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As I write my last letter as SWALL president I would like to thank all those who helped me over the last two years. I learned a lot this year and met even more dedicated SWALL members.

As I may have mentioned before, I started out in SWALL in 1981. I was a new court librarian setting up Little Rock's first staffed federal court library. After having dabbled in science librarianship and undergraduate cataloging, law librarianship stole my interest and kept it. SWALL offered a workshop on "Basic Law Librarianship" that helped me immeasurably. I hope that SWALL still does for others what it did for me, and is still doing for me: offering inspiration and opportunities to keep skills current, learn about new tools and publications, make contact with vendors, and meet other law librarians who share information freely.

**I LOOK FORWARD
TO THE ANNUAL
MEETING IN
KANSAS CITY.**

I look forward to the annual meeting in Kansas City. I hope that you are making plans to be there. The Program Committee, headed by Sharon Wayland, has been working on what promises to be a great program. Mon Yin

Lung has been diligently working as the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee.

The last time I was in Kansas City for a meeting I spent my evening

hours pursuing jazz and blues. Every jazz musician I heard could scat-sing. Some sang in Brazilian Portuguese, one of my favorite languages. Culturally speaking, there's something special about a city that was once home to Count Basie, Charlie Parker, and boogie piano man Jay McShann.

I leave you in the good hands of the leadership of Sharon Wayland, presently Vice President/President-Elect and Program Chair. Also, we are fortunate to have the Nominations Committee members as follows: Barbara Bintliff, Chair, Jessie Cranford and Sharon Blackburn.

I'll see you in Kansas City!

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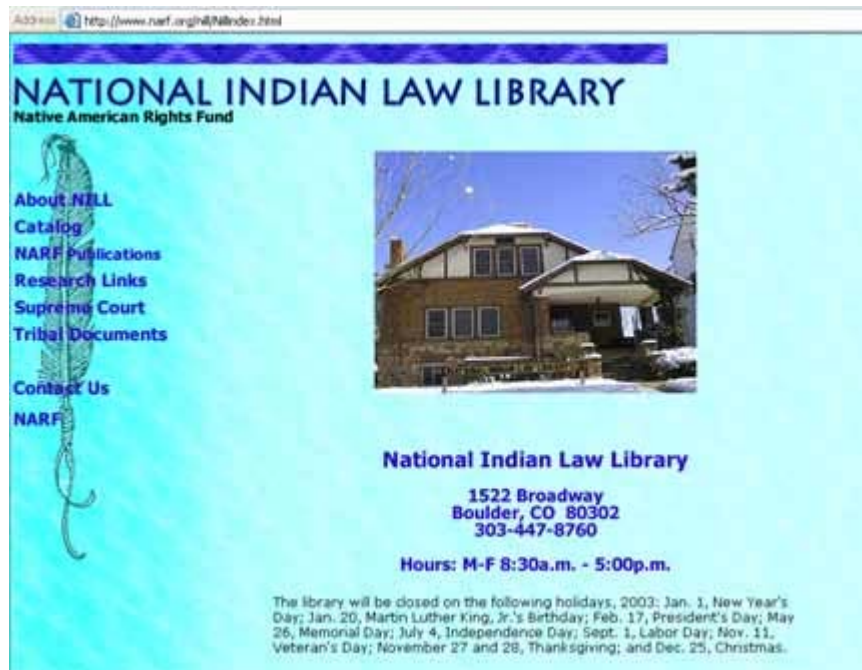
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**ROADMAP TO THE NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY'S TRIBAL CODE
COLLECTION**

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To access the National Indian Law Library's Web site, go to
<http://www.narf.org/nill/Nillindex.html>

Tucked on the side of a hill near the University of Colorado in Boulder sits a depository of federal Indian law and tribal law materials – the National Indian Law Library. Affectionately known as NILL -- though its collection boasts 10,000 materials -- this 30-year-old public library is a project of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF), a non-profit organization that provides legal representation and technical assistance to Indian tribes, organizations and individuals nationwide. NILL provides reference, research, and current awareness services to patrons throughout the country, including NARF, law firms, tribal governments, educators, students, the media, prisoners, and the general public. Two full-time librarians manage and maintain the library with the help of a library assistant, work-study-student employees, and volunteers.

BACKGROUND

Library materials largely consist of primary law documents, but reference materials are also available, including books, articles, handbooks, and conference proceedings. The library collects two types of primary law documents: *federal Indian law* materials and *tribal law* materials.

Federal Indian law materials relate to the special status of the approximately 560 tribes that are recognized by the federal government. These types of documents define the ongoing government-to-government relationship between the United States and federally recognized Indian tribes. Federal recognition means that the United States acknowledges the tribes as independent political entities with inherent powers of self-government.

FEDERAL RECOGNITION MEANS THAT THE UNITED STATES ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRIBES AS INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ENTITIES WITH INHERENT POWERS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT.

Types of federal Indian legal documents include:

- treaties
- statutes
- legislative history documents
- executive orders
- federal recognition documents
- pleadings and opinions in important Indian law cases

Tribal law materials represent the internal legal systems of individual tribes, the internal law that tribes apply within their territories and to their members. These materials demonstrate that tribes in fact function as sovereign governments within the United States and that they exercise authority over a broad range of matters including the environment, civil affairs, education, and law enforcement.

Types of tribal law documents included:

- constitutions
- codes
- ordinances
- charters
- bylaws
- intergovernmental agreements
- tribal court opinions

NAVIGATING THE LIBRARY'S TRIBAL CODE COLLECTION

One of NILL's most important goals is to provide access to tribal codes, constitutions, and other tribal law documents. 250 tribal codes (and 480 constitutions) in the library's collection can be found in print format and are recorded in the library's online catalog. The library keeps the most current copy of tribal codes in its collection and sends superseded versions to the University of Colorado's law library archives. The frequency of code revision varies by tribe, but during the past 10 years many of the codes in the collection have been revised several times.

To find codes at the library, researchers can check for digital versions on the "Tribal Documents" page of the NILL Web site, which has an alphabetical list of digital codes and constitutions in html format. This page is located online at <http://www.narf.org/nill/tribaldocs.html>. Approximately 40 documents are available currently. To access print versions of codes, especially if no digital counterpart exists, search the library's catalog, located at <http://www.narf.org/nill/catalog.html>.

From the library's home page, choose the "Catalog" link. To find a particular tribe's code: (1) choose "Tribal Codes" in the "Document Type" field, and (2) type a few words from the tribe's name in the "Title or Title Words" field or the "Indian Tribe" field. For example, to find the code for the Lower Sioux Indian Community in Minnesota, simply type Lower Sioux into the title field (phrases do not need quotes around them). Note that tribes do not always use the word "tribe" in their official names, such as the Lower Sioux. Tribes may incorporate any of the following words into their names: band, community, pueblo, and nation. Therefore, if you are not sure about the exact name of the tribe, try to avoid using these generic words while searching.

Additionally, researchers can find "model codes," which are usually sample draft codes provided by organizations for tribes that are drafting or rewriting their laws. Some model codes from the library's collection are "Domestic and Family Violence : A Model Civil Code for Wisconsin P.L. 280 Tribes" by Wisconsin Judicare and "Model Tribal Air Quality Ordinance" by the National Indian Justice Center. To search the library catalog for model codes, type the word "model" in the "Title or Title Words" field and choose "Tribal Codes" from the "Document Type" field. Model codes can be found on the Internet as well.

THE "MECHANICS" OF TRIBAL CODES

TRIBAL CODES COVER A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS RELATED TO TRIBAL GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Subjects in codes: Tribal codes cover a variety of subjects related to tribal governance and management. Common topics include children, elections, gaming, traffic, court, elders, zoning, the environment, archaeological sites, waste management, and animal control. Other topics include probate, safe drinking water, records management, foster care, food services, grazing permits, livestock management, coroner, crime victims' rights, pardons, fire prevention, and stalking.

Dates on codes: Codes are often amended in part or in full by the tribes. Therefore, multiple enactment dates may be found throughout the document, as with state codes. Occasionally the title page may not reflect the most current date of amendment. Use the following tips to determine the date of a code. Digital copies at the National Indian Law Library's Web site will provide a date on the title page. This date will reflect the most current revision date found in the code. Additionally, the NILL catalog records for all codes will provide the item's publication date. If time permits, NILL librarians have included notes in the catalog records about other dates found throughout particular codes. NILL librarians are also available to assist patrons in determining the currency of a code. Finally, a researcher can gain more insight into the code's enactment or amendment dates by physically viewing the item. Look for "date stamps" at the bottom of the pages, dates at the end of large sections, a Table of Amendments, or resolutions enacting revisions.

Publication: Very few codes are distributed by commercial publishers, and most codes are not annotated. Only about 10 codes in the NILL collection have been published formally. The majority of codes are published and held by the tribe's courts or councils. Often the only copy resides with the tribe. People seeking elusive codes could contact tribal courts or governments, using one of the following directories:

United States Tribal Courts Directory by April Schwartz and Mary Jo B. Hunter (2002, AALL publications series no. 64, ISBN 0837701554).

A directory of tribal government offices can be found at the Web site of the National Congress of American Indians (http://www.ncai.org/main/pages/tribal_directory/index.asp).

A directory of tribal courts can be found at the Web site of the National Tribal Justice Resource Center (<http://www.tribalresourcecenter.org>).

Code organization: Codes are diverse documents, representing, among other things, unique organizational styles. Tribes may use a variety of labels to organize their information. They may divide major parts of the code into

Titles, Ordinances, or Chapters. They sometimes use the words "Titles" and "Ordinances" within the same code. For example, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' code is divided into Ordinances and Regulations, which are subdivided into Chapters. Often sections of the code are also referred to as "codes," such as a "Juvenile Code" within a larger tribal code. Also, codes often contain documents such as court forms, federal laws, federal regulations, and fee schedules.

SUBJECT ACCESS TO CODES

THE "TABLE OF CONTENTS" FIELD IN THE NILL ONLINE RECORDS INCLUDES THE NAME OF EACH SUBDIVISION WITHIN A CODE, DOWN TO THE SECTION LEVEL.

The National Indian Law Library has provided greater subject access to tribal codes by using the "Table of Contents" field of the online catalog record for each code. As noted in the previous section, tribal codes are generally subdivided into several parts and sections. The "Table of Contents" field in the NILL online records includes the name of each subdivision within a code, down to the section level. The detailed table of contents information provides enhanced keyword searching capability, especially for NILL's typical library patron, who cannot visit the library in order to physically browse the tables

of contents. NILL will mail copies of documents to remote users for a nominal fee.

The NILL catalog is particularly helpful to users who need to find codes using a keyword search. To find codes that cover a specific topic, such as animal control, (1) choose "Tribal Codes" in the Document Type" field and (2) type keywords into the "Table of Contents" field or the "Global" field (i.e., animal control / dog control – for either phrase). The two fields differ in that the "Global" field also searches subject headings, and records for older documents may have less detailed table of contents information but more detailed subject headings. If NILL or another organization has digitized a tribal code, the catalog record will provide a link.

OTHER COLLECTIONS OF TRIBAL LAW

NILL collects as many current versions of codes as possible, but the collection is not exhaustive. Other options for finding codes are available, however. Researchers should consult other digital collections, some of which have strong working relationships with NILL. For instance, the National Tribal Justice Resource Center and the University of Oklahoma both have digital collections. Additionally, some government agencies and tribes have placed partial or complete codes on their Web sites.

The NILL Web site and catalog provide links to these digital collections. From the library's home page, click on "Research Links" and then click on "Native American Law - Primary Sources." Look for the section called "Tribal Codes and Constitutions, and Related Materials."

Research universities present another option for finding tribal codes. One way to find codes in libraries that use Library of Congress subject headings would be to (1) search for subject headings that incorporate the tribe's name and (2) search for the word "code" in the title field. It is important to remember that occasionally tribes do not use the word "code" in the title of these documents.

Another way to find tribal codes is to run a search using an Internet search engine. For example, use Google's advanced search screen to find many tribal codes. Use the same search guidelines and keywords that have been recommended for searching a library online catalog.

Finally, the National Judicial College has a very good print collection at its library (http://www.judges.org/frameset_library.html).

THE TRIBAL LAW COLLECTION – LOOKING AHEAD:

Tribal codes represent the primary law for groups of people who are treated as political entities and sovereign governments within the United States. Collection development in this area is a high priority for the National Indian Law Library. NILL has several goals for expanding and providing greater access to the entire tribal law collection.

First, the library plans to significantly update and expand its print and digital tribal code and constitution collection, as tribal permission is granted. NILL hopes to have at least 100 regularly updated codes and constitutions available on its Web site by 2004. Second, the library is currently trying to raise funds for a project to create a full-text and searchable database of tribal codes and constitutions. Third, the library plans to improve the Tribal Documents Web page by creating a master "Tribal Law" Web site portal, which will provide a springboard to code and constitution availability nationally. This site will provide several complete indexes of codes and constitutions with links to (1) library catalog records if the document resides in the NILL collection or in another library collection, and (2) any digital copies available on the Web, whether on the NILL Web site, a tribal Web site, or another digital collection Web site. Fourth, NILL plans to develop a print and electronic collection of intergovernmental agreements between tribes and federal, state, and local governments. Finally, NILL plans to explore collaborative collection development possibilities with other librarians doing similar work.

Through improving remote access to tribal law, the National Indian Law Library seeks to provide a unique service to tribal governments and other public groups and individuals who need to research the law of the third sovereign.

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<http://www.narf.org/nill/Nillindex.html>.

FOR FURTHER READING:

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Carter, Nancy Carol. "American Indians and Law Libraries: Acknowledging the Third Sovereign" 94 *Law Library Journal* 1 (Winter 2002).

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NEW WEB SITE AT THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE LIBRARY OF TEXAS

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The Legislative Reference Library of Texas recently launched a new Web site: <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/>. The new site offers content in four major areas: Legislative Information, Research Tools, What's New, and Citizen Resources.



To access the Legislative Reference Library of Texas Web web site, go to <http://www.lrl.state.tx.us/>

"Legislative Information" includes the following features:

_ Expanded legislative intent information can assist researchers in compiling legislative history and intent. Enhancements include descriptions of various types of bill analyses and where to locate them, information on nonsubstantive revisions, and helpful phone numbers of legislative offices. The steps involved in legislative intent research can be viewed individually or as one list.

_ Bill-chapter/chapter-bill cross-reference tables provide users with the ability to perform specific bill-chapter number searches.

_ Vetoed bills are available from 1874 through 2001 in PDF files. The collection, compiled from the General and Special Laws of Texas, includes veto proclamations of governors, entries in the House Journals and Senate Journals, as well as Governors' Letters, and Governors' Press Memos.

_ Index to Sections Affected back to the 74th Legislature (1995), showing how legislation would or did affect Texas statutes, codes, and session laws.

_ Amendments to the Texas Constitution, from the 16th Legislature (1879) through the 77th Legislature (2001), are searchable by legislative session or article, with constitutional amendment election outcome and vote totals.

_ Biographical information about members and leaders of the legislature is available. Also included are biographies of Governors, Lieutenant Governors of Texas, and Speakers of the House. Coverage of this collection extends from 1846 through the present. The Web site also includes rosters of members of the Legislature (currently available back to 1937) with name, district number, term of service, political party, and home city and county. Additionally, the Web site has legislative profiles back to the 74th Legislature (1995) with bill statistics, links to session summaries, and membership statistics. Member rosters and session overview pages are also accessible under Legislative Information via the "Session-years" list.

Under "Research Tools" members of the public may access:

_ Legislative interim committee information, including committee charges and a list of members. This information includes all committees from 1977 through the present. Committee reports are available since 1981. Reports may be searched by session, subject, committee name, or keyword, and charges may be searched by subject or keyword. A "browse

committee list" feature is also available for browsing all committees for a particular session.

_ Texas, state and municipal, and federal government links and descriptions.

"Citizen Resources" assists the public in contacting legislators and becoming involved in the legislative process. Information in this section includes:

_ Forms of address for state and federal government officials

_ Links to a variety of resources about the law-making process in Texas

_ A legislative glossary

_ Texas bill status hotline availability

_ The Chief Elected and Administrative Officials of Texas. This is a guide to statewide officials, the Texas Legislature, and the Texas delegation to the U.S. Congress

_ A guide to the Texas state budget, including general budget background papers, links to legislative budget committees, and a list of appropriation bills and session laws

"What's New" provides lists of new books received in the library, bill statistics and a bibliography of recently received books, reports, and other documents available for circulation to the Texas legislative community.

In addition, the right-hand side of the LRL Web site links to committee hearings scheduled for that day and links to other Texas government sites. It also provides information about the Legislative Reference Library of Texas and its staff.

Please note that some features of the web site are only available in the library/Capitol Complex. Our hope is that the new site will be helpful to our colleagues and we welcome your feedback and suggestions; please email them to webmaster@lrl.state.tx.us.

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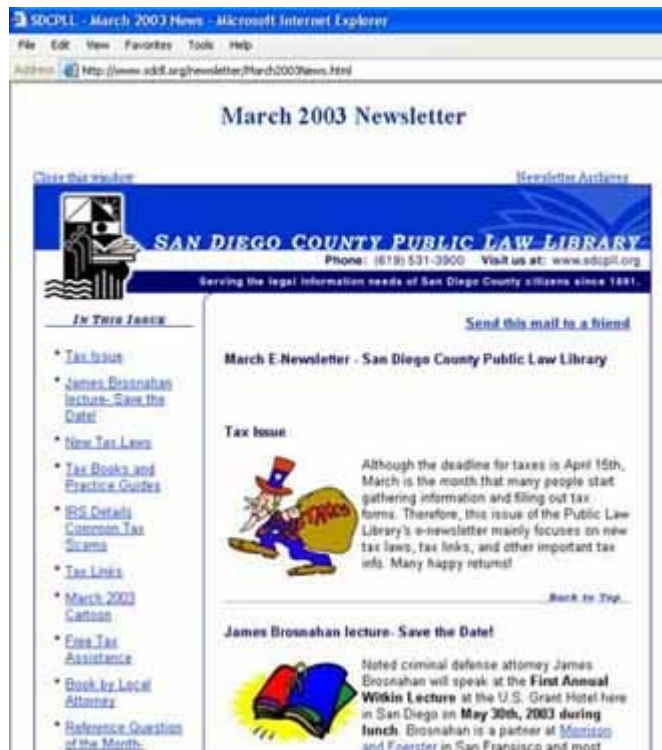
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AND EASY**

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Note: I will be presenting a program at the SWALL Annual Meeting about Electronic Newsletters and providing some examples and "how-tos."



To access current issues of the SDCLL Newsletter go to the archive at:<http://www.sdcll.org/newsletter/e-Newsletter.html#archives>

INTRODUCTION

When I took the job of reference librarian at the San Diego County Public Law Library, I didn't know that I'd also end up being the Media Coordinator. My bachelor's degree in business communications helped me identify several things the library could be doing better to promote itself and its services. One of the biggest changes I suggested was switching from a paper newsletter to an electronic newsletter. We converted in September and the response has been great! To see what it looks like, go to the Newsletter's archive: <http://www.sdcll.org/newsletter/e-Newsletter.html#archives>

WE CONVERTED [TO AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER] AND THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN GREAT

The content of the e-newsletter falls under the categories of General News, New Books, Legal Links, Cartoon of the Month, and Reference Question of the Month. The General News sections cover items like Civil Procedure changes, new laws and holiday hours for the law library. We also include information on grants we have received and different classes we are offering. The New Book section details new titles we have received, as well as a short description of the material. The Legal Links section provides Internet links to sites that are of use to practicing attorneys in a variety of fields. The Reference Question of the Month describes in general terms a reference question we have received in the past month and our response.

GOALS

The goal was to increase the number of members viewing the information about the law library through our newsletter. The law library was producing a quarterly print newsletter sent to about 1,700 people at the cost of about \$2,000 per issue. An informal survey showed that only roughly 10% of our targeted readership actually read any part of any newsletter in the past year. Further, the information had to be collected and held until the next issue of the newsletter was ready. This meant the information was often outdated by the time people read the newsletter, and any promotional impetus was lost after a three-month delay.

Additionally, many of our users were not getting the newsletter at all. For example, the current practice of distributing the printed newsletter meant that, due to cost constraints, we would send one newsletter to each law firm and hope that the firm would circulate the issue among the membership. You can imagine that by the time the last person in the firm received the newsletter (if they got it at all), the information was too dated to be useful. With an e-mail newsletter, on the other hand, we would be able to send the information directly to all registered holders of library cards at the same time. The odds of at least a few of them reading the information, versus only one, would be vastly improved. Additionally, an

AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER WOULD HELP BURNISH OUR IMAGE AS A LAW LIBRARY IN TUNE WITH THE ELECTRONIC AGE

electronic newsletter would help burnish our image as a law library in tune with the electronic age.

Thus, after investigating the feasibility of an e-newsletter, we decided to start using one for three reasons: (1) better market penetration, (2) lower cost than print, and (3) timely delivery of information to our users.

We published our first e-newsletter in September. We got our original mailing list from our membership rolls and used the e-mail addresses therein to send out our first issue. In addition, we sent out the first issue to those who we thought might be interested in subscribing, like reporters for the two law-oriented newspapers here in San Diego. We also placed an icon on our Web site which invited people to subscribe to the e-newsletter. Patrons do not have to be members of the law library to receive the e-newsletter.

COSTS

When looking at switching to an electronic newsletter, one of our primary considerations was cost. The print newsletter cost about \$8,000 a year to produce. On the other hand, the yearly cost of an electronic newsletter (excluding an initial set-up fee of \$1,500) is \$3,000.

WE ARE SAVING ABOUT \$5,000 A YEAR BY SWITCHING FROM A TRADITIONAL PRINT NEWSLETTER TO AN ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER.

An electronic newsletter company charges us a \$250 monthly fee to use its templates and other programs. This fee also allows us to send out up to 10,000 e-mails a month. Our current mailing list includes all of our members with an e-mail address plus other non-members who have subscribed to the newsletter via our Web site -- a total of about 1,800 addresses. Thus, we can send an electronic newsletter to all of our current members and still have room to send the e-newsletter to those who are not members of the law library but who have

signed up via our Web site to receive the newsletter.

Other factors we looked at when deciding which company to use for the newsletter included the length of the contract with the electronic newsletter provider and whether we would be able to archive the newsletter on our Web site without additional charge. We chose to use a provider that offers a month-to-month contract and allows us to archive the newsletter free regardless of whether we terminate our contract.

Other newsletter-service providers I looked at required a long-term commitment. They also told us that we would have to pay a separate fee to archive the newsletters on our page when we terminated the contract. In effect we would be paying twice for the same product!

Thus, we are saving about \$5,000 a year by switching from a traditional print newsletter to an electronic newsletter.

BENEFITS

More people are reading the e-newsletter than were reading the print version. We know this through some statistics that are tracked by the company that we use to publish the e-newsletter, including how many of the e-newsletters are forwarded and how many of them are actually opened and viewed. This is called the "open rate." Although we started publishing our newsletter in September 2002, this statistical program was not available until December. By looking at the stats for Dec. and Jan, we see that the open rate is about 40%. Additionally, our newsletter holds the current record at the e-newsletter company for the most forwards of an electronic product (32 of them at last count)!

Additionally, it only takes about an eighth of the time to assemble an e-newsletter than it takes to put together a print version. That frees up valuable staff time.

One of the concerns in switching to an electronic format was that those who don't have an e-mail address would miss out on the information. We examined this problem and concluded that since our web page contains the archived materials, it is not necessary that someone have an e-mail address to read our newsletter. They can either access it via our web page or a reference librarian can print out a hard copy and hand it to the patron. We do post a hard copy of the newsletter in our lobby for the non-electronically-minded.

AUDIENCE RESPONSE

Our e-newsletter has been so successful at reaching people in the legal community that the cartoonist featured in our e-newsletter recently got a phone call from a reporter for the Los Angeles Daily Journal. The reporter had seen the cartoonist's work in our newsletter and wanted to write an article about him. It turned out to be a large article, placed above the fold, and even included the cartoonist's picture.

One of the best comments I have received was from a regular user of the law library who stopped by the reference desk and said he had a complaint about the newsletter. He complained that he was unable to delete the e-newsletter each month because it contains so much useful information. He said he had archived all of our newsletters to date. We have also received the following quotes from those who subscribe to the e-newsletter:

**HE COMPLAINED
THAT HE WAS
UNABLE TO DELETE
THE E-NEWSLETTER
EACH MONTH
BECAUSE IT
CONTAINS SO MUCH
USEFUL
INFORMATION**

"Outstanding and informative newsletter."

"I just read your newsletter online and wanted to let you know how impressed I was with it. It is brief, but quite informative."

"Thanks for sending the newsletter -- I love it. It's interesting and I'm sure very useful to recipients."

"Thank you very much for the e mail. I look forward to the next one!"

"Thank you very much for the heads up on the changes in the civil code."

CONCLUSION

We are very pleased with the response to our electronic newsletter and plan to continue publishing it once a month. It has helped us reach all of our goals: (1) It boosts our image as a source of legal information while promoting our books and services directly to our targeted audience; (2) we are saving money by using an electronic format instead of print; and (3) we are reducing the lag time in information dissemination while increasing our readership. We highly recommend this form of communication to other law libraries.

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EXPERT TESTIMONY

FOOD AND FUN IN KANSAS CITY AT SWALL 2003

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[Editor's note: The 2003 SWALL Meeting will be held in Kansas City, MO during April 3 - 5. As the Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, Mon Yin Lung wrote this article about dining and entertainment attractions in Kansas City. It was originally published on the SWALL 2003 Web site: <http://aallnet.org/chapter/swall/meeting2003/>]

OFFICIAL KC WEB SITE AND MAP

For detailed information on Kansas City see:
www.gointokansascity.com

For a complete KC Map see:
www.kcmo.org/kcmo.nsf/web/gismaps?opendocument

FOOD

Those who know me well know at least two things: I am very fond of food and I weigh every penny before spending it. The following suggestions are made with these two factors in mind. Kansas City surely offers the best choices to fit different types of budgets. For more information on restaurants please check out the Kansas City Visitor's Bureau Web site at www.gointokansascity.com/dining/index.html

Main course price: \$ = \$5 or less, \$\$ = \$5-15, \$\$\$ = \$15-20, \$\$\$\$ = above \$20

A. PLAZA AREA

- **Winstead \$**

Located on 47th street and Main, this little hamburger joint is actually very famous (being mentioned in American Fried) and has several branches throughout the metropolitan area. It is very easy to get to: simply walk down the hill from the hotel and you will see it across street. Its hamburgers, made with ground steaks, are considered the best in the Kansas City. I especially enjoy their special malt (lately renamed the frosty), which is called "a drink you have to eat with a spoon." You may want to try their skyscraper if you are with friends. This is a gigantic ice cream soda that takes three or four people to share! The interior is very 50s. The price is very moderate, similar to McDonald's but you can sit far more comfortably than under the golden arches. You can even play the real jukebox for some oldies if you want to relive my high school days.

- **Andre's Tearoom \$\$**

(Main Street between 50th and 51st.) Many Kansas City locals will tell you that this wonderful Swiss bakery and tearoom educates Kansas City's taste for sweets and baked items. Open between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., this place serves lunch and tea only. The flat price for a lunch includes main dish, a soft drink, and a dessert. The portions they serve would perfectly fit the appetite of a librarian. But the desserts, oh my, are heavenly. You can also take home their tea cookies, sweet rolls, cheese pie, or chocolate. Here each piece of chocolate is a sculpture. It certainly is a feast to the eyes as well as the taste buds. The interior looks like a Swiss mountain village eatery, and the service is very warm and professional.

- **Café Sebastienne at the Kemper Museum \$\$\$**

(4420 Warwick, <http://www.kemperart.org/sebast.html>) Next door (east) to our conference hotel on 45th Street is the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Arts. You cannot miss it because it has a huge sculpture of a spider in front of the entrance. Inside you can find several pieces of contemporary art and Café Sebastienne. With its contemporary deco and spacious arrangement, dining is a very enjoyable experience. Don't forget the presentation of each dish: it is done as a piece of art, too.

- **The Grand Street Café \$\$\$** (816-561-8000)

On the left side of Winstead is the Grand Street Café. This is an upscale restaurant. You should get a reservation if you are going out on a weekend. They serve contemporary cuisine with nightly seafood specials. Those who enjoy a glass of wine will like their outstanding California wine list.

- **Fedora Café and Bar \$\$\$\$** (210 W. 47th . 816-561-6565)

This casual but elegant restaurant is actually an American bistro. Full bar. I find their dessert to be the best part of a meal here.

- **Figlio Italian Restaurant & Bar \$\$\$** (209 W. 46th Terr. 816-753-0054)

Walk down the hill on Main and make a right turn, pass the famous Neptune fountain and go across Broadway. You will be under the balcony of this restaurant. They serve very enjoyable Italian cuisine with a great view of the Plaza. You can request a table out in the balcony if the weather permits. With its dark, aged wooden floor its deco has a European atmosphere. Good food, good wine, and strolling accordion player Wed.-Sun nights.

- **J.J.'s Restaurant \$\$\$\$** (910 W. 48th St. 816-561-7136)

This is the farthest from our hotel. In fact, a cab ride is much better because it is at the west edge of the Plaza while our hotel is at the east edge. It is located on a quiet, tree-lined street, far from the rest of the Plaza. But I think you would enjoy it because their dishes are creative and good. Over the years I have learned a dish or two from them. The menu is a mix of American and Mediterranean. Casually elegant, they display local artists' work. Wonderful wine list.

- **K.C. Masterpiece BBQ Grill and Restaurant \$\$\$** (4747 Wyandott 816-531-3332)

If you have not gotten enough barbeque during our Thursday night outing, then you should give this restaurant a try. They also sell their own special brand of barbeque sauce. This is a rather upscale BBQ place. The atmosphere is enjoyable, although sometimes it is too loud for listening to the piano.

- **Plaza III , the Steakhouse \$\$\$\$** (4749 Pennsylvania 816-753-0000)

It takes a long walk to go to this restaurant from our hotel. But then again walking can improve your appetite and digestion. You may need it after a big meal at this place! I include it here because it is one of the oldest restaurants on the plaza. It is considered the "Gold Standard" of K.C. steakhouses. I know for a fact that this is one of the favorite eateries which corporations use for recruitment.

- **Ruth's Chris Steak House \$\$\$\$** (700 West 47th St. 816-531-4800)

This is one restaurant I have not yet visited. If the one in Miami is any indication, this should be very, very good, too.

B. BEYOND PLAZA

If you prefer to go beyond the Plaza, or you happen to be some place else when you feel like eating, here are my suggestions in different areas.

- **Downtown area**

Hereford House \$\$\$\$ (2E. 20th, K.C. MO 816-842-1080) is the first one that comes to mind because of their excellent steaks. The downtown shop is the original and the best. They do steaks justice.

Golden Ox \$\$\$\$ (1600 Genessee, K.C. MO 816-842-2866) is a famous and historic steak and chop house. Located in the old stockyard where the great Kansas City strips (some call it New York strip) came into being, you will feel like taking a KC history lesson by looking at the old photos on the wall.

- **Crown Center**

Crown Center area is actually about 20 blocks from our conference hotel. If you are there for the Crown Center shops, the Hallmark Visitor Center, the Union Station/Science City, or all of the above, you might as well take advantage of one of the restaurants in the area.

American Restaurant \$\$\$\$ (2450 Grand, K.C. MO 816-426-1133) is called Kansas City's occasion restaurant. It was founded by the Donald and Adele Hall (of the Hallmark Cards) for Kansas Citians to have an exquisite dining experience. The view is spectacular. The food is exotic. The service is formal.

Bryant's Barbeque \$\$ (1727 Brooklyn, K.C. MO 816-231-1123) is one of the best, if not the best KC BBQ joint. They have served every U.S. president who has visited KC. Do try the burnt ends if you make it there.

Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbeque at the Freight House \$\$ (101 W. 22nd ST. K.C. MO 816-472-7427) serves certified Angus steaks. I still like their BBQ better than other dishes. You should not miss the bake beans if you are there.

Kabuki Japanese Restaurant \$\$\$ (Crown Center, 2450 Grand, K.C. MO 816-472-1717) serves authentic Japanese dishes. If you like sushi this place is very good.

Peppercorn Duck \$\$\$\$ (2345 McGee St., K.C. MO, inside of Hyatt Regency, 816-435-4199) has a great chocolate bar. But their main courses are very good, too. The professional service and elegant atmosphere makes dining here a wonderful experience.

- **Town Center Plaza**

This is a newly developed upscale shopping center. If you like expensive shops and food, here is the place. And your help is close by if you cannot find you way back to the hotel: my home is literally down the road.

The Bristol Bar & Grill \$\$\$\$ (5400 W. 119th St. Leawood, KS, 913-663-5777) has been a very good restaurant for many years. Watch out for the biscuits they keep serving. They melt in your mouth (without butter) and before you know it you have eaten too many. Everything they prepare is great.

Hereford House South \$\$\$\$ (5001 Town Center Dr., Leawood, KS, 913-327-0800) is a branch of the original. Its steaks and seafood are also very good.

FUN

There are so many places you can go, so many things to see. I just cannot list all of them. You really should check out this Web site:

www.gointokansascity.com/.

American Jazz Museum

(1616 E. 18th St., K.C., Mo.)

Experience the rich history of jazz and some of its greatest performers as told through dozens of exhibits and interactive stations. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. Noon-6 p.m. Admission: Adults \$6, children \$2.50. www.americanjazzmuseum.com (816) 474-VINE

American Royal Museum

(1701 American Royal Ct., K.C., Mo.)

The museum and visitors' center focuses on the role of agri-business in our lives. It features interactive displays and hands-on exhibits; 20-minute film. The famous American Royal Festival is held here annually. Open Tues.-Sat. year round. Admission: Adults \$3, seniors \$2.50, children \$2. www.americanroyal.com (816) 221-9800

Hallmark Visitors Center

(Crown Center, Level 3, K.C., Mo.)

Adjacent to Hallmark Cards, Inc. See more than 90 years of Hallmark history presented through interactive exhibits, displays and videos. Open Mon.-Sat. Admission: Free. www.hallmark.com (816) 274-3613

Harry S Truman National Historic Site

(Harry S Truman Home, 223 N. Main St., Independence, Mo.)

The victorian mansion built in 1885 served as the summer White House during Truman administration and Truman's home from 1919 until his death in 1972. Tickets on a first-come basis at Visitor Center, Main St. & Truman Rd. in Independence. Hours: Daily 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed on Mondays from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Admission: Adults \$3, 16 & under, free. www.nps.gov/hstr (816) 254-9929

Kansas City Art Institute

(4415 Warwick Blvd., Kansas City, Mo. Down the road from the hotel)

Founded in 1885, a premiere college of art & design. Thomas Benton taught here. Student & alumni galleries open weekly. Tour of 15-acre campus by appointment. www.kcai.edu. (816) 802-3426

Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art

(4420 Warwick, K.C., Mo. Next door to the hotel)

Contemporary art museum. Cafe, outdoor sculpture, interior courtyard, museum shop. Hours: Tues.-Thur. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Admission: Free. www.kemperart.org (816) 561-3737

Linda Hall Library

(5109 Cherry, K.C., Mo. Next to UMKC campus and close to UMKC Law School)

Largest, privately funded public library of science, engineering and technology in U.S. Open to public. Grounds maintained as an urban arboretum. If you are lucky you will get to see their Chinese peonies in bloom. Hours: Mon. 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tues.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. www.lindahall.org (816) 363-4600 or (800) 662-1545

Negro Leagues Baseball Museum

(1616 E. 18th St., K.C., Mo.)

Re-creates the look, sounds and feel of Negro Leagues Baseball. Video presentations, exhibits, sports memorabilia. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sun. Noon-6 p.m. www.nlbm.com (816) 221-1920 or (888) 221-6526

Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art

(4525 Oak, K.C., Mo. Within walking distance east of the hotel)

One of nation's top general art museums with variety of periods and cultures. Its Chinese collection is world renown. Hours: Tue.-Thur. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. Noon-5 p.m. Admission: Free. www.nelson-atkins.org (816) 751-1278

Toy and Miniature Museum

(5235 Oak, K.C., Mo. Across the street from UMKC Law School)

Twenty-four rooms of antique toys, dolls' houses and world class scale miniatures. Three annual special exhibits. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. Admission: Adults \$4, Seniors & students over 12 \$3.50, ages 3-12, \$2. www.umkc.edu/tmm (816) 333-2055

Truman Presidential Museum & Library

(U.S. 24 & Delaware, Independence, Mo.)

One of 10 U.S. presidential libraries; features recent renovations and new exhibits. Hours: Mon.-Wed., Fri. & Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Thur. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Sun. Noon-5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4.50, Ages 6-18, \$3. www.trumanlibrary.org (800) 833-1225

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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCING SWALL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The SWALL Grant Committee is pleased to announce the four recipients of travel grants awarded to attend this year's annual SWALL Conference in Kansas City. Congratulations are in order for all four of the grantees.

Joan Stringfellow
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library
-- awarded a \$750 Coco-Miller Travel Grant

Anna Teller
Texas Wesleyan University School of Law Library
-- awarded a \$750 Coco-Miller Travel Grant

Beth Youngdale
University of Texas at Austin -- Jamail Center for Legal Research
Tarlton Law Library
-- awarded the \$750 Marian Boner Travel Grant

Laura Teske
Oklahoma City University School of Law Library
-- awarded the \$750 Kate Mara Travel Grant

In a few weeks on the SWALL and AALL listservs, the SWALL Grant Committee will announce travel grants to attend the

annual Conference in Seattle, Washington. Please monitor these lists if you are interested in applying for a travel grant to attend this meeting.

RESEARCH GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Research Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries is accepting applications through **May 5** for grants from the AALL Research Fund. The committee will award one or more grants totaling up to \$5,000 to library professionals who want to conduct research that affects librarianship.

Established with an endowment from LexisNexis™ in July 2000, the annual grants fund projects that create, disseminate or use legal and law-related information. The Association's Research Agenda offers suggestions for research projects that cover the profession of law librarianship, law library patrons, law library services, legal research and bibliography, legal information resources and law library facilities. However, projects are not limited to those described in the agenda; the committee will consider all applications and research projects. To review AALL's complete Research Agenda, please go to:
http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp.

To apply for the grants, all applicants must provide resumes and statements of their qualifications for carrying out their projects. The applications must demonstrate experience with research projects and an understanding of the dissemination and use of legal and law-related information. Priority will be given to practicing law librarians and AALL members, working individually or in partnership with other information professionals. The grant application and complete guidelines are available at
http://www.aallnet.org/about/research_fund.asp.

The submission deadline for applications is **May 5**. Grants will be awarded and announced by July 1. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee.

For more information contact SWALL member Kumar Percy, Chair of the AALL Research Committee, by email at kpercy@mail.law.utexas.edu or by phone at 512-232-1568.

VOLUNTEER IN SEATTLE FOR THE AALL ANNUAL MEETING

We need you! Join the group of interesting and dedicated people volunteering their time to help make the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting a great success!

How can you help? There are a variety of activities available -- pick the ones that interest you most! For example:

- meet new people and see old friends while working at the Registration Desk
- write articles for the daily newspaper, "Coffee Talk"
- help "stuff" conference tote bags (Friday July 11)
- take tickets and seat individuals at the Association luncheon and closing banquet
- work with children at the Family Social Hour (Saturday July 12)

Volunteers really help the conference run smoothly, and it's a lot of fun! Thanks in advance!

Please complete the Volunteer Opportunities Form available on the AALL website (<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/local03/>) and in the Preliminary Program by June 1, 2003, and fax/send/email it to:

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SEATTLE LIBRARY TOURS

The Preliminary Program for AALL provides your only opportunity to sign up for library tours in Seattle. Take a moment to register for tours of private, public, and academic law libraries. See the public research opportunities at King County Law Library; be dazzled by the glass roof of the library at Davis Wright Tremaine; check out the new and nearly new libraries at Seattle University and the University of Washington; and more!

AUTHORS IN SWALL

Melissa M. Serfass, Reference/Electronic Services Librarian, and Jessie Cranford, Circulation Librarian at the UALR/Pulaski County Law Library, are the authors of the new *Loislaw User's Guide*, recently published by Aspen Publishers.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH EXHIBIT

The UALR/Pulaski County Law Library announces an exhibit "A Suit for Freedom Daniel v. Guy" in recognition of Black History Month and Women's History Month. Daniel v. Guy, 19 Ark. 121 (1857), the leading emancipation case, involves Abby Guy and her four minor children who sued William Daniel, a settler of Ashley County, Arkansas, a postmaster, justice of the peace, wealthy slaveholder, and former owner of Abby.

Two juries were allowed to decide the race of the plaintiffs and gave verdicts for liberation. On exhibit are several pages from the original transcript showing Abby Guy's petition, the testimony of selected witnesses, James Daniel's will bequeathing Abby, the Arkansas Supreme Court's judgment record book, and a selected bibliography.

Kathryn C. Fitzhugh serves as the curator of the exhibit. The exhibit will be on display through April 30, 2003.

NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO LAW LIBRARY

Michelle Rigual is the newest reference librarian at the University of New Mexico Law Library in Albuquerque. Michelle was most recently a reference librarian at Arizona State University.

The UNM Law Library has undergone four months of construction and relocation of service desks for the installation of a new elevator. While the Law Library will not look very different, access

will be much improved. The Law Library staff has survived four relocations of the circulation desk, including a move outside the library over the winter break to set up a very small "satellite" library in a moot court room.

Marsha Baum, formerly known as the Director of the Law Library, is now Associate Dean for Library Affairs at the UNM Law School.

DIVORCE FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY LAW LIBRARY

Travis County Law Library would like to announce that it now has divorce forms and name change forms available from its Web site at www.TravisCountyLawLibrary.org. The forms were approved by the Travis County District Attorney's Office.

If any county law library in Texas would like to encourage its district judges to adopt the Travis County forms, contact Lisa Rush, Manager of Travis County Law Libraries.

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