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2006 ALLUNY Election Results

By Laurie Hubbard, Nominations Chair

Your votes are in... The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce ALLUNY's incoming officers for 2006-07. They are:

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These newly elected officers will take office at the Incoming Board meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. as the final matter of business of the 2006 Annual Meeting in Corning.

Congratulations to our new officers and a heartfelt thanks to all who ran for office this election year. The Nominations Committee will give a full report of this year's election process at the Annual Business meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

Come to Corning!
for the ALLUNY Annual Meeting

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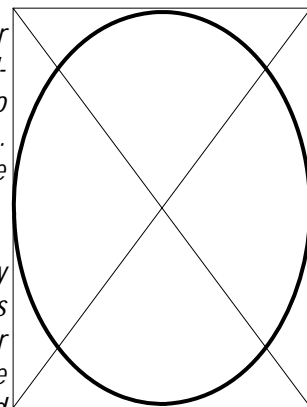
by *Alice Askew*

Dear ALLUNY Friends and Colleagues:

I recently picked up for backyard reading a copy of "The Rule of Four," a literary thriller set at Princeton University and touted at its publication some while back as a worthy successor to "The Da Vinci Code." It is no such thing, but I was suspending my disbelief willingly enough until I came upon these passages on facing pages:

"...He aimed at being a professional librarian until larger ambitions got in his way: tenure, professorships, advancement – all the fixations that come with wanting to serve books, then gradually wanting books to serve you... He smells of library mold, of the books everyone else has forgotten."

"Mrs. Lockhart, the librarian time forgot, probably darned socks with Gutenberg's wife in her day. She has smooth white skin draped on a wispy frame made for floating through the stacks. Most of the day she can be found muttering in dead languages to the books around her, a taxidermist whispering to her pets."



As one who has never muttered to the books around me in either a living or a dead language, I marveled at the tenacity of the stereotypes, first, that librarianship is a lesser profession; second, that this reputedly minor calling is best left to unattractive, antisocial spinsters of both genders.

Inasmuch as "The Rule of Four" is the product of two recent Princeton grads, I was inclined to charge off these feeble old slights as sophomoric attempts at satire, so I opted to watch a movie on cable – Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" with Walter Matthau as the male lead in each of the three plays-within-a-play. In the last, as Roy Hubley, father of a reluctant bride who has locked herself in the bathroom, he hollers in frustration, "So she doesn't get married... let her become a librarian with thick glasses and a pencil in her hair!"

I then turned to contemplate my DVD collection, recalling just in time that

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Message from the President

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the classic "It's a Wonderful Life" contains this caution from Clarence, the guardian angel-in-training: "You're not gonna like this, George! Mary never married; she's an old maid, and she's about to close the public library!" Whereupon we see a prim Donna Reed in rimless spectacles, a mannish hat covering hair pulled back in a bun, creeping shyly down the street.

Where's a copy of "Desk Set" when you need it? (Although even in that rare portrayal of attractive – i.e., REAL – librarians, Katharine Hepburn is shown more than once with a pencil stuck in her topknot, and her staff are depicted as a bunch of technophobes.)

Strangely, my copy of "The Quotable Book Lover" contains a great many paeans to both public and private libraries, but precious few to the value of the people who make them what they are. Even the authors of "The Rule of Four" don't miss the opportunity to boast of Firestone Library's six million or so volumes on more than 50 miles of shelves. Who do they think are running the place – Oompa-Loompas?

Yes, I've heard that Batgirl was a librarian, and I've seen the various web sites – the Lipstick Librarian, the Cool Librarian blog, and others too numerous to list – but I get the impression we're talking amongst ourselves, one Rodney Dangerfield to another.

What to do? Since we can't all be Katharine Hepburn (or Spencer Tracy, for that matter), I guess we keep on doing what we do best, one patron, one research request at a time. Occasionally, if we're lucky, the patron will notice and see beyond our figurative pencil-in-the-bun, as did the paralegal whose butt I once saved by interpreting an obscure citation. Clutching his photocopies, he turned at the door, smiled beatifically, and proclaimed, "I love law librarians!" That sure sounds like a bumper sticker to me.

My rant complete, I will close with the hope of seeing all you beautiful people at the fall conference in Corning. Do not look for a pencil in my coiffure – it's too short for that these days – and I plan to smell of Chanel No. 5.

Alice

Editor's Corner

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For full coverage of the recent flood at the University at Buffalo Law Library, see Jim Milles' article beginning p. 18. For your editor's reaction to the experience, read on —

There is something utterly terrible about a water-logged book. Its contents are held captive by the gluey pages, while inky essence oozes into illegible smears. In the best scenario, loving diligence may restore what nature put wrong; freeze-drying works a world of wonder in separating and re-settling seemingly indelible malformations. Despite warp and wear, the content is maintained, accessibility regained. But in dire cases, the cause is lost. A book may be irredeemably transformed by water's working, and what once was a vessel for communication becomes but a subject object.

Such transformation strikes too deep to where I live, if not physically, then spiritually. With lost words lost and spent words spent, every day of the cleanup seemed to me *Ash Wednesday*, with Eliot's elegant eulogy echoing. Where, indeed, shall the word be found? And where will we be without it?

Few things, I realized, are more unsettling to me than the contemplation of stifled voices. Words lost through damage to materials – whether acts of God or man – is but one aspect; equally horrible to contemplate are those words unspoken: voices suppressed, or stunted, whether by forces external or internal. The good lesson I take from all of this – along with admiration for disaster planning and appreciation for teamwork – is gratitude – deep, abiding, and almost inexpressible – to those who daily strive against stifling in all its guises. ALLUNY writers and keepers of the word, I salute you!

Keep creating! Keep circulating! Keep sharing! Stay redundant! When words can be lost, or spent, or stifled – every voice and every word is crucial.

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Invitation to ALLUNY Annual Meeting in Corning

Dear ALLUNY Colleagues and Friends:

With great pleasure I invite you to attend the 52nd annual fall meeting, to be held Friday, September 15, through Sunday, September 17, at the Radisson Hotel Corning in Corning, New York.

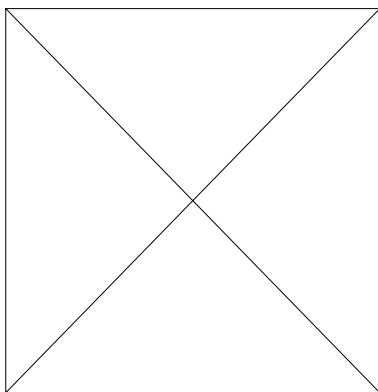
Corning is a wonderful little city with many world class museums. In fact, our opening reception will be held at the Rockwell Museum of Western Art which is one block away from the Radisson. The hotel is also located one mile away from the Corning Museum of Glass.

Intellectual property and preservation is the theme of the annual fall meeting. We have put together an education program with exciting speakers and relevant topics. Attorney Paul Burke will discuss intellectual property from the corporate point of view. John Dean from Cornell will discuss many aspects of preservation of material both paper and electronic. Jim Milles and Nancy Babb will discuss electronic methods of advertising the library and how to preserve that electronic material. Electronic Repositories and Preservation will be a panel program which features a discussion on this topic by the Immediate Past President of AALL and Professor of Law at Cornell, Claire Germain. Also on the panel from Cornell Law Library is Jean Pajerek, Head of Technical Services and Information Management, who will explore various electronic repositories. Rounding out the panel will be Brian Jablonski from HeinOnline. We balanced the programming with some free time to enjoy the wonderful area. Finally, an AALL executive board member will be our chapter visitor and keynote speaker at the closing banquet.

I hope to see you in Corning!

Charles S. Finger
Vice President /President-Elect
ALLUNY Education Chair

Hotel & Directions



ALLUNY's Annual Meeting will be held at the **Radisson Hotel Corning**, 125 Denison Parkway East, Corning, N.Y. Phone (607) 962-5000 for reservations.

Directions From: I-86/Rt 17 East

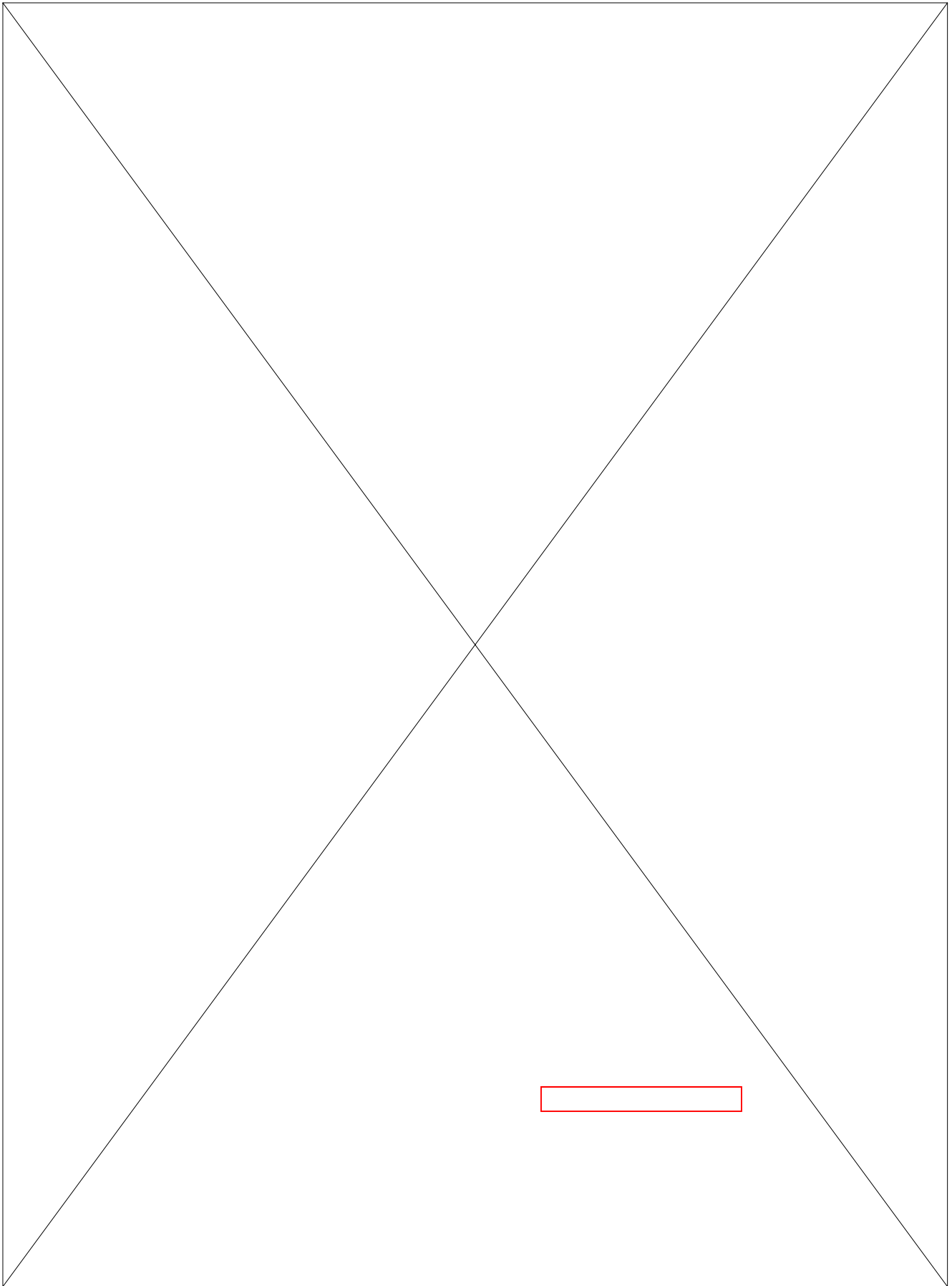
Take Exit 45, Downtown Corning Exit.

As you enter Corning, the Radisson Hotel Corning will be at the fourth traffic light on the left.

Directions From: I-86/Rt 17 West

Take Exit 47, Downtown Corning Exit. Turn right at the top of the ramp, and then turn left at the traffic light onto Rt. 352 West.

As you enter Corning the Radisson Hotel Corning will be at the third traffic light on the right.



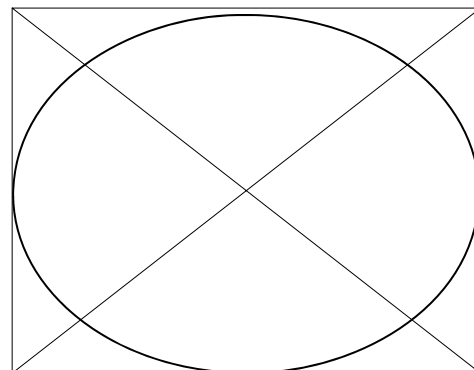
Intellectual Property and Preservation: Annual Meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York

Radisson Hotel Corning, September 15 – 17, 2006

Friday September 15, 2006

10:00 – 11:00	Board Meeting	Rockwell Room
11:00 – 1:00	Registration	Lobby Alcove
11:00 – 5:00	Vendor Exhibits	Keuka Room
12:00 – 1:30	Lunch	Carder Room
1:45 – 3:00	Intellectual Property Paul Burke – Corning, Inc.	Cayuga/Seneca Room
3:00 – 3:30	Break	
3:30 – 6:00	Free time	
6:00 – 9:00	Reception	

Rockwell Museum of
Western Art
111 Cedar Street



Saturday September 16, 2006

8:00 – 3:00	Vendor Exhibits	Keuka
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast with the vendors	Keuka
9:00 – 11:00	Registration	Lobby Alcove
9:00 – 10:30	Preservation of materials John Dean – Cornell	Cayuga/Seneca
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 12:15	Advertising the Library Jim Milles – University of Buffalo Nancy Babb – University of Buffalo	Cayuga/Seneca
12:15 – 2:00	Lunch	Carder
2:00 – 3:30	Electronic repositories & preservation Claire Germain – Cornell Law Library Jean Pajerek – Cornell Law Library Brian Jablonski – HeinOnline	Cayuga/Seneca

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3:30 – 4:00	Break	
4:00 – 5:30	Business Meeting	Cayuga/Seneca
6:30 – 9:30	ALLUNY Banquet	Carder
10:00 –	President's Party	

Sunday September 17, 2006

8:00 – 10:00	Breakfast and board meeting	Keuka
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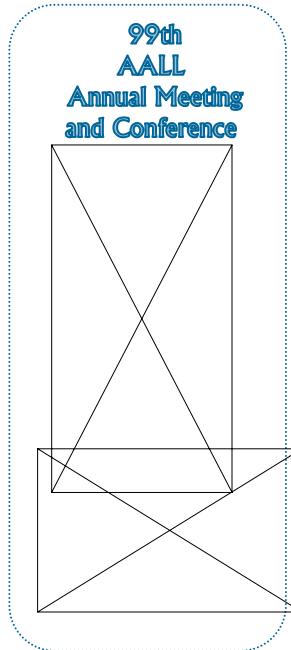
AALL Annual Meeting Report

By Lauren Schroeder, JD/MLS dual-degree student at the University at Buffalo

I would like to begin my report about AALL's Centennial Meeting in St. Louis by extending a big thank you to ALLUNY for awarding me the AALL Annual Meeting Grant. This was my first time attending the Annual Meeting, and I had a spectacular time from start to finish.

Being a new member of a little over a year, I chose to attend CONELL – the Conference of Newer Law Librarians – in order to learn more about AALL and to meet other people who were also getting acquainted with AALL and with the profession itself. Some of the CONELL sessions broke us up into smaller groups, which provided opportunities to engage in more in-depth discussions about how everyone there decided to become law librarians. Through these conversations, I discovered that my background of going directly from getting my B.A. to entering the JD/MLS program at UB classified me as a bit of an anomaly. Nearly everyone I spoke to (both at CONELL and the Annual Meeting in general) either came to the profession after years of pursuing another career, or else worked first as a general librarian, paralegal, or attorney. All the speakers that addressed us were articulate and informative, but a real standout was Cornell Winston from the U.S. Attorney's

Office in Los Angeles. He told us "How to Conference," and his advice ranged from the practical (network by talking to at least 5 new people a day) to the hilarious (how to get our hands on as much free stuff as possible while we were there). He also expressed that he had an interest in visiting dead presidents, so I made sure to encourage him to come to Forest Lawn Cemetery in Buffalo so that he could cross Millard Fillmore off his list.



Another highlight of CONELL was our bus tour of St. Louis, which included the option to ascend to the top of the Gateway Arch. I was very excited about that because although I'd never been to St. Louis before, I had gone up to the observation deck of the CN Tower in Toronto, so I thought I had a good idea of what to expect. Oh man, was I mistaken! The means employed by those who designed the Gateway Arch had much more in common with an escape pod from Star Wars than with any traditional concept of an elevator. It made for a very interesting ride, especially being crammed in with 4

other CONELL attendees – all of us needing to sit hunched over so that we didn't bang our heads on the top of our escape pod.

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But the views of the city and the Mississippi River were definitely worth it!

I also attended several educational programs throughout the Annual Meeting, ranging in focus from a new web-based cataloging code called RDA to copyright and preservation issues in the digital environment. While they all had interesting points, two in particular made a strong impression on me. The first was "Defending Democratic Values in a Culture of Secrecy." This program addressed the current administration's mania for keeping as much government information classified as possible, while at the same time wanting librarians to violate our patrons' privacy without much (if any) of an explanation. The government's misplaced priorities were illustrated dramatically during the program's question and answer period. An audience member recounted being delayed at the airport in New Orleans, along with several other people who were also there because of the recent ALA meeting. He said while they were waiting, someone asked one of the men, "What library or company are you with?" The man's response was, "Actually, I'm with the FBI." He told them that he had been sent to ALA to record sessions and get the names of as many attendees as he could. I have to say I wasn't very surprised because of my own cynical views about our government in general, but the fact that the government continues to see librarians as being akin to enemies of the state makes me furious – it's the most ridiculous concept imaginable! Well, I can only hope that whomever the FBI sent to AALL loved the chocolate pianos at the LexisNexis Opening Event as much as I did.

The second program was this year's Hot Topic – "Prepare for the Worst, Hope for the Best: Using a Library Disaster Plan Template to Prepare the Library's Disaster Plan." This was a very informative and detailed presentation that should be an absolute must for every library, regardless of what kind of building it's in, or the part of the country where it's located. Although the inclusion of this program was influenced by the effects of the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast last year, I attended to build on what I already knew because of my personal interest in the topic, as well as the recovery that took place at UB's law library after the fire in March 2005. Even though no librarian wants to think about a disaster coming to pay the library a visit, the best defense is to

be proactive, and have a plan already in place before anything happens. The speaker, Jeanne Drewes of the Library of Congress, was excellent – very enthusiastic and highly knowledgeable about what librarians need to do to

protect their institutions as much as possible. For example, she stressed that librarians should employ preventive maintenance to pre-empt potential disasters by thinking seriously about what the library's most likely risks are in advance. The priorities about what to save should also be clear, such as which materials in the collection are irreplaceable, and which are necessary to continue the library's mission.

There were also other aspects of the Annual Meeting that I found valuable as well. I participated in an interview for the AALL Spectrum conducted by Hollie White of Arizona State University about U.S. News and World Report's rankings of law librarianship programs. She wanted to provide a student's perspective in the article regarding what factors are important when choosing a particular library school. The interview is scheduled to be published later this year, and I have to admit it'll be a big thrill to see what I had to say in print! I was also able to meet my AALL Mentor, Calmer Chattoo (now at the University of Miami, but an alumnus of UB), at the Mentoring Reception, and we had the chance to share our thoughts about the profession along with just getting to know each other. Throughout the Annual Meeting, people were intrigued whenever I mentioned that I was a dual-degree student. I used those opportunities to explain how UB's JD/MLS program is designed, and everyone reacted very positively to the concept itself as well as the learning experience that it provides.

And finally, I loved being able to just hang out and have fun with so many law librarians who all brought their own unique impressions of what our profession is, and where it will be going in the future. They made my first Annual Meeting a fantastic one, and left me looking forward to next year. See y'all in New Orleans!

Photos of Gateway Arch & sunrise over the Mississippi by Nancy Babb

But I Digress...

Of books and journals, boxes and jars, the sacred and the profane, and summer.

by Elaine M. Knecht, Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Buffalo

I had big plans at the start of summer. I planned to keep the ice bucket full (I don't have an automatic icemaker in the freezer), keep the driveway weeded (I don't have a green thumb. The only thing that grows with wild abandon around my house are weeds), and read many, if not all, of the books that have yet to be taken down from my shelves. Several of them were gifts I received on my 50th birthday, a day so long past that I would have to blow the dust off those books before attempting to read them. One thing I don't have to do as the summer winds down (much to my dismay) is buy school supplies. Our last college student is in a culinary arts program. She doesn't need fresh, crisp notebooks, gel pens or protractors. She needs pastry bags, checked pants and a stainless steel spatula for tempering chocolate. However, as John Lennon said, "Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans."

What became of my grand plans? Our daughter, her husband and our new grandson decided to move from Wheeling, WV to Buffalo. So we helped. My nephew came from Florida for 10 days, then asked (twice!!) if he could stay longer. We said yes. Our last teenager finally decided to get her learner's permit and wanted to be taught how to drive. DAD said he'd do that (I'm far too nervous, though she IS a good driver.) While I've managed to turn out enough ice for everyone's drinks, the driveway looks like a jungle, and the books have gone unread. I've depended upon my RSS feed (remember those from last month? I'm subscribing to 32 feeds now, including Savage Chickens, which are chicken cartoons on sticky notes by Doug Savage - <http://www.savagechickens.com/>) to keep me current. I've done practically no professional reading. So although I should be reading A Guide to Licensing & Acquiring Electronic Information (Stephen Bosch) and Digital v. Non-Digital Reference (ed. Jessamyn West) I've wiled away these lazy, hazy, crazy days reading Puccini Without Excuses (William Berger) and Mozart's Women (Jane Glover). I also *listened* to a book on CD as I made way to Wheeling and back. It's pure fluff, but I think you'll like it. It's called The Sign of the Book: a Cliff Janeway novel by John Dunning. The main character is an antiquarian

bookseller who was formerly a policeman. He has a girlfriend who's a lawyer and together they solve a murder mystery. A whole roomful of signed first editions is one of the clues. Something for everyone, don't you think? (I especially liked it because my father was a policeman for twenty years. I met several of his friends who were just like Cliff Janeway.)

What it took to get a copy (from a library) of the Puccini volume reminds me of something going on out there in Libraryland. OCLC has just gone live with www.worldcat.org. By using this great new service ("1.3 billion items in more than 10,000 libraries worldwide") I learned that none of our public libraries had the book, but that one of our local colleges had acquired it. I have no relationship with the college, and here's where a recent string of posts on Steven Cohen's Library Stuff come to mind. We are librarians and know about ILL. Even our knowing other librarians can help us get what we want. If the general public embraces worldcat.org though, it will be important for OCLC to let searchers know that they may not be able to walk in

to the library at the top of the list and borrow material. (From this same string I learned that Michigan's State University system grants borrowing privileges to any Michigan resident.) Where did that leave me and Puccini? In this instance, I was able to bypass ILL and other librarians. I asked a neighbor, who is a professor at said college, to pick it up for me! He was able to check it out until the end of the Fall semester. (Oh, why didn't I chose academic libraries?)

And speaking of guilty pleasures (reading about Mozart and Puccini instead of about licensing and digital reference)... may I recommend Pandora, from the Music Genome Project? Before I became a librarian I spent some time as an opera singer, and I still spend an occasional shift on the radio as an announcer on our local all-classical music station. I should be listening to serious music, right? I have Bach and Mozart and Tchaikovsky CDs in the library, to make it an inviting space. But (and here comes the confession. You're the

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only one reading this, right?) I like Bobby Darin. And Frank Sinatra. And Michael Bubl . And Glenn Miller. And even Dean Martin. And I've set up my own radio station on www.pandora.com (which I'll be happy to share. Just send me an email: eknecht@hiscockbarclay.com). Tunes get added to my playlist based on the genome (we librarians would call it metadata) of the selection. If I ask the program why it chose a song, it may tell me "Based on what you've told us so far, we're playing this track because it features a leisurely tempo, a horn ensemble, background string section, orchestral arrangement and minor tonality." Pandora will keep comparing songs' metadata and pushing new ones to my desktop based on what I've already said I liked - a kind of readers' advisory service for popular music.

BTW - Pandora may actually have been carrying a jar rather than a box. Our expression "Pandora's Box" derives from a mistake on the part of Erasmus. He may have read Hesiod's word *pithos* as *pyxis*, or he might have confused Pandora's story with that of Psyche, who did, indeed have a box.

And now it's fall. Let's get back to work!

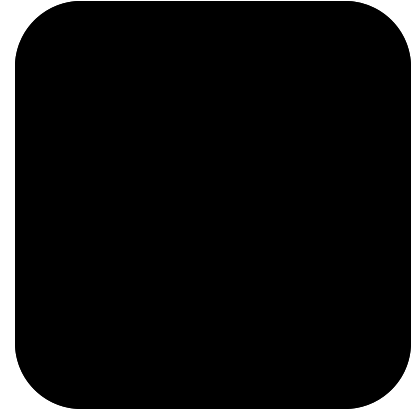
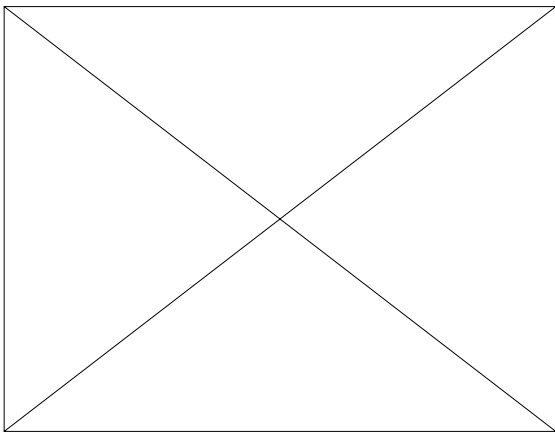
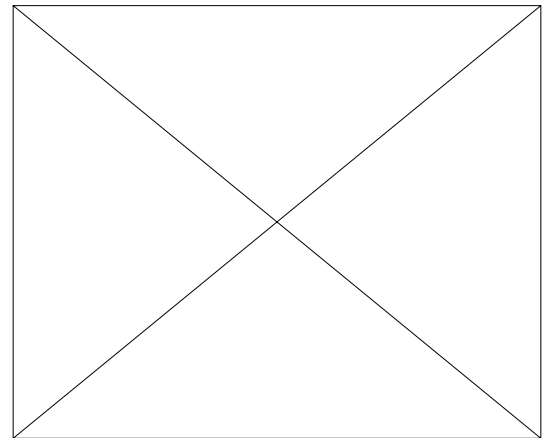


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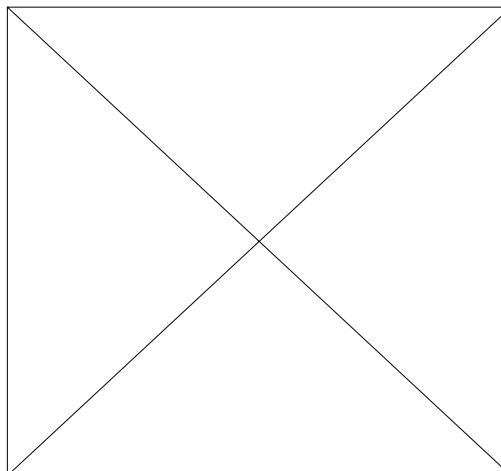


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Joint
Reception



Two vices:
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Library (Syracuse) and Steve Weiter
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(Rochester) — *that's some commute!*

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Technical Tips: Reflections on AALL St. Louis

by Joan Hoolihan, Cataloging Librarian, AD 4th Law Library, Rochester

I was very excited to visit St. Louis. It would be my first trip there. I'd heard so much about it from my husband who lived there for eight years some twenty years ago. It wasn't likely that we would choose St. Louis for a vacation destination so I seized the opportunity to visit by way of the AALL annual conference. He decided to come with me (and attend the conference on Tuesday), his first trip back.

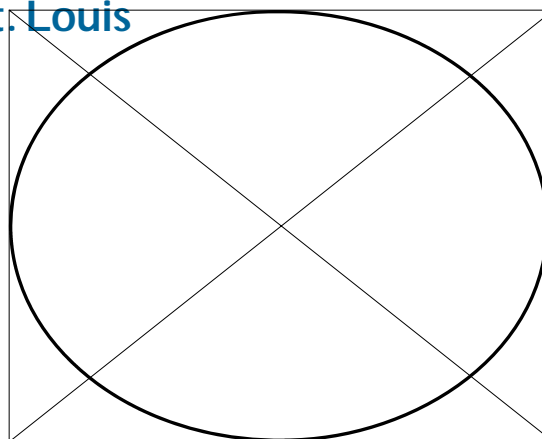
I had the glee of a child at a carnival glimpsing the Gateway Arch on approach from the air and was surprised to see so many trees, so much green. (I was later reminded that the prairie began further west.) The ride from the airport to the hotel bore out the fact that flora and fauna was pretty much the same as the northeast. What I didn't know was that St. Louis is in hardiness zone 5 like much of New York state. Because of St. Louis' long, hot summers and short winters I guessed zone 7 like in Virginia. (Hardiness zones interest my inner gardener.)

Truth be known, I asked my husband, the former St. Louisan, to choose the hotel. When he chose the one furthest from the convention center I groaned inwardly and blamed myself but reasoned that the long walks to and from would counter the effects of all the food and beverages we surely would consume. The Hampton Inn Gateway Arch was very nice; not posh like the Renaissance Grand but very nice. Our room was on the tenth floor with a stunning view of the Arch! It was a pleasure to behold in the morning light, crowned by clouds, or surrounded by the moon and stars. There was no restaurant at the hotel but guests were treated to an extensive, all-you-can-eat breakfast every morning with complimentary drinks and snacks available throughout the day.

Of course we were in St. Louis because of AALL's 100th anniversary conference — and attend meetings and social events we did.

Notable programs:

Plenary session I with Linda Greenhouse, Supreme Court correspondent at the New York Times and author of *Becoming Justice Blackmun*. She gave an informative, anecdotal talk about the writing of that familiar work. Librarians are a researcher's dream come true.



Christopher & Joan Hoolihan and Betsy Vipperman at the ALLUNY/LLAGNY/NJLLA Joint Reception

Dred Scott in St. Louis was an excellent program that went thirty minutes over its scheduled seventy-five. Paul Finkelman, a law professor at SUNY Albany and scholar on slavery, provided interesting legal and historical perspectives, along with Lynn Jackson, a great, great, great granddaughter of Dred Scott, who provided an interesting familial/social perspective. This program was even more meaningful for me having recently read the book *Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: the remarkable story of the friendship between a first lady and a former slave* by Jennifer Fleischner, set against the backdrop of the Civil War. The Dred Scott case, of course, figured prominently in the events leading to war.

Legal publishers and business practices, a panel discussion, was notable because it was so bad. I expected to hear how AALL is taking the lead in the struggle to help curb runaway price increases but it sounded more like, "yes it's tough and we stand behind you." I left just before the somber audience asked their questions to catch another program.

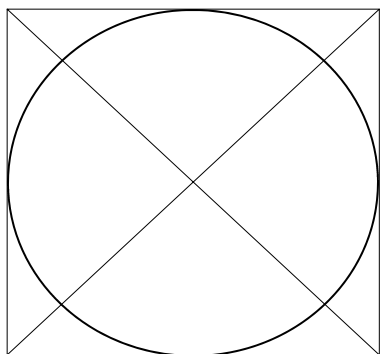
Invasion of the podcast people was lively and informative. Fortunately, Jim Milles, director at SUNY Buffalo Law Library and fellow Loon, spoke during the second half of the program - the half I was able to escape to. I was somewhat familiar with podcasting but I didn't realize how much fun it could be. Instruction needn't be the only reason for tuning in.

Resource Description and Access (RDA) - pioneering toward a new cataloging code. Jennifer Bowen, head of cataloging at the University of Rochester and ALA representative to the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) for revision of AACR, and Ann Sitkin, head of cataloging at the Harvard Law School Library, gave the

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Jim Milles, representing those invasive podcast people.

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presentation on RDA. Jennifer gave a good, general overview of the need for a new standard, RDA goals and contents, and the issues in developing RDA. Ann focused on rules in the drafts of chapters 6 and 7 specific to legal cataloging: Additional Instructions for Legal Resources (6.13) and Additional Instructions for Legal Works (7.9).

A lively question and answer period followed. RDA's treatment of treaties is a sore spot for some. Determining the primary access point (formerly, main entry) and additional access point(s) (formerly, added entry) are at issue. That the term "citation" is defined in yet another way is problematic for others. Letting go of AACR may not come easy. The phrase "beloved AACR2" was uttered several times and it was assumed there were those among us who could quote it "chapter and verse." (Thankfully it comes in print.)

Meanwhile progress on RDA is steady. The deadline for comments on the draft of Part A, chapters 6 (Related Resources) and 7 (Persons, Families, and Corporate

Bodies Associated with a Resource) is September 1, 2006 to allow time for comments to be compiled for consideration by the JSC at their meeting, October 16-20, 2006. Publication is slated for 2008.

View a prototype for RDA online at www.rdaonline.org. The RDA instructions and examples used in the demonstration are taken from the draft of Part I. A twelve question survey follows the video (or can be viewed separately). Viewing the prototype and completing the survey is strongly encouraged.

There was nothing new in the Hot Topic, **Disaster Preparedness**. The presenter, however, was gregarious and knowledgeable, ad-libbing throughout. She began with "know the location of the water shut-off" and ended with the web address for the Online Disaster Planning Tool, prepared by the Northeast Document Conservation Center and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Find dPlan at www.dplan.org.

Between meetings and socials we sampled St. Louis. We strolled along the allee to the Gateway Arch; enjoyed wonderful surprises at every turn at the Botanical Gardens; looked out from the bluff to the Missouri river at Mount Pleasant Winery; found a gem at a favorite used bookstore (still in business and at the same location twenty years later); paddle-boated at Union Station; and toured neighborhoods in Clayton and in the Central West End where we dined al fresco. St. Louis is definitely a vacation destination; we arrived home happy and exhausted.

Happy Birthday to AALL!

ALLUNY members Anne Marie Swartz, Nancy Babb, Jim Milles, Jen Behrens, Melissa Bednarz, Kovienna Nelson, & Beth Adelman pose in front of the *really big* cake at the Closing Banquet.

Grant recipient Melissa Bednarz, University at Buffalo Law Library, is honored at the AALL/ LexisNexis Grant & Scholarship (a.k.a. Bender Baby) Dinner.

*Captured
in
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Fun with Wikipedia

Those experiencing any guilt over summer reading choices may be heartened by the following Wikipedia entry on "reading":

*"Well, I would have done some **technical** reading this summer, but I'm **not a computer**, after all..."*

*(I know, I know — this provides positively no preclusion against perusal of **professional** publications, but such protestation spoils the purpose, as well as my little joke... Cheers! —Nancy)*

RES PLACET:
views &
reviews

Recommended Blog-Related Resources

by Jim Milles, University at Buffalo Law Library

To begin with, there are several directories of law-related blogs; you might want to bookmark these:

A Taxonomy of Legal Blogs (http://3lepiphany.typepad.com/3l_epiphany/2006/03/a_taxonomy_of_l.html)

U. of Cincinnati law student Ian Best got a lot of buzz for creating this directory; he even got law school credit for doing it. I don't find it particularly helpful. The categories are too broad, and there are no annotations or even source data. But a lot of people linked to it, so there you go.

Law Professor Blogs (<http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/>)

From the site: "A network of web logs ("blogs") designed from the ground-up to assist law professors in their scholarship and teaching. Each site focuses on a particular area of law and combines both (1) regularly-updated permanent resources and links, and (2) daily news and information of interest to law professors. Our editors are leading scholars and teachers who are committed to providing the web destination for law professors in their fields."

Law Professor Blogger Census, Version 4.3 (http://www.concurringopinions.com/archives/2006/03/law_professor_b_4.html)

Probably the best source for law faculty looking for current information on their areas of interest. Blogs are listed by law school and author, so you can tell immediately if one of your colleagues is blogging on a particular topic. Compiler Daniel J. Solove is himself a law prof at GWU.

Blawg: Your Source for Law-Related Weblogs (<http://www.blawg.org/>)

Maintained by law firm web technologies manager Bill Gratsch, this is probably the most comprehensive listing of law blogs, and is updated frequently.

Noted with pleasure...

*I love books more than anything.
Left to myself, I wouldn't come to school at all. I'd spend my whole life reading.
"Go out," my mother tells me. "It's lovely today. Go and play in the fresh air." But I'd rather stay in my bedroom, and read about other children going out to play.*

Anne Fine, *Bad Dreams*
(Delacourt Press, 2000)

You'll also need an **RSS aggregator** — my recommendation:

Bloglines (<http://www.bloglines.com/>)

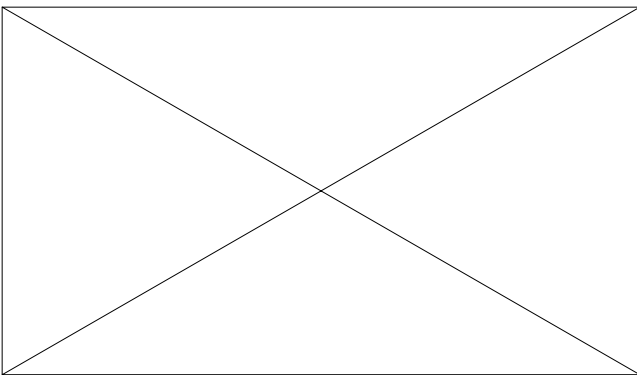
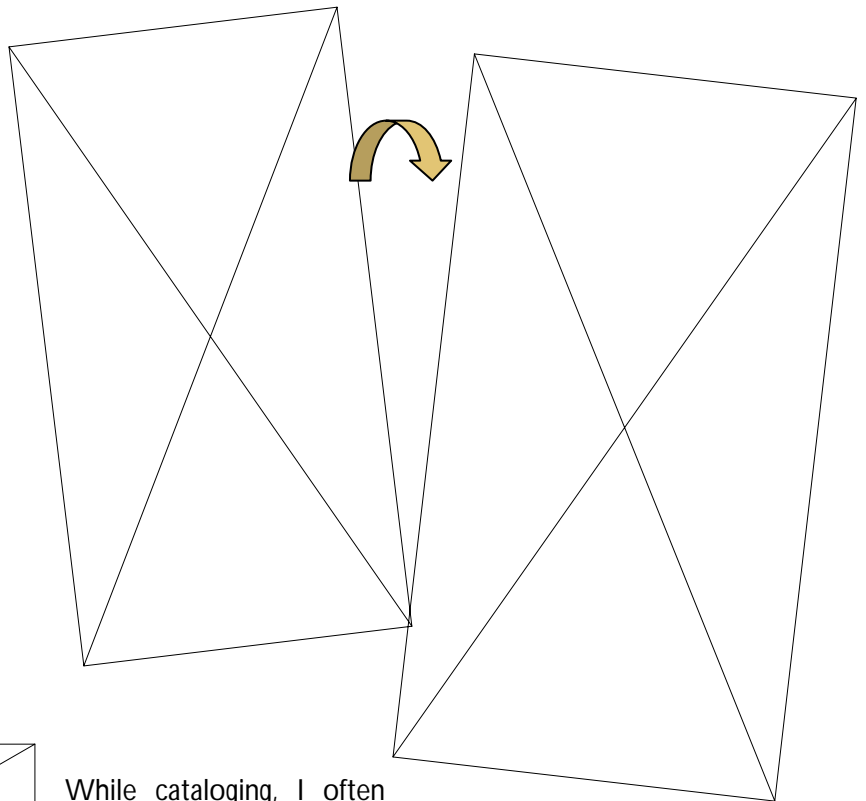
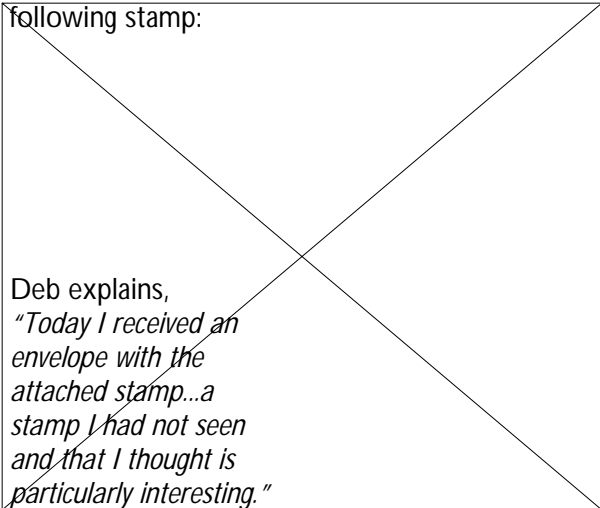
Bloglines is a FREE online service that helps you subscribe to and manage lots of web information, such as news feeds, weblogs and audio. Bloglines tracks the information you're interested in, retrieves new stuff as it happens, and organizes everything for you on your own personal web news page.

Finally, there is a very good **tutorial on library uses of RSS** at <http://www.nhmccd.edu/Templates/Content.aspx?pid=59927>

Inspiration: Found

By Nancy Babb, University of Buffalo Law Library, with contribution from Deborah E. Melnick, Principal Law Librarian, NYC Civil Court

Beauty may be found in unexpected sources, while we work or we play. **Deborah E. Melnick, Principal Law Librarian, NYC Civil Court**, submits for example the following stamp:



While cataloging, I often find inspiration at work. For example, the above clipping, left in an old volume on Spanish civil law, which on the one side tantalizes (the newsprint is pretty faded; may I be forgiven for at a first glance I reading “mejores” as “mujeres”?) while the other promotes, hmm — vegetarianism? (*Can anyone provide source for this drollery?*)

For my own bookmarks, I often rely on discarded catalog cards. They are such pleasant reminder, and a good size and weight, with space for jotting notes on the back. At times, however, I'll be suddenly struck by the subject matter I've been toting, as in the example at left.

Intrigued by found objects? You may enjoy exploring the galleries of FOUND Magazine at <http://www.foundmagazine.com/> For a library perspective, check out Hypatia's Library Tales: Strange Items Found In Books at <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Parthenon/2776/bkmks.html>

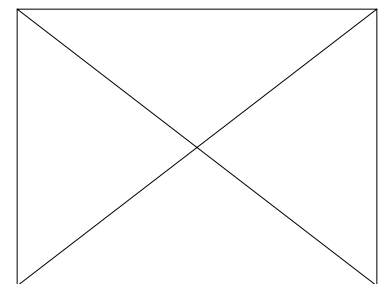
Call for Submissions Continues: Bookmarks

Wanted for ongoing feature in ALLUNY Newsletter:

Photos, screen captures, descriptions, and deliberations on your favorite bookmarks of any kind —

What marks your reading passages, both in books and online?

What are your favorite physical artifacts and your recommended web meanderings?



Submissions to: Nancy Babb, e-mail babb@buffalo.edu

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NE 2007 Program Guidelines for Sponsors

by Steve Weiter, NY Appellate Division Law Library, 4th Department

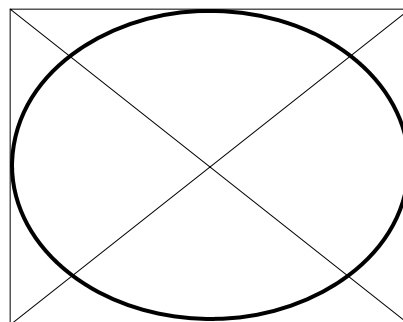
NE2007: Toronto, Ontario, October 17-20, 2007

Program Planning Committee

Program Guidelines for Sponsoring Chapters

Program Theme

Though the conference is in Toronto and hosted by the Toronto Association of Law Libraries (TALL), the great majority of attendees will be American law librarians. Consequently, we will emphasize the conference's theme of "Libraries Without Borders" in both senses of the phrase: geographical borders (the developing international and comparative legal environment) and virtual borders (libraries where access to resources and provision of services know no borders). To reflect these themes, the program will have three "streams" of focused programs: core competencies (including library management and services), substantive law, and (for lack of a better name at the moment) "other", which will include technology issues and professional topics (e.g., the future of libraries, etc.)



Co-chairs Steve Weiter and Connie Crosby at the ALLUNY/LLAGNY/NJLLA Joint Reception

Program Scheduling

The conference convenes on the evening of Wednesday, October 17, 2007. Programs will be offered over the three "full" days of the conference, beginning Thursday, October 18, in the morning and ending Saturday, October 20, in the early afternoon. Over the three days of programming, we will offer ten (10) program sessions, with four (4) concurrent programs during each session, for a total of 40 programs. It is anticipated that each program will be 1.5 hours long. Because the conference facilities are extremely flexible, we are able to accommodate programs anticipating either a large (300) or small (10 or 20) attendance. Also, since the program schedule has not yet been fixed, we are also able to consider shorter programs – e.g., a series of concurrent programs that would only be one hour in length – and possibly increase the number of programs offered.

Responsibilities of Sponsoring Chapters

Each sponsoring chapter must sponsor at least one program for the conference, though you may undertake to sponsor more than one, in which case you should obtain the Program Planning Committee's approval. The chapter will assume all direct costs for the program, including round-trip airfare to Toronto for the speaker(s) and one (1) night in the hotel. The Conference Planning Committee will provide each speaker with a complementary registration to the conference and to all events, including the opening reception and the closing banquet.

If a speaker is a member of one of the sponsoring chapters, the speaker's costs will not be covered by the sponsoring chapter or the Planning Committee. The speaker will also be expected to pay for his/her registration for the conference.

Sponsoring chapters may follow their own local policies or practice to determine whether a speaker is paid a fee or honorarium.

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To date, there are 10 sponsoring chapters:

- ALLUNY (Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York)
- GPLLA (Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association)
- LLAGNY (Law Library Association of Greater New York)
- LLAM (Law Library Association of Maryland)
- LLNE (Law Libraries of New England)
- LLSDC (Law Library Society of the District of Columbia)
- NJLLA (New Jersey Law Library Association)
- ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries)
- SNELLA (Southern New England Law Library Association)
- TALL (Toronto Association of Law Libraries)

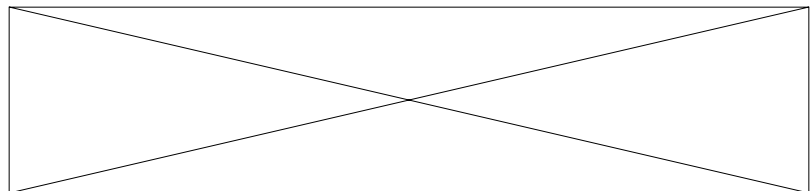
Program Planning Deadlines

Program planning is an ongoing process. For planning purposes, we hope that the sponsoring chapter will be able to provide the Program Planning Committee with a report of at least their preliminary suggestion of a topic or topics for the committee's consideration and approval by February 1, 2007. The final deadline for the definite determination of the chapter's sponsored program(s), including confirmed speakers or panelists, is April 1, 2007. We will have a preliminary program assembled by May 1, 2007.

Contact Information

Each sponsoring chapter will designate an individual as their contact for dealing with the NE2007 Program Planning Committee as we move forward. Any and all questions can be forwarded to the Program Planning Committee care of its Chair:

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Flood Hits the University at Buffalo Law Library

Text and photos by Jim Milles, University at Buffalo Law Library

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Friday, 7/28/2006

We in the Law Library are becoming experts in adversity. 16 months ago we had a fire to deal with; this morning it was a flood.

Leaks on the fifth floor of O'Brian after last night's heavy rain caused significant water damage to the ceiling, carpeting, furniture, equipment, and books on floors 4 through 1. Thanks to the quick and dedicated response from all the Law Library's staff--not to mention staff from Preservation and Lockwood--we have boxed some 3,500 books for vacuum freeze drying. Most of the books come from our Reference collection and some of the state statutes and cases.

We expect to reopen as usual on Monday morning, although certain parts of the library will be subject to cleanup and repair, and the books sent off for repair will be gone for some time. We probably dodged a bullet: fortunately, the bar exam finished yesterday, so graduates taking the bar are unaffected. With any luck we should be cleaned up and back to normal before classes start again.

Thanks to everyone who pitched in to get us through this latest disaster. All of the Law Library staff worked like a well-oiled machine to identify the tasks that needed to be done, and to do them.

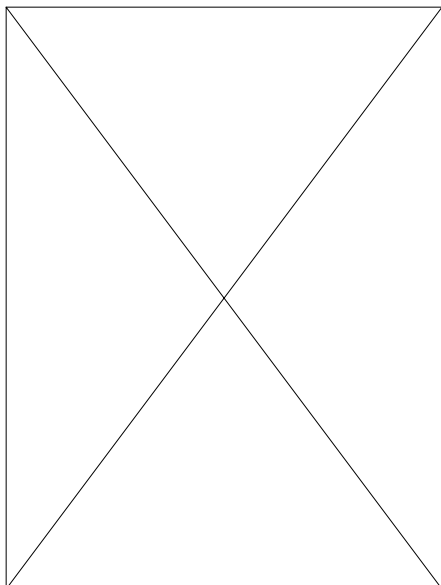
Oh--and if anyone has any old Tennessee Reports they want to get rid of, let's talk.

Monday, 7/31/2006

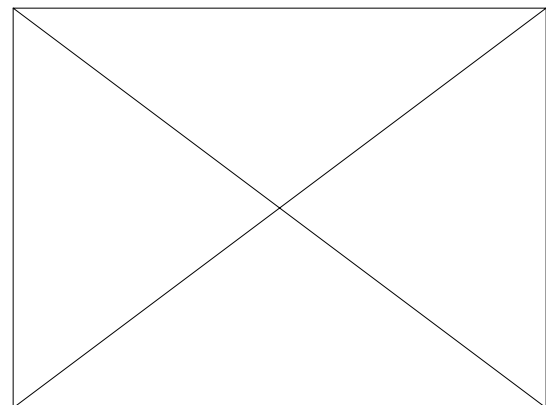
Update, for those who are interested: we've decided to keep the library closed today. Three floors are currently unusable because of the roar of dozens of high-power fans that were brought in to dry the carpeting. We hoped the carpets would be dry by now, but no--the dehumidifiers overflowed and spilled water all over again. (Sigh.)

We're going to have to take it one day at a time. I hope we can open to the public tomorrow, but I won't have my staff sitting at the Reference and Circulation desks amid the noise of the fans.

Editor's note: The Law Library remained closed for another week, finally re-opening on Monday, August 7.



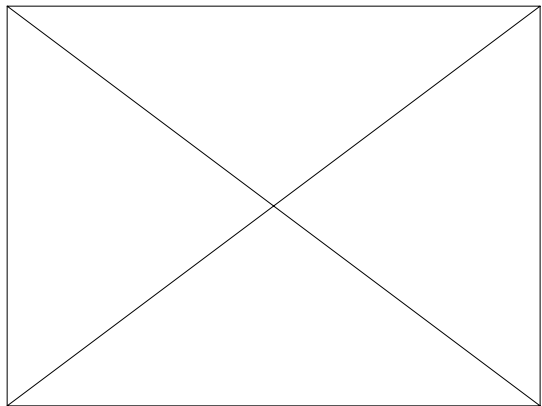
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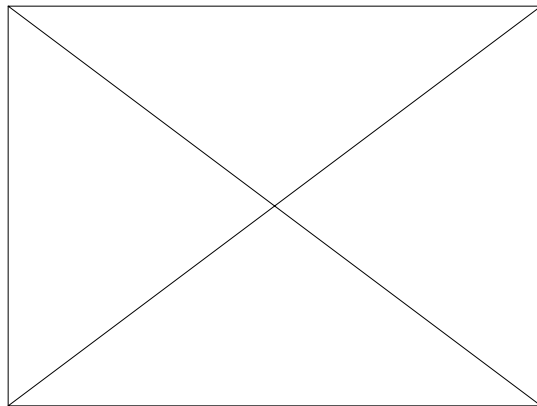
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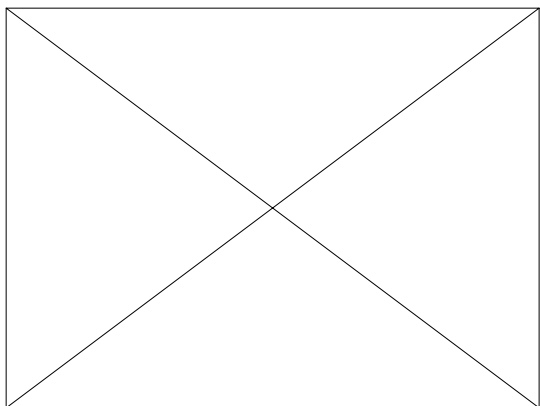
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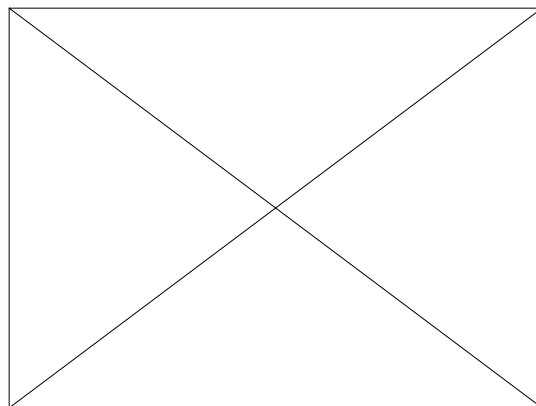
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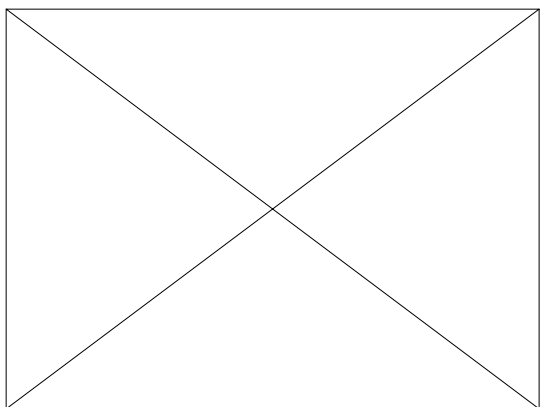
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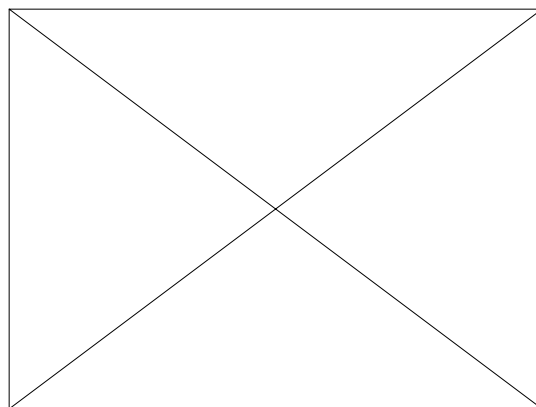
Stacks hung with plastic to avoid further damage



Amy Hothow & Ellen McGrath prepare books being transferred for freeze-drying



Karen Spencer & Nina Cascio cleaning up the Reference Area



Industrial fans: very noisy! but effective

Photos by Jim Milles. For additional views of the University at Buffalo Law Library, visit Jim's Flickr photoset at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/29413243@N00/sets/72157594218669185/>

ALLUNY Members in the News

Weiner Publishes Review

Robert Weiner, Electronic Services Librarian, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law, contributed a book review to *Government Information Quarterly*. His review of *Researching National Security and Intelligence Policy* (Washington, D. C.: CQ Press, 2004) can be found at: 23 GOV'T INFO. Q. 330.

Welcome New Members!

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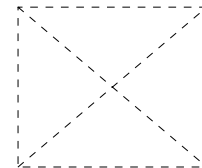
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News Briefing:

ALLUNY Members Attend the Joint Study Institute

by Marcia Zubrow, University at Buffalo Law Library

ALLUNY members attended the 2006 Joint Study Institute (JSI), co-sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, Australian Law Librarians Group, British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL), and Canadian Association of Law Libraries. Hosted by BIALl at Oxford University, the JSI in Oxford began the second round of biennial visits to host countries for law librarians to delve into legal topics. This year's JSI topic, "Righting the World: Freedoms and Obligations in a Regulated Society," was at St. Anne's College, Oxford University August 10 – 13. The ALLUNY members attending were Jean Callihan (Cornell), Tom French (Syracuse), Nina Cascio, Susan Dow, and Marcia Zubrow (all from the University at Buffalo). They joined other multinational attendees from the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Canada, United States, Australia, New Zealand, and Hong Kong, People's Republic of China. The program is available at <http://www.biall.org.uk/home.asp?id=fjsiprogramme>

An in-depth report will appear in the next ALLUNY Newsletter.

Museum Historian Expands Travers Stakes Stats Package

Press release by Mike Kane, National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

Submitted to ALLUNY Newsletter by Paula Curtis Carter, life member of ALLUNY

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. –

Randy Moss, Randy Moss, we have the answer you were seeking.

It has taken a while, though.

So long, in fact, that you may not recall the question.

Two years ago, Moss, the ESPN racing analyst, was trying to determine the longest layoff for a Travers Stakes winner immediately preceding the race. The historic Travers was first run in 1864. When he discovered that the New York Racing Association's information database did not contain the statistic he needed, Moss called the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, which is located across Union Avenue from Saratoga Race Course. Moss left a phone message for historian Allan Carter.

By the time Carter received the voicemail, the 2004 Travers was history. Birdstone, making his first start since stopping Smarty Jones' run toward the Triple Crown in the Belmont Stakes, had prevailed in a race contested in near-darkness just before a violent thunderstorm struck Saratoga Race Course. Carter figured he need not bother with the request.

During a conversation with a colleague following the 2005 Saratoga racing season, Carter recalled the phone message from Moss and decided to embark on a Travers research project. Though it remains a work in progress, Carter has developed a poster-sized data chart with 17 columns of Travers information. The Saratoga Springs resident, who is retired from the New York State Library, delved into the history of the race and located charts for every running since the inaugural in 1864.

Carter's data shows that Birdstone established the record for time between the Travers and his previous start, 84 days. Birdstone eclipsed the record of 74 days set in 1868 by The Banshee, a filly, in the fifth Travers. The second-longest layoff before the Travers was 70 days, the time between One Count's wins in the Belmont Stakes and the Travers in 1952.

By contrast, the shortest gap between the Travers and the "prep" race was two days. Dandelion took the 1905 Travers on August 5, about 48 hours after running second in a handicap at Saratoga Race Course. Gold Foam

equaled the record in 1935 by winning the Travers on August 17, two days after finishing first in the Hyman Purse at Saratoga.

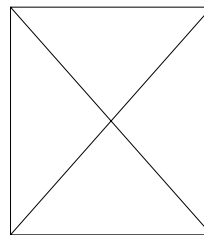
Carter's research also reveals that the first Travers winner who had its previous start at Saratoga that season was the filly Liza in 1895. Liza was the first of 54 Travers winners whose final race before the Travers was at Saratoga Race Course.

Also, the chart shows that 71 Travers winners also won their previous start. The worst finish by a horse who won the Travers in the next race was eighth. Blues set the comeback record in 1901, rebounding from an off-the-board finish in the Saratoga Handicap to take the Travers, then run at 1-1/8 miles. Jim Dandy also jumped up from an eighth-place finish in the Burnt Hills Handicap on August 8, 1930 to upset Triple Crown winner Gallant Fox on Aug. 16. Seventy-six years later, Jim Dandy remains a Saratoga legend and his name is on an important Travers prep race.

Through the race data he crunched, Carter found that the Haskell Invitational -- previously called the Monmouth Invitational -- and the Jim Dandy have each produced a record 12 Travers winners. Third with 10 winners is the Saranac Handicap.

In addition, while Lexington is the leading sire of Travers winners at eight, no broodmare has produced multiple Travers winners.

Carter continues to search for Travers data. Thus far, he has been unable to find the margins of victory in 1872, 1876 and 1892.



The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame is located across from the Saratoga Race Course on Union Avenue in Saratoga Springs. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am. - 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon - 4 p.m.. Hours during the Saratoga Race Meet are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Programs at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame are made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a State agency. Call (518) 584-0400 for more information.

Check our website at www.racingmuseum.org

Why Do You Belong to AALL? Write it down and Win!

Our profession and its Association have changed greatly in the last 100 years, but have the reasons for joining and retaining our memberships in AALL changed all that much?

The AALL Membership and Retention Committee is sponsoring a 500-word writing contest to find out why membership in AALL is important to you. We want to know what you've gained and what you value from your membership, including illustrative examples or anecdotes. As an added incentive, three winners will receive free full registrations to the New Orleans Meeting next summer. Judging criteria will be based on originality, creativity, and quality and clarity of writing.

So, rise to the challenge! As we embark on AALL's second 100 years, we invite you to tell us the reasons why you belong to AALL. This is also your opportunity for fame (winning entries will be published in Spectrum) and fortune (winners will receive free full registrations for the 2007 Annual Meeting). Read on for more details.

Contest Guidelines

- Contest participants must be current AALL members.
- Entries will be divided into three groups based on years as a law librarian: 1-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10+ years.
- One winner will be selected from each group. Be sure to indicate your group on your entry.
- The three winning entries (500-words) will be published in the June 2007 issue of AALL Spectrum, and each winner will receive a free full registration to AALL's 2007 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.
- Deadline for receipt of entries is Friday, December 15, 2006. Entries should be sent to: Claudia Jalowka, Law Librarian, Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries, 90 Washington Street, Hartford, CT 06106; e-mail Claudia.beth.jalowka@jud.ct.gov; fax (860)706-5086; or phone (860) 706-5151.
- Submitted entries become property of AALL.

ALLUNY Members Resources

The ALLUNY Newsletter is pleased to highlight the wealth of wonderful resources — **databases, blogs, other** — made available by ALLUNY members and their institutions as an on-going, cumulative feature in every issue. Please submit your suggestions to the editors. Contributions with annotation would be most appreciated!

InSITE

<http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library/insiteasp/default.htm>

Cornell Law Library

"A current awareness service of Cornell Law Library, InSITE highlights selected law-related Web sites in two ways: as an annotated publication issued electronically and in print; and as a keyword-searchable database. The law librarians at Cornell evaluate potentially useful Web sites, select the most valuable ones, and provide commentary and subject access to them. This information can be accessed four ways: Searchable Database, Current and Archived Issues, Via e-mail subscription, and In print format for the Cornell Law School community."

International Disabilities / Human Rights Law Web Resource

<http://www.law.syr.edu/lawlibrary/electronic/humanrights.asp>

Syracuse University College of Law and the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library

A website "developed to assist researchers and to promote the international work of our new Disability Law and Policy Program. It is one of the first comprehensive bibliographic resources devoted to international and comparative disability laws. The site is currently organized under three broad categories: international disability laws, regional disability laws, and individual countries' disability laws. These divisions are subdivided into smaller categories, under which annotations, primary documents, and links to additional re-

sources may be found. The contents of this website may be browsed and searched using keywords."

Many ALLUNY libraries and librarians maintain blogs. If you would like to share your blog or other resource with ALLUNY readers, please send url and description to the Newsletter editor for addition to ALLUNY Members Resources.

Spotlight on: ALLUNY Committees

In the absence of meeting minutes and committee reports, this issue seemed an opportune time to become reacquainted with ALLUNY committees. The following pages feature profiles for each committee, including chairs, charges, and notes to the membership. Please check out the calls for volunteers, and be sure to introduce yourself to committee members in Corning.

Archives Committee

Co-Chairs: **Judy Lauer and Stephen Weiter**

The Archives Committee is charged with storing and maintaining the archives of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York.

The Chair of the Archives Committee is also the Archivist.

The Archives Committee is busy sifting through materials to put them in order and to send the next batch of print materials to Hein to be scanned and added to the electronic archives available through HeinOnline. Our next meeting will be on August 26 at Brennan Beach. The members of the ALLUNY Archives Committee are: Jan Fleckenstein, Laurie Hubbard, Cindy Kesler, Judy Lauer, Steve Weiter and Cyndi Trembley

Through the generous auspices of the William S. Hein company, Inc. ALLUNY is able to offer select portions of the ALLUNY archives electronically through HeinOnline. At present, archived copies of the Membership Directories (1962-2004) and the ALLUNY Newsletter (1965-2004) are available and are searchable online through the link to HeinOnline on the Archives webpage. Other documents will be added to the electronic archives on a selective basis.

Recently, we worked out a procedure for making sure that recent newsletters, and other material "born-digital" is transferred to Hein and added to the electronic archives. This ensures that the archive will have sustained continuity.

In addition to the electronic archives, lists representing an inventory of the print holdings of the ALLUNY archives will be provided as the archives are sorted and inventoried. The archives are currently housed at the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Law Library in Rochester, NY. For questions regarding access to the ALLUNY archives please contact me at (585) 530-3253 or sweiter@courts.state.ny.us.

Steve Weiter, Co-chair, ALLUNY Archives Committee

Constitution and By-Laws Committee

Co-Chairs: **Judy Lauer and Betsy Vipperman**

Charged with reviewing and revising, when necessary, the ALLUNY Constitution and By-Laws, with an eye toward conforming with AALL.

Corporate Sponsors Committee

Co-Chairs: **Charles Finger and Stephen Weiter**

Responsible for coordination of corporate sponsorship for Annual Meeting events.

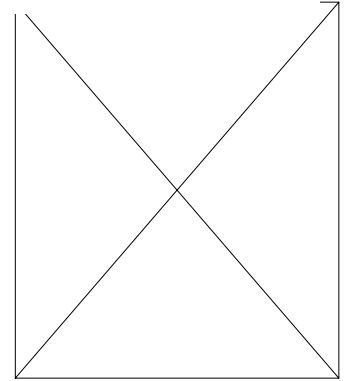
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Education Committee

Chair: **Charles Finger**

Charged to act as a clearinghouse for program ideas for the Association. This committee is responsible for planning and presenting workshops when they are desired by the association. It also coordinates with the Vice-President on annual meeting programs.



Grants Committee

Co-Chair: **Laura Suttell**

Charged with the responsibility for administering the Ernest H. Breuer Memorial, the Anthony Grech Award and other awards or scholarships presented by the association.

Everything You've Always Wanted to Know about the ALLUNY Miscellaneous Grant and More

First, I'll let you in a little secret: Judy Brown is the power behind this two-person committee. She helps me make the difficult decisions when it comes time to select a recipient for the "big" grant, the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting Grant, presented annually in the late spring.

So how do we keep busy the rest of the year? Good question. You may not be aware of a really neat grant with a cool name: the Miscellaneous Grant. Oh, yes, it's as mysterious and exciting as its name implies. Any ALLUNY member can apply for this grant, any time of the year (rain or shine), to attend a meeting, conference, or workshop sponsored by an organization other than AALL or ALLUNY. Wow, that leaves a lot of leeway, doesn't it? Oh, the possibilities. So keep an eye out for bright, shiny notices of continuing education programs, and keep the Miscellaneous Grant in mind. This grant usually gets to see the light once a year; a member used it to attend the Rare Book School at the University of Virginia in 2005.

Questions? Yes, I see a hand in the back. The speaker asked, "What if I want to attend a conference but can only go if I get grant funding from ALLUNY?" Go ahead and apply, letting us know your situation. One of the requisites for getting a grant is a lack of funding from your employer, but it's only one of several factors. Judy and I look at an applicant's full picture, that is, did this ALLUNY member adequately describe why he or she wants to attend this conference and how it will benefit his or her job and professional growth as a librarian?

I see another hand. "I keep applying for grants and never get picked. What's up?" Please don't stop applying; it will never count against you. Know that several applicants were considered and only one could be selected this time around. It's a conundrum: the grant factors say that preference is given to newer members of ALLUNY (five years or less) but that contributions to ALLUNY are important in the decision process. See? It's not personal, I swear.

The Grants Committee exists for the benefit of all ALLUNY members (and current library and information studies students as well, but that's a subject for another meeting) – so please, keep those applications coming.

— *Laura Suttell, Chair*

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Membership Committee

Chair: **Lynn Fullshire**

Charged with the responsibility for soliciting and processing new member applications, maintaining current records of ALLUNY members, and generating the annual directory. This committee also provides labels for all association mailings.

The Membership Committee is happy to report that ALLUNY continues to grow by leaps and bounds, all the year round! Just check out the membership growth in the last three years:

2004 - 106 members
2005 - 120 members
2006 - 130 members (with 2 new members in August alone!)

Membership by Type of Library or Service:

Academic - 42 members
Court - 30 members
Firm & Private - 29 members
Corporate & Other - 11 members (includes NYS Library)
Student - 2
Life/Retired/Not Yet Employed - 16

The Membership Committee would like a volunteer or two with ideas on how to market ALLUNY to library students.

Lynn C. Fullshire, Membership Chair

Nominations Committee

Chair: **Laurie Hubbard**

Charged with soliciting the membership for those people interested in filling positions as officers and members of the board, in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the By-Laws.

Government Relations Committee

Chair: **Susan Dow**

Charged with monitoring legislative, regulatory and judicial developments that affect the membership of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY) and/or the practice of law. This includes, but is not limited to the following areas: freedom of information, privacy/confidentiality, dissemination of government information, New York State Depository Library Program, telecommunications, intellectual property, funding for law libraries located in New York State, and censorship.

Newsletter Committee

Chair: **Nancy Babb**

Charged with soliciting items for inclusion in the association's newsletter. It also publishes and distributes the association's newsletter four (4) times a year.

Current content policy supports publication on a wide variety of topics, including association business and issues of interest to the membership.

Member participation is crucial to the newsletter. I am eternally awed by our columnists, and all submissions — both written and graphical — are appreciated.

New columnists would be warmly welcomed. Increased local coverage and news would also be great. Some features I'd love to see include "Meet the Members" interviews and illustrations or cartoons.

Collaboration in editorial activities — *proof-reading, anyone?* — would also be a boon.

— *Nancy Babb, Editor*

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Public Relations Committee

Co-Chairs: Jean Callihan and Sally Legendre

Charged with publicizing the field of law librarianship and promoting ALLUNY on both the local and national levels.

ALLUNY's Public Relations Committee is recruiting new members.

Contact Sally Legendre slegendr@mail.nysed.gov if you are interested in joining the committee. Some of the activities the committee has undertaken in the recent past are:

- produced an updated information sheet/brochure about ALLUNY that can be used to recruit new members;
- solicited membership participation in voting on a new logo and a new color for ALLUNY (blue won);
- purchased t-shirts in honor of the 50th anniversary of ALLUNY (some still remain and are sold for \$10 each plus \$2 shipping);
- conducts a raffle each year at the annual meeting with proceeds donated to ALLUNY's general fund;
- discusses with the Board suggestions of items to buy for re-sale to members as mementos of ALLUNY and for presents for speakers at ALLUNY meetings, either with the ALLUNY logo or loons (our mascot).

If you are a pr genius or just willing to contribute time to ALLUNY, you will be welcomed.

Jean Callihan and Sally Legendre, Co-chairs

Vendors Committee

Chair: Timothy C. Hunt

Responsible for coordination and organization of Exhibits area at the Annual Meeting.

Web Designer

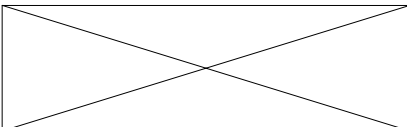
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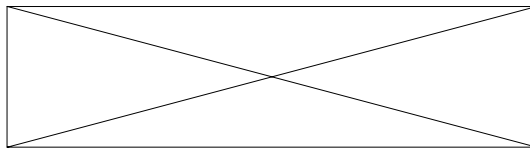
Responsible for design, organization and maintenance of the association website.

My continuing goal to is provide a reliable and relevant resource for ALLUNY members by ensuring excellence in both content and technology. I have been striving to incorporate new kinds of content (such as the bibliography of member publications, association archival materials, job postings, and announcements) and new-to-us technologies (rss feeds, interactive databases). I hope to sometime soon have opportunity (i.e. time!) to convert the existing html pages into more robust — and cleaner — css style.

If there are additional resources you'd like to see on the website, or if you have suggestions for improving existing resources, please contact me. Technical suggestions would also be welcome; do let me know if you have ideas for or would like to collaborate on website enhancements.

— Nancy Babb, webmaster





2006 Membership Application

Membership is open to all individuals employed within a law library or law section of a general library (active membership), as well as those expressing interest in law libraries (associate membership). Students enrolled in a Graduate School of Library Science are most welcome to join (student membership). Membership includes the newsletter subscription and access to members-only online resources. Questions about membership may be addressed to Lynn C. Fullshire, Membership Chair, e-mail: lfullshi@courts.state.ny.us

Membership Information *(Please note any changes)*

Name:	Position:
Institution:	
Mailing Address:	
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	
AALL Member: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	I wish to have my name/email added to the ALLUNY listserv: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Membership Status *(includes Newsletter subscription)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Active Membership	\$20.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Membership	\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
<input type="checkbox"/> Currently unemployed or Life member:	Dues waived	<input type="checkbox"/> Life Membership
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter subscription only:	\$10.00	

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Photographs of ALLUNY members may be used in various ALLUNY communications, including the ALLUNY Newsletter and website. Group photographs taken at ALLUNY events may be used without identifying individual members. For individual photographs, please indicate your permission for use:

- ALLUNY has my permission to use and identify photographs of me.
- ALLUNY does not have permission to use and identify photographs of me.
- ALLUNY must contact me before using any identified photographs of me in ALLUNY communications.

2006 ALLUNY MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE BY JANUARY 31, 2006

Checks payable to: Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York, Inc.

Please return this form with remittance to the ALLUNY treasurer:

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