



# SFALL NEWSLETTER

A Quarterly Publication of the  
South Florida Association of Law Librarians  
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/>

## Fall 2002

**President's Message**  
Lisa Smith-Butler

I am looking forward to working with all of you in the upcoming year. We have an exciting year planned.

In October, we have the opportunity to attend the Florida State, County & Court Law Librarians annual meeting on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Fort Lauderdale at the Riverside Hotel. Rita Vine of WorkingFaster.com will be presenting *Working Better and Working Faster*, an all day workshop on advanced Internet search techniques.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bob Riger will be hosting us at the Miami Dade County Law Library, allowing us to preview the new services offered by the library.

In December, we will have our annual holiday party in the Miami area. Pat Pardo and Monique Arenas will coordinate the party.

In the spring (i.e. February & April), we will have programs that include a luncheon hosted by Bloomberg Personal as well as a demonstration of their new products. As always, we will conclude with our annual business meeting in June with an AALL representative.

Since our members are spread over a very large geographic area, we will try to experiment with video conferencing at some of our programs this year. This

will allow us to attend some of those far away sessions.

Again, I'm looking forward to working with everyone this year, and hope our chapter will indeed be "creating connections" as our AALL Annual Program in Orlando recommended.

See you soon!

Lisa



## SFALL - SPRING LUNCH





**President:** Lisa Smith-Butler  
**President Elect:** Liz Chifari  
**Treasurer:** Katherine Rosin  
**Secretary:** Patricia Pardo  
**Immediate Past President:** Janet Reinke

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**Archives:** Linda Datko  
**Membership:** Terry Seale  
**Newsletter:** Diane Altimari & Roy Balleste  
**Nominations:** Clare Donnelly Membiela  
**Placement:** Wanda Gozdz  
**Program:** Monica Wilson  
**Public Relations:** Clare Donnelly Membiela  
**Web:** Robin Schard

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

President's Message.....  
Florida State, Court & County Law Libraries Program, *Working Better & Working Faster*.....  
Chapter Happenings.....  
Miami Dade County Law Library October Program.....  
SFALL's Newsgroup.....  
A Present Technology: E-Books & Bookstores.....

SFALL Newsletter is the official publication of the South Florida Law Librarians Association. It is published quarterly and distributed free to all SFALL members. Editorial comments or submissions should be sent to:

Roy Balleste or Diane Altimari  
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center  
Law Library & Technology Center  
3305 College Ave.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33314  
(954) 262-6237 or (954) 262-6216  
(954) 262.3838 (Fax)  
[ballester@nsu.law.nova.edu](mailto:ballester@nsu.law.nova.edu)  
[altimarid@nsu.law.nova.edu](mailto:altimarid@nsu.law.nova.edu)

Florida State, Court & County Law  
Libraries, Inc  
2002 Annual Convention

---

It is with great pleasure that we invite all SFALL members to join us for our annual convention at the historic Riverside Hotel in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida this October. We are law librarians working in Florida's government law libraries. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> year of our existence, and we plan to celebrate it in a BIG way.

Our convention is dedicated to "Working Better and Working Faster." To help us improve our skills, we will be presenting Rita Vine of [www.workingfaster.com](http://www.workingfaster.com). Rita is in the business of instructing the instructors. She teaches librarians and other information professionals the latest in Internet search techniques and resources: how to avoid the commercial content of most search engines, save time, be more productive, and to get to the right information with no wasteful detours or downtime. "Web Search Skills for Know-It-All Web Searchers" will be tailored to law librarians, and is brought to us with the support of our friends at Lexis and WestGroup.

Please plan to join us Friday, October 11, 2002 for a day of good company and mind-stretching. We will begin at 8:30 am with coffee, fresh fruit & breakfast pastries to get you going. The seminar will continue until noon, with a mid-morning break. You then have until 1:30 pm to eat, shop & visit the galleries on beautiful Las Olas Boulevard. The afternoon session will run from 1:30 to 4:30, with a break at 3 pm for coffee & home baked cookies.

The Riverside Hotel has recently undergone an expansion into a tower, meeting rooms & parking garage, still located along the New River. The new Cheesecake Factory located in their building should be open by October. The address is 620 East Las Olas Boulevard, which can be most easily reached from I-95 by traveling east on Broward Boulevard to S.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street (one block east of U.S. 1). Turn right onto S.E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and continue to the first traffic light, which is Las Olas Boulevard. Continue straight ahead (do not turn on Las Olas) to the first stop sign and make a right turn. This leads you onto the Riverside property and valet parking, which is \$5/car. Self-parking is available in the parking garage behind the hotel, at \$1/hour.

We are very excited about sharing this fantastic speaker with you, and are sure we will all be better, and faster, researchers for it. Please fill out the application on the verso, and return it by October 4, 2002. Hope to see you there,

Jeanne Underhill, Director  
Broward County Law Library



**Florida State, Court & County Law Libraries, Inc.**  
**2002 Annual Meeting Registration Form**  
**October 10 -12, 2002**

---

Day Registration fee: **\$25.00 per person** for Friday, Oct. 11, 2002, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, includes Continental breakfast, two breaks, and full program

Checks payable to: **F.S.C.C.L.L., Inc.**

Location: Riverside Hotel, 620 East Las Olas Blvd., Ft. Lauderdale, Florida  
Optional: If you wish to stay the night, FSCCLL convention rate is \$99/night single or double occupancy; \$8/day parking. Rooms must be reserved by September 16, 2002; call 1-800-325-3280.

Registration deadline: **Friday, October 4, 2002**

---

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

SFALL Member? \_\_\_\_\_

---

Reservations

If you have a spouse/guest who would benefit by attendance, they are welcome. Please fill out a separate registration for them by photocopying this page. Mail this form with your remittance (and that of your spouse/guest, if applicable) by Friday, October 4, 2002, to:

Jeanne Underhill, Director Broward County Law Library  
1800 Judicial Complex  
201 S.E. 6<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl 33301

### Chapter Happenings

#### **Billie Jo Kaufman**

1. Registration Committee Chair for AALL , July 2002.
2. Promotion to Associate Professor, July 2002.

**Janet Reinke** is now at the Florida International University Law Library.

#### **Roy Balleste**

1. Received his MLS degree, August 2002.
2. Accepted into a program for an LLM at St. Thomas University School of Law.
3. Article - *Virtual Personalities: Breathe New Life Into Libraries*, AALL SPECTRUM, July 2002, at 22.

#### **Diane Altimari**

1. will chair the AALL Acquisitions Committee - Term 7/02 - 7/04.
2. Coordinated a program at AALL, *Connecting with Legal Publishers*.

**Julie Bozell & Lisa Smith-Butler** presented at AALL in July 2002 in a program, *Connecting with Legal Publishers*.

### **Summer Happenings!**

**Diane Altimari** During the Licensing Program I coordinated at AALL this Summer, I became a grandmother for the

first time. Right when Lisa Smith-Butler was speaking my daughter-in-law gave birth to a 7 lb. 8 oz. baby boy named Andrew.



**Rhonda Gold:** This Summer, twenty-three law students from NSU and other universities, participated in an exciting program in San Jose, Costa Rica, where they studied international human rights law and international environmental law. The opportunity to visit inter-American human rights organizations based in San Jose, as well as to further Costa Rica's ongoing conservation efforts through internships was a rewarding experience to all involved. During my visit I met with librarians at institutions supporting legal education, human rights programs and environmental initiatives. We discussed the possibility of resource exchange and I gave a presentation on international legal research at the Universidad del La Salle, our partner school in San Jose.



If you plan to attend, please notify Lisa Smith-Butler by October 16<sup>th</sup>. Either call her at (954) 262-6215 or send her an email at [smith-butler1@nsu.law.nova.edu](mailto:smith-butler1@nsu.law.nova.edu)

## Directions to Dade County Law Library

**From Fort Lauderdale**, take I-95 South and Exit at 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Orang Bowl exit). Go straight and turn left a NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Use parking lot at corner of NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (left and right side of the Courthouse) The Courthouse is to the right, on the corner of NW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and NW 1<sup>st</sup> Street.

**From Downtown Miami** (People Mover) exit at Government Center. The court house is across the street and to the left.

## SFALL NEWSGROUPS

Many of you have joined the SFALL listserv. For those who haven't, we invite you to do so. It's easy. Just open up your web browser to [www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/sfall/) Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on **Listserv**. At the next screen, you will see a caption, **Subscribe to the SFALL Listserv**. Click on this and follow directions!

## A Present Technology: E-books & E-Bookstores

Roy Balleste,  
Nova Southeastern University, Shepard  
road Law Center - Law Library and  
Technology Center



The first time I saw a representation of an e-book was ten years ago in a *Star Trek* episode. In the show, the characters held a palm-held device which was used for reading reports and books. Today, scientists agree that “science fiction” sometimes becomes “science fact.” That is certainly true for e-book technology. E-books are an exciting and pioneering technology. This technology promises to become very popular. While e-books are in a digitized format, they are as readable as print books.

To read an e-book, there are two methods of delivery. In order to enjoy a good e-book, you will need a reader. An e-book reader should not be confused with the actual e-book. The reader is either a device, such as the one at the left, or a software program that gives reader-like characteristics to your personal computer. The reader is used to play the digital version of books. The reader is comparable to a CD player.



Continuing with this analogy, the e-book is then comparable to a CD. The example shown earlier is a brand of an e-book reader that is manufactured by **RCA** (RB1100).

With the RB1100 reader in hand, you can enjoy a book at the beach or a good novel at home. The e-book reader is a little bigger than a palm pilot, but not bigger than an ordinary book. It has a background screen light that allows you to read at night without disturbing anyone. When you've finished one book and want another, just connect to any of the available online e-bookstores, purchase, and download the text into your device.

Other e-book readers include two produced by Microsoft and Adobe. The Microsoft Reader for Pocket PC 2002 looks like a device truly pulled out of a science fiction show.

Microsoft allows you to download software, free of charge. This software enables you to turn your own computer into an e-book reader. You can then read e-books from different e-bookstores.

Adobe has a similar product. Adobe, famous for their Acrobat Reader, has e-book reader software that can be downloaded at no charge.

Once you have an e-book reader, where will you purchase e-book texts? Barnes & Noble sells both print and electronic versions of books. Two other e-book vendors include:

- EbookAd.com; &
- Amazon.com.

At the Amazon site, select books in the upper tool bar. At the next tool bar, select e-books.

Enjoy!

