



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the summer issue! We quickly learned that a week between deadline and publication does not work well. We have additional newsletter committee members and publication procedures in place. So far, so good.

EDITORS' NOTE

If you couldn't make it to the MALL Spring Conference, this issue is a must-read for you. We have gathered reports from most of the sessions and photos, too. It was an interesting meeting in a new location, Thomson Reuters headquarters in Eagan, with the added attraction of facility tours.

This issue also includes a recap of MALL committee activities from last year, an updated committee chairs page, and a report from our colleagues in the Carolinas, Donna Trimble and Susan Catterall, on the SEAALL Annual Meeting. If that isn't enough ... we're introducing a new, local member-to-member question. This issue's question: What is something MALL members don't know about you?

Enjoy summer, short though it may seem, and be ready to report on the AALL Annual Meeting for the next issue!
- Anita & Karla

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President's Note

Elizabeth Reppe
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As I sit down to write this note I find it hard to believe it is for the summer issue. Except for the two days we had of 100+ degree temperatures, most days it hasn't felt like spring or summer. Regardless of the weather, I'm looking forward to the upcoming year. Neal Axton and the new, ad hoc Social Committee are planning a summer picnic for MALL members and their families. Look for a save-the-date to be announced soon. By the time this is published, the committee chairs and executive board will have met to discuss ideas and goals for the year. (See the last page for the updated list of chairs.) I'm

hoping our new committee structure will provide good support for the projects we take on this year. As most people will not be assigned to specific committees this year, I encourage members to contact me, the executive board, or committee chairs if you have ideas for MALL projects, education, programming, etc. I want to specifically address this to our newer members. MALL isn't just for people who have been members for years. Great, new, fresh ideas can come from brand-new members. There is no age or years of service requirement to become involved!



Pauline Afuso passes the gavel to our new President.

MALL 2011 Spring Conference

Review of Programs Presented

Keynote Speaker: Darcy Kirk

Associate dean for library and technology & professor of law
University of Connecticut School of Law Library

Submitted by Anita Anderson

Minnesota Attorney General Library

Darcy, vice president of AALL, was invited to visit the MALL chapter and participate in our spring conference. She came via Chicago, travelling from there by train, a favorite mode of transportation. While here, she visited five libraries.

In her talk after the business meeting, she (1) gave advice about how to get involved in AALL, and (2) provided an update on AALL's staff and executive board.

1. Volunteer, volunteer, volunteer! If you give, you get back. It helps your career and you make friends. Ways to participate include CONELL (Conference of Newer Law Librarians), committees, SISs, proposing programs, applying for grants so you can attend the annual meeting, and keeping your AALLnet profile up-to-date. She offered two cautions: (1) Follow through or it will haunt you, and (2) Do it well, on time.

2. AALL update

- o Darcy will have a fall summit for younger members that will explore the future of the profession. She hopes this will provide inspiration for one of her initiatives of connecting with newer, younger members while narrowing the age divide by engaging and sharing ideas.
- o She described the new categories of AALL recognition, including Hall of Fame Award, Emerging Leader Award, Volunteer Service Award, Innovations in Technology Award, and anniversary pins.

- o AALL finances have improved with no reserve fund use this year. Annual meeting registrations are ahead of Portland.
- o Darcy talked about advocacy. With Mary Alice Baish's departure to be assistant public printer and superintendent of documents at GPO, AALL has hired Julie Strandlie as director of government relations. Other AALL activities mentioned were Access to Legal Materials on the Web, with Brian Huffman spearheading the project for Minnesota, and Recruitment Committee, with Sara Galligan as chair.
- o AALLnet is all new and will be moving to a more interactive format. Chapter websites are not on AALLnet's new site but are linked from it.
- o Annual meeting changes were outlined, including no closing banquet, no sponsorship for opening event, and other schedule changes.

New Projects, New Web Resources, and the Electronic Legal Material Act

Michele Timmons

Minnesota Revisor of Statutes

Submitted by Karla Gedell

Minnesota Attorney General Library

You may know Michele Timmons as the woman behind Minnesota's statutes and administrative rules and the website that gives us online access to it all. She's also a national leader in the authentication of digital legal materials. MALL was delighted to have Ms. Timmons back for an update of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) and to hear what's new on Minnesota's award-winning legislative website.



UELMA : Roots in AALL

In March 2007, AALL published the results of a study, *State-by-State Report on Authentication of Online Legal Resources*. The study found that while many government-sponsored online legal resources are considered official, states may not have implemented any standards to ensure that the resources are authentic.



Abby Walters, Doris Dingley, and Liz Reppe

In April 2007, AALL convened a National Summit on Authentication of Digital Legal Information. Fifty delegates met to discuss the report findings and explore solutions to the authentication issue. In June 2007, after participating in the AALL summit, Michele Timmons submitted a proposal to the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) to create a study committee on digital authentication.

By February 2008, the committee was formed with Timmons as chair and former AALL president Barbara Bintliff as AALL observer. In July 2009, NCCUSL formed a drafting committee, again with Timmons as chair. Mary Alice Baish, former AALL government relations director (now GPO superintendent of documents) and Ms. Timmons drafted the first version of UELMA. Comments to the act were written by Barbara Bintliff.

A final reading of the act is expected in July 2011 at the Uniform Law Commissioners' annual meeting. If the act is approved there, twenty states must approve it before it can be officially adopted as a uniform or model act. Following this vote, states may enact their own versions, possibly as early as 2012.

What's in the Act?

UELMA has three requirements: (1) electronic materials must be **authenticated** to prove they have been unaltered, (2) they must be **preserved** in either print or electronic format, and (3) they must be permanently **accessible** to the public.

The act requires that state constitutions, session laws, statutes, and administrative rules adhere to the three requirements. Other permitted documents include court rules, court decisions, state administrative agency decisions, and other state legal materials.

Who implements authentication? For each legal material, an agency or official must be designated the "official publisher." It is their duty to authenticate, preserve, and keep the materials accessible.

Other Issues

- Commercial publishers. The official publisher may contract with a commercial entity to publish the official legal materials but is still responsible for authentication, preservation, and accessibility.
- Copyright. Federal law still applies.
- Rules of evidence and electronic evidence. To be determined by courts.
- Changes in technology. UELMA is technology-neutral and is outcome-based. It is the responsibility of the official publisher to keep up with developing technology.

Revisor's Online Resources Update

When Ms. Timmons last spoke at a MALL meeting in 2008, the Minnesota session laws were being scanned and linked to the online statute sections on the revisor's website. Since then, the following projects have been undertaken:

- Minnesota administrative rules have been scanned and posted, going back to 1983. The archives include the 1982 MCAR reprint. [Author's note: don't miss the last link, [Minnesota State Law Library](#). This links to "[Tracking Changes to Minnesota Agency Regulations \(MCAR\)](#)." MSLL has scanned the 3x5 cards listing the dates of changes to individual rules, an invaluable online resource for tracing history of administrative rules prior to 1982.]
- Databases of Minnesota court rules at the revisor's office and those at the court are now the same. The court's website includes *proposed* rules. The revisor's website has *effective* rules, including comments. Older versions will be retained going forward. A new project will scan past years' Minnesota court rules and make them available online.
- Minnesota statutes (including Mason's) are now available online back to 1851.
- A table of unconstitutional statutes lists statutes that have never been repealed but that courts have declared unconstitutional. Includes links to court cases when available.

Legislative History

Paul Van Cura, reference librarian
Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
Submitted by Mary Wells
University of St. Thomas Schoenecker Law Library

Paul Van Cura gave us an update on the status of some projects relating to legislative history materials in Minnesota. The bad news is that older committee tapes are being recycled since space and money are scarce, and the tapes would have required restoration to remain useful. But the Legislative Reference Library is working to preserve and maintain access to material going forward:

- Since 2004, legislative sessions and committee meetings have been captured on streaming audio and video.
- There are now links to committee minutes and hearings.



Liz Reppe, Tammie Follet, and Doris Dingley

Paul also offered some tips and insights on researching legislative history in Minnesota:

- Use the Legislative Reference Library's online guide, which is a definitive compilation of the sources, coverage, and process of Minnesota legislative history.
- Use pre-1991 law review articles to locate quotations from tapes that have been recycled.
- Minutes can be used to tell "who cares." Researchers can then contact these organizations and individuals and use their comments for general background on an issue.
- Minutes in hard copy at the Legislative Reference Library often have attachments, amendments, and handouts that do not exist in the online copies.

Advice from the Top: Tips for Job Seekers

(Panel discussion with law library directors)

Submitted by Brian R. Huffman
Washington County Law Library

Library directors:

- Kathleen Bedor, principal, Law Library Consultants, Inc.
- Simon Canick, associate dean of information resources, William Mitchell College of Law
- Pat Cummings, director of research services, Leonard, Street, and Deinard
- Sara Galligan, director, Ramsey County Law Library

Ever wonder what directors are looking for when it comes to hiring criteria? Do they really look at those résumés we labor over? Is it all subjective, or is there a science or a method to their madness? I'm not sure all of these questions were answered, but four hiring personnel took part in a panel discussion and shared their thoughts and suggestions for would-be job seekers.

When asked if the directors preferred legal or library experience, most answered that the library degree is favored but that sometimes it truly depends on the nature of the library job. Sara indicated that a law library board may make a decision to hire someone with a JD believing the legal experience to be a better fit for a county law library. Sara suggested looking at [How to Hire a State, Court or County Law Librarian](#), a publication of the State, Court, and County Law Libraries special interest section of AALL.

Pat also preferred the library degree and extolled the lack of training necessary when hiring MLIS-degreed individuals. She postulated that technology experience is needed for all applicants. No specific technologies were elaborated upon. She shared with the audience that the work in a firm library requires more identification of resources for patrons than substantive legal research.

Simon stressed other factors that weigh in higher than the degree per se: intelligence, creativity, and the ability to be interesting and "fit in" with others. He also concurred that the library experience is superlative to the legal, with the exception of reference, in which the tables are turned and a JD may offer an advantage.

Next, Kathleen was asked about trends in what employers were looking for in new hires. It is dependent on that library's unique needs—she sees a shift toward comprehensive print/electronic sources and a move toward competitive intelligence. Kathleen indicated that a business background is preferred for many of her clients. She stressed the need for forward-thinking, creative, and innovative applicants.

The panel was then asked if they had ever selected a candidate with no experience and trained them and, if so, why? The majority said yes. Enthusiasm, good customer service, and flexibility can overcome lack of

experience. Some hire with no experience to help develop the next generation of librarians. Pat's advice was to look



Liz Reppe and Tammie Follett

for someone you can get along with who displays a commitment to service with a sense of curiosity. She also encouraged sending new employees to training and reaping the investment. Kathleen was the exception among the group, citing a need to fulfill the minimum qualifications agreed upon with her clients. A high work ethic is needed, Kathleen also indicated.

The panel then turned to details and specifics of the hiring process. They were asked if their organization requires transcripts, writing examples, or presentations. Here are their answers:

Sara: Her library requires transcripts and references and asks for salary requirements to avoid interviewing people who would not be interested in the amount offered.

Simon: A writing sample is asked for. He said he would prefer to see something different and genuine like five e-mail messages an applicant is proud of or a blog, but he usually sees a law review article as the sample.

Pat: Her human resources department requires a background check. She doesn't look at references unless she wants to interview a candidate.

Kathleen: Prefers to chat with the candidate on the phone before she takes a résumé. She has been known to keep a résumé for years before the right job comes along.

For their final question the panel weighed in on online MLIS programs versus traditional programs. They were asked if they preferred one over the other. Simon's opinion has changed recently, as he believes that outcomes can be

better or the same from online programs. Sara said that the online degree is good and that library directors need to stay on top of these programs.

As some final words of wisdom, the directors encouraged all forms of connection building, reminding us that some of the most satisfying job-seeking experiences for directors occur during informational interviews. So get out there and see what you are missing or learn something about a library job you have an interest in. Make a few calls and find out what other librarians are up to through an informational interview. I, for one, can speak highly on this issue. That was how I transitioned from solo practice to law librarianship three years ago—it started with a few interviews over the spring and summer and resulted in my current position and education.

MLIS Accreditation & Current State of Trends in Library Education

Deborah Grealy, associate dean of library & information science

St. Catherine University

Submitted by Kathy Kelly

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Deborah Grealy spoke in an afternoon breakout session at the MALL Spring Conference. She has been at St. Kate's for eighteen months now but arrived at a crucial time: the ongoing accreditation process of the MLIS program. She addressed two topics: the accreditation process and trends in library education. What she described regarding accreditation is not for the faint of heart and requires extreme support of the institution. Educational accreditation, both regional and specialized, is a quality assurance process. St. Kate's has twenty-three programs with specialized accreditations, some in healthcare, such as nursing and occupational therapy, and some in professional studies, namely, social work, education, and library science. The MLIS program received initial accreditation by the American Library Association in January 2011.

Library education is alive and well, and a master's degree in LIS is "a passport to the profession." Deborah presented graphs and tables depicting national enrollment trends (up), and discussed distance learning, library spending trends, journal usage, and the rumors of retiring boomers. The role of the twenty-first century librarian is exemplified by changing technology, changing physical library space, more breadth of work available, expanding innovations, and flexible areas of expertise and responsibility. With a nod to her audience and MALL, Deborah pointed out that law librarians have

been paving the way for years. Unique services for a specialized clientele, paperless libraries, digital portals, and electronic formats all describe the current law library workplace. Thank you, Deborah, for a wonderful presentation.

Impact of Budget Cuts on the Minnesota Judicial System

Submitted by Anita Anderson

Minnesota Attorney General Library

Hon. Edward Lynch, chief judge of the First Judicial District, outlined some of the challenges that must be met, even with a shrinking budget:

- the courts are driven by volume, e.g., 6,400 cases filed every day
- constitutional mandates
- ongoing initiatives
 - drug/problem-solving courts
 - Pro Se Assistance Program
 - Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
 - Initial Case Management Conference/Early Neutral Evaluation (ICMC/ENE) in family law

Minnesota courts are rated in the top ten by the National Chamber of Commerce. A recent survey showed that 80 percent of respondents have confidence in the court system.

Impacts of a further reduced budget include delays, reduced hours, increased ADR, restraints on number of witnesses, etc.

Jerry Winter, First Judicial District administrator, provided state-wide statistics: 315 judges, 2,500 employees, 1.6 million cases per year, 99 locations, 285-million-dollar budget, and 280-million-dollar revenue. Nineteen-million-dollar base budget cuts in the past resulted in a loss of 10 percent of staff. Courts have requested a 6.75-million-dollar increase for insurance costs and pension plans. Mr. Winter outlined efficiency innovations implemented by the courts, including central payment center, e-File system, document imaging, remote interpreting, and in-court record updates. The courts are managing resources and developing solutions to restrain costs. If the courts must bear additional cuts, up to 100 percent of low-priority cases may not be processed, among other impacts.

Steve Holmgren, chief public defender, First Judicial District, provides public defender services for seven counties. The state-wide office is a judicial branch agency and is administered by a seven-member Board of Public Defense. There have been budget cuts since 2003, with the

biggest in 2008 when the First District lost ten lawyers, 20 percent of its total. Currently there are forty attorneys; many are part-time. They cannot control case load because they cannot refuse cases. Ways they can economize include using volunteer lawyers and law clerks and screening for client eligibility.

Katie Trotzky, director of Legal Assistance of Dakota County, noted that although there is no constitutional mandate for legal assistance, her office makes access to the courts meaningful for low-income people. The staff



Tammie Follet and Trudi Busch

members determine eligibility, and they handle less than 50 percent of requests. Work is carried out by a combination of staff and volunteers. There are a variety of federal and state funding sources, which are now below the 2006 levels. In the current House bill, the budget will be cut 25 percent in the second year of the biennium. The additional fees in attorney registrations do not make up for other cuts.

Judy Rehak, acting state law librarian and senior legal counsel, State Court Administrator's Office, has been assigned to the Law Library while continuing her other responsibilities. Ways that the library is working to adjust to budget cuts include working to better manage the collection, examining how to do things more efficiently, prioritizing what they do, reevaluating the collection, and not hiring—but also not laying off. She does not see an answer to having a permanent state law librarian in the immediate future. She is hopeful that the allocations will compensate for future cuts.

Business Meeting Minutes (Highlights)

Doris A. Dingley
Director of Library & Research Services
Lindquist & Venum
MALL secretary-treasurer

Call to Order at 8:55 a.m. by President Pauline Afuso. She thanked Liz Reppe and the Education Committee for all of their work, thanked the executive board, and introduced incoming AALL President Darcy Kirk, who spoke after the business meeting. She introduced Katie Leonard, who welcomed the attendees on behalf of Thomson Reuters, and acknowledged the Thomson Reuters donation of \$500 in support of the spring conference.

- New committee structure piloted for next year.
- (Ad-Hoc) Social Committee was established this year for more informal networking opportunities. Neal Axton has pioneered the effort this year and plans more for the coming year.
- Doris Dingley asked for programming ideas/topics for the coming year to be forwarded to her at ddingley@lindquist.com.

Minutes from the business meeting held March 2, 2011, were approved.

Passing of the Gavel. Pauline Afuso passed the gavel and presidency over to Liz Reppe.

Treasurer's Report by Doris Dingley. As of April 30, 2011, there is \$8,190 in the checking account and \$11,028 in our money market account, for total assets of \$19,218. None of the spring conference expenses have posted. Year-end financials (for fiscal year July 2010–June 2011) will be posted on the MALL website in the Members Only section.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Election Results. Doris A. Dingley, director of library and research services at Lindquist and Venum law firm, is the new incoming vice president/president-elect, and Abby Walters, librarian at Maslon law firm, is the new secretary-treasurer.

Old Business. Members approved a motion to add an "unemployed" membership category.

New Business/Other.

- Renewals for upcoming membership year will be sent out in early June.



Committee Reports

Archives

Dennis Skrade, chair

I have had an intern, Molly McGilp. She is a student at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee. She has been working in the MALL Archives since January 2011 and will continue through the summer. Under my direction, Molly has gone over the MALL Archives with a discerning look, searching for misplaced items and duplicate items. Once she has completed this task, we will create a collection record for the MALL Archives and catalog it in OCLC. The folder headings will be listed, and I hope to provide a link to the photographs that David Zopfi-Jordan has in a file. I am excited at seeing this coming to the stage of being added to our collection as a record and a valuable resource available to everyone.

Awards, Grants & Scholarships

Barb Kallusky, chair

Mila Rush resigned from the Awards, Scholarships, and Grants Committee this year.

The committee awarded the following grants for people to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in July:

Pauline Afuso	\$1000.00
Mila Rush	1000.00
Mary Rumsey	600.00 (\$100 from MALL and \$500 from Lexis)
Regina Watson	400.00

Many thanks to Lexis for the donation of \$500 to support MALL's effort to provide grants to people attending AALL's annual meeting, and to Megan Jens for helping review the applications for grants.

Consulting & Community Outreach

Todd Fenton, chair

Volunteer Librarians Coalition (VLC) Subcommittee

Trudi Busch & Jennifer Doyle, co-chairs

Members of the committee for 2010-2011 were Todd Fenton (chair), Sara Galligan (past chair), Sarah Mulligan, Trudi Busch (VLC co-chair), Jennifer Doyle (VLC co-chair), Cheryl Grose (VLC), Emily Klukken (VLC), Barb Minor (VLC), Janet Sheets (VLC), Theresa Wolner (VLC), and Doris Dingley (serving in the role of board liaison).

The members of the Volunteer Librarians Coalition (VLC) Subcommittee met almost weekly during the last year, planning services and responding to reference questions posed by users of the [VLC Wiki](#). Our activities fall into the following categories:

- Service to the Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN). VLC librarians offer reference service to any of the 700+ volunteer lawyers affiliated with VLN, in Hennepin County and beyond. In 2010, the group responded to twenty questions from across twelve practice areas, with family and housing law being the hot topics. Responses included case law and secondary legal sources obtained through the VLC's special access to Westlaw. VLN staff attorneys also have access to Westlaw through the generosity of Thomson West.
- Two VLN staff members attended VLC meetings to discuss additional resources for the wiki. A VLC bookmark is distributed to all new volunteers and at the VLN annual meeting. VLC co-chair Jennifer Doyle is also serving a term on the VLN board.
- Wiki content development. The nexus of service to volunteer lawyers is the VLC Wiki, first launched in 2009 as a repository for VLN work product and links to external resources. VLC members are continuously



adding new links, checking existing links, and refining the features of the site. For part of the year we were assisted by an intern from St. Catherine University.

- The VLC opened a Gmail account for incoming queries and document sharing space. A targeted Google search box was also added to each area of law page.
- Expanded outreach. In 2010 the VLC, with the blessing of the VLN, approached the leaders of ProJusticeMN.org to discuss how we might assist their network of volunteer attorneys in greater Minnesota. While they are not ready to commit to a formal resource-sharing relationship, ProJustice now lists the wiki on the front page of their website and provides a form for submitting questions. We will continue to seek ways to broaden our services beyond VLN and Hennepin County.
- Public relations. In addition to development of the bookmark and partnering with ProJusticeMN.org, VLC is seeking ways to raise our profile. There is now a presence for the group on LinkedIn, and a brief introductory video about VLC and the wiki was created and added to the site.

In the November 2010 communication with the committee, Todd Fenton presented an idea to develop or pilot a certification program in legal research for public librarians. There was a limited amount of discussion (mostly positive) regarding the idea.

As a follow up, Todd had discussions with Sara Galligan



Karen Westwood and Abby Walters

regarding the concept. Sara shared the concept with the Self-Represented Litigants Network (SRLN) in January 2011. Subsequently, Todd was asked to discuss the concept and the model it is based upon with them.

Since then, Todd spoke with Brian Huffman regarding his experiences working with MALL and conducting outreach work in public libraries in January 2011. Additionally, Todd spoke with Mary Ann Van Cura of the State Library Services group on their work and the work on Public Libraries and Access to Justice in March 2011.

Currently, there is a survey instrument in development to be reviewed by the committee in the next few weeks and ready for distribution in June. The goal is to have results in July and start developing curriculum goals during the later part of the summer.

Education

Liz Reppe, chair

During the past year the Education Committee put on three educational meetings and the holiday party. In October, MALL had its fall business meeting at the Ramsey County Courthouse. The evening started with a tour of the Ramsey County Law Library. Director Sara Galligan pointed out the many original judicial portraits that line the walls of the library. The law library has on display judicial portraits of past Second Judicial District Court judges, going back to 1857. The evening's speaker was Mary Lahammer, program host and political reporter from Twin Cities Public Television. She gave an interesting and informative presentation, replete with great stories about the gubernatorial candidates. It was particularly timely, considering it was three weeks before the election.

In December, MALL partnered with SLA to host the holiday party. The event was located at St. Catherine University, in the ballroom. A silent auction was held to benefit the SLA student chapter. The auction items were varied and plentiful, and the students raised \$1052 that evening. This was a slight increase over last year.

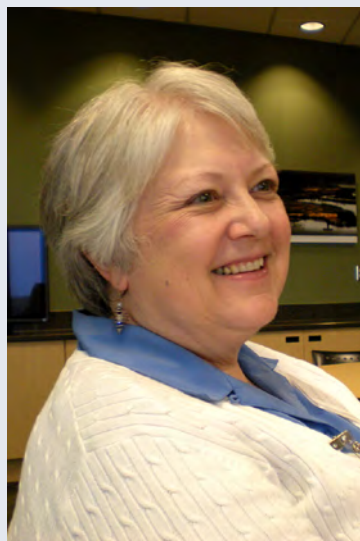
In March, MALL had its winter meeting at Lindquist and Venum. The law library staff gave a tour of their library and presented "A Day in the Life of the Lindquist & Venum Law Library." It was interesting to hear what the role of each of the four staff members in the library is.

The spring conference was held on May 6 at Thomson Reuters. We had a great turnout of seventy-six attendees, including several non-MALL members. The morning started with the business meeting. The treasurer's report and committee reports were given. Election results were also revealed. Doris Dingley was elected president-elect, and Abby Walters was elected secretary-treasurer. After the conclusion of the business meeting, Darcy Kirk, AALL president-elect, spoke about how to get involved in AALL and gave an AALL update. Next, Michele Timmons, Minnesota revisor of statutes, spoke about new projects and web resources in her office.

In the afternoon, two breakout sessions were held. At the first, session attendees had the option of either going on a tour of the editorial department or the print plant, or attending a session on legislative history presented by Paul Van Cura from the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library. Next, attendees could choose to attend a program on MLIS accreditation and library education trends, given by Dean Deborah Grealy, or a session on hiring criteria used by library directors. Speakers for that program included Sara Galligan, Ramsey County Law Library; Simon Canick, William Mitchell College of Law; Kathleen Bedor, Law Library Consultants; and Pat Cummings, Leonard, Street, and Deinard.

The final session of the day was a presentation entitled "The Impact of Budget Cuts on the Minnesota Judicial System." We had a distinguished group of presenters that included the Honorable Edward Lynch, chief judge of the First Judicial District; Jerry Winter, First Judicial District administrator; Katie Trozky, director of Legal Assistance of Dakota County; Steve Holmgren, chief public defender, First Judicial District; and Judy Rehak, acting state law librarian. The day ended with a social reception.

This year's committee included Pat Dolan, Debby Hackerson, Megan Jens, Grace Mills, Barb Minor, Jennifer Munnings, Dawn Rohan, and Erin Schlicht. I'd like to thank them for their assistance this year. I'd also like to thank Pauline Afuso, who provided me with invaluable assistance as my executive board liaison, and Annette Borer, who assisted at the spring conference, even though she wasn't on the committee.



Barb Minor

Legal Research Institute Committee

Brian R. Huffman, chair

The LRI Committee consists of Valerie Aggerbeck, Patricia Dolan, Vic Garces, Brian Huffman, Megan Jens, Grace Mills, Sarah Mulligan, Jennifer Munnings, Suzanne Thorpe, and Mary Wells.

The committee met once prior to the business meeting. The committee has decided the dates and location: Tuesdays, September 13 – November 1, 2011, at Hamline University School of Law.

The committee is in the process of determining the seminar topics and speakers. Stay tuned for more details.

Exchange

Susan A. Trombley, chair

The Exchange Committee posts used legal materials that organizations or people have for sale, wish to donate, or need. In 2010/2011, MALL Exchange had seventeen requests from law firms, lawyers, and libraries to list unused material. There were also ten requests from people seeking materials. Exchange does have a list of metro area recyclers for those books that remain homeless. In addition to the recycling option, [Books for Africa](#) also accepts a few categories of gently used legal materials

With the economy still in tenuous shape, many law graduates are deciding to start their own practices. Exchange has been able to help these fledgling attorneys locate print materials for their book shelves as they establish their practices. In addition to the Exchange listserv, the Minnesota State Bar Association Solo and Small Business listserv cross post available materials. With a broader audience, we hope to find homes for more of our print materials.

Government Relations

Wendy Biddle, chair

No report.

Membership

David Zopfi-Jordan, chair

We have 163 members: 54 (33 percent) from firm libraries, 48 (29 percent) from law schools, 31 (19 percent) from county/state libraries, 14 (9 percent) vendors, 4 (2 percent) retired and 4 (2 percent) students. The membership gained 11 new members, an increase of 7 percent.

Newsletter

Anita Anderson & Karla Gedell, co-editors

There were two newsletter issues this year. Karla and Anita joined the committee in May, in time to get out the second issue. We are grateful that MALL members contributed articles, photos, and announcements. Many thanks to the committee members Janelle Beitz, Andrea Fraser, and Kaythey Windyk.

The coming year will see four issues of the newsletter. Keep the contributions coming. The newsletter editors are always looking for good photographs of MALL events and meetings, too.

Nominations

David Zopfi-Jordan, chair

The MALL 2010/2011 Nominations Committee consisted of Nancee Halling, George Jackson, Hope Porter, and Liz Reppe. We had two names on the ballot for each slot (vice president/president-elect and secretary-treasurer). Our new vice president is Doris Dingley, and our new secretary-treasurer is Abby Walters.

Placement/Recruitment

Abby Walters, chair

This year, MALL's Placement/Recruitment Committee worked to support employment opportunities. Notices of employment and internship opportunities were posted on the website with the assistance of Internet Committee member Emily Waitz and circulated on the listserv. Approximately six local job openings were advertised this year on the MALL website, plus a number of national job listings were circulated on the listserv. Members of the placement and PR committees represented MALL at St. Catherine University's Library Association Fair. Members of the committee included chair Abby Walters and board liaison Neal Axton.

Public Relations

Hope Porter, chair

MALL was represented at the Minnesota Library Association annual conference in Rochester back in September 2010. Several MALL members staffed a table with MALL promotional materials. Thanks to them!

We also had a table in March at the Association for Legal Administrators' convention at the Minneapolis convention center. Five MALL members signed up to staff our table. It's

a great place to pitch the benefits of having a law librarian on staff—especially to law firm CEOs and other management people.

On March 14, MALL participated in the St. Kate's MLS Professional FAIR. MALL members from law firms, county law libraries, and other "walks of life" gathered that evening to meet and greet library students at St. Kate's. It was a great opportunity to promote the profession and also to meet and talk with librarians from other Minnesota associations.

Upcoming opportunities:

We were contacted by someone from the magazine *Attorney at Law*. This group is starting a Minnesota edition of this publication and wants to feature various local legal associations. Watch for a feature article about MALL in the near future. They will also post our event schedules, so this will be a great way to advertise our fall LRI program!

The Minnesota Paralegal Association has approached us to provide some legal research instruction for their members who are studying to take the PACE exam, which when passed provides paralegals with a kind of certification. They are hosting the national conference here in Minneapolis this summer and want to conduct a class as part of their program. Liz Reppe has volunteered to work with them to organize a class.

Lastly, please consider sending me some photos of your library and staff or a special event. We want to put together a Snapfish-type book to have at the AALL table this summer in Philadelphia.

Publications

Valerie Aggerbeck, chair

The MALL Publications Committee is responsible for maintaining contact with all committees on the subject of their current publications and tracking and maintaining lists of all materials published by MALL committees. This was done by sending e-mails to MALL committee chairs inquiring about their current and upcoming publications. The Membership Committee updated the MALL Membership Directory, available to members only through the MALL website, and is currently revising the membership form. The Newsletter Committee published the *MALL Newsletter*, available through the MALL website.

The Publications Committee is also responsible for updating the following MALL publications:

- *Union List of Loose-leaf Services* (published on the website)
- *MALL Procedures Manual* (published on the website and in print)
- *Internet Guide for Minnesota Legal Reference* (published on the website)
- *MALL Brochure* (a print handout)
- *Answers to Common Questions About Law Librarianship* (a print handout)
- *Five Reasons Why Your Organization Needs a Law Librarian* (a print handout)
- *A Guide to Major Law Library Collections in the Twin Cities* (published on the website)



Pat Cummings and Karen Westwood

None of these publications were updated this year. The *Union List of Loose-leaf Services* and the *Internet Guide for Minnesota Legal Reference* were updated last year. The Publications Committee is currently planning a long-term project involving the print and online update of Lori Hedstrom's paper, [The First Thirty Years of MALL](#). The committee will meet in June to draft a grant application and discuss the project in more detail. The committee hopes to add interactive materials to the MALL website, including videos and/or podcasts of MALL members discussing their experiences and memories of MALL. Other materials concerning MALL history can be viewed [here](#).

Technical Services SIG

Theresa Wolner, chair

No report.

VIP

Chair vacant.

No report.

Web Committee

Emily Waitz, chair

The Web Committee is responsible for the MALL website and administration of the listserv. Throughout the year, the website was updated to support member activities. Frequent updates included posting new newsletters, updating the calendar, and announcing meetings.

This year we also created procedural documents for website and listserv administration and established an online repository for these important documents. We started using web design software (MS Expression) to make updates more easily and take advantage of advanced web features.

Discussions of website redesign have continued and changed as the needs of the chapter have changed. That project will continue into the next year. The year ended with the AALL web server changing along with the process of managing our web site.

Downtowners

Kathy Kelly, Chair

See report in [spring newsletter issue](#).

South by Southeast: Attending the SEAALL Conference in South Carolina

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Charlotte School of Law

Connections

Susan:

In April of this year, I travelled from Charlotte, North Carolina, to Columbia, South Carolina, in order to attend my first SEAALL conference. Although I had attended regional conferences in the past, as a guest, I was attending this one as a new member and I wondered how I would fare without the security of familiar faces. Fortunately, Donna Trimble, now living in Columbia, was waiting for me and, as has often been the case, was installed at the conference registration table. We would like to share our perspectives and experiences with our friends and colleagues in Minnesota. As it would happen, we weren't the only MALL members in attendance; Margie Maes was also attending SEAALL, and the three of us had ample opportunities to catch up and socialize as we toured the South Carolina Supreme Court Library and socialized at the Friday night reception atop the Meridian Building.

Attending SEAALL permitted me to associate the names of individuals whom I had never met with faces I will not forget. In addition, I discovered old friends among the vendors and attendees. Even my Westlaw account representative, Lucas Mudrey, passed along greetings from Rick Goheen. I am in frequent communication with Julia O'Donnell, AALL director of membership, marketing, and communication, and we were finally able to meet face-to-face. I found Christine Sellers, a Columbia, South Carolina, native and, presently, legal reference librarian at the Library of Congress, at the registration desk. Several years earlier, Christine had been a member of a panel I had coordinated for the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting. Since that time, she has generously assisted me by providing advice for "The Reference Desk." I also renewed an acquaintance with Colleen Manning, assistant director at Florida Coastal, a sister school to

Charlotte School of Law. Colleen and I had met at a regional conference in Toronto, in 1996.

Donna was in a similar situation. In addition to me, she knew as few members of SEAALL as I did. She had become well acquainted with Joyce Manna Janto because she was the board representative to one of MALL's annual meetings. She stayed in Eagan and Donna had provided transportation for her.



South Carolina Statehouse

Contrasts and Comparisons

Donna:

Before talking about the SEAALL Annual Meeting, we thought it would be good to provide some background on SEAALL and some comparisons with MALL. While MALL includes a wide geographic area, most of the active members are in the Twin Cities area. SEAALL, on the other hand, covers eleven southeastern states (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. MALL has about 150 members, while SEAALL has over 500. There are also seven smaller AALL chapters that fall in the SEALL region, and some librarians are members of both the smaller chapters and SEAALL. There is an occasional informal group much like Downtowners. In Charlotte there is CALLA—the Charlotte Area Law Library Association—which meets quarterly. In





Donna Trimble at registration.

Columbia there is no similar organization. The Columbia law library community consists of five firm librarians (including me), the

committee, two of the firm librarians e-mailed and invited me to lunch. I met the rest of the local arrangements committee when we had the final walk-through at the hotel and the convention center. During the meeting I helped with registration, library tours, and providing direction for some of the events.

Joining the committee helped me meet several other people and made it much more comfortable going to the annual meeting, because at least I knew a few people. I highly recommend committee work,

particularly as a way for new members to get to know others.

Courts: The South Carolina Supreme Court Library

Donna:

Helping with the library tours provided another opportunity to learn more about my new city. My first tour was the Supreme Court Library. The library is located in the Supreme Court building, which is across the street from the State Capitol. The building was formerly a post office, and they have worked to retain and restore much of its historic character. This is evident from the main lobby with its ornate woodwork, chandeliers, marble walls, and original flooring. The lobby also contains paintings of significant figures in South Carolina's legal history and a display that depicts the building of the original post office.

The library contains over 40,000 volumes of law-related materials and is the second-largest public legal research collection in the state, after the USC Law Library. The collection is made up of South Carolina materials such as opinions of the South Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, *South Carolina Code of Laws*, *South Carolina Acts and Joint Resolutions*, and several South Carolina Bar publications; regional and federal reporters; form books; treatises; and law journals. It is also the repository for all briefs and records of cases heard before the South Carolina Supreme Court from 1918 to the present and the briefs and records of cases heard before the South Carolina Court of Appeals from 1983 to the present. The library furniture is all historic. It is amazing to see how well it has stood the test of time. The library also contains the official portraits of all of the Supreme Court

Supreme Court librarian, and the nine librarians at the University of South Carolina, so there are no local meetings here. MALL holds at least three combined educational programs and business meetings a year and does not have a formal meeting during AALL. SEAALL holds two business meetings a year. One is a business meeting followed by a reception at AALL, and the other is the multiday annual meeting that is primarily educational programming with a breakfast business meeting. For the most part MALL and SEAALL have similar committees. While many MALL committees meet in person, almost all of the committee work for SEAALL is done electronically. The other big difference in the committee structure is the addition of a local arrangements committee for the annual meeting. The education committee plans the educational component of the annual meeting, but everything else is done by local arrangements.

Neither North nor South Carolina have county or bar association libraries. Solo practitioners and small firms rely heavily on Casemaker and CLE materials published by the bar associations. Casemaker is provided to all South Carolina attorneys through the mandatory state bar. North Carolina attorneys are able to get access by joining the North Carolina Bar Association, which is a voluntary group separate from the state bar association. Those who live close enough also use the Supreme Court Library and the law school libraries. Pro se patrons are allowed to use the Supreme Court Library and the law school libraries, but many use the regular public libraries. SEAALL is working to provide training to the public librarians, much like what MALL has done, so that they may be more able to help their patrons.

Committees

Donna:

This year's annual meeting was in Columbia. Since I was new to the organization and wanted to get to know people, I decided to sign up for the local arrangements committee. Even though most of the work was done, they were eager to have another person. And I was right about it being a way to get to know the other Columbia law librarians. As soon as the e-mail went out announcing my addition to the



Susan Catterall boarding the bus.

justices. It was interesting to compare the various styles of the paintings.

On our tour we were also shown the courtroom, which has a large floor-to-ceiling panel of dark mahogany wood decorated with the seal of the Supreme Court. The courtroom is also adorned with several other symbols of South Carolina's heritage. We were also shown the robing room and the room where the justices meet to discuss cases. I was struck by the historic nature of the furnishings throughout the building.

Collections: The Ernest F. Hollings Library

Donna:

The Ernest F. Hollings Library at the University of South Carolina was the second tour I went on, and it provided a stark contrast to the historic nature of the State Law Library. The Hollings library was dedicated in July of 2010 and is a state-of-the-art facility housing Rare Books and Special Collections, South Carolina Political Collections, and Digital Collections. All of the collections are in climate-controlled, closed stacks. Researchers must register in the Smith Reading Room and request the items they would like to use. In addition to the reading room, the library has two exhibit halls. One of the exhibits was called Life in the Mansion. It showcased the inhabitants of the Governor's Mansion throughout the twentieth century and included quotes about daily life in the mansion and photos of the interior and exterior of the home. The main rare book collection is from the original South Carolina College and consists of books purchased or donated in the early nineteenth century, covering general and classical literature, modern history, travel books, and natural history. Some of the items we viewed during our tour included Audubon's *Birds of America* and the *King James Bible*. The South Carolina Political Collections contain records of South Carolina's leaders in Congress and the General Assembly,

the state's political parties, and other important individuals and organizations involved in South Carolina politics and government. The Digital Activities Center creates digital collections and makes them

available to the university community and the public. We saw a demonstration of their overhead scanner. The clarity and resolution were amazing.

Conference: Sampling the Sessions

Donna:

SEAALL tried a poster session format for the first time in one of the program slots this year. It consisted of four presentations. Unlike other poster sessions I have attended where you walked freely from presentation to presentation, this one had attendees split into four groups and rotate through the presentations. The four presentations were "Finding the Next Job: Using the AALL Career Center," "Less is More: Programming

Efforts that Won't Drive You Crazy," "Select Once? Get Books Forever," and "Our Students are Mobile. We Are Too! Using Webinars for Database Instruction." The last one was of particular interest to me since I do most of my training using webinar technology. They discussed many of the same technologies that our firm has tried and came to

similar conclusions about which ones worked the best. Attending this session has made me excited to check out the poster sessions at AALL later this summer.

Customer Service

Susan:

The plenary session evoked another name from the past, that of Melanie Huggins, currently executive director of the Richland County Public Library and possibly a familiar face to MALL members. Ms. Huggins was the director of the St. Paul Public Library between 2006 and 2009. Melanie had also worked in Charlotte and had facilitated the development of *ImaginOn*, a partnership and joint use facility between the Children's Theatre of Charlotte and the public library.

The core of the presentation was customer service. Ms. Huggins didn't shy away from referring to library patrons as "customers" and emphasized that customer service involves paying attention to key touch points, such as bathrooms, parking lot, signage, processes (cards, computers, use of Wi-Fi), promotions, and marketing. Continuing the leitmotif



Donna Trimble, Margie Maes, Susan Catterall



Susan Catterall and Margie Maes

of words beginning with the letter *c*, Melanie offered her short list of rules: customers, communication, collaboration, create, and care.

She admonished us not to make customers feel stupid by using industry terms of art and acronyms. My favorite of her rules was “Don’t show your corporate underpants.” In other words, we need to avoid making excuses and shifting blame (as in, “I would like to do this, but we aren’t allowed to”). The customer doesn’t care why it can’t be done. The customer only wants someone to address his issue. As librarians, we need to demonstrate empathy (care) and be creative in our approach to problem solving. Ms. Huggins also considered the importance of good communication, not only between the staff and the customer, but internally. “Unengaged employees don’t create engaged customers.”

She epitomized optimism and encouraged attendees to know the rules, but to take risks also. When collaborating, she emphasized the need to understand our partner’s (customer’s) outcomes and to set our goals on a win-win situation.



Donna Trimble and Susan Catterall

Core Curricula

Susan:

In early 2010, I returned to an academic law library, after spending nearly seventeen years in private law libraries. As we know, the responsibility of providing legal research instruction is a part of the job description for law librarians in all types of libraries. It’s simply more formalized in academic libraries. There was a preconference institute that concentrated on research instruction. The institute, “Assessing the Effectiveness of Legal Research and Writing Instruction: Are Our Students Learning What We Teach,” attempted to address the shared concerns and responsibilities for legal instruction from the perspectives of both law firm librarians and law school librarians. Two recent law school graduates weighed in with “What I learned in law school and what I wished I had learned about research and writing.”

Classrooms on the Web

Susan:

The session that resonated most with me and that was part of the regular conference was “Moving from the Classroom to the Web: What to Do Differently When We *Never* Do This

Again.” The presenters were two reference librarians from the University of Florida. Patricia Morgan, faculty research services reference librarian, and Elizabeth Outler, head of public services and tax law librarian, had been recruited to teach an advanced legal research class online. They had been given little or no preparation time, but had been handed a course, pretty much intact, that had been recently abandoned by another librarian, along with assurances that they would have to do very little work aside from grading.

It was a timely topic. Online classes and distance education have been growing in popularity within law schools. Law firm librarians are creating online training programs, especially as firms expand into regional offices. In addition, the librarians learned many lessons from what they termed a “total failure of their first online teaching experience” and wanted to share the lessons they had learned. As it happened, I was winding down my first attempt at teaching an online advanced legal research class, one which had been handed over to me, mostly intact, and I nodded in sympathy many times from the audience.

Planning is critical, and one would think that any librarian would know that. The two advised attendees to have realistic expectations to give yourself plenty of time, and once you’ve calculated the amount of time needed, add on more time. They admonished that even with an intact class, one must test all elements of the curriculum *before* the first day of class. Outler and Morgan admitted that they had been their own worst enemies. They had fallen short of their own expectations. At the same time, they encouraged attendees to not be concerned with the need to be perfect—after all, we are notorious early adopters, and despite the title of the presentation, there will be opportunities for continuous improvement.

Conclusions

Donna and Susan:

The overarching theme to the SEAALL conference was “Confluence.” The expression capitalized upon the first letter in the word *Columbia* and played upon the convergence of Columbia’s three rivers. It also underscored how our MALL experiences would intertwine with our new SEAALL experiences.

Bridge the Research Gap

Jean Boos
Reference Librarian
William Mitchell College of Law

“Bridge the Research Gap: Law School to Real World” is a collaborative presentation and research guide by the law libraries of Hamline University Law School, The University of Minnesota Law School, The University of St. Thomas Law School, William Mitchell College of Law, and the law librarians of Maslon, Edelman, Borman, and Brand, LLP.



The program started with an idea Abby Walters had at the MALL holiday party last year. We were talking about the issue of summer associates’ lack of preparedness to do legal research in the law firm setting. As a reference librarian at William Mitchell, I have an interest in how we can address this issue to enhance the experience for both the summer associates and the firms. The law school libraries have an ongoing dialogue about collaboration and this project fit right in. After talking with Debby Hackerson at St. Thomas, Suzanne Thorpe at the U of M, and Megan Jens at Hamline, we decided to put together a live presentation and a research guide.

After seeking input from law firm librarians about what summer associates needed to know, the librarians put together a fifty-minute session at each school that included such topics as advanced databases, administrative law, and cost recovery in law firms. At least one law school librarian and one firm librarian attended each session.

Megan Jens coordinated the creation of a research guide that includes PowerPoint presentations and additional materials.

Megan says, “Technology played a central role in developing the Bridge the Gap program. Because this was a collaborative effort among the four law school libraries, we needed to establish a work space so our speakers could share their presentation materials. We also wanted to make the materials easily available for participant access. We used [LibGuides](#) as our solution.

“One unexpected benefit of the LibGuides site became apparent when we realized that we had prepared more presentations than we were able to cover during the Bridge the Gap sessions. Because the presentations were available to students through the website, they could view the materials we were not able to cover at their leisure.”

Approximately thirty students attended the programs. The feedback was very positive. The group plans to offer the program again and to continue working on the research guide.

Committee Profile:

NEWSLETTER

Kaythey Windyk
Circulation & Administration
University of Minnesota Law Library

Editors' note: The Committee Profile column is a way to showcase the committees in MALL. The editors plan to highlight many of the committees in the coming year. Does the work of a committee pique your interest? Have an idea for a one-time project that would benefit MALL members or the legal community? Contact a committee chair or one of the members of the executive board to volunteer. Contact information is listed on the last page of the newsletter. Thanks in advance for volunteering!

The Newsletter Committee is the place to be for those looking to keep their writing skills polished as well as share information and resources with others. At once covering a broad range of topics and illustrating cohesion in the overall theme, law libraries, the *MALL Newsletter* allows all MALL members to learn something novel with each new issue.

Newsletter Committee members come up with ideas for current or future inclusions in the newsletter, as well as writing articles on anything from reports on recent conferences to tips on interactions with patrons. Newsletter Committee members may use their networking skills to reach out to others in the law library community, asking those knowledgeable about a particular subject to submit or help with articles.

Members of the Newsletter Committee both look back, as when gathering memories of and reflections on law librarians who have passed on, and look ahead, as in providing updates on the latest technology.

The *MALL Newsletter* is published quarterly, and participating on the Newsletter Committee does not require a huge time commitment. Any member of MALL is encouraged to submit reports, articles, and/or photos. Members can also submit suggestions for articles to the editors. Feel free to write short submissions—there is no need to write an expansive tome!



CLE CORNER

Andrea A. Fraser
Library Assistant
Faegre & Benson

Title: [Probation/Pre Sentence Investigations](#)

Description: Presented by Dakota County Community Corrections personnel
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: July 12, 2011, 8:00am-9:00am (Apple Valley)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Understanding and Handling Difficult Visitation Issues](#)

Description: Presented by Susan De Vries, MA, Licensed Psychologist, St. Paul and Peggy Cottrell, Moxie Incorporated, Minneapolis
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: July 21, 2011, 12:00pm-1:00pm (Hastings)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Intellectual Property Basics](#)

Description: Presented by Richard Billion, Clise, Billion and Cyr, P.A.
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: August 9, 2011, 8:00am-9:00am (Apple Valley)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Property Issues for Non-Married Couples](#)

Description: Presented by Amy Helsene, Larkin Hoffman
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: August 18, 2011, 12:00pm-1:00pm (Hastings)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Special Needs Trusts](#)

Description: Presented by Jeffrey W. Schmidt, Schmitz & Schmidt, P.A.
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: *September 13, 2011*, 8:00am-9:00am (Apple Valley)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Tips from the Bench](#)

Description: Presented by Dakota County judges
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: September 15, 2011, 12:00pm-1:00pm (Hastings)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Limited Scope Representation](#)

Description: Presented by John Del Vecchio
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: October 20, 2011, 12:00-1:00pm (Hastings)
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Dakota County Law Library

Title: [Sharing the Experience: Assisting the Self Represented Party](#)

Description: Presented by: John Del Vecchio, Esq.
Cost: Free
Date/Time/Location: October 26, 2011, 12:00PM-1:00PM, Washington County Government Center.
Credits: Application has been made for 1 standard CLE credit
Source: Washington County Law Library

Upcoming Conferences

Andrea A. Fraser
Library Assistant
Faegre & Benson



Title: [Locating Biographies in ELM](#)

Description: This webinar will highlight ELM database with strong biography content

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: June 29, 2011, 11:00AM-12:00PM CST

Title: [Literary Criticism in ELM](#)

Description: In this webinar Minitex Reference Outreach & Instruction staff will highlight ELM database features specifically aimed at locating literary criticism including Britannica, Student Resources in Context, Academic Search Premier and more.

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: July 07, 2011, 2:00-3:00PM CST & July 22, 2011, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CST

Title: [Consumer Health Resources in ELM](#)

Description: This 45 minute webinar will highlight the consumer health-related databases available through ELM. It will focus on content and searching of Consumer Health Complete, AltHealth Watch, and Health Source: Consumer Edition databases.

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: July 12, 2011, 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM CST & July 26, 2011, 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM CST

Title: [The Library's Role in Ensuring the Success of International Efforts on Campus, Live Webcast](#)

Description: This webcast will explore the following questions:

- Who are our international students and what makes them unique learners?
- What are some of the best practices for Outreach, Orientation, and Information Literacy Instruction to all international students, and specifically to graduate students?
- What kinds of international activities are taking place on your campus, what campus units or groups work with

international students, and how can libraries get involved?

- How can the library get international students themselves involved as partners in services, resources, and peer mentors?

Cost: ACRL member: \$50 ; ALA member: \$75 ; Nonmember: \$90 ; Student: \$40 ; Group*: \$295

Date/Time/Location: July 12, 2011, 1:00 PM CST



Title: [Re-engineering Academic Libraries for Digital Natives and Beyond: Digital Learning Materials and the 'Teaching Machine' of the Future, Live Webcast](#)

Description: This webcast will focus on the capability of digital learning materials (DLMs – i.e. interactive tutorials, simulations, and games) to engage learners and be essential resources for enhancing student learning across all disciplines, both in the classroom and online.

Cost: ACRL member: \$50 ; ALA member: \$75 ; Nonmember: \$90 ; Student: \$40 ; Group*: \$295

Date/Time/Location: August 9, 2011, 1:00PM CST

Title: [Managing Physical Storage](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, August 10, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST

Title: [Winning Library Grants : An ACRL Online Seminar](#)

Description: This course will introduce participants to the grant process from beginning to end with an emphasis on planning successful grant projects, funding sources for libraries, researching grant opportunities, proposal writing basics, and grant-

winning tips and techniques useful for all types of librarians.

Cost: ACRL member: \$135 ; ALA member: \$175 ; CACUL member: Can\$195 (charges will be made in U.S. dollars) ; Nonmember: \$195 ; Student: \$60
Date/Time/Location: August 15 - September 2, 2011

Title: [Preserving Digital Content](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities , September 14, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST

Title: [Linking the Semantic Web Together](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities , September 28, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST



Title: [Service Learning and Information Literacy: Models for Engagement, Live Webcast](#)

Description: This webcast will define and promote SL collaborations between librarians, faculty, students and community partners. Presenters will draw on their own experiences to explore the connections between information literacy (IL) and SL. Participants will engage in discussion and take away creative ideas for supporting SL and integrating IL and SL on their campuses.

Cost: ACRL member: \$50 ; ALA member: \$75 ; Nonmember: \$90 ; Student: \$40 ; Group*: \$295
Date/Time/Location: October 4, 2011, 1:00PM CST

Title: [Data: Supplemental Materials \(Part 1\)](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, October 12, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Title: [2011 MLA Annual Conference](#)

Description: Includes more than 50 sessions across eight simultaneous tracks (Administration & Leadership; Authors, Literature, and Programming; Children & Young Adults; Collection Management & Technical Services; Digital Information & Technologies; Support Staff Interests; Public Services; Library Trustees & Friends), as well as a silent auction fundraiser, countless networking opportunities, and an exhibit hall with more than 40 vendors showcasing library products and services.

Cost: Early bird member rate: \$175 (3 days) or \$85 (1 day) ; Regular member rate/nonmembers: N/A
Date/Time/Location: October 12-14, 2011, Duluth Entertainment Convention Center, Duluth, MN

Title: [Data: Technical Management \(Part 2\)](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, October 19, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST

Title: [New Discovery Tools](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities , November 9, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST

Title: [Assessment Metrics](#)

Description: N/A

Cost: Free

Date/Time/Location: 15 Andersen Library, Conference Room, West Bank Area, Minneapolis Campus University of Minnesota—Twin Cities , December 14, 2011, 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CST

Member-to-Member Question

The question for this issue was: **What is something that MALL members don't know about you?**

So, test how much you know about your professional colleagues. Answers are below. Thank you to all members who responded to our question.

1. Before all the royal wedding hoopla, one of our members traveled to Scotland to get married.
2. Since before the *Pirates of the Caribbean* movies, this MALL member has owned a talking green parrot.
3. This "phanatical Phish phan" has seen the band perform live "probably 80 times since 1991 when I was a senior in college."
4. This musical MALL member sang the role of the Widow Paroo, mother of Marian the Librarian, in her high school production of "The Music Man."
5. This avid reader owns over 150 volumes of manga comics.
6. This musical MALL member is a soloist and cantor in the church choir.
7. This MALL member with a secret identity met this member's S.O. at a science fiction/fantasy convention over twenty years ago. Look for them in costume at Convergence this July.



The Member to Member Question for the next issue is:

What did you do to prepare for a possible government shutdown?

Send your answers or thoughts on the question to [Anna Cherry](#).

Answers:

1. Jenni Munnings, Dakota County Law Library
2. Anna Cherry, Minnesota State Law Library
3. Simon Canick, William Mitchell College of Law
4. Barbara Minor, Robins, Kaplan, Miller, and Ciresi
5. Doris Dingley, Lindquist and Vennum
6. Annette Borer, Feilhaber, Larson, Fenton and Vogt
7. Brian Huffman, Washington County Law Library

Member News

Correction: In the spring 2011 issue, the e-mail address for new member Tracy Overstreet was incorrect. The correct information is: Tracy Overstreet, tcoverstreet@gmail.com.



In the May 13 issue of the *Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal*, Tammie Follett was named one of the "Women to Watch" in the paper's Women in Business 2011 section. The article states that Tammie has won numerous accolades, including three awards

of excellence, eighteen account-manager-of-the-month designations, the 2009 Thomson Reuters Community Champion Award, and the 2011 Stu Wolfer Distinguished Service Award.

The First Judicial District presented its first annual Amicus Curiae Award on May 13, 2011 to attorneys Liz Reppe, Dana McKenzie, and Merlyn Meinerts. Liz was recognized for her leadership in continuing the Dakota County Family Self-Help Center, which helped over four hundred litigants represent themselves without attorneys in court matters in 2010, and for her efforts in developing and implementing the Criminal Defense Panel of Dakota County. The panel provides reduced-fee representation to persons charged with criminal offenses in Dakota County. According to a news release from the First Judicial District, "[t]he Amicus Curiae Award, meaning Friend of the Court, will be an annual recognition of attorneys and others who have provided exceptional service, leadership, or other contributions to assist the courts in the First Judicial District discharge their constitutional responsibility for the administration of justice."

Sarah Yates is author of the article "Black's Law Dictionary: The Making of an American Standard" in the spring 2011 issue of *Law Library Journal*.

The faculty of the MLIS program at St. Catherine University awarded the MLIS scholarship, a merit-based scholarship for academic excellence and leadership potential, to Brian Huffman.



Neal Axton's article "[Law in the Time of Cholera: Teaching Disaster Law as a Research Course](#)" appears in the May 2011 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

Congratulations to Becky Anderson, of Fredrikson and Byron, for being appointed to the Hennepin County Library Board by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners on April 26, 2011. The library board is a citizen advisory

board, appointed by the county board of commissioners, that reviews budgets and establishes policies that govern the county public library system. Library board members are appointed to three-year terms. Seventy-seven individuals submitted applications to serve on the library board. For more information, please visit [their website](#).

Nina Platt has accepted a knowledge management (KM) job at Mortenson Construction, a global company with 2500 employees. It is a new position for them, which gives her an opportunity to help define what KM means to Mortenson. She will be their KM process leader, and her first project is their new intranet. She will continue the research part of her business (Get Smart Research) with Carrie Long taking on the bulk of the work along with other contractors, while Nina continues to manage the projects.

Law Library Consultants received an award for visual design, sponsored by the Minnesota Association of Government Communicators, at the twenty-ninth annual Northern Lights Awards ceremony on May 24, 2011. The award-winning marketing pieces were designed as part of the Mn/DOT Library's comprehensive [Library Development Project](#) (2010-2011). Kathleen Bedor, Law Library Consultants principal, was the lead consultant for the project, which included redesigning the library space, writing plans for library technology and marketing and communications, consulting on library staff assignments, and developing a library advisory group. With input from library staff and users, Kathleen and her team developed new branding, including a logo, the tag line "Moving Knowledge," website redesign, a library brochure and service flyer, an electronic newsletter, video, and signage (banners, posters, ads). The Library Development Project, which was completed on time and under budget, has received an enthusiastic response by staff, users, and visitors.



Jane Hopeman will be retiring from William Mitchell College of Law on July 22, 2011. Jane has been at Mitchell for over ten years and prior to that was a librarian in several downtown Minneapolis law firms. An Open House will be held on the afternoon of July 20, 2011 in the Kelley Boardroom at William Mitchell College of Law. More detailed information will be sent via the MALL listserv shortly.

AALLNet Updated

A redesigned [AALLNET](#) was launched the first week in May. Central to the new site is the [My Communities](#) section, where you may log in to view a searchable Member Directory with member profiles.

It's important that you visit this section to **review and update your member profile**. Information entered on the previous site may not have migrated to the new version.

Under the **Discussions** tab, click [My Subscriptions](#) to **change your notification settings**.

The new site offers the ability to create blogs, upload content to share with your member communities, and add contacts. Add a photo to your profile to help connect names with faces.

Lyris listservs will be discontinued after member notification. The discussion lists will be replaced by AALLNET's eGroups.

– from AALL email 5/11/2011, edited.

Update Your AALL Directory Profile by June 30

Help ensure that your listing in the *2011-2012 AALL Membership Directory* is accurate! Update your public address in your AALLNET profile by **June 30**.

Did you change jobs this year? Please note that you are not able to change your employer information online. Please contact Membership Services Coordinator [Hannah Phelps](#) at 312/205-8022 **before June 30** to update your employer information. Also contact Hannah to update your library's profile in the geographical

section of the *Directory* (address, number of lawyers/students, or number of volumes).

Let AALL know if you **don't** wish to receive the print version of the *AALL Directory*. Select the "Don't Send Me the Directory/Handbook" checkbox on the **Mail Options** link in your AALLNET profile.

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AALL2go Pick of the Month

[Federal Regulatory Information and Where to Find It](#) (51 minutes)

Speaker: David Pritzker, GSA Regulatory Information Service Center

Find out how the regulatory process works and how to find key regulations. Learn about RegInfo.Gov, the Unified Regulatory Agenda, and other tools for finding regulatory materials.

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