

A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community

Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to all who participated



Best Overall

First Place

“Shelving in Silhouette”
by Tina Ching, reference librarian at Arizona State University in Tempe.
Submitted by Kimberly Ann Ostitis, reference librarian at the King County Law Library in Seattle.
4:45 p.m. Stina McClintock shelves books at the King County Law Library.

During National Library Week 2005 (April 10-16), AALL members took a wide range of photographs of law librarians working, meeting, teaching, and doing all that law librarians do in a given day or week. Fifty-five AALL members from 47 different law libraries across the country submitted more than 180 photos to the contest.

The AALL Public Relations Committee initially judged all entries based on composition, quality, subject, lighting, creativity, and the ability to capture the spirit of law librarianship. The committee selected the top five winning entries for each of the six categories. These top five entries were posted on AALLNET in September, and AALL members chose the final winners.

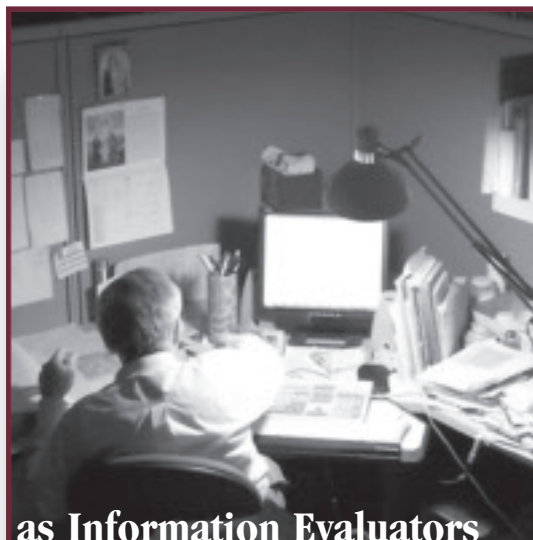
Congratulations to the winners, and many thanks to each and every member who participated and shared their photos with AALL.

Second Place

“From Canon Law to Subfield Delimiters” by William Benemann, head of technical services at University of California School of Law Library in Berkeley.

5 p.m. James Larrabee, rare book cataloger, creates a MARC record for a rare law book, capturing both the long history

of law librarianship and the breadth of scholarship required to be a good cataloger.



Third Place

“Solo Librarians Do It All” by Terri Wilson, law librarian at Underwood Wilson Berry Stein Johnson PC in Amarillo, Texas.

10 a.m. Underwood Law Firm Librarian Terri Wilson is a solo librarian in a one-person library department. Multi-tasking is her middle name.

Category I: Librarians as Information Evaluators



First Place

“Everything in Its Place” by Deborah Ginsberg, electronic resources librarian at Chicago-Kent College of Law Library.

2:30 p.m. Government Documents Librarian Kevin McClure may seem to have quite a few documents on his desk, but it's all under control. These documents will go to their proper locations in no time.



Photo Contest Winners

Category II: Librarians as Information Managers

First Place

"Solo Librarians Do It All" by Terri Wilson, law librarian at Underwood Wilson Berry Stein Johnson PC in Amarillo, Texas. See photo on pg. 6.

Second Place

"From Canon Law to Subfield Delimiters" by William Benemann, head of technical services at University of California School of Law Library in Berkeley. See photo on pg. 6.

Third Place

"Shelving in Silhouette" by Tina Ching, reference librarian at Arizona State University in Tempe. Submitted by Kimberly Ann Ostitis, reference librarian at the King County Law Library in Seattle. See photo on pg. 6.



Category III: Librarians as Expert Researchers

First Place

"Using Technology in Research"

by Charity Braceros. Submitted by Kara Phillips, collection development/associate executive librarian at Seattle University School of Law Library.

Librarian Kara Phillips (right) assists law student Angela Chang on a research question using a dual screen monitor at the reference desk.



Third Place

"Perspective on Federal Statutes" by Lou Lindsey, associate director of the University of Tulsa College of Law Mabee Legal Information Center.

3 p.m. Courtney Selby, collection development/instructional services law librarian, prepares to teach a research class by conducting research on federal statutes.



Second Place

"Working with Vice President Mondale"

by Linda Pedersen. Submitted by Johnette Johnson, information resources reference professional at Dorsey Whitney LLP in Minneapolis.

10:30 a.m. Johnette Johnson, information resources reference professional, discusses results of a research request with Walter Mondale.

Second Place

"Who Recommended This Title?" by Patrick Meyer, reference/foreign and international law librarian/adjunct professor at Loyola Law School William M. Rains Library in Los Angeles.

3 p.m. Library Selection Committee meets to evaluate new titles for purchase. From left: Patrick Meyer, Larry Reeves, Edward St. John, Ruth Hill, Marlene Bubrick, and Guendolyn Lohmann.



Third Place

"Review Book Lists" by Macey L. Edmondson, public services law librarian at the University of Mississippi Law Library.

1:30 p.m. LaVern Jones, technical services worker, reviews book lists.

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Category IV: Librarians as Teachers



First Place

“Norco Elementary Visits the Law Library” by Jason Kruppa. Submitted by Carol Billings, director of the Law Library of Louisiana in New Orleans.

Head of Technical Services Janice Shull provides historical information about the court as she leads a tour of students from Norco Elementary School.

Second Place

“Research Reality Check” by Michael Spoerl. Submitted by David B. Hanson, information technology/reference librarian at Drake University Law Library in Des Moines.

12:10 p.m. Drake University Law Librarians David Hanson, Karen Wallace, and Susan Lerdal (left to right) teach a lunch-time seminar to third-year students in the Prepare for Practice series.



Third Place

“U.L.A.-pproved” by Lou Lindsey, associate director of the University of Tulsa College of Law Mabee Legal Information Center.

3:09 p.m. A light goes on for students Greg Watt and Misty Watt when Courtney Selby, collection development/instructional services law librarian, explains the Uniform Laws Annotated.



Category V: Librarians as Trainers

First Place

“Training Research Assistants.” Submitted by Ronald E. Wheeler, public services, lecturer III at the University of New Mexico Law Library in Albuquerque.

Reference Librarian Barbara Lah (right) trains research assistants for the University of New Mexico School of Law Library research pool.



Photo Contest Winners

Category VI: Librarians as Mentors



First Place

"... over coffee" by Tina Ching, reference librarian at Arizona State University in Tempe, and Stina McClintock. Submitted by Jean Holcomb, former law librarian and director of the King County Law Library.

3 p.m. Jean Holcomb, former law librarian and director, and Rita Dermody, collection access services librarian, discuss over coffee.



Second Place

"Mentoring Future Law Librarians" by Charity Bracerros. Submitted by Kara Phillips, collection development/associate executive librarian at Seattle University School of Law Library.

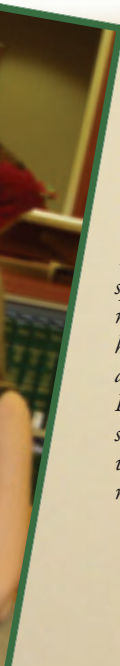
Law Librarian Kelly Kunsch (right) discusses the National Library Week READ poster exhibit with Library Intern Katie Brown, a third-year law student applying to library school.

Third Place

"Everyone Pitches in during National Library Week"

by Ida Weingram, head of outreach services at the Jenkins Law Library in Philadelphia.

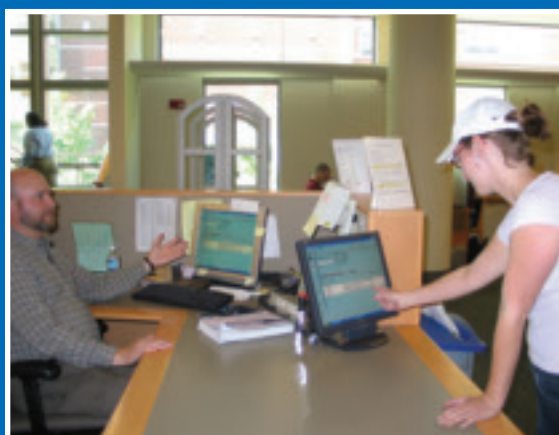
9 a.m. Library Director Regina Smith spruces up one of the more than 70 portraits hanging in the public areas of Jenkins Law Library that were in storage for six months while the library renovated.



Second Place

"Let Me Show You" by Cheryl Nyberg, reference librarian at the University of Washington Gallagher Law Library in Seattle.

1:30 p.m. Ann Hemmens, reference librarian, shows Dongsheng Zang, faculty candidate, the library catalog.



Third Place

"Training Student Workers" by Charity Bracerros. Submitted by Kara Phillips, collection development/associate executive librarian at Seattle University School of Law Library.

Assistant Circulation Supervisor Michael Zubitis trains student worker Jana Kelly how to view circulation information on the dual screen monitor.