was where she and I first met when our paths crossed briefly.) When that job ended, someone told her of an opening at Smith, Somerville and Case, and she remained there until the firm dissolved. Someone else told her of an opening at Weinberg and Green, and she remained there after the firm merged with Saul, Ewing. Two years ago, she started to work three days a week so that she could help her daughter-in-law care for newborn twins. This summer she decided to retire rather than go back to full-time work.

During her library career, she served as treasurer of the SLA, Maryland Chapter, president of LLAM, and chaired committees in both organizations. Because she is such as extrovert and can talk to anyone, and because she knows everything there is to see in Baltimore, she was the unanimous choice to be Chair of the Hospitality Committee when AALL held its annual meeting in Baltimore in 1997.

Fay is a good librarian, a better friend, and the best grandmother in the world. Even before the birth of the twins, she took her vacation days to baby-sit. She has taken the two oldest girls with her to Europe (lucky girls!) and, as soon as...

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she announced her retirement, her children started signing her up for baby-sitting commitments. Even without those, she would not be staying home watching Oprah. She is taking Italian lessons in Little Italy, she is a Dancing Queen, and she has done some acting. And she will be traveling. Her favorite foreign country so far is Italy, which she has visited twice – the second time for the unforgettable experience of witnessing the beatification of Mother Teresa. With her daughter, a professor at Keene State College in New Hampshire, she has visited South Africa and, this year, she will go to Belgium. She has been to England, Spain, and Morocco, and still has the rest of the world to see, including Poland, for the other half of her heritage. Her sister, the nun of the two, who must be as fun-loving as Fay, joined her for a trip to Las Vegas.

Her tastes are catholic (small c): everything from the Liberace Museum to the estates in Newport, from the museums of the old masters to Ripley’s Believe It or Not, from grand opera to Grand Ole Opry. She is outgoing, determined (there are two well-mannered Southern librarians who still remember how she dragged us hither and yon until we found the Frick mansion and other sights in Pittsburgh), sometimes abrasive (you can take the girl out of Jersey but...), and funny (when she and Bill Grady get together, it is better than an Abbott and Costello routine). I love her and will miss her even if she is a staunch Republican and even if she wins all the prizes that should rightfully come to me.

New Database for International Law - EISIL

There’s a new free web resource that can help you with researching, teaching, and increasing your own knowledge in the field of international law. More than just a finding guide, the Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL) can be used in classroom, law firm, and non-legal environments as an educational or instructional tool, is available at http://www.eisil.org. EISIL includes over 1,500 selected sources organized into 13 subject groupings in a fully searchable database that provides access to the highest quality primary materials, authoritative Web sites, and helpful research guides. For each source, EISIL also offers helpful background information for researchers, such as citations and references, dates when laws or treaties were concluded, and links to related resources.

For more information, and a one-page classroom handout, go to the About EISIL page, or, see the article on LLRX.com. EISIL is managed by the Washington D.C.-based American Society of International Law (ASIL). Founded in 1906, ASIL is the leading non-profit membership organization dedicated to advancing the study and use of international law. Additional information on ASIL is available online at http://www.asil.org or by calling 202-939-6000.
Neighbor Disputes and Community Mediation: State Law Library Anniversary Lecture

By Catherine McGuire
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On September 23rd, 2004, the Maryland State Law Library hosted the fifth lecture in its Anniversary Lecture Series with an address on “Neighbor Disputes.” The presentation, by solo practitioner and former Principal Counsel of the Department of Natural Resources Thomas Deming, and his wife Linda Rowan Deming, Executive Director of the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center, illustrated how and why conflicts with neighbors can be resolved via mediation rather than litigation.

Mr. Deming led off with an overview of the wide gamut of causes of neighbor-to-neighbor disputes, including issues related to parking, noise, pets, trees, fences, boundary lines, and water rights. Using a specific case in which he has been involved as an illustration, he described the possible alternatives to resolving the problem, including suing in court, calling on county police, and involving county regulatory authorities. He then demonstrated briefly why he recommended that a client start with mediation: litigation can be both a costly and lengthy process; county regulatory agencies follow the letter of the regulation and cannot take sides in a dispute; and the county police will only be of assistance in criminal, not civil, situations.

Mrs. Deming followed with an in-depth account of what the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center does, how mediation works, and the types of situations for which mediation is well-suited. One of her main points in recommending mediation is that, in her view, “dispute resolution” addresses purely the facts of a case, while “conflict resolution” addresses the emotions behind the facts. For example, Neighbor A and Neighbor B have always been friendly, sharing hello waves across their yards. One day Neighbor A, without talking to Neighbor B, builds a fence which Neighbor B considers to be an eyesore. In retaliation, Neighbor B plants some greenery that then grows over Neighbor A’s fence and that becomes a hassle for Neighbor A to keep back and a destructive force to the fence. As annoyance grows into anger, Neighbor A finally sues Neighbor B on some point of fact. The court hands down a judgment forcing Neighbor B to pay damages. The situation, though officially resolved, leaves both neighbors feeling hurt, angry, not completely satisfied, and unwilling to even wave hello. The point made by both presenters in recommending a look at mediation is that one needs to live next to one’s neighbor after the dispute is over, and mediation allows the possibility of resolving the emotions behind the conflict as well as the conflict itself. Through mediation rather than litigation, perhaps Neighbor A and Neighbor B can find a common solution that makes both happy, and leaves them willing to wave hello to each other again.

The attendees wound up the event with a lengthy round of questions for Mr. and Mrs. Deming, proving absolutely that neighbor disputes involve all people and take many interesting forms.

A bibliography of sources on neighbor disputes and community mediation is available by request from the State Law Library.
Hidden in Plain Sight: A Closer Look at the Maryland Judiciary’s Website

By Anne Morrison
Assistant Librarian, Prince George's County Law Library

Legal professionals in Maryland who use the Internet should be very familiar with the Maryland Judiciary’s website, www.courts.state.md.us. It is the first place to turn in order to obtain the most recent Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals opinions. The courts’ opinions appear on the website just moments after their release, in WordPerfect and PDF format.

I routinely stop by the Judiciary homepage to check what’s new on the website. The sidebar, “This Week in the Judiciary,” lists links to the most recent Court opinions, along with notices regarding judicial vacancies, Rules Committee reports, and Rules Orders. Usually the most recent additions to the website will be highlighted there.

Recently, I delved a little more deeply into the Judiciary’s site, and was surprised to find some real jewels of information available that I had not known about before. The “Site Index” links to a vast array of Judiciary information, but fails to report all of the content available. Perhaps these “jewels” were there all the time and I had never noticed them before, but I thought I’d share them with you, just in case you haven’t seen them either!

From the “Courts” link on the main page, I linked to the Court of Appeals page (www.courts.state.md.us/coappeals/index.html). Here you will find instructions for filing a Petition for Writ of Certiorari, and general information on how to file an appellate brief. I was pleasantly surprised to find a link that lists Unreported Opinions of both Appellate Courts (www.courts.state.md.us/unreported_opinions/index.html). No, the unreported opinions are still that - unreported - but a complete list is available for each month from January 2001 to the present. Another helpful link takes you to a list of Disciplinary Actions against Maryland attorneys for Fiscal Years 2003, 2004 and 2005 (www.courts.state.md.us/attygrievance/sanctions.html). These lists are arranged by county; the attorneys’ names are listed alphabetically and a short summary of what action was taken in the disciplinary matter is provided.

Also from the “Courts” link on the main page is the newly revised “District Court” page (www.courts.state.md.us/district/index.html). This page underwent a total revision on October 1, 2004. If you have not had the opportunity to visit this site yet, you will find that a wealth of information awaits you. Here you can find a large number of District Court brochures and forms, court fees and costs, and the Criminal Charging Language document (www.courts.state.md.us/district/charginglanguage.pdf - last updated 10/02/2004).

The chart of District Court forms lists the revision date of each form, and indicates how many copies must be filed with the court. Certain brochures, such as How to

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File a Criminal Complaint, and information on Expungement, Garnishment, Small Claims actions, Landlord-Tenant issues and Peace Orders, are available in English and Spanish. The Expungement and Small Claims brochures are also available in Korean.

Before you leave the District Court page, take a few minutes to read the article on our bomb-sniffing dogs that protect the Prince George's County Courthouse here in Upper Marlboro! (http://www.courts.state.md.us/district/k9dogs.html)

DID YOU KNOW? The Maryland Division of Corrections offers an Inmate Locator on their website (www1.dpcs.state.md.us/inmate/). Simply type in the inmate's first and/or last name, and a list of inmates with their date of birth will be displayed. Click on the inmate's name to view the Corrections facility information for that inmate.

From the “Publications and Reports” page, you can view the monthly “Amicus Curiarum” which highlights recent appellate opinions, the Judiciary’s Annual Reports, and “Justice Matters,” the quarterly newsletter of the Maryland Judiciary.

Last, but certainly not least, on the Courts’ homepage is a link to our friends at the Maryland State Law Library. Newly added to their homepage is a link to West’s version of the Maryland Code and Rules. Now both (un-annotated) versions of the Maryland Code and Maryland Rules are available via the Internet!

County Checklist Update

By Maxine Grosshans, Research Librarian Thurgood Marshall Law Library University of Maryland School of Law

Just what you’ve been waiting for! The new edition of the LLAM County Checklist is almost here! The Checklist will be in HTML format and it will feature hyper-links to return to home on every county page. Hyper-links will also lead the user to online versions of information. I am waiting for the last of the updated county files and will add them to the Checklist as soon as they arrive. Once the last of the new information is added, the new version of Checklist will be posted and participating libraries will be able to add their holdings.

I would like to finish this project by the end of 2004. Please add your holdings as soon as possible once the new edition is posted.

If you have any questions, please let me know. I can be reached at mgrosshans@law.umaryland.edu or 410-706-0791.
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Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries Conference

By Joan Bellistri
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Librarians representing all types of libraries from across the state of Maryland met in Annapolis on September 27 and 28, 2004, for the Maryland Advisory Council on Libraries (MACL) Conference. The conference, entitled Maryland Libraries: Building Alliances, was convened with the purpose of creating a roadmap to meet the challenges facing Maryland libraries and to build alliances among all types of Maryland libraries.

Law librarians were represented by Catherine McGuire as a librarian in a special library and by Joan Bellistri as the head of a library organization. Attendees were assigned to “stakeholder” tables upon arrival. Stakeholders were public libraries, academic libraries, school libraries (K-12), heads of library organizations, library trustees and boards, special libraries, library school educators, MACL members, and the conference planning committee.

Harry Christiansen was the conference coordinator and in that role he kept all participants on task by setting goals and time limits for each segment of the conference.

The first day began with each table being assigned the task of identifying external forces and trends impacting Maryland libraries. Each table discussed and recorded conclusions on flip charts. As each table presented these conclusions to the rest of the group it was found that all types of libraries are impacted by many of the same forces and trends. Just about all tables reported the impact of decreased funding and increasing demands for services. Other common trends/forces identified were the impact of technology and the Internet and the needs of an increasingly diverse user population.

The second task required each table to evaluate the current state of Maryland libraries by identifying the positive achievements of Maryland libraries or “prouds”; what is needed in Maryland libraries or “sorries”; and opportunities for Maryland libraries. Overall, librarians were proud of the sharing and cooperation among libraries and the leadership role libraries have taken in the use of technology. High on the “sorry” list was a lack of funding. Other “sorries” were lack of library public relations and marketing efforts and uncompetitive compensation. From here, opportunities were identified. Among the many opportunities listed were the ability to “market our good product and create a library message” and to redefine who we are, and the potential for partnerships within and outside the library community.

A combined list of “prouds,” “sorries,” and opportunities was posted on the wall. Participants were given color coded sticky dots so they could mark those issues considered the most important. The grouping of dots presented a picture of the how libraries view the current state of Maryland libraries.

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After lunch, table assignments were changed and the newly formed mixed groups were directed to identify the challenges facing Maryland libraries. Each group listed challenges and reported to the conference. Many challenges were identified by more than one group. Each new or different challenge was posted on the walls of the meeting room. Challenges were combined and rewritten to a total of nine: defined role, political clout, marketing and PR, funding (later combined with political clout), communication and collaboration, recruiting and retention, effective use of resources, managing print and electronic collection development, and library infrastructure.

Once this consensus regarding the challenges facing Maryland libraries was reached, the course of work for the next day was set. Each participant could then choose the challenge on which they would like to work with others. Each of these self-selected groups would work to produce a road map “to outline the path forward to create irreversible momentum for response to the challenge.” Each road map was to include a description of the challenge or “critical issue facing Maryland libraries.” A vision of the desired outcome was outlined and long and short term goals needed to achieve this vision were identified. Key players needed to achieve the goals, including those not present at the conference, were identified. Members of each table volunteered to be champions, those willing to keep the vision alive and to act as a point of contact. The final consideration was the integration or coordination of the challenge with other challenges. Each group then presented their road map to the group.

Before the work of day two commenced, Casper Taylor, former speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, gave the keynote address. Mr. Taylor suggested the creation of an umbrella organization of all Maryland libraries with a unified goal and agenda. He encouraged librarians to participate and increase visibility in other non-library organizations such as the Maryland Association of Counties and the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, and to increase the collaboration among different types of libraries. He challenged conference participants to market to legislators, county government, and boards of education, and to make known the value of the library in the technological revolution. Mr. Taylor emphasized the importance of hard, quantitative research, rather than anecdotal evidence, to demonstrate the value of libraries. Casper Taylor’s address was a great foundation from which to begin the work of meeting the challenges facing Maryland libraries today and in the future.

A full report of the conference is being prepared for distribution to all participants. It is hoped and requested that all will share the report with their respective stakeholder groups for a wide distribution of those findings. Look for this full report to be posted on the LLAM website. This is an opportunity for all librarians to be involved in mapping the future of Maryland libraries.
AALL News & Announcements

From the Desk of Susan E. Fox – AALL Executive Director- Oct. 14, 2004

AALL On-line Election Reminder
The AALL candidate biographies and statements are now available on AALL-NET. Please be sure to take a moment to read them. As a reminder, the schedule for the AALL elections will change dramatically this year. Instead of sending ballots out by postal service, the Association will distribute and tabulate ballots electronically. The elections will also occur four months earlier in November instead of March.

Here is the election schedule:

October 9, 2004: Deadline for receipt of petition candidates.
November 15, 2004: Ballots distributed electronically to all voting members (those who wish may receive paper ballots upon request to Gina Bordelon, 312-939-4764, ext. 12, by October 1).
December 15, 2004: Deadline for receipt of electronic ballots at AALL. Ballots tabulated at AALL, and results of elections announced immediately.

Susan E. Fox, AALL Executive Director

The Call for Papers Has Begun

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or for fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years
- Student Division for budding law librarians still in school. (Students need not be members of AALL.)

The winner in each division receives $750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. Winners’ papers will also be considered for publication in the Association’s prestigious Law Library Journal.

For more information, a list of previous winners, and an application, visit the AALL website at: http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Virginia Davis, davis@uh.edu; Renee Rastorfer, rrastorf@law.usc.edu or Patricia Wellinger, pwelling@law.du.edu.

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First Impression of 2004 Meeting of AALL Librarians: “A Force of Information”

By Jenny Smith, Research Librarian
Thurgood Marshall Law Library
University of Maryland School of Law

In 2003, the “Law for Non-JD’s” pre-Annual Meeting program at AALL in Seattle taught by Jonathan Franklin, Mary Hotchkiss, and Mary Whisner was my first exposure to the excellence of AALL programs. The two day training gave an overview of major legal areas such as tort, property, contract and constitutional law. Although I didn’t attend any other programs in 2003, it was apparent that the Annual Meeting schedule would engage attendees non-stop. My first full AALL Annual Meeting in Boston this year didn’t disappoint. A gathering of law librarians provides more information architecture, networks, communities of practice, knowledge sharing, and speed than any online community accessed over a T-1 Internet connection!

In terms of information architecture, I learned I would be lost without the purple AALL “final program” schedule, organized in chronological order by a meetings and events index and descriptions of programs and workshops; in alphabetical order by meetings and events, exhibitors, and speakers; and finally, by programs and workshops’ core competencies and proposing parties. (One resource that would have saved some time is an acronym index.) Many interesting programs and events overlapped, and although I tried to select programs based on relevancy to my work and research interests, I had a hard time picking which programs NOT to attend. The meetings I did attend were valuable, such as “How to Create and Teach a Law Practice Technology Course” and the “Baghdad Bibliofiles,” but it was unfortunate to miss the simultaneous “GovDocs on the Web” and “Providing Effective Reference Services While Avoiding Unauthorized Practice of Law.” I was impressed that AALL provided the handout documents for most programs in advance to help in the selection process, and to reduce the information cost of missing programs. In the end, I attended more than a dozen programs and meetings, uncountable exhibits, three parties (who could forget the decadent chocolate fountains at the Lexis event Sunday; the next night, the West reps took photos of librarians and returned them to us in adorable ballgame picture frames as memorabilia), two Dine Around dinners, a plenary, and a roundtable, in 4 ½ days.

The AALL Annual Meeting is like a virtual city within a city—a community of practice brought together in one location to share knowledge, take back to home institutions what was gleaned, and build connections with other librarians, including those who do similar work in our home institutions. My favorite part of the conference was collaborating with my colleagues in practice at the smaller events and meetings, such as the Dine Arounos, the LISP-SIS, CS-SIS, and RIPS-SIS business meetings, and the collaborative SR/LISP/RIPS-SIS Joint Roundtable on Services to Pro Se Patrons & Prisoners (see what I mean about needing an acronym index?). The LLAM Dine Around coordinated by Janet Camillo at the smorgasbord Marche Movenpick was perfectly timed on Saturday evening before the conference began. I met more than a few Maryland law librarians for the first time, and I ran into LLAM members everywhere I went over the next four days. It was great to see many LLAM members again at the end of the conference, too, although this time brought together by powerful “forces of information” other than AALL librarians; we were stranded for hours at the Boston Logan Intl. Airport due to delays caused by what the news reported as a Northwest airlines computer outage.

Announcing “The Future of Legal Research” on Nov. 17

The Maryland State Law Library is hosting the sixth and final lecture of its Anniversary Lecture Series at noon on Wednesday, November 17, 2004, in Annapolis. Delivered by Professor Amy Sloan of the University of Baltimore School of Law on "The Future of Legal Research: Electronic vs. Paper," the lecture will examine the differences between the use of electronic and paper sources in legal research. To attend the lecture, please RSVP to Catherine McGuire at 410-260-1430 or catherine.mcguire@courts.state.md.us.
By Beverly Rubenstein
Head Librarian, Maryland Attorney General’s Office

We have such logical, professional reasons for the things that we do. I attended my first SLA annual meeting in 2001 because it was held in San Antonio and I had never been there. I attended the SLA meeting in Nashville in 2004 because we were on vacation in July when AALL held its annual meeting (and where would you prefer to go – Boston or Norway?).

In many ways, the meetings of SLA and AALL are similar. We are all librarians, after all, with the same interests and concerns: technology, management, interaction with our patrons, the high price of information. SLA has a Legal Division whose programs would be at home at any AALL meeting, and the speakers are old friends, as well. Tom Fleming, formerly at Piper & Marbury, spoke at the Emerging Technologies breakfast and Genie Tyburski co-presented “Sixty Sites in Sixty Minutes.” But SLA has many other divisions and anyone can attend any of the programs. Both in 2001 and 2004, I found the programs of the News Division to be especially interesting. One, on intranets, was presented by reporters from the Nashville Tennessean and South Florida’s Sun-Sentinel and contained many ideas that I could put into effect at our library if our office would ever find the money to develop an intranet. The Military Division sponsored a program that we all could use: “Survive and Thrive in the Library.”

SLA is larger than AALL – more programs, a bigger exhibit hall, big name speakers (in 2001, Molly Ivins and Dave Barry were keynote speakers) – but bigger is not always better. There are too many attendees to have one opening reception, one luncheon, and one closing banquet that everyone can attend. Instead, there are get-togethers for the various divisions. BNA sponsors a breakfast for the Legal Division each year, and West sponsors a hospitality suite where tired law librarians can sit for a spell and enjoy snacks and drinks.

The exhibit hall at SLA, like the one at AALL, provides opportunities to see new products and demos and talk to information vendors. There are also giveaways and raffles of which I won zilch, thus preserving my perfect record. The conference center and hotel in Nashville were under one roof with an atrium containing 30,000 plants, waterfalls, geysers and a river, all under 650 tons of glass causing some attendees to call it “The Terrarium” and others “The Biosphere.” I was reminded of George S. Kaufman’s remark about Moss Hart’s estate: “This is what God would have done if He only had money.”

In addition to learning, sharing and networking, one of the joys of attending professional conferences is the chance to see new places. It is extremely unlikely that I would ever have visited Indianapolis (thumbs up!) or Anaheim.
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(thumbs down!) if not for AALL and I certainly would never have attended a performance of Grand Ole Opry if not for SLA. Therefore, I am very disappointed with AALL’s new policy of limiting the cities for the annual meeting. The ideal location, I think, should have many hotels and restaurants, many historical and cultural attractions, public transportation (because some of us are too timid to drive in Los Angeles, for example) and a unique feel that makes it different from any other city. Sounds a lot like Baltimore, doesn’t it?

LLAM Member News

Don’t forget that our own LLAM former president, Steve Anderson, has been nominated for a position on the AALL Executive Board.


Good luck, Steve!

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