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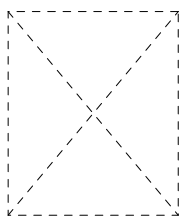
ALLUNY's 2008 Annual Meeting *coverage in three voices*

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It's All About Change...

My thoughts on the ALLUNY Annual Meeting, by Rosanna Lindquist



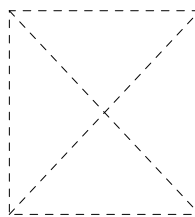
This year, I had the opportunity to attend the ALLUNY Annual Meeting as the recipient of the Library Studies Student Grant. The meeting was held at the Strathallan Hotel in Rochester from September 26-28. This was my first official library association meeting, as well as my first interaction with the

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Annual Meeting 2008 Impressions

by Sheila Cui

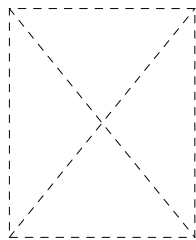
Enjoying the harmonious rhythms of cold steady raindrops outside the window, I sit down to write a few words about my warm impressions from attending the ALLUNY Annual



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"The More Things Change":

Knecht's Curse Strikes Again! by Everett Wiggins



Incoming ALLUNY President Elaine Knecht fell victim to the Curse of the Unreliable Volunteer again at the ALLUNY Annual Meeting, held 26-28 September at the newly-remodeled Strathallan Hotel in Rochester, as two of the four scheduled speakers proved unable to attend. Yet Knecht, successfully

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For more reflections of Rochester, see Ted Holynski's Eastman House essay & photos beginning on pg. 8 and Annual Meeting photos on pg. 7

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Message from the President

by Elaine Knecht

It won't matter where you are or when you are reading this message. I believe I can say, without fear of contradiction, that you need a bit more exercise. You joggers and spinners and cyclists are always saying you could do more. And the rest of us... Follow these directions for a good, full-body stretch. Deep breath, extend both arms over your head. Now bend your right elbow (lefties may feel free to bend the left elbow), reach down, and PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK!

We all deserve a big congratulations, and I am so glad, as this year's ALLUNY president, to be able to pass it along. We've seen successes, as both an individual chapter and as part of the larger organization, at the AALL Annual meeting in Portland, OR and at our own gathering in Rochester, NY. The many ALLUNY members who were in Portland will agree that much was learned, shared and enjoyed. And, my "tap dancing" to fill in for missing speakers aside, I know we had a great time in Rochester because I have the thank you note from AALL Executive Board Member Janice Henderson to prove it. Ms. Henderson writes: "This has been one of the highlights of my last year on the AALL Board."

Although our esteemed editor has granted a hiatus to "But I digress...", the digressions will continue in these "Messages from the President." Here's the first one. Isn't it great to live in the United States of America? We disagree, debate, even argue. But in November we come together to exercise the franchise which leads to the remarkable peaceful transfer of power on so many levels of government. And should one find oneself in the minority, there is *still* the opportunity to be heard, and to opine (with Chicago Cubs fans) "Wait 'til next year!"

And now repeat the exercise described at the beginning of this message because we are among the many who help in the preservation and maintenance of this rule of law. As David Pogue said in his keynote address in Portland: "*Ich bin* Law Librarian!" The dichotomy – rule of law v. rule of men – was first expressed by Plato in the *Statesman* and then in Aristotle's *Politics* (Wikipedia http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rule_of_law Nov. 15, 2008). If you want to reinforce the feeling of pride I know you have in your work, take a look at this Wikipedia reference, and be sure to click on the links to many fine resources there, like Paul Craig's "Formal and Substantive Conceptions of the Rule of Law", published in *Public Law* in 1997. This is a wonderful way of reminding ourselves that we are an important part of the big picture.

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President's Message

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Let's maintain our positions of importance by continually learning more about the world of law, by being at the vanguard where the dissemination of information is concerned, and by working both individually and together to become even more effective researchers, teachers and guides. The American Association of Law Libraries has a valuable resource to help us work toward these goals. If you haven't looked at it lately, may I recommend the "Competencies of Law Librarianship" (<http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/competencies.asp>)? As we head toward the new year, you can use this extensive inventory to set (or refresh) goals for your library and for your personal development.

Finally, all of us on the ALLUNY board invite you join us — at institutes and annual meetings, of course, but also through this newsletter, the ALLUNY blog, and other Web 2.0 places (like NING) that law librarians are gathering. We look forward to seeing you.

Newsletter News

CREW CHANGES: Welcome to co-editor **Jean Callihan** and Newsletter Committee member **Amanda Steinbacher**. ... Much thanks to columnists **Judy Lauer** and **Joan Hoolihan** who are passing their pens. ...

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Editor's Corner

Greetings! Nancy's wish was finally granted: she found a co-editor. I looked over the last few issues to see how she handled the "Editor's Corner" and to find inspiration for my first contribution, but instead found her repeated efforts to interest members to work with her to produce this quality publication. Unfortunately I can't say that her written appeals won me over. I was actually persuaded to help at the annual meeting after listening to her plea for members to look deep into their hearts to find their old love of working on newsletters and rekindle that interest. This may be slightly more poetic than Nancy's actual announcement, but I know the "look deep into your heart" part is accurate because that phrase is the reason why I signed on. I am eager to bring my past newsletter experience and rekindled enthusiasm to the ALLUNY newsletter and hope that we can continue to offer a publication that is both helpful and interesting to members and other readers interested in law librarianship. —Jean

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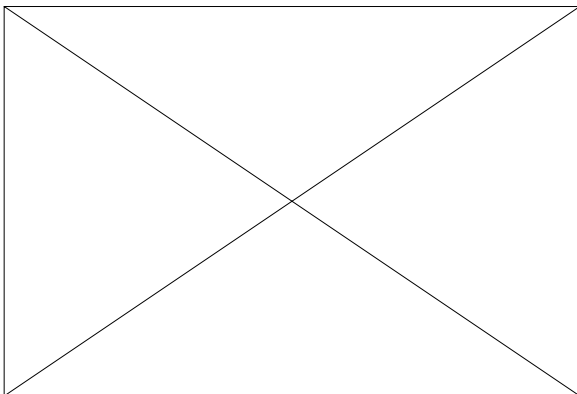
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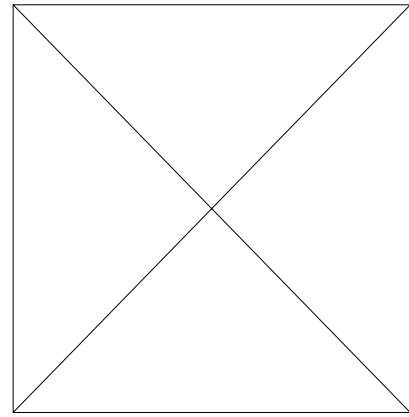
ALLUNY members.

When I arrived at the conference, I felt like an outsider; this was not a new feeling for me, as I was newly a New York state resident, with no links to the New York law library community. Here I was in Rochester, a city I had never been to, on a side of a state I knew even less about, entering a hotel conference room full of new faces. Imagine my delight and surprise to discover that the ALLUNY members were not the lion's den; they were a bunch of smiling faces, ready and willing to welcome me to the group and eager to answer all of my rookie inquiries.

On Friday, the first day of the conference, I spent the morning talking to the vendors and learning about their products, some familiar and others less familiar. In the afternoon, the first speaker on the agenda, Nicole Black, Esq., spoke about Web 2.0 tools and their application to professional practice. A few of the applications discussed in her presentation included an online document storage site called Box, available at <http://www.box.net/>, as well as Jott, available at <http://jott.com/>, an application that allows you to call in messages with a cell phone and have them converted into text to be sent as a text message or email, and Delicious, a social bookmarking site, available at <http://delicious.com/>, which allows you to import all of your online bookmarks and organize them or share them with others. After a short break, I took a walk to the New York 4th Appellate Division Library for the next activity of the day, the panel discussion. The panel was represented by several employees at the Appellate Division who discussed court history, appellate practice, and attorney discipline procedures, all in a lively manner, with time for some questions and answers at the end. The evening closed with a reception at the beautiful 4th Department library, live music, and a tour of the library and court.



Rosanna Lindquist and Venessa Hughes



AALL representative Janice Henderson

On Saturday, despite some unplanned agenda shifting, the day began with the ALLUNY board meeting, which included discussions about next year's meeting. The meeting was followed by a presentation by Joyce Haag, Esq., general counsel for Kodak, who discussed changes in Kodak's business plans to adapt to the digital era, their legal department and how it is run, and the information seeking behaviors of Kodak employees. After lunch, Janice Henderson from AALL spoke to the group about the latest news at AALL and about new programs and initiatives that AALL is working on. I especially appreciated the insight and advice that Janice offered me on locating business information. The day ended with the ALLUNY Banquet at the George Eastman House. Tours of the house and gardens were offered, where I learned of Mr. Eastman's apparent fondness for hunting, as represented in the numerous animal skins, as well as the large elephant head in the conservatory. The museum itself offered a display of old cameras and a photography exhibit. The banquet ended with the presentation of the Katie Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award to Jan Fleckenstein and a private screening of *12 Angry Men* at the on-site movie theater.

Thank you to ALLUNY for providing me with the opportunity to attend the ALLUNY annual meeting. I am grateful for the connections that I made there and the professional knowledge that members shared with me. So in honor of this year's theme, *Plus ça change*, I respond with *merci beaucoup!*

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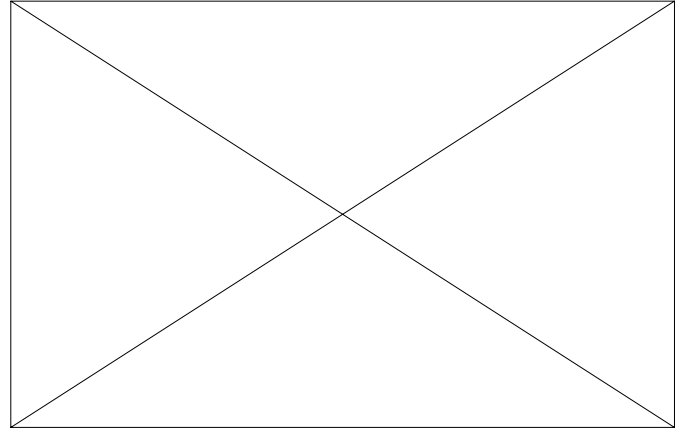
Meeting 2008. The three-day event was held at the Strathallan Hotel in Rochester, New York on September 26-28. I am happy that I could make it this year thanks to the grant.

Among the many professional gatherings, this is one of the most near and dear to an upstate (and some downstate) New York law librarian's heart. It is a trip well worth the time and without a doubt a lot of fun! The amount of knowledge, expertise, intelligence as well as energy and enthusiasm from more than 40 attendees was contagious and amazing!

Networking is one of the best parts of the annual meeting. It was wonderful to connect with legal information professionals from various settings, to exchange information, thoughts and ideas, and to see old friends and make some new ones.

With change in full force across the nation in this election year, ALLUNY has timely established *Plus ça change* as its theme for the annual meeting. A series of presentations and discussions were focused on change in law librarianship and related subjects: trends, standards, policies, methods, resources, practices, and roles. Coming with an open mind and learning attitude, I found a variety of topics interesting. Nicole Black's successful ways of coping with changes in her life and career was a good example. It was wonderful to see sparks of inspiration from time to time.

Rochester is known as *The World's Image Center*, the famous home of Kodak. Facing strong competition from multiple directions, Kodak demonstrated its unique way



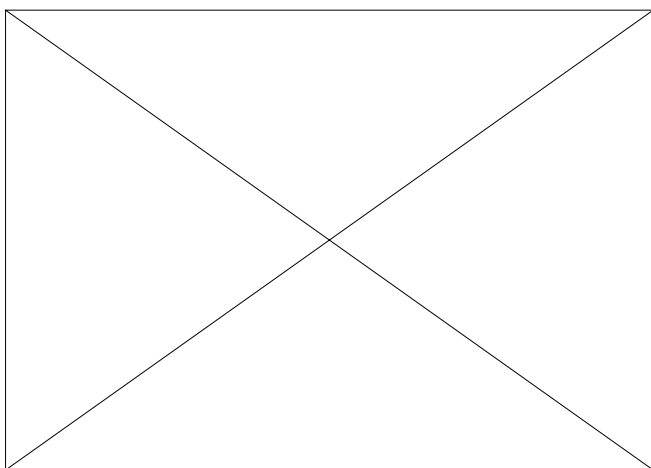
Sheila Cui & Tim Hunt enjoy ALLUNY's luncheon, with raffle drawing by Elaine Knecht & Judy Lauer (photo by Everett Wiggins)

of adapting to change in the global market over the years. Change is almost always difficult in one way or another, which is true in law library settings. Whether we like it or not, it is happening: constant change of user needs, changing technology, changing trends, changing resources, changing methods, changing vendors, changing budget, changing staff and their roles, changing policies and procedures, to name just a few. The speakers addressed these changing factors in different ways.

One of the highlights was the event at the Appellate Division Fourth Department Law Library. The panel discussion was interesting and the library tour pleasantly eye-opening. Dave Voisinet and Steve Weiter did an excellent job organizing the event.

To those in attendance, it was a great pleasure to have seen you all. To those who are already an ALLUNY member, but have yet to get a chance to attend an annual meeting, I highly recommend it. And to those who are interested in law librarianship and are wondering if it is a worthwhile professional organization to join, I say, "Yes, it definitely is!"

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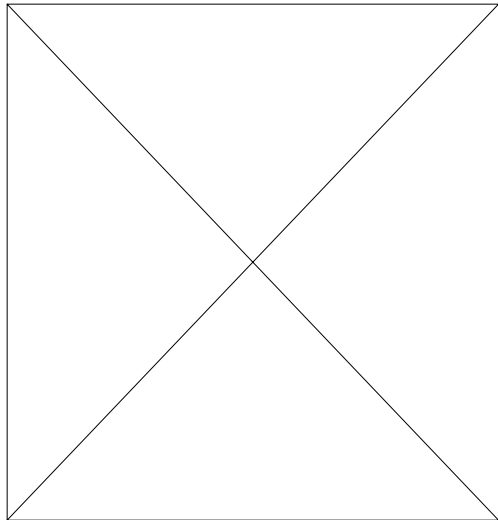


Elaine Knecht addresses the conference (photo by Sheila Cui)

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improvising as she had also been compelled to do at the Spring Institute in Syracuse, nonetheless managed to fill the time to the attendees' benefit.



Nicole Black discussed Web 2.0 technologies

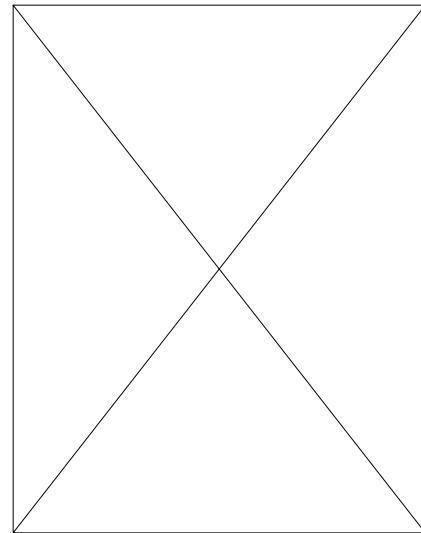
The meeting began on Friday with a lunch provided by CCH. Attendees then heard from Nicole Black, who discussed Web 2.0 technologies and their growing importance for lawyers, both in terms of image control and for information gathering and dissemination. Her recommendations included Twitter, a microblogging social networking site; her complete list is available at <http://www.delicious.com/ilysiana/ALLUNY>. A short break then allowed the meeting to reconvene at the Fourth Department Library for a panel discussion about New York Appellate Practice, featuring JoAnn Wahl, Craig Peterson, and Gregory Heuther of the Fourth Department. This was followed by a reception in, and tour of, the Fourth Department Library, sponsored by the Henderson-Johnson Company, whose SpaceSaver movable shelving was demonstrated as part of the tour. Having gone entirely as planned, Friday ended with small groups exploring favorite nearby restaurants.

Such luck could not hold. When the first speaker had not arrived by 9:15 on Saturday morning, Knecht used the time to conduct ALLUNY's annual business meeting, originally planned for Sunday morning. After mid-morning refreshments from BNA, attendees heard Joyce Haag, general council to the Eastman-Kodak company, describe how Kodak's transition from focusing on film products to digital imaging solutions led to changes and downsizing in their legal department, as well—including

eliminating any law librarians.

After this inspiring presentation, Lexis-Nexis sponsored a lunch featuring remarks from AALL Board Member Janice Henderson, a Research Solutions Analyst at Lovell's LLP in New York City. Her words of good cheer, commendation, and encouragement were what would be expected, and much appreciated.

Unexpected, however, was the opportunity to hear from Dan Rosati of HeinOnline about new developments in their product line, including new collections, new functionality, and new inter-activity, as well as the planned addition of statistical reporting tools. Rosati was gracious enough to fill in, without notice, when the final scheduled speaker also failed to appear. "Well, I'm four for seven arranging speakers", said Knecht. "That's good enough to win the World Series."



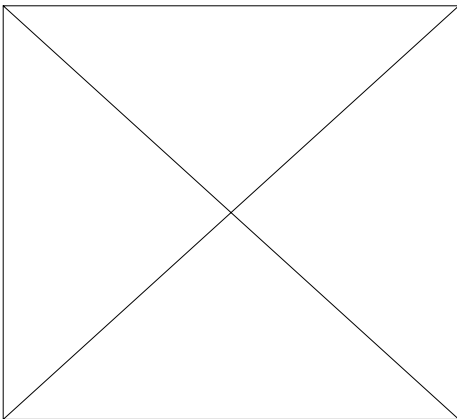
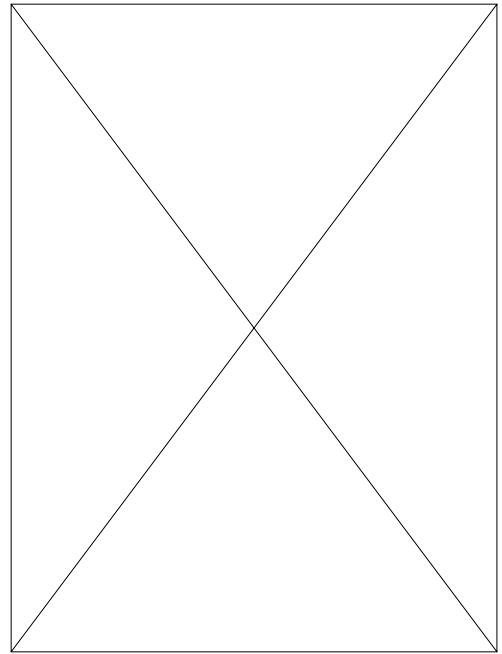
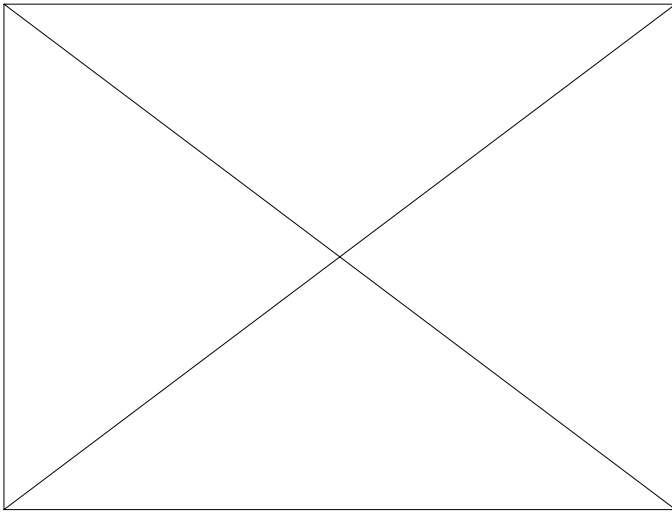
Dan Rosati of HeinOnline

Moving the business meeting made Saturday's final event, the West-sponsored ALLUNY banquet, the Annual Meeting's finale as well. After dinner at the George Eastman House and presentation of the Katie M. Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award to Jan Fleckenstein, the William S. Hein Company provided dessert and a special screening of *12 Angry Men* in the Kodak Theater. In spite of the Unreliable Volunteers' best efforts, the 2008 Annual Meeting ended as a success.

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The Annual Meeting in Photos

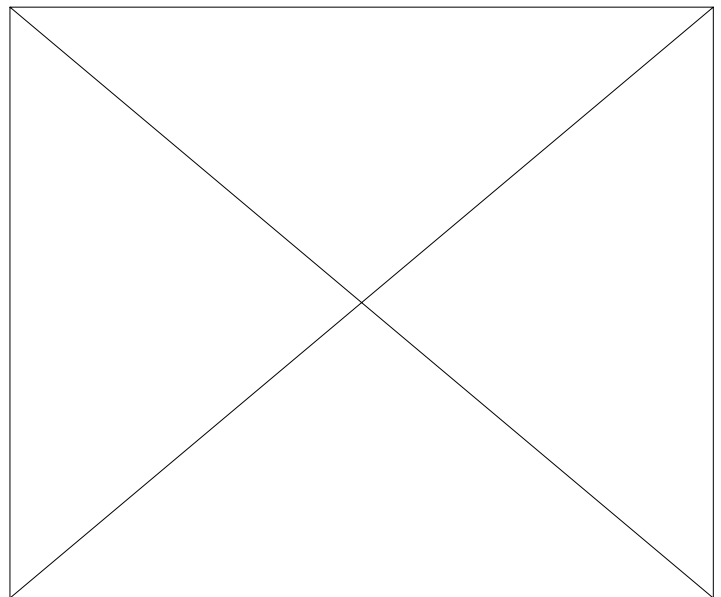
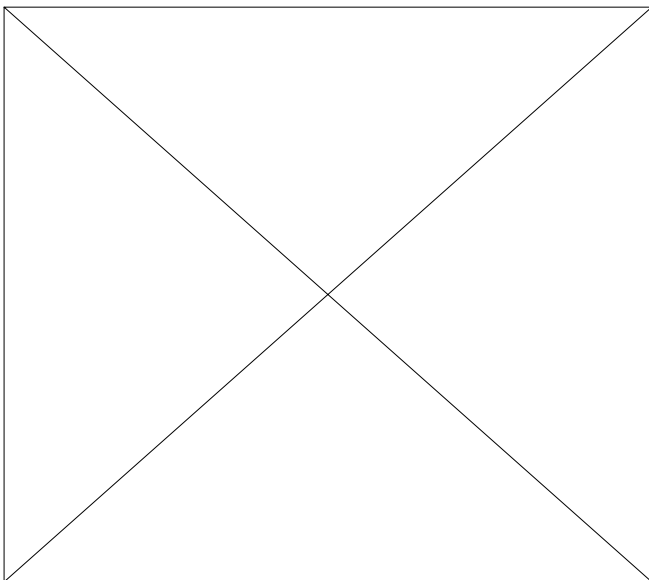
Photos by Ted Holynski, Reference Librarian, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law



Above: Interior and exterior views of the AD4 Law Library

Left and bottom left: musicians and revelers at the AD4 Law Library reception

Bottom right: ALLUNY Banquet at the Eastman House



Many additional Annual Meeting photos are available online at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/protected/photos2008/index.asp> courtesy of photographers Ted Holynski, Everett Wiggins, and Sheila Cui .

George Eastman House

International Museum of Photography & Film, 900 East Street, Rochester, NY

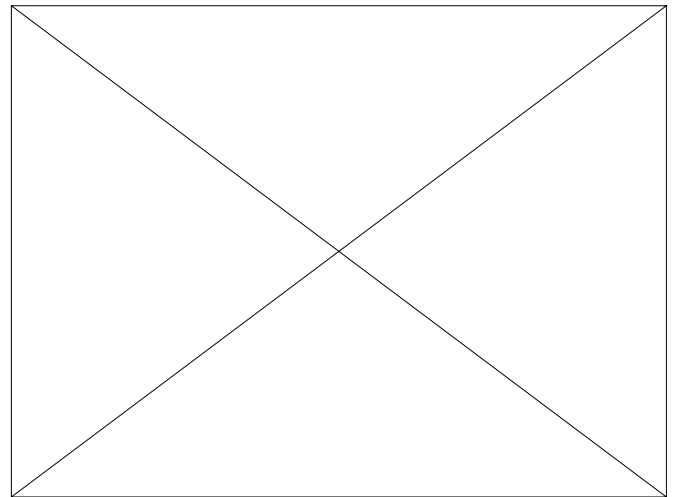
by Thaddeus J. Holynski, H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law, with photos by Thaddeus J. Holynski

As a Sunday morning regular at the Syracuse flea market I have come to know the power and glory of the Kodak Empire. Almost everything that Kodak produced and sold, before the onset of the digital age, came in yellow boxes. Those boxes contained brownie cameras, film, developing materials, flash cubes, slide equipment and slide projectors. A typical photography catalog from the 1950's will list dozens of items produced by Kodak.

At the flea market, a trained eye can spot those items with relative ease, many still in their original yellow boxes. I have acquired thousands of Kodachrome slides that I keep in the garage for viewing on a rainy day. A large Brownie 620 film camera (acquired for \$1.00) occupies the back seat of the car, waiting to be put through the paces. I have also acquired five different 35mm slide projectors and several lenses to go with them. Two of the projectors I have dismantled completely and the parts lie scattered on the garage floor. I have a vague sense that those parts might be useful on some future date, on some future project that will give me a great sense of accomplishment. In the meantime, should I walk away from a typical flea market outing without at least one Kodak photographic item stored in a yellow box, I feel cheated and disappointed.

George Eastman invented roll film in 1885. Ninety years later the digital camera was invented by an electrical engineer at Eastman Kodak. In between those years Kodak made a variety of film sizes – 616, 828, 120, 620,

127 – and specific cameras to use that film. I have a few of those cameras in my collection. One of them belonged to my father. It produced acceptable Kodak moments when we gathered around the Christmas tree or by the



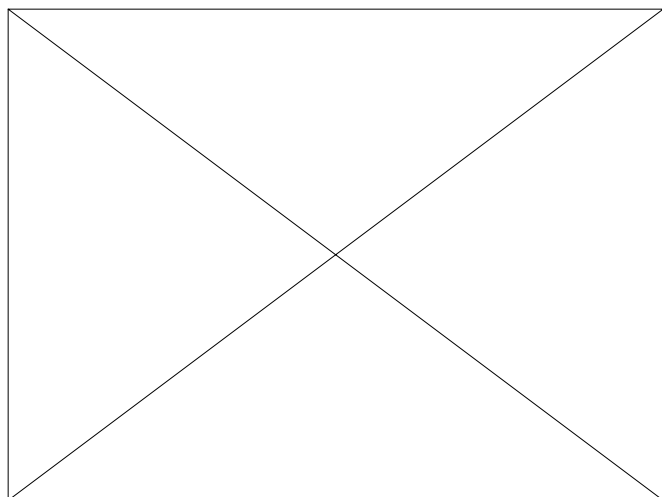
Eastman's library

car on Easter Sunday. Dad wasn't compulsive about these matters and a roll of film lasted him for a year or two before it was developed.

I hoped to find some of that 'Kodak moment' spirit when I visited the Eastman Museum in Rochester. As I strolled through the restored mansion, I got the sense that George Eastman enjoyed his digs and spent large sums of money on it to get things just right. His library appears elegant, almost intimate. He catalogued his own books and kept the standard classics on the shelves. The rest of the house reveals surroundings fit for a typical captain of industry. Everywhere one looks, one sees tiled walls and floors, plush carpets, wall decorations, fancy ceilings, wall lights, and plenty of plants and greenery. And, here and there, one comes upon an old camera bearing the Kodak name. These are mostly roll film cameras of various descriptions and styles that Kodak produced over the years. A Brownie resides on a simple table in a reading room, opposite a heavy ornate table lamp. Another Brownie sits on top of a china cabinet.

Mrs. Eastman, George's mother, was not a materialistic

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The Eastman House

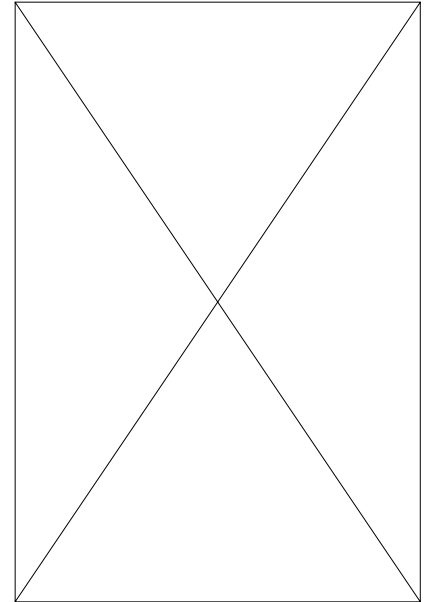
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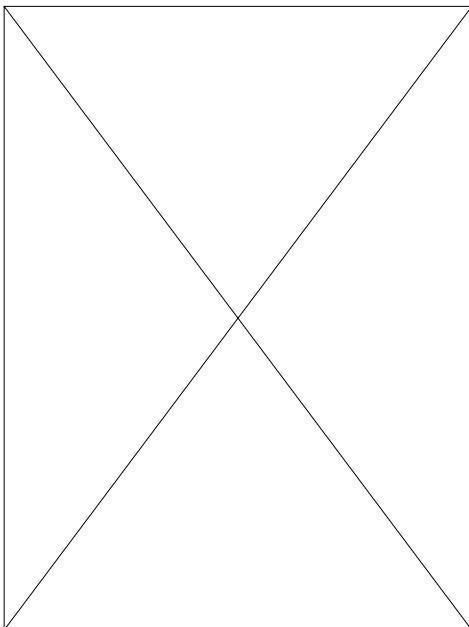
person. It took her a while to get used to the luxury of the mansion on 900 East Street. On the second floor one comes upon her simple bedroom. A few hairbrushes are set out on a table for use. Nearby is her closet with several hanging coats. Beneath the coats are a few pairs of boots. In the bathroom one finds a moderately stocked medicine cabinet (with about twenty items).

In a plain display cabinet one finds Eastman's last will and testament along with a death certificate and a photograph of his casket being placed into a hearse. In the last two years of his life Eastman suffered from a debilitating disease. In 1932 he committed suicide, shooting himself through the heart. It is sad that it had to happen that way. Eastman put Rochester on the map. He was dedicated to his Mother and to advancing higher education. He gave away over \$100 million, including \$50 million to the University of Rochester and \$20 million to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The Kodak empire has changed a great deal since the digital revolution. Today Kodak looks to be a leader in digital photography and digital imaging. And, while the Eastman museum had only a few yellow boxes for my perusal, there was a very good reason for being there. We had a wonderful, informative annual meeting at an excellent location. Best of all, it was at the Eastman Museum that Jan Fleckenstein, associate director of the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, was presented with the Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award in recognition of her service to ALLUNY and law librarianship. George Eastman (1854–1932) would have understood. The award honors those who perform volunteer service "for the greater good without regard for personal gain and who inspire others through their community service."



Jan Fleckenstein, recipient of the Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award



The living room

Some Cyber References

George Eastman – History of Kodak

<http://www.kodak.com/US/en/corp/kodakHistory/eastmanTheMan.shtml>

Google Eastman Kodak Museum Virtual tour - QuickTime VR tour allows you to view a few of the rooms in this historic house.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eastman/sfeature/eastmanhouse.html>

Wikipedia - George Eastman House

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Eastman_House

History of George Eastman House

http://www.eastmanhouse.org/inc/the_museum/history.php

George Eastman House Photography Collections Online

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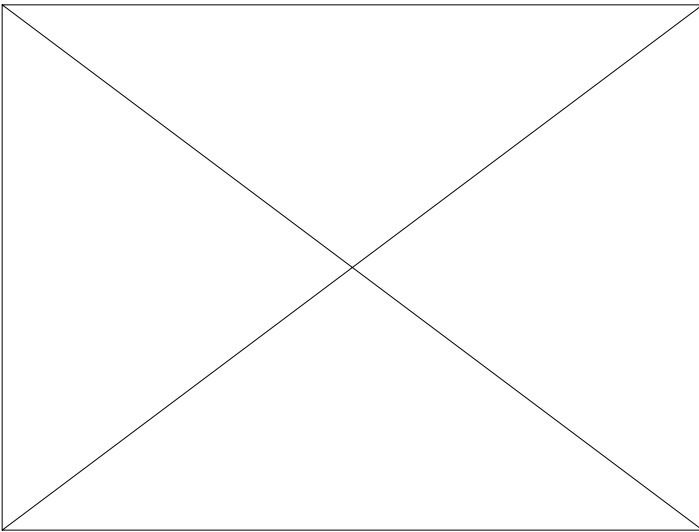
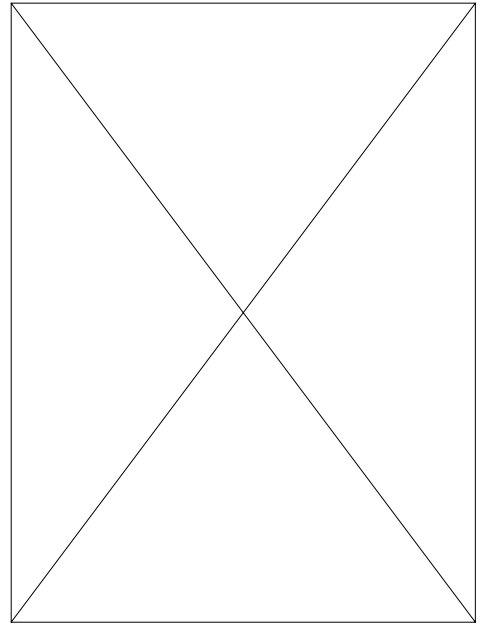
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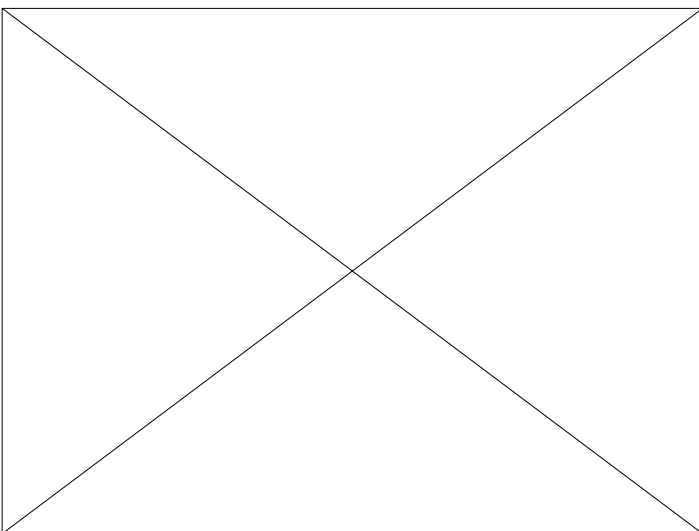
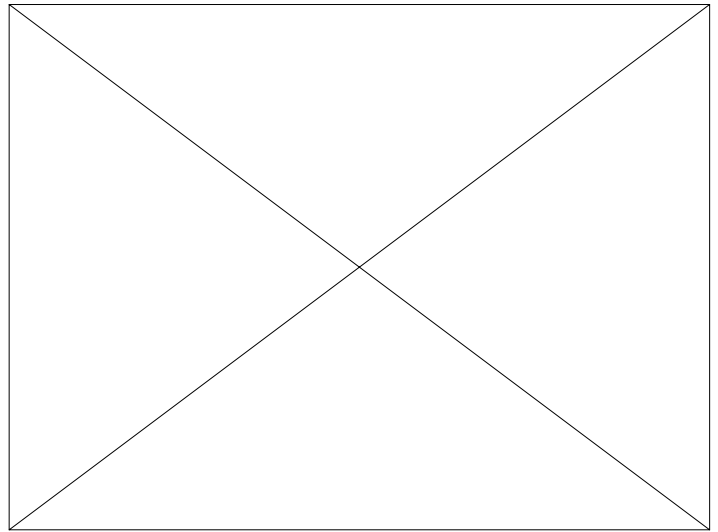
While idolizing the masters is not my thing – since I can shoot my own photographs – the museum is an important repository for the works of Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Steichen, Ansel Adams, Edward Weston, Brassai, Henri Cartier-Bresson and others. More than 14,000 photographers are represented in the collection

“Light makes photography. Embrace light. Admire it. Love it. But above all, know light. Know it for all you are worth, and you will know the key to photography.”
— George Eastman

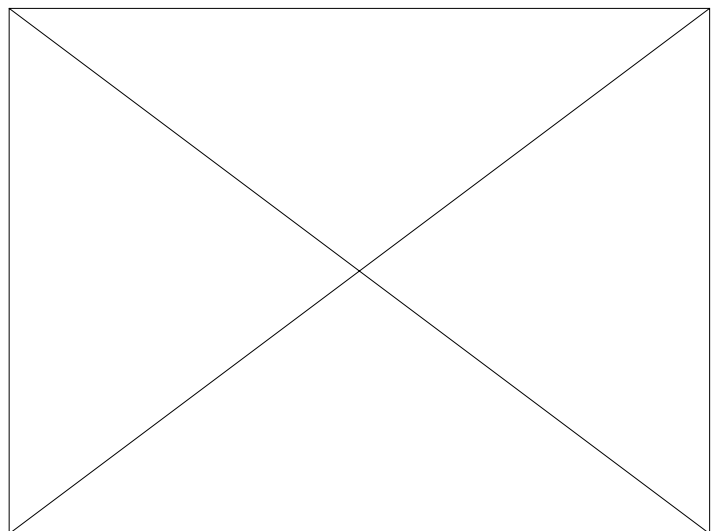
View from East St.



The drawing room



The living room



Mrs. Eastman's room

Fleckenstein Receives Spirit Award Honors

by Jay Deveau, N.Y.S. Supreme Court Library - Elmira , on behalf of the Grants Committee

Before making the presentation of the award named in honor of my late wife, I feel compelled to acknowledge the passing of another great friend of ALLUNY. Cindy Lyon passed away in July 2008. Cindy had a long history as a law librarian with the New York State Library and a distinguished record of service to our association. I had the pleasure of getting to know Cindy when I became Vice President of ALLUNY in 1999. She was serving as Treasurer at the time. I always enjoyed working with Cindy on ALLUNY business and I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to get to know her as a friend. I always delighted in hearing the details of her extensive travel experiences. Anyone who ever met her could not but be overwhelmed by her warmth, sincerity and cheerfulness. Along with all of these great personal qualities, she was also an excellent librarian. Always willing to help and always willing to search for answers. I'm sure those of us lucky enough to have known Cindy will never forget her. She will be deeply missed.

It's my pleasure to present the Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award at the annual meeting of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York. ALLUNY was a group that adopted Katie as one of its own. Even though a Registered Nurse by profession, Katie always felt herself to be a part of our library community and this award that goes on to honor her memory recognizes those who extend themselves to help a cause which is near and dear to their heart, just as Katie was always willing to lend a hand in any capacity to help with our chapter events. This award is going to an individual who also has a long history of providing help wherever it was needed. I pray that those of you who knew Katie will always remember her friendly and compassionate demeanor. These are

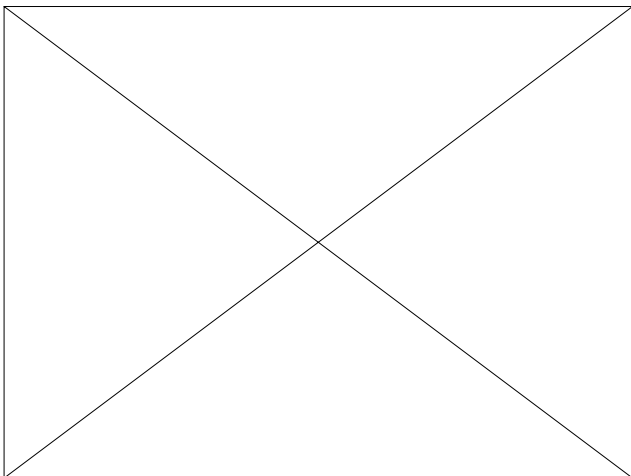
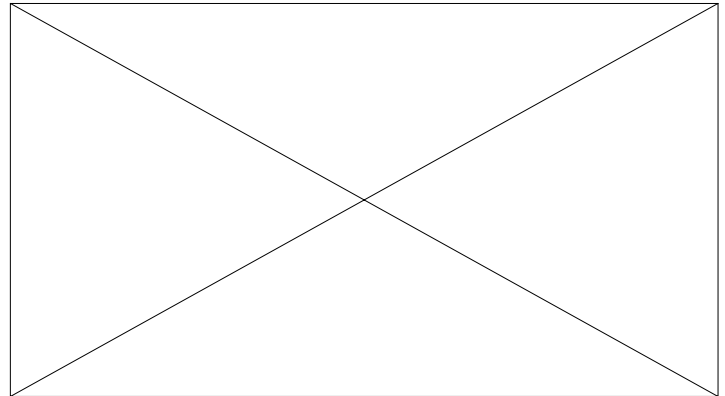


Photo by Sheila Cui



*Jan Fleckenstein, Laura Suttell, Jay Deveau
photo by Everett Wiggins*

also qualities I have seen in this year's recipient. For her years of dedicated volunteer service and boundless willingness to promote the cause of libraries, I am proud to present the fourth annual Katie M. Deveau Spirit Award to Jan Fleckenstein.

Please let me share some excerpts from the nomination letter which was submitted upon her behalf:

"Jan is well known to all of us in ALLUNY for her tireless work in furthering the mission of the association... I cannot remember any ALLUNY function where Jan did not work hard, usually behind the scenes, to see that the organizational details were taken care of and the event's goals met."

"Over the course of her career, Jan has served ALLUNY, AALL and other organizations in many official capacities as well. She has been President of ALLUNY and a member of many committees ranging from the AALL Task Force on ABA Standards for Academic Libraries to the Central New York Library Resources Council's Legislative Committee. During the last couple of years alone, Jan has made presentations at AALL, ABA, and Canadian Association of Law Libraries sponsored meetings."

"Ms. Fleckenstein's exemplary work has resulted in better service for library users, the promotion of librarianship as a profession, and increased stature for librarians and libraries of all types in a wide geographical area."

Congratulations on this well deserved recognition.

Technical Tips: The Boston Book Fair 2008

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

"All coats and briefcases must be checked prior to entering the fair. A complimentary coat check has been provided for your use." So reads the sign at the entrance to the Boston International Antiquarian Book Fair. Commonly called the Boston Book Fair, it's one of the oldest and most respected antiquarian book shows in the country, held annually since 1976 on the third weekend in November at the Hynes Convention Center.

Dealers from Canada, England, France, Germany, and the Netherlands exhibited alongside U.S. booksellers from as far away as California, some one hundred-forty in all. Available for purchase or browsing were rare, collectible and antiquarian books, modern first editions, children's books, broadsides, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, atlases, and fine and decorative prints. There was something for every interest and income, including history, philosophy, sports, botany, poetry, medicine, music, and law. Appraisals were done on Sunday, the last day of the fair. Find out much more at <http://www.bostonbookfair.com>.

2008 marked my fifth consecutive book fair. Truth be told, I just tag along with my spouse who is a Rare Books and Special Collections librarian and who also collects books on Italian travel so attendance at the fair is serious business. For the purpose of this article I needed to do more than seek out the few booksellers I'm acquainted with and sip an adult beverage in the refreshments area.

Walking through the entrance Friday evening I spotted a bookseller friend who specializes in modern first editions and asked about law book dealers. He knew of two who were *not* exhibiting this year, Meyer Boswell Rare Books, San Francisco, and Law Book Exchange, New York City. But of course there were dealers with general collections so I hoped to find some law titles. I went from booth to booth reading spines and found many interesting titles with hefty price tags. Among them:

Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union between the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. Boston. 1777. \$85,000.

Hamilton, Alexander, [et al.]. *The Federalist : a collection of essays.* New York. 1788. \$225,000. "The great classic of constitutional thought" – Bookseller.

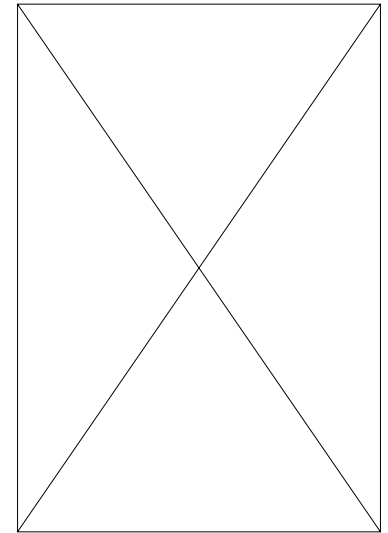
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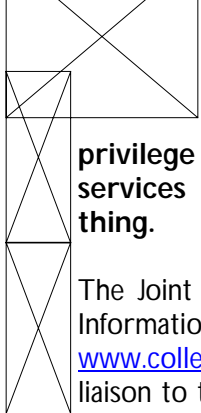
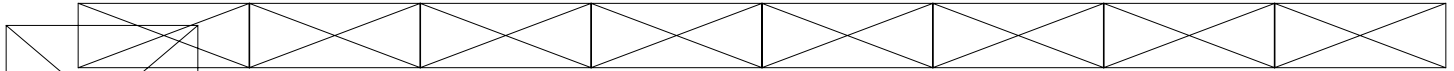
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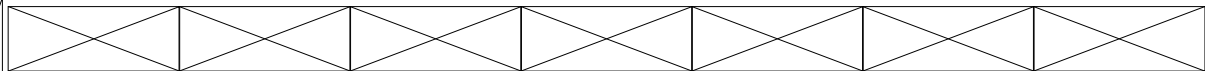
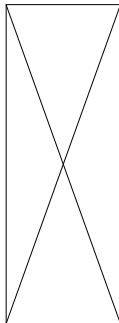
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We were curious to see what attendance would be like given the current economic downturn and were pleased to see lots of people. But we learned on the third and last day that many were not buying. As usual, my spouse found several titles for his library. Oh the joys of spending money not your own! But the most expensive item was a tiny fraction of the cost of the “cheapest” title listed above. He didn’t get anything for his own collection, though; a map dealer he kept in mind for later consideration vanished on day three. As usual, checking it all out was great but I didn’t buy anything. By the way, I spotted a woman in an overcoat — horror of horrors!



This is my last Technical Tips column; I am laying down the pencil. I would urge all you technical minded folks to consider picking it up. We need new ideas. Thank you for the privilege of rambling on since 2005. My goal was to help keep folks with an interest in technical services informed while making technical services issues palatable to others. There is one last thing.

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) has released the full draft of Resource Description and Access (RDA). Information on submitting comments and a link to the full draft can be found at <http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/jsc/rdafulldraft.html>. John Hostage at Harvard Law School Library is the new AALL liaison to the ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access. To submit comments through him about the RDA full draft to CC:DA go to <http://lawcataloging.pbwiki.com/>.



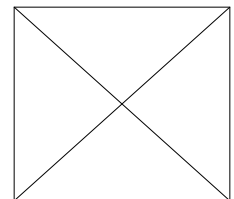
Technical Tips Needs You!

After years of diligent and inspired reporting, Joan Hoolihan has determined it’s time to pass the pen on the Technical Tips column. Thank you, Joan, for your many wonderful contributions to the Newsletter! Now, who will step up and continue the Technical Tips tradition?

Technical Tips is a long-running feature of the ALLUNY Newsletter. The column was founded in 1991 by Ellen McGrath. Other proud bearers of the Technical Tips torch have included Ellen Rappaport and Andrea Rabbia, as well as several guest authors. Visit the Archive of ALLUNY Newsletters in HeinOnline via <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/protected/archives.html> to travel the years with Technical Tips.

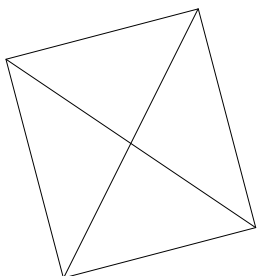
Do you have:

- an interest in technical issues and services related to law librarianship?
- a willingness to report about your interests?
- the ability to contribute three columns a year?
- the desire to keep this great ALLUNY tradition alive?



If so, then Technical Tips is the column for you! The specific focus and tone of each column is up to you — don’t worry about filling any previous shoes; your own moccasins will be splendid! As you walk your technical path — take ALLUNY along; be our scribe and guide. We need you!

Please contact Nancy Babb babb@buffalo.edu or Jean Callihan jc374@cornell.edu to volunteer.



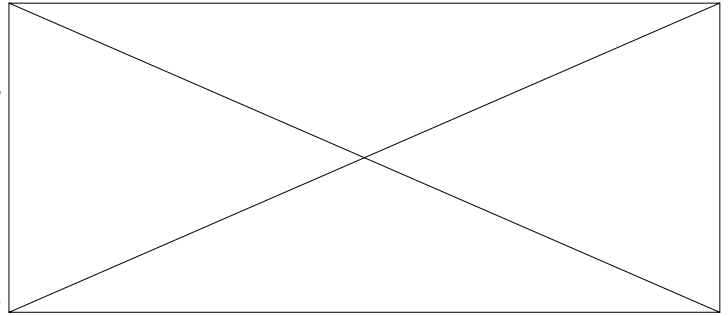
Top Ten Things: a series of columns

by Ruth G. Balkin, with the assistance of Susan Rubinstein, Balkin Information Services

Follow up to AALL 2008

The 2008 conference of the American Association of Law Libraries was in Portland, Oregon, in July.

Portland seemed like very nice city. Unfortunately, I didn't have much time to explore. We did get to the market downtown, which was very nice. We also found Powell's, the most amazing bookstore; they have used books on the shelves right next to the new ones. I bought a wonderful book of French love poems of the 12th and 13th centuries – in old French and modern French. This is partly responsible for my starting to study again; I'm on a mission to read all of Proust (in French, of course), among other things.



Anyway, I digress – back to AALL.

I didn't get to any programs this year. How were they? I'm sorry I missed the one on Harry Potter; one of my clients is writing a book on the law of Harry Potter.

I spent three days in the Exhibit Hall, which was splendid this year. This was the year of the tote bags, M&M's, and stuffed animals. West (Thomson Reuters) had a Law Librarians' Camp theme. There were about 113 companies with 200 booths (I think. I don't know where my notes are) and almost 2000 attendees.

Now down to business. Here is a list of some of the publishers who have databases available on a transactional basis (rather than subscription).

1. **Alacra Inc.** According to my contact, they are an aggregator, available on a transactional basis. They have 135 different databases, including Hoovers, D&B, Moody's, Fitch. Lots of financial, company and business content. <http://www.alacra.com>
2. **Bureau of Labor Statistics.** They have new online publications, with a spotlight on statistics, for a lay audience. This is from the government, so it's free. <http://www.bls.gov>
3. **Bureau van Dijk Electronic Publishing.** M&A global, global private, deposit accounts. international due diligence. <http://WWW.BVDEP.COM>
4. **Business Valuation Resources LLC.** Database has Pratt stats, private statistics, free searching. <http://www.BVResources.com>
5. **Law360** (Portfolio Media). Their newsletter is free. Has Litigation by practice areas. Daily newsletter with head stories. Community online for practice development, Good for tracking trends in law. Totally original content — people moves, mergers. <http://www.law360.com>
6. **Martinus Nijhoff Publishers**, an imprint of Brill. Sign up for e-bulletins on website; transactional pricing will be coming. <http://www.brillusa.com>
7. **Public Library of Law** is free. www.plol.org PLoL also includes free links to paid content on:
8. **Fastcase.** \$5/case. <http://www.fastcase.com>
9. **Thomson Scientific** (Thomson Innovation). Has scientific information, scientific journals, patent and trademark, technical literature, some full-text journal articles, transactional, pay per document. <http://scientific.thomson.com>
10. **Sumobrain** (Patents Online, LLC). They have online patent searching and document delivery. Searching is free on freepatentsonline.com, which has been out for 3 years. Sumobrain, the professional enhanced site, will be pay as you go. <http://www.sumobrain.com>

Keep in mind that this information may have changed. Not all publishers are listed. For more details, contact me or the vendor directly.

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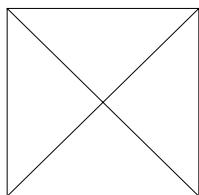
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As more and more governments opt to place official documents online, authentication is required to be sure the document in question is legitimate.



Mobile Delivery. Netconnect (supplement to **LJ**) (Fall 2008).

This issue (28 pages) contains several articles discussing the various ways libraries can have a presence on smartphones.

Copies of articles from print publications cited herein should be obtained through regular interlibrary loan procedures or by contacting the publisher(s) directly.

Fifty. A nice round number, it seems to imply anniversaries and birthdays. Looking over some of the columns from years past I realized that, without doing the reading and scanning of journals, 'zines, and blogs, I might not have learned as much (or realized how little I knew) about the trends in our profession, the technical innovations. Nor would I be as willing to accept change - and, on occasion, leap into the fray and oppose it!

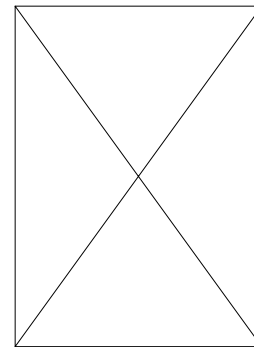
It is only fitting to end this column with the number 50. I have offered the pen/keyboard/stylus to another member in the hope that the resulting new column will prompt us all to continue striving for professional excellence while exploring new possibilities.

View from the Ivory Tower: B-Hold B-Law!

by Jean Callihan,

Head of Research Services and Lecturer in Law, Cornell Law Library

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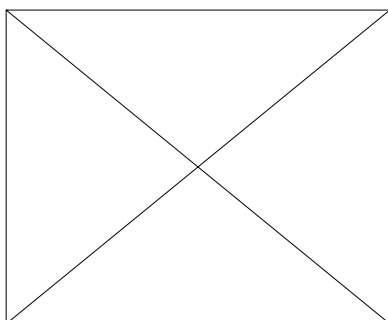
This is my personal take on “my” law library’s introduction to Bloomberg, the beginning of our interaction, and the twists and turns of our ongoing relationship.

Bloomberg, the respected global financial and news service used by businesses and news organizations, has entered the competitive arena of legal database vendors. The Bloomberg organization devised a product called B-Law (short for Bloomberg Law) and began to test the waters of the law school market. Rather than plunging into the market with a trumpet fanfare, they began slowly, targeting a few schools. Bloomberg access that included B-Law was offered free of charge to the academic market along with software and hardware to get the service up and running with no installation bumps. We heard about the launching of free Bloomberg access for law students at the July 2006 AALL meeting. By November 2006, a B-Law sales representative was pitching the product in a demonstration to the law librarians and an interested corporate law professor.

During the demo there were warning signals about B-Law’s readiness for market. I recall issues with our network’s firewall and losing the live connection. We were told upfront that the law product was in its infancy and content was being added minute by minute. Our interest in getting free access to all of Bloomberg’s financial and news products plus B-Law trumped any concerns, including who at the law school would use it. It is worth noting that the management library down the block has a Bloomberg lab available to law users with a very impressive real time financial display that fills an entire wall.

The Bloomberg sales rep left us in the hands of the new academic law department personnel who were learning on the job to deal with a new product and new breed of customer. Over the next two years, Bloomberg reorganized its academic law school unit a few times. Each time we started with a new rep we lost any continuity and momentum we had gathered with the previous person. Our five reps were very enthusiastic about the product but not experienced in dealing with academia. We were “sold” on the product over and over even though we had agreed to use it and even though we needed help with encouraging users and with instruction. To be fair, we changed our IT contact and added another library contact during this early period which didn’t help the situation. There were many people moving in and out of the picture and it seemed to me that key pieces of information moved in and out with them.

Headaches followed over things such as (1) visits by reps due to the vagaries of air travel to Ithaca; (2) group training thanks to miscommunication about loading software on the lab computers; (3) misplaced boxes of important equipment; (4) finding space for storing boxes of swag (ultimately in my office); and (4) mysterious contracts charging \$0 sent to multiple recipients confusing everyone.



A surprisingly major headache was the installation of a dual monitor Bloomberg terminal in the library. This seemingly simple task became mind boggling due to delays in equipment delivery (on both sides) and problems with cutting a hole in a table for the work station wires (on our side.) The placement of the hole to feed monitor wires, its dimensions, the wandering work order, the wrong measurements requiring a repeat of the above... You get the picture. The terminal is now in place, but I have yet to see anyone but a Bloomberg representative using it. Sigh.

But, you ask, how does B-Law rate as a legal research resource? Well, it depends on your ability to get to it. The biometric identification process is very cool and

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James Bond-ish but can be cumbersome. B-units (biometric units) authorize you to log on by verifying your identity through your finger print. Capturing finger prints and selecting passwords slow down the initial enrollment process and subsequent usage. I can attest to this. My enrollment efforts using my thumb, index finger, and middle finger prints failed. After three unsuccessful matching attempts, your b-unit will reject you and shut down. After several shut downs I was concerned that the rep would question whether or not I was a real human being. Fortunately I discovered that I have an amiable pinky that can meet and greet the b-unit with no problems.

After the finger print hurdle, position the b-unit close to the monitor and enjoy a display of flashing lights while the unit synchronizes with the system. Once synchronized, a unique password is flashed to the tiny screen on the b-unit and you have but seconds to enter it using the key board. Finally, a screen appears where you enter your user name and personal password. Congratulations! You are now logged on! By the way, you must do this at least once every 30 days or you will have to be re-enrolled and start the finger print process all over again. This poses a real problem for academics who do not use the service once a month and get curt notices kicking them off the system. Bloomberg is working on this major inconvenience but is having a difficult time coping with the idea that law school users are quite different from business users.

OK. Now to B-Law. There just isn't much law there yet. I am sure Bloomberg will eventually have a premier law

product, but it is still in the construction phase. A bigger problem is the quaint DOS interface, which is not inviting. My favorite feature is the monthly Law Reports on various business practice areas which are very helpful secondary sources. The non-law features are incredible: extensive company information, professional looking financial reports generated to meet your information needs, information about flights, restaurants, birding (or your particular hobby). As the "business" research attorney I was predisposed to like the service. The non-business researchers don't see any reason to use B-Law at this point. They may be more enthusiastic if and when B-Law uses a modern interface and expands its content.

Bloomberg is excited about B-Law. The product is growing in leaps and bounds as content is added at an amazing pace. Academic reps are coming up with ideas to encourage law student use based on B-Law implementation at other law schools. The distinction between businesses and educational institutions is becoming clearer which helps customer service. Law schools that sign up now will have a different perception of B-Law than the "test" schools.

I think B-Law was introduced a bit too soon. The gap between the promise and the reality caused confusion, uncertainty and frustration, at least at my library. I also think that we signed on a bit too soon, without fully understanding how B-Law could support legal scholarship in areas of corporate law, securities, and IP. But that is old news. The current news is that we are still working together and finding ways to annoy each other no end. The good news is that a valuable resource for the law school community is just around the corner.

ALLUNY Online Resources

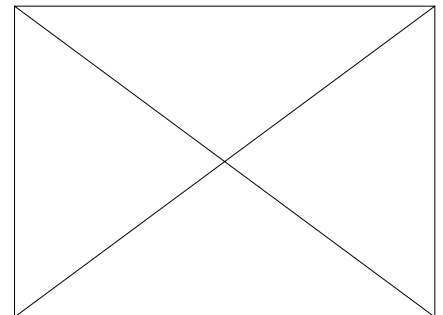
From past issues of the Newsletter to ALLUNY history, membership news and event announcements, grant information and ways to get involved — you'll find resources both formal and fun on the ALLUNY website <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/>

Special resources limited to ALLUNY members-only include the membership directory and ALLUNY's online archives as well as photographs and selected conference presentations <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/protected/membonly.html>

Be sure you're subscribed to ALLUNY's listserv, with archives available at <http://listserv.syr.edu/archives/alluny-1.html>

Looking to explore Web 2.0 and beyond? Join ALLUNY on the ning network at <http://alluny.ning.com/> and on Facebook — see Laura Suttell's article on p. 19 of this issue for more information.

Are there other resources — online or otherwise — you'd like ALLUNY to explore? Please contact Nancy Babb at babb@buffalo.edu or any member of the Board. Suggestions are always welcome!



There's Something about Statistics...

by *Everett Wiggins, Hiscock & Barclay, LLP, Syracuse*, ewiggins@hblaw.com

In our discussion last time, we looked at how to retrieve usage statistics from the Westlaw databases. We saw that beyond pricing and billing information, Westlaw allows us to see which specific titles are being used, how much, and by whom. This time, we'll look at how LexisNexis subscribers can do the same.

There is good news and bad news. The bad news: Lexis does not give us a way to retrieve usage stats. The good news: it takes a lot less work to get usage stats for Lexis than it does to get them from Westlaw.

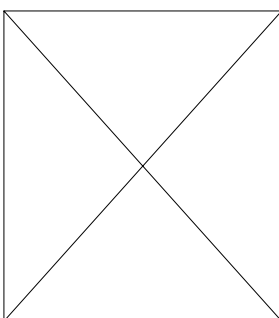
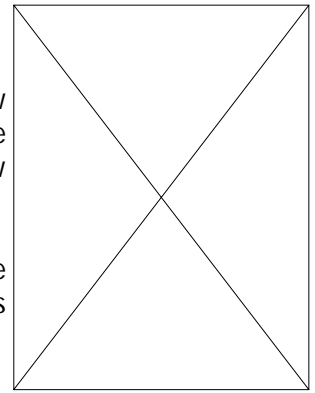
Lexis has an online statistics site, PowerInvoice (www.lexisnexis.com/powerinvoice). However, this site is only valuable for billing purposes: the full extent of product breakdown is two categories: Lexis Legal Services, and Matthew Bender Services. Most of us subscribe to a number of separate Lexis 'libraries', such as LexisNexis, All Public Records, NY Supreme Matthew Bender, and individual databases for various treatises.

Given that we generally subscribe to, and want information about, a number of separate titles, the two categories available are much too broad to be of any value in determining what our clientele is actually consulting. What we need to see is a title-by-title account of what is accessed, by whom and how many times. Instead, all we can see is a total number of transactions and their cost. These are of course important for billing and cost recovery, but are not much help in determining what a user was doing to run up the charges: is she struggling to use the system properly (if so, we want to arrange training), or looking in the wrong place (we'd like to point her to the correct resources)?

This sort of information, of course, would also allow us to determine how to most effectively use our subscription resources. By showing us which databases get heavy use, which do not get sufficient use, and which out-of-contract resources get used anyway, we can fine-tune our subscriptions and better provide for our attorneys. I want to stress that the goal is not to reduce our spending with Lexis, but to increase our usage by targeting resources that are needed while reducing coverage of areas that are not accessed.

But if Lexis does not make this information available, where is the good news? The good news is that, while Lexis doesn't allow us direct access to the statistics we need, the numbers are available—we only need ask for them. A polite written request, made of our regular Lexis representative, should get us what we need for effective collection analysis. The key point to remember in this request is that we need these numbers to plan appropriate database spending—not to cut spending, but to re-allocate it effectively, so we get our money's worth, instead of spending wastefully. Isn't that good news? It should be much easier to write this letter than to compile comparable stats from Westlaw.

Next issue, we conclude our look at usage stats with a consideration of other records we might keep. Statistics, after all, can record more than just database use—they can also provide a record of what we do on a daily basis, help us demonstrate value to our employers and clients, and make it easier to advocate for a raise at performance review.

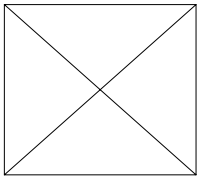


Do you have a research or product tip that might be helpful to other ALLUNY members? Why not share your ideas and expertise in the Newsletter — we'll all be glad you did!

Do you have a research stumper or are you stymied by some source or tool? Why not post your question to the ALLUNY listserv — maybe an article for the Newsletter will be sparked!

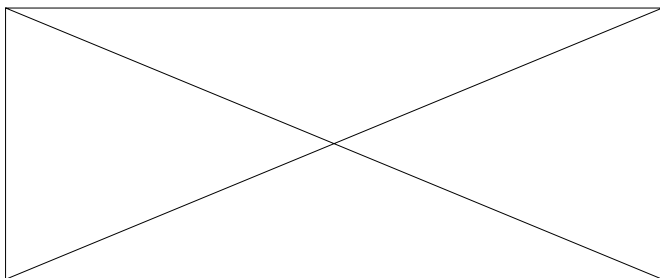
My Imaginary Friends: Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

by Laura Suttell, Phillips Lytle LLP, Buffalo



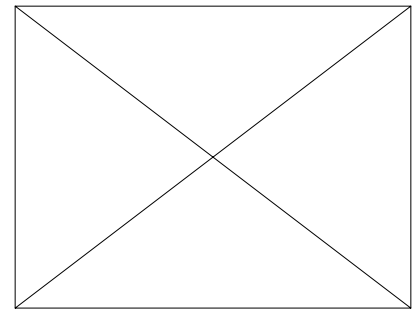
Facebook is not for everyone. While I've gotten in touch with long-lost friends from high school and college and discovered that I have relatives in Australia, Facebook can also be a colossal time-waster. But I've also met many fellow librarians and have expanded my circle of ALLUNY and AALL contacts through Facebook, so please read on.

If you haven't joined Facebook, consider doing so and becoming a member of the Unofficial ALLUNY group. It's unofficial because I created it on a whim and am probably violating some by-laws by using our chapter name. Groups on Facebook are a great way to find people who share your interests; groups can be searched but it's often easier to look at your FB friends' groups and see if their groups appeal to you. I have to confess that I can't even name half of the FB groups I've joined. Facebook is chock full of applications, ranging from Flair, where you can send your friends buttons with cheeky sayings or even create and send your own Flair (my first awareness of Flair was in the movie "Office Space"), to Welcome to Buffalo; where else can you send a pal a pair of Zubaz or a nice collection of sponge candy? Some of my favorite applications are Growing Gifts (send a flower or snow globe), Law Library Gifts, Send a Salad, Karate Monkeys and a something involving a piñata. I enjoy keeping track of books I've read, seeing what my FB friends are reading, and viewing reviews from thousands of members through Virtual Bookshelf, yet another FB application.

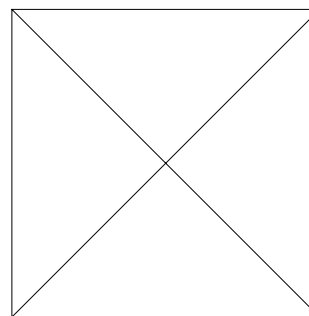


I use Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to keep up with friends, colleagues, fellow librarians whom I've never met (most are friends of friends) and former strangers who share my interests (the TV show Mad Men, for example). I check Twitter most often, because it's updated frequently and tweets (replies to the question, "What Are You Doing Now?") are limited to 140 characters. At

first, I didn't see much use for Twitter but now I'm hooked. I find interesting news articles posted by the people I follow on Twitter. A few weeks ago, I got a jump on a hot story about a wind energy company code of conduct; I didn't see this story in the news until a few days later. And while I didn't follow Twitter during the presidential debates, I've heard it was quite a busy time. I have learned volumes about what other knowledge professionals are doing by following them on Twitter.



Of these three sites, LinkedIn is the most professionally-focused, with high numbers of employee and alumni groups. Not to fear, there are several law librarian groups there. LinkedIn can be pretty boring, in my opinion, but I've heard the developers are coming up with new features almost daily. I won't write off LinkedIn yet.



You might be wondering how I heard about these sites (except for Facebook, which any 12-year-old knows is way lame compared to MySpace); well, I probably would not be writing this article if I had not attended the ALLUNY Spring Institute in 2007. I wrote an article for the newsletter last year, so I won't get into the cool details here (*see*: "Flocking Together: social networking technologies for law libraries and lawyers: a review of the ALLUNY Spring Institute," *ALLUNY Newsletter*, July 2007, Vol. 32, # 2, p. 1, 4-5, <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/2007-02summer.pdf#page=1>). Also, I was extremely fortunate to have participated in this summer's Web 2.0 Challenge, an online course sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries Computing Services Special Interest Section (CS-SIS). The course, led by patient and capable volunteer instructors, involved weekly assignments and a final project. When (I won't say "if") this course is offered again, take it. You can also view the syllabus and complete the assignments at your own pace, at no charge, at <http://cssis.org/cssis-web-20-challenge>.

One Size Fits All: Story Fragments Explained

an essay by Bill Nordstrom, Supreme Court Library at Buffalo, copyright 2008

This short story is far from done; my study in Tonawanda is littered with hanging files stuffed full of story outlines. I have decided to plump what little I have completed with an essay surrounding the sequences of story. If I get about 5-6 minutes of steady time in, say, a doctor's office, and an idea pops into my head, out of the rucksack drops my Moleskine notebook and I write an abstract. For later. Usually I can scrawl this down before the nurse calls my name.

ABSTRACT

"A blinding snowstorm with great billows of wind made trouble for the two of us trying to drag ourselves between Neeley Student Union and Esposito Library. A too-long pause for refreshment in Neel 'Rat does not auger well for an on time appearance at our mandatory 'bibliographic retrieval' seminar tonight. Also, mate, no time for a quick peek at the Aurora Borealis; no minding that, the big light show is just but a dim glow smoting the clouds from the other side of the thick pink pall.

'Let's turn back!', said a faint voice behind me.

'Is that you Liam?'"

Well that's a good start. Who are Liam and his pal? I decided to set the story on a college campus. Liam and Fergus are first semester library science students. They have spent their entire adult years playing Junior B and Junior A Hockey in London, Ontario. When they turned 31 years of age, both players failed to make the team at the summer tryouts. They did, however, earn undergraduate degrees online, mostly from hotel rooms as the team traveled on road trips. Twice they applied to the University of Western Ontario MLIS program. They were accepted for the winter semester. In the next scene, Liam and Fergus relax in the Neeley Rathskeller while scanning the want ads in the London Independent.

STORY FRAGMENT

" 'Liam, look at this one! "wanted: Zamboni driver at Orr Ice Palace. Must have clean motorist's record, have experience driving lorries and heavy equipment. Apply in person. \$9.75 cdn per hour." ' "

'I don't want to do that anymore, Liam, I just want to go to library school and keep my little job in the St.

George's College library. Where it is warm.'

'Mind too much if I go for it?'

'Sure, please do. You might need a couple of breath mints. Here.'

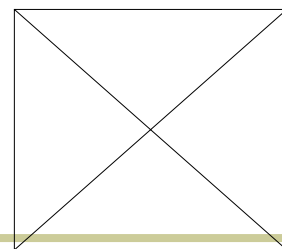
Fergus untangled himself from the picnic bench downstairs in the Neel 'Rat. He swung around and doffed his orange parka.

'Remember Fergus, intramural hockey tryouts are tonight at seven. Your equipment duffle is in the trunk of the Corolla. I parked it in Lot 12.'

'Yea, I'll remember. See you later.'"

There, another tidbit. Mostly character development. Necessary if you plan to get the story off the ground. The closest I have been to London, Ontario is Stratford. For Shakespeare plays and sometimes Moliere. So I cued up the Google and found the Western web site. There I found a virtual tour of every building on the campus. Also a site map which is computer assisted; it can zoom in for detail. I found the four buildings which will comprise my two characters campus orbit: the ice rink, the library school, the student union and their living quarters. Given their age and dispositions, these two care little about anything else. I might imagine all of us who read this will do a mental tote-up of how many campus buildings we hung out in while in graduate school. In the next installment, I hope to guide Liam and Fergus to a MLIS classroom. And you, readers, will watch as they are asked to track down the bibliographic puzzle posed to them by Professor Detweiler in MLIS 508 Humanities and Social Sciences for the College Library. The two lads, exhausted by an overtime loss to St. Michael's College, must find the authors of 25 philosophic classics by the next day. They are, of course, stumped by most of them. One question in particular is really troublesome. Professor Detweiler has asked them to find the exact author/philosopher/poet of this verse:

"The times are good,
The times are bad,
That's part of life."



You Can't Get There From Here...Without a Map

Blog posting by Alice Askew, My Weekly Screeder, Monday, October 6, 2008,

<http://myweeklyscreeder.blogspot.com/2008/10/you-cant-get-there-from-here-without-map.html> .

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At a recent librarians' conference I happened to bring to the lunch table a copy of Geraldine Brooks's excellent novel, "The People of the Book," a fascinating tale that imagines the individuals who, over the centuries, preserved and protected the noted Sarajevo Haggadah.

It is, in its way, a detective story, although the "detective," an Australian expert in the conservation of old books and manuscripts, never learns what the clues mean.

As I might have expected of a book about a book and dedicated by the author "for the librarians," a few of my colleagues had already read and had high praise for it. One, flipping open the cover to the endpapers illustrated with a map showing the travels of the Haggadah, remarked, "Ooh, I just love a book with a map!"

Me, too.

I suspect my penchant for maps of imaginary places began with Ernest H. Shepard's depictions of the worlds of Winnie the Pooh and Mr Toad. How much easier to envision the location of Pooh's house in relation to the Bee Tree, the Hundred Aker Wood, and Where the Wozzle Wasn't! How helpful to see Toad Hall and Badger's house in The Willows!

Later on, I pored over the map of The Shire in "The Hobbit" and the simple diagrams of English country villages that used to be standard frontispieces in the Pocket Book editions of Agatha Christie's detective novels. Was there a map of the *Hispaniola's* voyage in "Treasure Island?" There must have been, but I no longer have a copy. I think there was one of Robinson Crusoe's island but none I can recall of Lemuel Gulliver's travels.

The comment about books with maps stuck with me when I got home from the conference, and one night after I'd crawled into bed to finish the Brooks novel, I began to wonder about all the books in my book-lined bedroom: which of them contained maps? I crawled back out of bed, and with notebook at hand, did some random browsing.

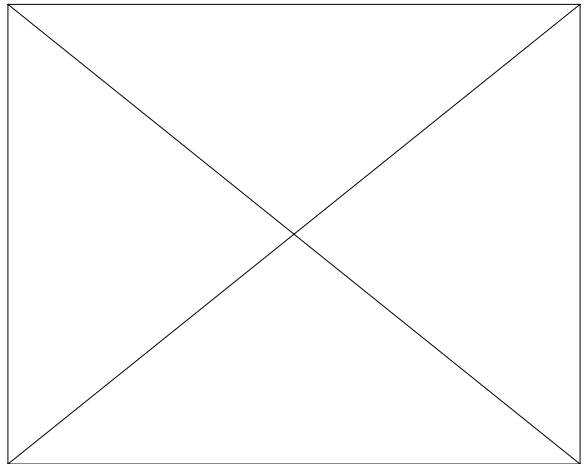
Most of the histories, for obvious reasons, have one or more maps; a map is surely the easiest way to illustrate a battlefield, a voyage of discovery, or the extent of an empire, and a quick trip through the volumes on my shelves bore this out: David McCullough's "1776," Peter L. Bernstein's "Wedding of the Waters," Nathaniel Philbrick's "Mayflower," Brian Hicks's "Ghost Ship," Thomas Cahill's Hinges of History series, Karen Armstrong's histories of religion.

Among the non-fiction titles, Claire Tomalin's definitive "Jane Austen: a life" comes with a delightfully illustrated map of Steventon and the houses of the Austens' Hampshire neighbors.

What I sought were fabricated guides to places peopled by fictitious characters, and the ones I found were surprising.

Thanks, apparently, to the detailed engineering and architectural records of the Roman Empire, novelists dealing with ancient Rome and surrounds—Robert Harris's "Imperium" and "Pompeii," the detective novels of Lindsey Davis and

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*If you, too, are a fan of books and maps, check out the Library of Congress online Booklover's Map of the United States <http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.gmd/langland.land01> and other interactive resources at the exhibit *The Language of the Land: Journeys into Literary America* <http://www.loc.gov/exhibits/land/landintr.html>*

You Can't Get There From Here...

(Continued from page 21)

Steven Saylor—are able to put the reader in the picture, literally. Likewise, the spy novels of Francine Mathews set in World War II Paris and Patrick O'Brian's swashbuckling "The Road to Samarkand" make use of factual topography.

Peter Robinson's "First Cut" provides a minimalist plan of the British coast, and Cathi Unsworth's compilation, "London Noir," shows, on a stylized map of the metropolis, where the bodies were found, if not buried. A map of Cold War Europe, necessary for tracking the path of the title character, illuminates the endpapers of "The Historian" by Elizabeth Kostova.

The biggest challenge to a novelist—and the most fun, it seems to me—is to make up a world that never was and use it as the setting, in some cases, the linchpin, of the story. C.S. Lewis did it with Narnia; J.K. Rowling did it with Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. (Remember the Marauders' Map?) Ross Lockridge famously did so with "Raintree County," which, in his own words, "had no boundaries in time and space, where lurked musical and strange names and mythical and lost peoples, and which was itself only a name musical and strange."

It is good to know that the map, as literary device, lives on. James Anderson's retro mystery series set in pre-World War II England ("The Affair of the Blood-Stained Egg Cosy" *et seq.*) always features a floor plan of Alderly, the country house of Lord and Lady Burford, identifying the rooms of the house guests. It reminds me of nothing so much as the Clue game board.

I almost missed the last map of my search because I did not expect to find it on the dust jacket, of all places, of Garrison Keillor's "Pontoon." Here at last is the topography of Lake Wobegon, complete with Ralph's Pretty Good Grocery, the Sidetrack Tap, the Chatterbox Cafe, Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility, the high school... and you know what? It looks pretty much the way I imagined it.

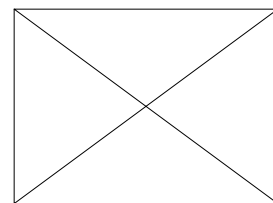
Book Review: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

reviewed by Laura Suttell, Phillips Lytle LLP, Buffalo

What I Learned from Reading People of the Book:

1. A haggadah is a book. An important part of Jewish history and literature, it tells the story of Exodus and is used at Passover seder.
2. In *People of the Book*, the haggadah was made of sheep's skin and bound by silver clasps.
3. Even in our digital age, there is still a need for skilled book conservators, such as Hanna Heath, the book's protagonist.
4. I enjoy fiction that moves from past to present and back again. Geraldine Brooks weaves a tale of modern-day London with 15th-century Spain and fin de siècle Austria, creating characters that leap from the pages.
5. Librarians like books with maps as endpapers.
6. Someone at the ALLUNY conference was reading this book.
7. I shouldn't complain when the power goes out or when I have laundry to fold. I was fortunate enough to miss the Inquisition.
8. There really is no frigate like a book, to take you worlds away.
9. I like this book better than Geraldine Brooks' *March* and didn't finish *Year of Wonders*.
10. Lovers of history and adventure will enjoy this book.

<http://www.geraldinebrooks.com/people.html>



The Case for Collaborative Tools

By Dennis Kennedy, dmk@denniskennedy.com, reprinted with the author's permission from *The Lawyer's Guide to Collaboration*, November 23, 2008

<http://www.lawyersguidetocollaboration.com/2008/11/articles/collaboration/the-case-for-collaborative-tools/>

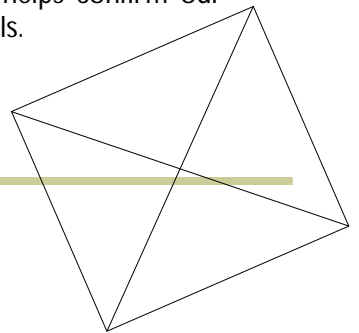
Lucie Olejnikova and Jessica de Perio Wittman have written an excellent article, "The Case for Collaborative Tools: Long-distance teamwork on a shoestring budget." http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_sp0812/pub_sp0812_PLL.pdf

Their summary of the article:

"This article shares a bit of our experiences (the exciting and the frustrating moments), and outlines how we used free online collaborative tools to make the long distance seem short. This article also discusses the advantages and disadvantages of long-distance collaboration and how to apply the same tools and principles to a variety of work settings, such as law firms, firm libraries, court libraries, public libraries, and academic libraries. In addition, we mention the psycho-sociological aspects of a long-distance, Web-based communication, as well as its impact on project administration and budget."

Of special interest is the survey they took and the results they obtained about use of collaboration tools. I also like the focus on free collaboration tools and the way they tested out the ideas we have in our book.

Excellent insights, important conclusions and highly recommended. Excellent work. It also helps confirm our belief that law librarians will be the leaders in the early stages of adoption of collaboration tools.



Noted with pleasure...

ALLUNY's Annual Meeting was recently the focus of an AALL News Announcement by Diane D'Angelo (*ALLUNY Holds Annual Meeting*, posted October 03, 2008, <http://www.aallnet.org/news/newsdisplay.asp?nid=127>)

The news item, written by ALLUNY member **Rosanna Lindquist**, stated:

The ALLUNY Annual Meeting was held September 26 - 28 at the Strathallan Hotel in Rochester, NY. This year's theme was Plus ça change, which emphasized changing law library methods, practices, and roles. Sheila Cui was this year's Ernest H. Breuer Grant Recipient.

The meeting kicked off with a presentation by attorney/blogger Nicole Black, who discussed the use of web 2.0 tools in professional practice. She continued with a panel discussion at the 4th Department Appellate Library, followed by a reception and tour of the library. The second day of the meeting opened with the ALLUNY business meeting; a presentation by Joyce Haag, general counsel for Kodak, on the changing business environment; and an AALL update from board member Janice Henderson. The meeting closed with a banquet at the George Eastman House, which included the presentation of the Katie Deveau Volunteer Spirit Award to Jan Fleckenstein of the Syracuse University Law School Barclay Library. Kudos to Dave Voisin and Steve Weiter for the wonderful job they did organizing this year's meeting and the accompanying events.

Thanks and congratulations to Rosanna — and thanks to **Elaine Knecht**, also, for sharing this item with the ALLUNY-L listserv.

ALLUNY Members in the News

Welcome to ...

new member

Venessa Hughes

Student, SUNY at Buffalo

new life member

Karlye Ann Pillai

Latham, NY

Ch-ch-ch-changes for Buffalo's Jim Milles

by James G. Milles, University at Buffalo Law School. Reprinted from Buffalo Wings & Toasted Ravioli blog entry <http://bwtr.wordpress.com/2008/11/16/ch-ch-ch-changes/> with the author's permission.

After 25 years as a law librarian, and almost nine years as Director of the Law Library and Associate/Vice Dean for Legal Information Services, the time has come for a change in direction. For several years I have been considering all the options available to me, and in particular the roads (so far) not taken, and I have decided to take on new challenges. As of December 31, 2008, I will step down from my position as Director of the Law Library to return to the tenured faculty.

As a law librarian, I have come to be known with my work in the application of technology in law libraries and legal education, and more broadly in digital communication and online communities. My work in these areas has always led me to push the envelope of traditional library services in fruitful directions. At the same time, I have had to defer pursuing my own scholarly and teaching interests. I have always worked on the practical side of exciting emerging technologies, and have more and more been drawn to explore the legal, social, and policy aspects of those technologies in greater depth as a teacher and scholar.

Starting in Fall 2009 I will be teaching in such areas as Cyberspace Law, Information Privacy Law, Internet Speech, Electronic Evidence, and Law and Social Media. I will also be Director of the new Program on Law and Social Technologies in the Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy. In the latter role I plan to help the Law School build connections with University researchers in a wide variety of disciplines.

I have always loved being a law librarian, and the friendships I have made with my colleagues have meant the world to me. I look forward to continuing to nurture those friendships, and exploring collaborations with law librarians and other technology leaders, as I take on new challenges in the years to come.

What's going on at *your* Library?

Inspire your colleagues — share your news and views
in the ALLUNY Newsletter.

Next issue: **March 2009**. Submission deadline: **Feb. 8, 2009**

ALLUNY Members in the News

Carter Featured in Daily Gazette Article

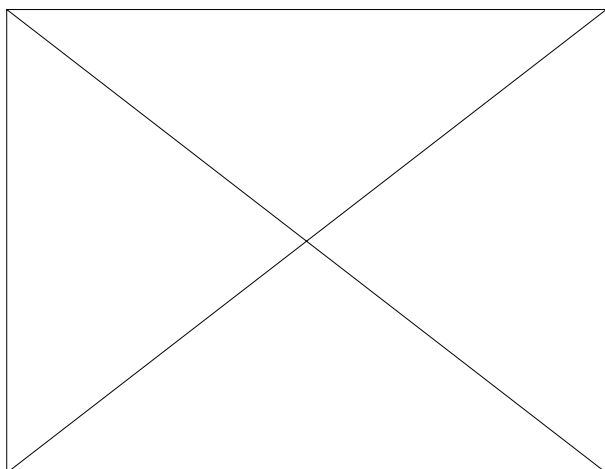
ALLUNY life member Allan Carter was the subject of a Schenectady Daily Gazette article, "Retired librarian, racing fan combines passions" (dailygazette.com, Schenectady, NY, Monday, September 15, 2008, http://www.dailygazette.com/news/2008/sep/15/0915_neighbor/),

The article highlights Carter's work as historian of the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, the "second-largest horse racing library in the country."

The full article and accompanying photo are available online.

Help the F. Warren Travers Supreme Court Library, Troy, Celebrate 100 Years

by Laura Barber, F. Warren Travers Supreme Court Library



100th Anniversary - Centennial Celebration of the F. Warren Travers Supreme Court Library

Hon. John T. Casey Courtroom
Troy, New York

December 5, 2008 - 9:30 AM

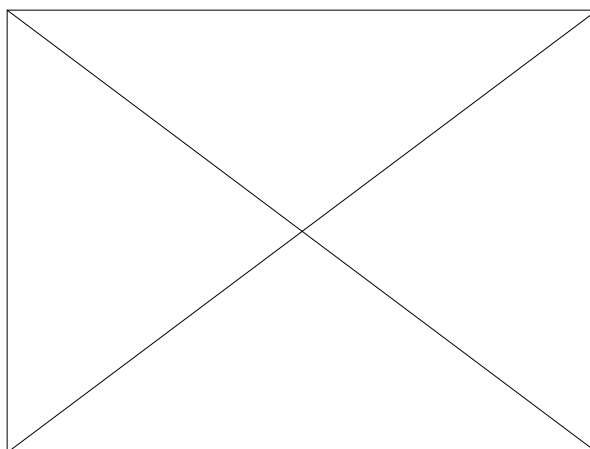
Rensselaer County's F. Warren Travers Supreme Court Library is 100 years old this year! The first meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees took place on July 1, 1908.

This event is free and open to the public and will be held on Friday, December 5th at the 9:30 opening of Supreme Court in Troy, New York. Following remarks, light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Rensselaer County Bar Association and tours of the library will be offered.

During the ceremony, former board members and staff will be recognized, including Karlye Pillai who retired last year after many years of service to this library and ALLUNY. Since so many of you are Karlye's colleagues and friends I wanted to share the news of this event with you.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

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UB-SLA Visits Two Special Libraries in Toronto

by Venessa Hughes, Student, SUNY at Buffalo

On Friday the 24th of October, a group of about sixteen MLS students from the University at Buffalo made a day trip to Toronto to visit two special libraries and have lunch with Stephen Abram courtesy of the UB-SLA student association.

First stop: the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) (<http://www.cbc.ca/>) which houses two libraries within their headquarters on Front Street, a reference library and an extensive image library. Michele Melady gave us a tour of both, starting with the reference library, which houses a print collection, including current books and magazines of special interest to the CBC journalists. The five librarians, including Melady, are trained to find information quickly for news broadcasts, often having less than an hour to do so.

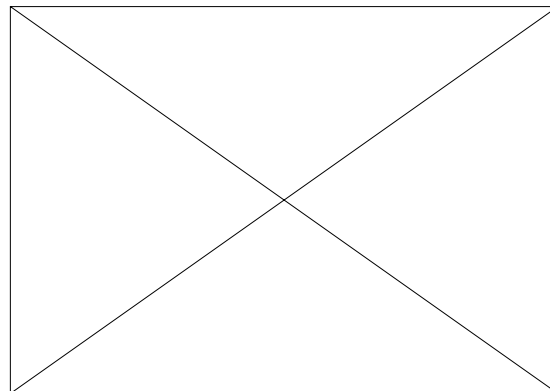
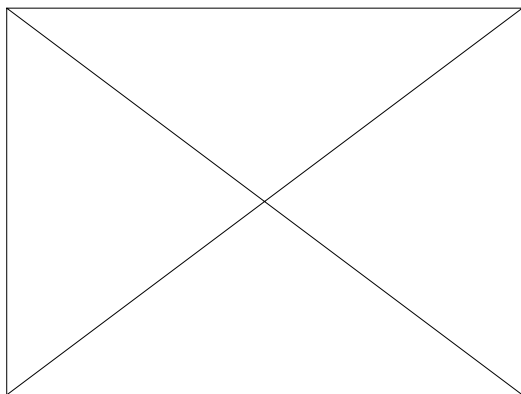


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The image library is a few floors up. Photos are acquired on a daily basis and are cataloged on an image level, which can be quite challenging. However, the importance of cataloging the images carefully was stressed more than a few times. Stock images are used when possible, and as with the reference library, librarians often have less than an hour to find the proper one to use for a newscast. For instance, if an image of the Toronto Pearson International Airport is needed that may seem easy enough. However, the proper season must be taken into account, among other factors. All of which are easier to find if the item is properly cataloged.

Four of the CBC librarians have their desks in the rear of the newsroom, which was, for me, the most exciting part of the day, as we not only got to tour the busy newsroom, but also got to see a live taping of the Canadian Today show. People who would enjoy working in this environment would be able to work amidst high levels of noise and activity and surrounded by news from all over Canada and the world, including from their desk, each of which has a monitor tuned to the CBC.

We gathered for lunch underneath Toronto City Hall in the food court with SirsiDynix's vice president of innovation and current SLA president Stephen Abram, who also finds time to write his popular blog, "Stephen's Lighthouse" (<http://stephenslighthouse.sirsidynix.com/>). Groups then split up, with some taking the metro and ours walking (after a slight diversion down Queen Street) to the University of Toronto's Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library (<http://www.library.utoronto.ca/fisher/>).



*Victoria College, University of Toronto, Fall 2004
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The University of Toronto is a beautiful campus set in the middle of the city. Entering the Thomas Fisher rare book library is like going back in time, an interesting contrast with the modern urban setting. Upon entering and walking into the main room, the visitor can see all five floors of the rare books, since the layout is in a circle and very open. What makes the library really special is that it is open to the public, not just those people affiliated with the University. The collection focuses on works of Canadian history and also houses Lewis Carroll's personal library. We were treated with a presentation by Pearce Carefoote, who showed us works from the 1300s and an original Shakespeare folio.

Both libraries are vital and thriving and of interest to many people, not just librarians. Everyone we met at both organizations were more than happy to speak with us and take us on personalized tours and both are highly recommended for visitation.

ALLUNY Outgoing Board Meeting

ALLUNY BOARD MEETING

Strathallan Hotel, Rochester, NY

Friday, 26 September 2008

Present: President Elaine Knecht, Treasurer Matt Morrison, Secretary Judy Lauer, Board Members Cindy Kesler, Laura Suttell, and Newsletter Editor Nancy Babb. Also present were Charles Finger and AALL Representative Janice Henderson.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Knecht explained that President Jim Milles had resigned his office in August thus bumping her ascendancy to President sooner than expected.

The minutes of May 2 were approved as they appeared in the *ALLUNY Newsletter*.

Reports:

Treasurer:

The Board approved the Treasurer's report which indicated a current balance of \$8887.48 in the bank. Morrison also reported that there were 45 registrants for the Annual Meeting.

Newsletter:

Babb announced that she is considering reducing the number of issues from four to three. In addition, she is still searching for a co-editor.

2008 Annual Meeting:

The raffle by the Board will be held during lunch on Saturday. All board members will sell tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5). All proceeds will be earmarked for Education Grants.

2009 Annual Meeting:

Knecht reported that the 2009 Annual Meeting was tentatively set for October 16-18, 2009 at the Minnowbrook Inn and Conference Center in Blue Mountain Lake, NY. Rates would be \$230 per person per night (two) and would include all meals, AV, Internet, etc.; the only add-on would be alcohol. However, the facility is also requesting a \$4000 non-refundable deposit by October 16.

Morrison indicated that, since all current conference bills had not yet been paid nor had we yet received all promised funds from sponsors, there was some question as to whether we would actually have that much on hand at that time. There was also discussion as to how the current federal and state fiscal crisis would affect attendance and sponsorship. Finger proposed either canceling the meeting altogether and going to a biennial meeting or reducing the meeting to one day, similar to our Spring Institute.

Although the Board felt that we should at least cancel the Minnowbrook, since it ultimately the members who attend, it was decided to present the information to the membership at the business meeting and put it to a vote.

2009 Spring Institute:

Suttell said she is entertaining ideas related to prison law, prison libraries, and assistance available to former prisoners.

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ALLUNY Outgoing Board Meeting

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Other Business:

Lauer announced that the current draft of the Operating Manual will be distributed at Sunday's board meeting.

The Board approved a memorial donation of \$50 in the name of Cindy Lyons to the Companion Animal Placement Program in Rensselaer.

Janice Henderson suggested adding our meetings and recommended speakers to the AALL event and speaker lists on AALLnet.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. (Finger, Morrison).

Submitted by: Judy Lauer, Secretary

ALLUNY General Business Meeting

ALLUNY GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Strathallan Hotel, Rochester NY

Saturday, 27 September 2008

Officers and Board Members Present: President Elaine Knecht, Secretary Judy Lauer, Board Members Cindy Kesler, Laura Suttell, Jean-Paul Vivian, and Newsletter Editor Nancy Babb.

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m.

Knecht opened the meeting by outlining the fiscal situation as it would impact the 2009 meeting which had been scheduled to take place at the Minnowbrook Inn and Conference Center in Blue Mountain Lake. The membership voted to not commit the \$4000 at this time (Weiter, Wiggins). Further discussion led to the decision that the Board should continue to look into alternative arrangements for the 2009 Annual Meeting (Weiter, Wiggins). Zubrow proposed the Board also inquire about a grant from AALL.

Reports:

Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was tabled until Morrison's arrival.

Newsletter:

Babb indicated she is still seeking a co-editor and/or committee volunteers. She is also considering reducing the numbers of issues to three once again. Weiner suggested making the current issue available on the web.

Constitution and Bylaws:

Lauer indicated the version on the web is not the current version and will provide the 2004 revision to Babb within the next month.

Public Relations: No report.

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ALLUNY General Business Meeting

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Membership:

Lynn Fullshire reported a slight drop in membership (down 17 members to 122). Student Member Rosanna Lindquist suggested that we investigate having a table at the various Library School job fairs as well as sending announcements to the Library School student listervs.

Grants:

Suttell announced the winner of the Breuer Award as Sheila Cui. Rosanna Lindquist received a Library Studies Student Grant to attend her first ALLUNY meeting.

Nominations:

Finger reported that of the 35 ballots received, three were invalidated due improper ballot return packaging. The incoming officers and board members are: Laura Suttell (Vice-President/President-Elect), Charles Finger (Treasurer), Judy Lauer (re-elected as Secretary), and Jean Callihan (Board). The board will be reconsidering the possibility of utilizing an electronic voting system. The ballots were approved to be destroyed (Weiter, Zubrow).

Archives:

Weiter indicated that several ALLUNY "artifacts" (Grossinger's mugs, etc. from Zubrow) had been donated to the Archives and called upon ALLUNY members past and present to send any papers they might have. Babb indicated that Elizabeth Breuer Stacey has materials she would like to donate; Babb will forward Weiter's contact information to Ms. Stacey.

Website:

Babb had nothing new to report regarding the webpage and asks for suggestions for improvements and/or changes.

New Business:

Karlye Pillai, former Principal Law Librarian at the Troy Supreme Court Library, was voted a Life Member (Lauer, Weiter).

Knecht announced that the Board had approved a \$50 donation to the Companion Animal Placement Program in memory of Cindy Lyon.

Zubrow announced that members Nancy Babb and Joe Gerken were awarded tenure at SUNY Buffalo.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m. to resume later (Vipperman, Kesler).

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The meeting was recalled to order at 1:30 p.m.

Morrison presented the Treasurer's report (*see p. 30*) which was approved by the membership (Voisinet, Wiggins).

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy Lauer, Secretary

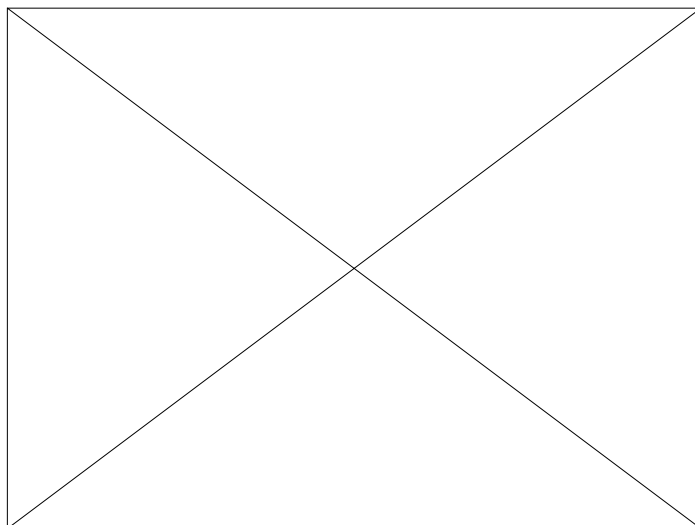


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Treasurer's Report

**ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES OF UPSTATE NEW YORK
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
PRESENTED AT THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING, Rochester, NY**

Account Balance, Oct. 15, 2007		\$9,587.42	
<u>Receipts: Oct. 15, 2007 - Sept. 25, 2008</u>			
Membership Dues (2008)	2,230.00		
2008 Spring Institute, Registrations	1,285.75		
2008 Annual Meeting			
Registrations	3,750.00		
Vendor Sponsorships	650.00		
Breuer Grant Reimbursement*	275.00		
Loon Sale	20.00		
TOTAL	\$ 8,210.75	\$ 8,210.75	
		\$17,798.17	\$ 17,798.17
<u>Disbursements: Oct. 15, 2007 - Sept. 25, 2008</u>			
Awards and Grants:			
AALL Annual Meeting Grant	500.00		
Rochester Meeting Grants	400.00		
Miscellaneous Grants	350.00		
2008 Board Meeting	311.02		
2008 Spring Institute:			
Catering	1,280.50		
Refunds of Registrations	64.25		
2008 Annual Meeting:			
Eastman House Deposit	800.00		
Banquet Catering Deposit	250.00		
Strathallan Hotel	4,862.12		
2007 Annual Meeting Gift Expense	72.80		
Miscellaneous Disbursement**	20.00		
TOTAL	\$ 8,910.69		\$ (8,910.69)
CURRENT BALANCE, Sept. 25, 2008			\$ 8,887.48

*Return of unused funds, B. Vipperman (Toronto)

**Reimbursement of dup. 2008 dues pmt.

prepared by M. Morrison, September 25, 2008

ALLUNY Incoming Board Meeting

ALLUNY BOARD MEETING

Strathallan Hotel, Rochester, NY
Sunday, 28 September 2008

Present: President Elaine Knecht, Vice President/President-Elect Laura Suttell, Treasurer Charles Finger, Secretary Judy Lauer, Board Members Cindy Kesler, Jean-Paul Vivian, and Jean Callihan, and Newsletter Editor Nancy Babb. Also present were Matt Morrison, Lynn Fullshire, Sally Legendre, and AALL Representative Janice Henderson.

The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Knecht welcomed everyone and called for preliminary reports.

Newsletter:

Babb announced that Jean Callihan had agreed to be co-editor and that Amanda Steinbacher will be joining the Newsletter Committee. They will review the schedule.

Treasurer:

Out-going Treasurer Morrison indicated the bills were paid for the closing banquet. \$274 was made on the Grants raffle. Reimbursement requests should be sent to him until bank account transfers are completed. The bank requires a copy of the meeting minutes on letterhead indicating Finger is now the Treasurer.

Operating Manual:

Lauer passed out the draft revision of the Manual which incorporates all changes since 2004. Committee members are asked to provide updates to her ASAP so that the most current version is posted to the Members Only portion of the website.

2009 Annual Meeting:

Lauer and Jay Deveau will contact the Harbor Hotel in Watkins regarding its potential as 2009 meeting site. Suttell announced that Jan Fleckenstein had indicated that

Renaissance Hotel in Syracuse might be feasible as well; Suttell will follow up.

2009 Spring Institute:

Suttell will contact Syracuse University re April 24 or May 15 for the Spring Institute

Nominating Committee:

Vivian volunteered to chair the Nominations Committee. It was suggested that we consider a gmail account for voting.

Other Business:

Knecht will check into using a conference room at her firm's Syracuse office for our Winter Board Meeting.

Lauer proposed increasing the Association dues to \$30 earmarking \$5 of it for Grants and Awards. She will draft an amendment to put to the membership in 2009.

Finger and Lauer will draft a policy regarding the ALLUNY listservs for the Operating Manual.

An audit was not done in 2006 or 2007. Finger, Callihan, and Deveau will do one in the spring/summer of 2009.

Finger will arrange for a PayPal account to receive dues and registrations. He would also like to acquire a debit card for the Association for more efficient bill paying (and down payments).

Janice Henderson suggested adding our meetings and recommended speakers to the AALL event and speaker lists on AALLnet.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. (Finger, Callihan).

Submitted by: Judy Lauer, Secretary

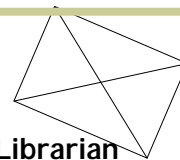
***Don't let ALLUNY opportunities fly by —
remember your membership!***

- 1. See back cover for membership form**
- 2. Dues are payable to the ALLUNY Treasurer**

Questions about ALLUNY membership?

Contact the Membership Chair:

Lynn C. Fullshire, Principal Law Librarian
Supreme Court Law Library, Suffolk
220 Center Drive, Riverhead, NY11901
(631) 852-2418 lfullshi@courts.state.ny.us



2009 ALLUNY MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE BY JANUARY 31, 2009

Announcing the Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition

The Legal History and Rare Books Special Interest Section of AALL, in cooperation with Gale Cengage Learning, announces the first annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage scholarship in the areas of legal history, rare law books, and legal archives, and to expose students to AALL and law librarianship through their attendance at the Annual Meeting.

Eligibility

Currently enrolled students attending accredited graduate programs in library science, law, history, or related subjects are eligible to enter the competition. Students may be enrolled either full- or part-time. Members of AALL are eligible if they meet other eligibility requirements.

Requirements

Papers may be on any topic related to legal history, rare law books, or legal archives. Papers must be submitted by **April 15, 2009**. The winner will be announced by May 15.

Prize

The winner will receive a \$500.00 prize from Gale Cengage Learning. In addition, the winner will receive up to \$1000 to be applied towards expenses associated with attendance at the Annual Meeting of AALL. (Gale Cengage and the Legal History and Rare Books SIS will each contribute to the travel expenses).

Attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting is strongly encouraged, but not required. The 2009 Annual Meeting will be held July 25-28 in Washington, D.C. Winners will receive recognition at the Association-wide Awards Luncheon and at the Business Meeting of the Legal History and Rare Books SIS. Winners will also have the opportunity to present their paper at the Legal History and Rare Books SIS Roundtable or at a program during the Meeting.

Detailed procedures and an application form are available at the LHRB webpage:
<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/lhrb/>

Questions may be directed to Katherine Hedin, University of Minnesota Law Library: k-hedi@umn.edu
OR Jennie Meade, Jacob Burns Law Library, George Washington University: jmeade@law.gwu.edu

The "Call for Papers" Has Begun!

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee has just the incentive to get started.

The Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- **Open Division:** for active and retired AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience;
- **New Members Division:** for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years;
- **Student Division:** for students in library, information management or law school. Participants in this division need not be members of AALL. To submit in this category, you must have been enrolled in law school, or in a library school, information management, or an equivalent program, either in the Fall 2008 or Spring 2009 semester.

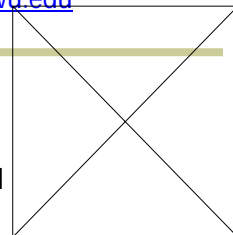
Articles in the **Open and New Members Division** must be submitted by **March 2, 2009**. Articles in the

Student Division must be submitted by **April 15, 2009**.

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program at the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association's prestigious Law Library Journal.

For more information, a list of previous winners, an application and instructions on how to submit your article, visit the AALL Web site at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee:
Chair, Jim Heller: heller@wm.edu,
James Donovan: jdonovan@uga.edu, or
David Hollander: dholland@princeton.edu



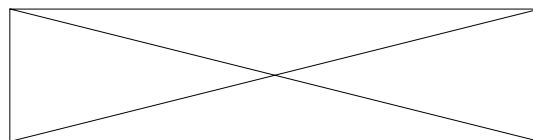
Be part of the AALL 2009 Management Institute

AALL is looking for new and aspiring managers to be part of Manage with Confidence: AALL 2009 Management Institute , March 19-21, 2009, in Tampa, Florida.

From dealing with difficult people to developing a strategic plan for the library to building partnerships, new law library managers have a lot on their plates. The AALL Management Institute provides new and aspiring managers from all types of law libraries the opportunity to collaborate in small groups and learn from their colleagues as they develop the skills to manage with confidence today.

Participants will learn how to:

- Build and nurture a professional network;
- Develop effective communication;
- Negotiate and handle difficult situations;
- Develop a strategic plan;
- Take on project management;
- Champion the library's role within the institution and build partnerships



An action-learning approach will be utilized that includes: lecture, case studies, small group discussion, self-assessment tools, journaling, and skills practice.

Facilitator: Maureen Sullivan

Application and Selection:

The institute application process is open to AALL members, and applications are accepted online.

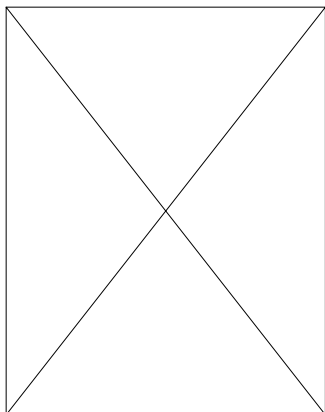
Application deadline: December 15, 2008

Applicants are encouraged to apply early. Selected participants will be notified beginning mid-January. The application form includes the opportunity to describe career goals and how this institute will benefit you as you advance in your career. A total of 30 participants will be selected.

The cost of attendance is \$250. Institute materials, continental breakfast, break and lunch each day is included. Participants are responsible for covering transportation and housing.

Sponsor Information:

This continuing professional education opportunity is sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries.



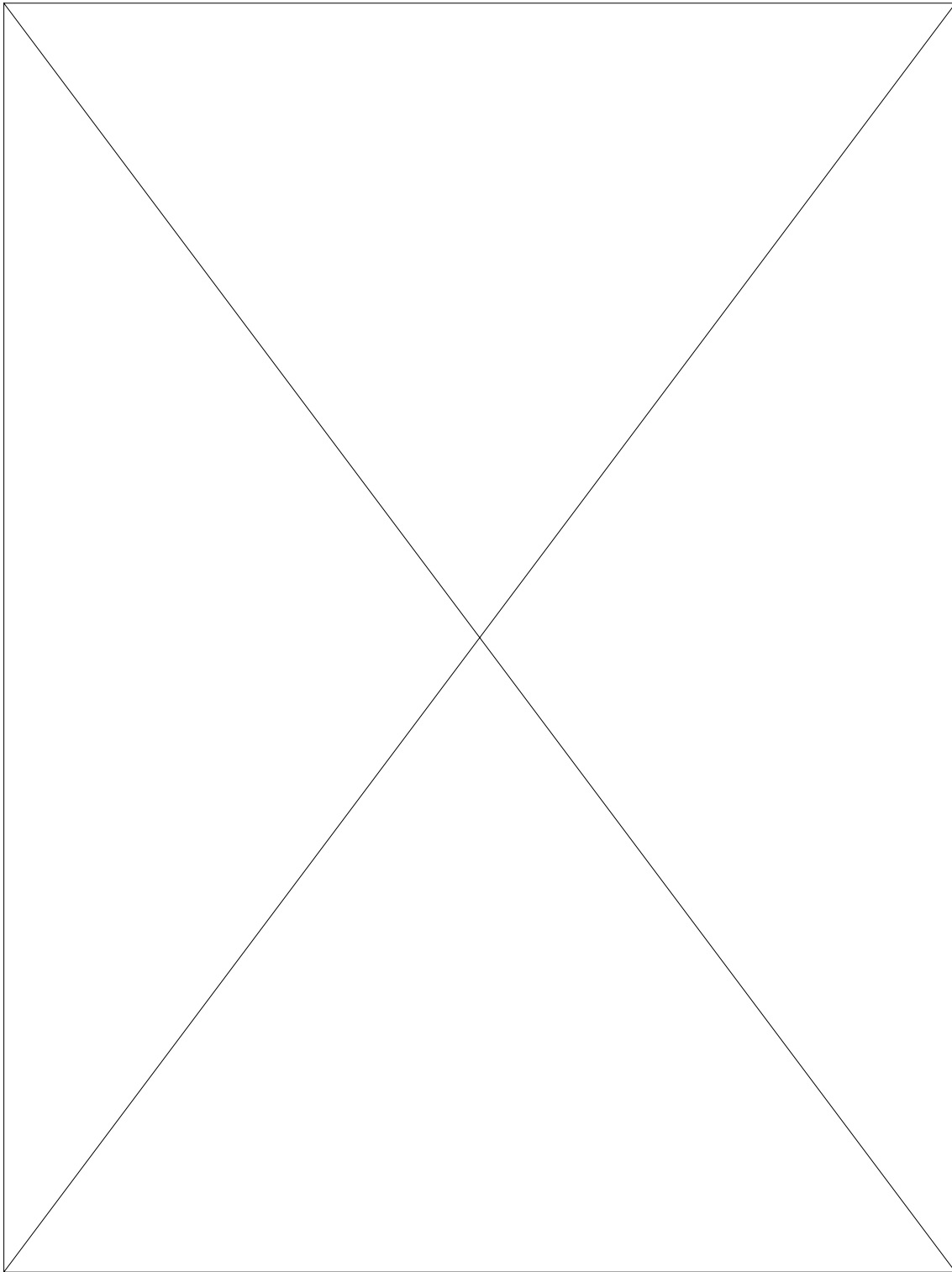
Contact Celeste R. Smith, AALL director of education, at csmith@aall.org or 312/205-8032 for more information.

View further details and apply online at http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_institute2009.asp

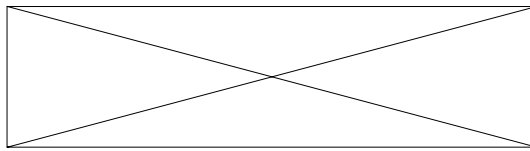
Download the flyer (PDF) at <http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/docs/AALL-Mgmt-Institute-2009.pdf>

And to all a good night...

photo by Ted Holynski, , H. Douglas Barclay Law Library, Syracuse University College of Law



*As another ALLUNY year draws to a close, Vice President / President-Elect **Laura Suttell** takes a moment at the Annual Meeting to reflect with — no doubt — visions of ALLUNY plums dancing in her dreams ...*



2009 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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2009 ALLUNY MEMBERSHIP DUES PAYABLE BY JANUARY 31, 2009

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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