

## Current Events

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May 1, 2008-May 1, 2009

### **Excellent Customer Service @ Your Law Library**

An online interactive training program for public law libraries

May 25-28

### **Canadian Association of Law Libraries Annual General Meeting 2008**

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

June 1

### **Association of American Law Schools Workshop for Law Librarians**

Cleveland, Ohio

June 1

### **Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries XXXVIII: "The E-Librarian: Ideas, Innovation and Inspiration"**

Montego Bay, Jamaica

June 12

### **BIALL 2008 39th Annual Study Conference and Exhibition: "Beyond the Pale: Planning for the Next Information Generation"**

Dublin, Ireland

June 14

### **99th Special Libraries Association Annual Conference and INFO EXPO**

Seattle, Washington

June 25-28

### **Joint Study Institute 2008: "Harmonization and Confrontation: Integrating Foreign and International Law into the American Legal System"**

Washington, D.C.

July 12-15

### **AALL 101st Annual Meeting: "Energize • Explore • Evolve"**

Portland, Oregon

August 10-15

### **World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference and Council: "Libraries without borders: Navigating towards global understanding"**

Québec, Canada

## RSS Feeds Now Available for AALLNET

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The latest versions of Internet Explorer and Firefox have RSS readers built in already. If they detect a feed, they will automatically offer the option to subscribe to that feed. If your Internet browser does not give you the option to subscribe to a feed, you will need to find an RSS reader. There are many RSS readers available, and most are free. Some popular examples include Bloglines, Google Reader, My Yahoo!, and NewsGator. Once you've chosen an RSS reader, simply copy the feed's URL and paste it in your RSS reader.

RSS feeds for AALLNET include:

- AALL Latest News
- AALL Calendar of Events
- AALL Job Hotline
- AALL News (previously located in *AALL Spectrum*).

## Program and Workshop Collection Site Open for the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting: Innovate

Do you have ideas for programs that will help us *Innovate* in Washington, D.C., in 2009? The Program Planner's Handbook ([www.aallnet.org/events/ProgramPlannersHandbook.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/events/ProgramPlannersHandbook.pdf)) provides the resources you will need to turn those ideas into program proposals for submission to our Annual Meeting Program Committee by the **August 15 deadline**.

Included in the handbook are suggestions for creative formats, pointers for identifying appropriate and compelling speakers, and tips for writing well developed proposals. All program and workshop proposals will be submitted online through the 2009 Program and Workshop Collection site (<http://proposals.aallnet.org>), where you can develop your proposals in your own virtual workspace, save your work as you go, and even share it with colleagues.

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### You Can be an Advocate

But advocacy isn't just something AALL's staff or leadership does; each of us needs to be an advocate for the issues that are vital to us by educating our bosses; legislators; national, state, and local officials; and our publishers' representatives. The Washington Affairs Office helps by conducting advocacy workshops each year at the Annual Meeting and issuing Action Alerts to members so that you can contact your legislators when key issues are being decided. The WAO also has an electronic newsletter and blog. You can sign up for these at the WAO's Web page, [www.aallnet.org/aallwash](http://www.aallnet.org/aallwash).

You can also volunteer for one of the policy-related AALL committees or for a committee in your chapter that does similar

work at the local or regional level.

Help improve law librarians' salaries by contributing your salary information to the biennial survey. Learn about tools like the *Guide to Fair Business Practices for Legal Publishers* and the *Principles for Licensing Electronic Resources* and insist that the vendors you deal with use them as well.

Our Strategic Directions framework says, "AALL must increase its role, in all political arenas, as the unified voice of law librarians in order to help influence and shape policies that will promote continued access to and use of information." But AALL is *you!* So take an advocacy workshop, write to your legislator, or volunteer for a committee. Think about how *you* can be an advocate for the things you believe in about law librarianship. ■