

LLAM NEWS



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President's Message:

There was a very interesting documentary on public television the other evening about "beatniks" and the "Beat Generation" of the 1950's and 1960's. I've long admired Jack Kerouac's writings, so I chose to tune in (but not turn on or drop out). Shortcomings of the program notwithstanding, the show made me realize the importance of the expression of independent and unique points of view. The Beats' ideas sprang from both a just anger at the status quo and the need to express eloquence and beauty. Indeed, with fresh ideas comes renewed creativity.

I enjoy librarianship because it offers the ability to bring our own new, somewhat personal, ideas to our institutions and clients. Of course our bibliographies and intranets aren't really created with as much panache or inhibition as "On the Road" or "Howl," but there's something in them that comes uniquely from us—as people with varied backgrounds, as librarians with specialized training, as members of the Maryland legal community. Our reference interviews are imbued with our own perspectives and ideas.

This, then, must explain why I've had such a wonderful time serving as LLAM President this past year. I've had an opportunity to meet many of you, listen to you, and find out just how you personally are contributing to librarianship and your clients. And I've loved every minute of it!

I'd especially like to take the time to thank all those leaders of LLAM who preceded me and those board members and committee chairs who faithfully stuck with me throughout the year. I also owe a special debt of gratitude to Ginger Gerton for the wonderful programs she planned for members over the course of the year. Together we worked to make LLAM more accountable and helpful to its members. And I think we made local law librarianship just a little more creative and interesting. I can't wait for next year!

Steve Anderson



**Evergreen House:
Site of Spring Fling 2000**
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A Note from the Editor:

I just want to take the opportunity to publicly thank everyone for their support during the past two years. It was a pleasure to serve LLAM as Editor of the Newsletter.

I enjoyed the challenge, but now will focus my "spare time" on duties that come along with having a 5-year old going to Kindergarten in the Fall! (It seems like just yesterday when LLAM gave me a baby shower – how is this possible?)

I pass the reins over to the very capable Sheri Ripley at Ober, Kaler. Please support her in her efforts to put together the newsletter. Volunteer to write – submit information, and help keep her notified of what you want to see in your newsletter.

Sheri – best wishes. This is one time that you have permission to badger the boss – Ginger has to write for YOU – at least four times this year!

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