

*From
the President...*

Trisha Fabugais, Gardere Wynne Sewell, L.L.P.

I think I must like living on the edge, yet a second time that I'm writing my column under the gun of Barbara saying the deadline is "TODAY, TODAY, TODAY!" So, here I write, trying to get it in *today* for Barbara's sanity! [Editor's Note: *The Editor lost almost all sanity some time ago.*]

Kim Serna has been working very hard on next month's half-day seminar on law firm economics. It will take place on October 20th, and the information should be reaching you very soon. I hope each of you can come to the seminar. It's going to be a good one!

Many of the HALL members are a part of various local planning committees for AALL's 2005 conference in San Antonio. The first big meeting of the heads of the various committees will take place in San Antonio in October, but some of us will be at a local law firm to participate in the meeting via conference call. It's exciting to me to know that HALL members are actively helping to make the 2005 AALL conference in San Antonio a memorable one.

As the year progresses, there will be many more opportunities to help out for the 2005 AALL conference. For those who would like to participate in AALL, there's a great way to do it by volunteering on a PLL or AALL committee for the 2005-2006 year. There are about 25 committees to choose from, and it is at the committee level in which much of the work is done for AALL. I've served on 3-4 committees in the past, and it was nice to get to know fellow colleagues from other areas of the country, the work was a team effort, so I never felt overtaxed, and it was fun!

So, if you'd like to explore the possibilities, please go to <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/committees.asp> to see what committees are available. To volunteer and sign up for a committee, please fill out the electronic form at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/volunteer_form.asp.

I look forward to seeing all of you soon!

**HALL Fall Seminar
"Law Firm Economics"**

Kim Serna, Jones Day

Our Fall half day seminar is quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars for October 20th and plan to attend "Law Firm Economics." Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:30am.

The program will include guest speakers from West Group, who will report on a pre-seminar survey and "Leveraging Technology to Optimize Cost Recovery," as well as local presenters who will provide a panel discussion on successful strategies used in their firms.

A catered lunch is included in the registration and will follow the seminar presentations.

We hope everyone can attend this presentation of topics that are so vitally important to our profession.

Topic: Law Firm Economics

When: October 20, 2004 from 8:30am-12:30pm

Where: South Texas College of Law
6th Floor Emilile Slohm Room

Cost: \$30.00 / Members
\$40.00 / Non-members

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Library Management Blog

“Miss Manager”, a column previously appearing exclusively in the *Technical Services Law Librarian* newsletter, sponsored by the AALL Technical Services and On-line Bibliographical Services SIS's, has become a weblog at <http://missmanagerblog.blogspot.com/>. The “Miss Manager” weblog is written by a librarian in a technical services department in an academic law library. The column hopes that the advice is more universally applicable than that description implies, but it will be most useful for similarly-situated managers. Send questions or comments to missmanletters@yahoo.com.

**Deadline for the next issue
(November/December 2004):
Monday, November 15, 2004**



Member News...

Elizabeth Black Berry, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, is co-chair of the Houston Bar Association's Lawyers for Literacy Committee, and is currently involved in the Committee's annual fall book drive to acquire new or gently used books and magazines and cash donations to purchase books.

Mark Lambert, South Texas College of Law, was interviewed over the telephone by the *Houston Chronicle* concerning Chief Justice Phillip's political biography collection. The article appeared in the Monday August 30, 2004 edition, on page 1 of Section B (Metro/State). Mark also passed the archival certification exam that he took in July.

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Vendor Relations Forum

Colleen Pincumbe, Thompson & Knight LLP

A very special note of thanks goes to our lovely Lexis Senior Librarian Relations Consultant, Susan Skyzinski for not only treating HALL members to a fabulous lunch from Jason's Deli, but most of all for bringing a bit of this year's AALL convention to us in the “Post-AALL Vendor Forum” on September 2nd.

The luncheon was not only informative while we were shown the very newest Lexis enhancements, but most enjoyable as well receiving it from the unique & entertaining “speaking stylings” of Ms Skyzinski herself. It was so nice to see you along with your entourage of Lexis regional managers, applications consultants and account managers. We appreciate so much all of what you individuals do for us. Thank you so much!

HALL Meeting RSVP Info

Caren Luckie, Jackson Walker LLP

I am going to assume when you RSVP for a HALL meeting that you will be buying lunch. If you are bringing your lunch, or need a vegetarian lunch, please let me know in your initial RSVP.

Don't rely on the mail for your RSVP. We're not checking the box that often, mail is frequently delayed, etc. To ensure that you are included in the lunch count, please call or email me – and if you don't get a reply to your email within a day, notify me again until you get a reply (our email is being a little fussy these days).

HOUSTON AREA LAW LIBRARIANS
Treasurer's Report - May 31, 2004

	Income	Expenses	
Balance forward 5/31/03			\$6,979.06
Dues	\$2,950.00		
Dues 2004-05	525.00		
Newsletter			
Advertising	1,500.00		
Advertising refund (overpayment)		100.00	
Postage/Printing		2,577.38	
Software		91.95	
HALL/DALL/SWALL Reception 2003		1,536.75	
Jones McClure sponsorship	500.00		
DALL/SWALL	691.16		
HALL/DALL/SWALL Reception 2004			
Jones McClure sponsorship	500.00		
Meetings			
April 2003 lunch	92.50		
May 2003 lunch	260.00		
August 2003 lunch	462.00	435.17	
Sept. 2003 lunch	356.50	352.12	
Nov. 2003 lunch	399.50	327.97	
Dec. 2003 HALLiday Party	1,100.00	1,573.03	
Jan. 2004 lunch	387.75	340.75	
Feb. 2004 lunch	413.25	411.35	
April 2004 lunch	312.00	381.50	
May 2004 lunch		332.41	
Fall Seminar (Oct. 2003)	1,875.00		
West sponsorship	375.00		
MCLE fee		100.00	
Breakfast/lunch/drinks		619.71	
Administrative			
Paper, labels		54.18	
Gifts		170.07	
Jon Schultz –AALL exh.		100.00	
Memorial Gift		100.00	
Insurance		244.50	
Check redeposit fee		2.00	
New checks		16.00	
HALL rulers		197.39	
James Duggan expenses – Feb. 2003		215.60	
PO box rental		38.00	
West – Unclaimed funds from 2000	200.00		
Scholarship contribution	25.00		
Scholarships			
AALL		700.00	
Library School		500.00	
Strait Minority Scholarship		2,500.00	
Balance 5/31/2004			\$5,685.89
Caren Z. Luckie, Treasurer			

**HOUSTON AREA LAW LIBRARIANS
Treasurer's Report - September 8, 2004**

	Income	Expenses	
Balance forward 5/31/03			\$5,685.89
Dues	2,700.00		
Newsletter/meeting announcements			
Newsletter ads	500.00		
Luncheons/Meetings			
SWALL/HALL joint meeting			
March 2004		230.99	
HALL/DALL/SWALL Reception '04		1,815.92	
Dec. 2003 (GSI – dessert)	246.88		
Jan. 2004	58.75		
Feb. 2004	.25		
April 2004	96.00		
May 2004	379.50		
Aug. 2004	265.00	324.75	
Scholarships			
Refund AALL grant	350.00		
Administrative			
Office supplies		28.29	
Memorial gifts		25.00	
Balance 9/7/2004			\$7,857.32
Caren Luckie, Treasurer Sept. 8, 2004			

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General Meeting Minutes

Houston Area Law Librarians

August 11, 2004

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Trisha Fabugais called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. The May minutes were approved. New members in attendance were Michelle Lucero from Weil Gotshal & Manges, Ann Patterson from Fulbright & Jaworski, and Jen Van Ness from Phelps Dunbar.

Old Business

Caren Luckie distributed the Treasurer's Report and reported that there is money in the account. She will distribute the 2003-2004 Treasurer's Report at the next meeting.

New Business

Caren Luckie reported that Mary Lippold's mother passed away August 10. HALL will send a sympathy card to Mary.

Blythe McCoy reported she is presenting a program entitled Thomson Elite's Research Manager on August 17th at Winstead, and invited anyone who is interested to attend.

Committee Reports

Archives: No report.

Bylaws: Charles Gibson reported the HALL Bylaws are now available on the HALL web site.

Continuing Education: Kim Serna reported on HALL's coming events. At the September meeting, Denise Landers will speak about balancing our time and dealing with interruptions throughout the workday. October will bring a half-day seminar on legal trends. November is open, and the annual HALL-iday party will be held Dec. 7th at the Twisted Fork in the Park Shops. A yummy menu awaits! In January, Tracy Everett from the Dallas office of Littler Mendelson will instruct us in the art of public speaking.

HBA Liaison: No report.

Library School Liaison: No report.

Membership: Susan Spillman was not in attendance, but Caren Luckie reported HALL membership forms are available on our web site.

Nominations: No report.

Placement: No report.

Publications: Barbara Szalkowski thanked everyone who took pity on her and submitted wonderful reports from AALL and SLA to her for the newsletter. The next newsletter deadline is September 15.

Scholarships/Grants: No report.

Vendor Relations: Colleen Pincumbe reported that she is planning our fall events – watch HALL-L for details.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

General Meeting Minutes

Houston Area Law Librarians

September 8, 2004

South Texas College of Law

Minutes Subject to Correction and Approval

Trisha Fabugais called the meeting to order at 12pm. The August minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Caren Luckie distributed the monthly Treasurer's Report and reported that there is money in our account. She also distributed the 2003-2004 Treasurers' Report.

Old Business

No old business.

New Business

Elizabeth Black Berry talked about her involvement with the Houston Bar Association's Book Drive. They are trying to collect 35,000 books and periodicals. Elizabeth offered to pick up any donations personally.

Committee Reports

Archives: No report.

Bylaws: Charles Gibson reported that we do indeed have bylaws.

Continuing Education: Kim Serna reported on HALL's upcoming events. The October Half-Day Seminar October 20 will focus on Law Firm Economics. It will start at 8:30 and wrap up by 12:30. Kim asked for suggestions for a topic or speaker for our November meeting. In future meeting news, Nina Platt from the AALL Board will be on hand for our February 9th meeting.

HBA Liaison: No report.

Library School Liaison: No report.

Membership: Susan Spillman was not in attendance, but Barbara Szalkowski reported that there are two weeks left to pay dues for a listing in the HALL Membership Directory.

Nominations: No report.

Placement: No report.

Publications: Barbara Szalkowski reported that the next newsletter deadline is September 15, and asked for contributions.

Scholarships/Grants: No report.

Vendor Relations: No report.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm.

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More Hats Than Ever

Special Report: Librarians' Jobs Can Range From Business Planning To Risk Assessment

Anne Ellis and Tom Jared

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There's a new fashion trend among law librarians: hats. They wear many of them – sometimes at the same time – all of differing sizes, shapes, and colors. The hats really mean one thing: From bookshelf to desktop, legal research has changed significantly in recent years, and the role of the law librarian has changed along with it.

At one point in the history of the profession, law librarians were chiefly catalogers and legal researchers, crucial to the profession of law yet limited in their scope when it came to business strategy and firm management. With the onset of the Internet, attorney-enabled desktop research, and electronic documentation, however, the law librarian's role began to evolve.

"Law librarianship is no longer just about cataloging – it's about complex research and intricate knowledge-sharing to support and work with every area of legal institutions"

Today, law librarians are professionals skilled in a host of sophisticated areas, including detailed research, training, business development, client retention, risk assessment, professional development, marketing, and technology, all of which are crucial to successful management of firms, schools, agencies, and corporations. Law librarianship is no longer just about cataloging – it's about complex research and intricate knowledge-sharing to support and work with every area of legal institutions.

"Librarians are becoming involved on the practice-group level at law firms," says Christine Morong, librarian relations manager for West. "They are attending meetings and learning what attorneys are working on, information which they can use to stay relevant on resources needed for day-to-day business."

One obvious example is a firm's intranet. Librarians have become guardians and content managers for business information on the firm, current events surrounding practice areas, and scores of other information necessary for effective communication across the firm and vital to doing firm business and practicing law. Minneapolis-based Dorsey & Whitney's Linda Will and her staff, for instance, produce four daily newsletters. The newsletters have become so popular that they are now sent outside the firm to some of the firm's clients and national business publications. "It's a result of the very fine-filtered researching we do," says Will, director of information resources.

It makes sense, notes Montana state law librarian Judy Meadows, to have librarians handling intranet or Internet sites for a firm. In her case, it's for the judiciary system of Montana. Her staff is in charge of the courts' Web site and is in the middle of putting together a new site for the entire judiciary. "Librarians are the ones that understand how people use information," says Meadows. "When it comes to providing the information that people want in the format they want, no one understands like we do."

Additionally, today's librarians make critical decisions on what information is necessary and what information would be nice. "There is pressure to continually downsize the library," says Elizabeth Black Berry, manager of information resources, professional development, and audit inquiries for the Houston office of Weil, Gotshal & Manges. "Attorneys still need and ask for the information, yet want to downsize due to cost and space. Management of resources is crucial."

Librarians are finding that a library that includes both hard copy and electronic resources is the best way to provide information. "We've done some experiments in some of our small offices of only electronic resources," says Maureen Sirhall at Littler Mendelson in San Francisco. "Those attorneys turned around and said, 'No, we want some books.' So we aim for a good blend of books and electronic research." Ironically, Sirhall, as national director of legal information services, does much of her work electronically, as she manages 28 firm libraries across the country from her headquarters in San Francisco. "Technology has just added a new dimension to research and assistance," says Sirhall. "The librarians are still at the forefront of how to use the tool, whether it's electronic or books, and can help decide where to find the best content."

The intranet, though, is just one way librarians are contributing to the business of the firm. Librarians have become savvy in business strategy. In fact, part of their job involves all sorts of strategic business research. "In my role, I need to know which practices are expanding and in what areas, so that I can best assist them within the 'big picture' of firm activity," says Catherine Monte, director of knowledge management at Fox Rothschild, a firm with offices in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware. "This encourages collaboration across the firm by demonstrating the synergies among practice groups, how they are interrelated, and how we can work together for everyone's benefit."

Nonlegal research is an increasingly important skill for the librarian. The changing demands of business necessitates detailed risk assessments and conflict searches, all of which librarians are helping with more and more. Information and research is intricately tied to client retention and development, calling on a librarian's expertise about where to find the most accurate and trustworthy information. Building databases of competitive intelligence or prospective clients is the norm. Staying current on what's going on in a particular industry in a firm's practice group or compiling risk information on growth areas of the firm is all within a librarian's scope. "Often I will say, 'Did you know we can do this for you?'" says Monte.

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Dorsey's Will gives the example of one of her firm's attorneys going to meet with a potential client in a particular area of business. Will and her staff knew about it and helped the attorney prepare with detailed research and information. "We put together PowerPoint presentations on that industry so the attorney could become an expert in that area by the time he met with the client," says Will.

Librarians also are documenting and managing the intellectual capital of the firm, indexing expertise, logging presentations and speeches individual attorneys have given and law review articles written by firm staff, all of which can then be used to market the attorneys and the firm. Such a shift in the role of the law librarian is not without its difficulties. Many law firms have chosen to rename their libraries to things like information services or knowledge management. Like many librarians across the country, Berry of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, who has a law degree in addition to her master's degree in library science, also handles her firm's audit inquiries and coordinates professional development seminars. Training has become one of a librarian's primary functions, whether it's orienting summer associates to the firm or illustrating new desktop research functions.

"Librarians are a vital and necessary resource to help their users and to support the mission of their organization," says Morong, who was a law librarian for 15 years. "They draw on their creativity and resourcefulness to collaborate across the firm."

Or, as both Will and Berry put it, librarians "wear lots of hats."

Anne Ellis is senior director of librarian relations for West. A 28-year librarian with 14 years as a law firm librarian, Ellis is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries. She has served as chair of the AALL Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section and is active in the Special Libraries Association, the American Library Association, and the American Bar Association. Tom Jared is vice president of customer management and marketing services for West. Jared manages several departments at West, including the librarian relations team.

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Antique Houston Furniture Returns Home!

Mark Lambert, South Texas College of Law

The Fred Parks Law Library of South Texas College of Law is pleased to announce that three pieces of antique furniture, formerly used in the house of Joseph C. Hutcheson, a prominent late 19th century Houston attorney for fifty years, and the childhood home of the first Dean of South Texas College of Law, have recently been donated to the library by the descendants of Joseph C. Hutcheson living in California.

Joseph C. Hutcheson was born in Virginia in 1842, graduated from Randolph-Macon College in 1861, and then enlisted in the Confederate forces during the Civil War, serving under General Stonewall Jackson, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After the war, Captain Hutcheson entered the law school of the University of Virginia, graduating in 1866. He then moved to Anderson, Grimes County, Texas, where his older brother, John William Hutcheson, had settled before the Civil War.

John William Hutcheson became a prominent attorney in Grimes County, and was a member of the Texas Secession Convention in 1861, before he entered the Civil War and was killed in battle in 1862. Joseph C. Hutcheson came to Grimes County in 1866 to close out his brother's estate and to take over his deceased brother's law practice.

Joseph C. Hutcheson moved to Houston in 1874 and continued his practice of law. He was a member of the Seventeenth Texas Legislature in 1880, where he drafted the bill that created the University of Texas. Hutcheson was elected in 1892 to the House of Representatives for the Fifty-third and Fifty-fourth U.S. Congresses, but declined to run for a third term. Along with his successor, Congressman Tom Ball, Hutcheson is credited with helping to get federal appropriations to greatly improve the Port of Houston, which started Houston on its rise to becoming the most important city in Texas.

After leaving Congress, Captain Hutcheson continued the practice of law with his son, Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr., and others until his death in 1924. J. C. Hutcheson, Jr., was Mayor of Houston in 1917, when he was appointed to the Federal Bench, serving until 1964. Judge Hutcheson was also one of the founders, an Instructor, served on the College's Board and was the first Dean of South Texas College of Law, 1923-1931.

The donated items are two glass-front cabinets and a large dinner table, which were all built circa. 1870-1880, including one cabinet that bears the stamp of "Wm. Schmidt, Dealer in Furniture & General House Furnishing Goods, Houston, Texas." After Captain Hutcheson's death in 1924, Dr. Allen C. Hutcheson, a brother of J. C. Hutcheson, Jr., inherited the furniture and it eventually ended up in California.

The donor is Marilyn (Mrs. Sterling) Hutcheson of La Jolla, California. The donation was facilitated by Joanne Seale Wilson, J. C. Hutcheson, Jr.'s granddaughter, who lives in the Houston area. The furniture is now displayed in the DeGraw Exhibits Area on the second floor of the Fred Parks Law Library.

A New Vantage Point

Blythe McCoy, Library Relations Manager, Thomson West

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Born and raised in Mississippi, I am about as "Southern" as you can get. Needless to say, I was shocked when, as a new West employee, I first saw the portion of the Mississippi River that flowed through the Twin Cities. You could actually walk across it up there! Hardly the wide, churning river I know from down South.

Where you sit can make a world of difference.

You could say the same about serving the librarian community. I have worked for librarians and law firms in several capacities – as a practicing attorney and later as a West account manager, account executive, marketing program manager, and librarian relations manager (LRM). Though it's certainly possible to support the librarian community with little direct contact with librarians (for example, my work on the KeyCite® launch a few years back helped many librarians understand how this revolutionary tool could simplify common tasks), there is no replacement for direct interaction. Through my daily contact with librarians, I can see firsthand how law firm needs can differ and how librarian roles are constantly evolving. And I can respond – quickly, sensibly, and personally – to meet librarians' needs.

When I learned of the LRM opening at West, I jumped at it! For many years my West career had turned to an internal management role, and I did not have the opportunity to work with librarians at all. I really missed that. As an LRM, I would get to devote all of my efforts to helping the librarian community – a group too often underappreciated. I would have the opportunity to provide librarian professional development programs and training. Best of all, I would get to spend my days with the smart, gregarious, outgoing people who make up this profession. There's no getting around it: Librarians are fun! Whoever came up with the stereotype of the shy, introverted librarian certainly has not met any of the librarians I have the pleasure to work with.

Since July 2003, I have been the LRM for West's Southwest division, covering states from Alabama to Texas. I also cover portions of the Rocky Mountain division, which includes Denver, Salt Lake City, Seattle and Portland. In addition, I am enrolled in the MLS program at the University of North Texas while taking care of my East Coast-raised husband and our two young Texas cowboys. (I've always had several balls in the air, I'm just juggling a lot faster these days – like any other working mom!)

As an LRM, I am a liaison between the firms and the West home office. One of my roles is to create professional development programs for librarians, such as my recent seminar, "Reinventing Your Library Through Marketing." Marketing has long been a passion of mine – for more than eight years at West, I focused exclusively on marketing. Librarians cannot afford to underestimate the importance of

promotion and branding within their firms; it is more vital than ever for librarians to clearly communicate to their management all of the contributions they make.

I also provide librarian-caliber training on West products, which includes the Westlaw Master Classes. (Having worked at West since 1988 – back when Westlaw was 1200 baud and you could read text as it slowly appeared on your WALT terminal – I am no stranger to West or its products.) Librarians are the power researchers in their firms: Even highly experienced lawyers can fail to find key documents without the librarian's assistance.

Librarians are very important to me. Although I have enjoyed my various roles at West and have learned so much from the experiences, my direct involvement with the law librarians is especially rewarding. There is no substitute for direct contact with these professional men and women. I look forward to expanding my new vantage point by providing Westlaw Master Classes and professional development programs for years to come.

New and Upcoming Exhibits at The Fred Parks Law Library

Mark Lambert, South Texas College of Law

The 63rd Annual Western Books Exhibition will be on display in the lobby of the Fred Parks Law Library, South Texas College of Law from Sept. 22 to October 15th, 2004.

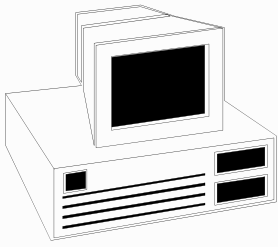
The show features the best in recent book printing and design in the western United States as selected by the distinguished Rounce & Coffin Club of California. The 25 publications include fiction, non-fiction, illustration and pictorial works and are selected based on their physical attributes including design, paper stock, binding, photography and illustration.

Presidential Campaign Songbooks from the Hon. Tom Phillips Collection of Presidential Campaign Materials will be on display in the lobby of the Fred Parks Law Library from October 18th to December 22nd, 2004.

Over thirty songbooks span the time period from 1840 to 1964, and include songbooks from both the winners and losers of United States Presidential Campaigns, including: [Benjamin] Harrison Melodies from 1840; The [Ulysses S.] Grant and [Schuyler] Colfax Spread Eagle Songster from 1868; True Blue Republican Campaign Songs for 1888; Progressive Battle Hymns from 1912; and The [General Dwight] Eisenhower Song Book from 1952.

These exhibits are available for viewing by the public each Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 6 pm, Saturdays 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, and Sundays 10 am to 6 pm.

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Editor's Comments...

This issue marks the end of my 12th year as Editor of the *HALL Newsletter*. Many of you were not around in November 1992 when I volunteered to take over for Jerry McCulley who was leaving the Houston area “if no one else would do it.” Little did I know that I would still be doing this!

What makes this job easier is having content. And, as always, the content is strictly up to the members of HALL. This month I had three wonderful submissions held over from the July/August issue that I especially want to recognize:

Elizabeth Black Berry, for sharing the article from *Legal Times*, and to Ann Pelham, Publisher of *Legal Times*, for granting permission for the reprint.

Blythe McCoy for her article and arranging permission for its reprint here.

Mark Lambert, my go-to member for substantive filler. If everyone were as conscientious as my colleague, I would never have to worry about content again!

The Board Officers and Committee chairs are always supportive and instrumental in supplying content or urging other members to supply content.

The next issue is not that far away. Please consider jotting down a paragraph or two of anything interesting or different that is going on in your institution, or report on a meeting or seminar that you attended. HALL has what looks like an excellent program coming up – I know many of you will attend. What if all of you wrote a paragraph or two of your impressions or how a particular presentation might be applicable to your own job or institution? Wouldn't that be something!?! The deadline is Monday, November 15, but you can send it to me anytime and I'll keep it safe until then.

If you have notes you'd like to share from our September presentation about getting organized and being more productive, that's a topic that never gets old or goes out of date. Consider sharing your notes with all the other HALL members who weren't able to attend. We have over 150 HALL members, and only a small percentage of them attend our meetings regularly. It would be a great service if members would contribute recaps of programs so that the rest of the membership can benefit from the presentations even though they could not be there in person.

I hope everyone will consider a paragraph or two for the next issue, or for any issue. It certainly makes the newsletter more interesting and of value!

—*Barbara Szalkowski*

Family History Preservation Day

Mark Lambert, South Texas College of Law

[Editor's Note: Mark is Chair of the local Archives Week Committee.]

The local archival organization, Archivists of the Houston Area (AHA!), in honor of “Archives Week,” a nationwide celebration of Archives held annually in October, will conduct their Second Annual Family Archives Preservation Day, on Saturday, October 9th from 9am-12 noon at the Julia Ideson Building of the Houston Public Library downtown. It is free to the public and there will also be a raffle of archival supplies to attendees.

Two sessions will be held 9:00-10:00am:

“Preservation of Family Papers and Artifacts”
Dick Dickerson, University of Houston

“Disaster Recovery for Family Papers & Photos”
Will Howard, Houston Public

11:00am-12 noon:

“How To Do a Family Oral History”
Shelley Kelly and Leslie Brunet

10:00am-12 noon:

AHA! archivists will be available to advise members of the Houston community on how best to care for their family archives, including family photos, books, scrapbooks, papers and artifacts.

There will also be exhibits of election materials and other holdings from special collections and archives throughout Houston.

Third Annual Books on the Bayou Still in Progress

The Third Annual “Books on the Bayou: Houston Reads Together” program is still ongoing throughout September and into mid-October.

This year's selection is *Crossing Over: A Mexican Family on the Migrant Trail* by Emmy Award-winning journalist Rubén Martínez, who is also an Associate Professor in the Creative Writing Program at the University of Houston.

Houston Public's events and discussions schedule for the remainder of the program can be found on their website at <http://www.houstonlibrary.org/booksonthebayou/events.html>

Send us your news, please!

This is a reminder to all members, the HALL Newsletter needs your news. When you or your staff members have attended a seminar, published an article, received an award, been elected to an office, or done anything interesting, personally or professionally, please let us know! We also need to know any innovative programs you may have developed, special events you are working on or achievements you are proud of. Give Barbara a call at (713) 646-1724, fax her at (713) 659-2217, or email her at szalkow@stcl.edu , or just take a minute to complete this fact sheet.

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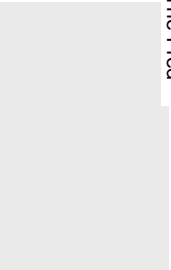
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