

◊ AzALL Newsletter ◊

Spring 2001

SWALL/SEALL 2001 Joint Meeting

by Connie Strittmatter
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This year's SWALL annual meeting was held jointly with SEALL in Atlanta, GA.

On Thursday, April 19, there were two day long pre-conferences. *Electronic Delivery & Web Products: Integrating & Managing a Hybrid Collection* discussed the issues facing many librarians today as to the handling of both print and electronic collections in our libraries. Our very own Tory Trotta was the presenter. The second pre-conference was *Teaching Research in Academic Law Libraries*. Melanie Putnam provided insight in how to improve classroom teaching by incorporating a variety of teaching styles for the adult learner, developing a good syllabus, and creating meaningful exercises that work.

The opening reception on Thursday evening was at the Carlos Museum on the campus of Emory University. A string quartet played throughout the evening as librarians conversed and mingled with colleagues. For those interested in the museum, the Ancient Egypt Art exhibit was accessible throughout the night. Mummies, jewelry, and pottery were among the many items to view in this exhibit.

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**AALL 94th
Annual Meeting & Conference**
Minneapolis, Minnesota
July 14-19, 2001



Besides reading the series of articles appearing in *Spectrum* about the annual meeting and some of what Minneapolis has to offer, you might want to check out the local chapter's website. They have put together "A Guide to the Twin Cities and Beyond" at <http://www.aallnet.org/events/local01/localn.htm>

If you're willing and able to help out in Minneapolis, the deadline for submitting the Volunteer Opportunities Registration form is May 1st (which is imminent or past, depending on how quickly you're reading this issue). This was emailed to the AzALL list, but here's another chance to think about it. Another copy of the volunteer form is attached to this issue.

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Internet Librarian 2000 Conference Notes

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Last November, I attended the 4th Annual Internet Librarian conference in Monterey, California sponsored by Information Today and the Special Libraries Association. As usual, the conference had a lot to offer information professionals of every stripe, both on the tech side and the content side. There were 2000 attendees, about the same as the last two years. The conference lasted three days with each day being broken down into four different tracks. The sessions were all 45 minutes long with 3 speakers typically given 15 minutes each to make their points and give their insights. I believe this is an excellent model for adult education and maximizes the time each presenter is given. When it comes to all-day learn-a-thons, the shorter the lessons the more likely you are to take something valuable away from them.

The first day's tracks were Web Wizards' Symposium, Navigating the Net, eResources, and Intranet Pros Institute. On the second day the tracks were Web Tools, Search Engines & Training, Content Management, and Portals. The tracks on the last day were Systems & Web, Virtual Communities, eRoles & Careers, and KM & Info Architecture. As usual, there was such a wealth of offerings that conflicts were inevitable. I ended up attending primarily sessions relating to Navigating the Net, Search Engines, KM & Info Architecture, and Portals while sampling a few from the other tracks.

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Internet Librarian 2000 - Conference Notes

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One of the best things about the Internet Librarian is that you get the chance to see and hear some of the leaders in the online world. People like Barbara Quint, Reva Basch, Mary Ellen Bates, Gary Price, Danny Sullivan, and Chris Sherman were all panelists and presenters. If you read *Searcher* magazine and others like it, you are probably familiar with their writings. I particularly enjoy listening to their summaries of the year that has just passed as well as their predictions for the coming years. With the advent of "Internet speed" an annual conference like this has become invaluable for trying to keep up with developments and trends. The new sites you discover are alone worth the price of admission.

I attended a number of interesting sessions including the Dot-Com-ization of the Info Profession, Tools of the Trade, Same Tasks, Just New Tools, the Invisible Web, One Stop Shopping, the Engine Environment, My Favorite Engine, and

Portals: Definition, Landscape & Future. Google continued its dominance as favorite search engine of the panelists and attendees. The Invisible Web was a big topic along with information visualization, conceptual search engines, knowledge management, and information architecture. I would highly recommend taking a look at the presentations from the conference that are available at the *Information Today's* web site at: <http://www.infotoday.com/il2000/presentations/default.htm>

As law librarians, we all know that the Internet revolution is going to continue for the foreseeable future. We can keep up with email newsletters and print resources, but if possible, I would try to attend the Internet Librarian at some point as well. It continues to be one of the best continuing education experiences available and invaluable way of gaining knowledge from some of the leaders of our profession. This year's conference will be held in November in Pasadena, California.

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Annual May Banquet - May 17, 2001

12 noon - 2 p.m.

A LEAGUE OF OUR OWN SUPPER CLUB

455 N. Third Street, Suite 2005
Phoenix

Guest Speaker: MaryRuth Storer
AALL Executive Board Member - Director, Orange County Law Library

*Lunch is being sponsored
by Michael Saint-Onge and the Library Relations Group at LEXIS-NEXIS*

\$10 per member
RSVP to Steve Hekel at Lewis & Roca by May 11th

ASU's JumpStart

by Alison Ewing
ASU Ross-Blakley Law Library

Alison and Mike Chiorazzi (U of A) presented information at the April 26th AzALL meeting about readying law students for summer clerking.

Jumpstart owes its beginnings to an AZALL Annual Meeting eight years ago. At that meeting, Bob Oakley was our guest speaker and spoke enthusiastically about a "Bridge the Gap" program that was offered at Georgetown Law School. Bob's speech was followed by a panel discussion of what research issues face firm, corporate and government librarians when the summer clerks arrive. It was very clear from that meeting that librarians expected and needed more help from Arizona's law schools in preparing law students for their first summer legal job.

Jumpstart is ASU's attempt to do just that. We just completed our seventh annual Jumpstart Program and like the energizer bunny it just keeps going and going and going. Jumpstart is a free, one day program presented by the ASU librarians in the spring to 50 law students who are going into their first summer job. Costs for the program are underwritten by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar, law firms and the College of Law.

Our main goal for the program is to prepare law students for the legal research component of their first summer jobs. We do this by presenting information on subjects and formats that are not covered or not used much in first year legal research: looseleafs, the internet, administrative law, legislative histories, etc. We also try to give them practical tools to use (how to ask for information, resources they can use, etc). We also try to make them aware of efficiency in searching (when to use online sources, what questions to ask when they get to their firm or agency about online sources, etc.). We also want them to develop logical strategies for doing their research and of course we want to make them aware (if they aren't already) that we will be there for them.

The format for Jumpstart is a combination of presentations, panel discussions, breakout groups and a simulation. What we've covered over the years has changed...but not greatly. We reintroduced the simulation this year after not having it for a few years. It went very well.

Evaluations from the students have been consistently great. We would love to find a way to get some feedback from the librarians and lawyers in firms and agencies that our students go to. Any ideas???

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The conference officially began on Friday with programs running concurrently throughout the day and finishing at noon on Saturday. Some of the program topics included:

- ◇ Getting published;
- ◇ Using legal vendor tools for the intranet development;
- ◇ Researching and writing grants;
- ◇ Preparing law students to perform legal research in a law firm or court setting;
- ◇ Comparing legal reference products;
- ◇ Accessing public records via the internet;
- ◇ Teaching basic legal research to Pro Se patrons.

Friday evening was an appetizers and trivia event. This was a great opportunity to unwind after a long day and make new friends while answering trivia questions. (Can you name in order the last four presidents who died beginning with the most recent?) [answers below](#)



As with most conferences, some of the best things about it was the contact I was able to make with other librarians and the free flow and exchange of ideas. It is always great to see how other librarians are doing things.

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Richard Nixon - April 22, 1994
Lyndon Johnson - January 22, 1973
Harry Truman - December 26, 1972
Dwight Eisenhower - March 28, 1969

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AALL Annual Meeting and Convention in Minneapolis

Volunteer Opportunities Registration

Do you like to meet and greet people? Want to write about AALL programs or interview speakers? Like to tell people "where to go?" Want to know what's in those bags before the conference? Yes? Then be a volunteer at this year's AALL Annual Meeting and Convention in Minneapolis. Complete and return this form by May 1, 2001. And thank you in advance for all your help!

Yes, I'll help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Whatever is needed | <input type="checkbox"/> Daily Newspaper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Desk | <input type="checkbox"/> Main Events |
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