



2008 Day in the Life contest Category I: Librarians as Information Evaluators and Managers winner: "Information Traffic Controller" by Professor Robert Brussack. Submitted by Sharon Bradley, special collections librarian at the University of Georgia School of Law Alexander Campbell King Law Library in Athens.

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# Calling All Shutterbugs

*Come out, come out, wherever you are for the  
2009 Day in the Life photo contest*

by Carol Schmitt

**Y**es, it is that time of year again...time for the AALL A Day in the Life of the Law Library Community photo contest, sponsored by the AALL Public Relations Committee. First off, I must say that I'm continuously amazed at the photographic talents of my fellow AALL members. I am photographically (and technologically) challenged—I can't focus a camera or take a good picture, let alone even try to download the picture to enter

the contest—but many of you can do all that quicker than I can say, "Cheese!" And you do it so well that you serve as inspiration to others.

Now entering its fourth year, the Day in the Life contest continues to grow in popularity. In addition to providing a creative outlet, the contest provides AALL members an opportunity to showcase ourselves, our staffs, and our profession. The contest allows each of you the chance to show that law librarianship is more than books and computer research.

Through your photos, you can show that the profession is vibrant and engaging. Past contest entries have gone so far as to show law librarians taking the profession literally to new heights and demonstrating breath-taking feats of acrobatic skill and balance. The committee is looking forward to another year of exciting entries.

The members of the PR Committee encourage you to think of the contest as an opportunity to raise the bar on both the internal and external images of your

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*For more contest information, visit [www.aallnet.org/dayinlife](http://www.aallnet.org/dayinlife)  
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libraries. Remember good PR is not limited to the spoken word but should also include great visual images. You all know that “A picture is worth a thousand words,” but as you look through the lens of your Polaroid, Kodak, Canon, Nikon, or camera of choice, also think of the words of American documentary photographer, Dorothea Lange, who said, “Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still.” Who knows—that “instant in time” could happen in your library.

The committee wishes to encourage all AALL members from every type of law library (academic, government, court, private law firm, solo librarian, etc.) to take a watchful look with your creative eyes, and take aim and shoot (figuratively speaking of course.) Then enter your digital or print photographs by **February 28, 2009**, in any of the following six categories:

1. Librarians as Information Evaluators and Managers
2. Librarians as Expert Researchers
3. Librarians as Teachers and Trainers
4. Librarians as Trailblazers in New Technology
5. The Artistry of Librarianship
6. Most Humorous.

And remember, sometimes a good picture just happens. As Ansel Adams said, “There are no rules for good photographs, there are only good photographs.”

To assist you in taking great photographs, see the Day in the Life Web page for some tips for taking photos, as well as the contest entry form and the photo release form: [www.aallnet.org/dayinlife](http://www.aallnet.org/dayinlife).

The entries will be judged in two rounds. The members of the PR Committee will do a preliminary judging of entries in March. Then, in celebration of National Library Week, the committee will post the top five photos from each of the six categories to AALLNET for all current AALL members to vote on. The winning entries will be featured on AALLNET and in the July issue of *AALL Spectrum*. Just think what winning the contest could do for your library and staff in terms of more internal organization promotion...the possibilities are endless.

So, put your best foot (face) forward...focus...aim and...smile! ■

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