President’s Column  

MARY WELLS  
President

There’s a fair bit of MALL news to relay, so let’s plunge right in!

To those who haven’t heard, I’m pleased and proud to announce that our chapter has been chosen to receive the AALL Chapter Professional Development Award for the Gates Grant training program. The project involved a large number of MALL members who served as curriculum developers, trainers of the trainers, and those who drove all over the state of Minnesota, some of them six hours each way, to present the sessions to public librarians. In nominating the chapter, I stated that “[t]he project demonstrated the best that our profession has to offer: dedicated librarians working in concert to make their special expertise available to colleagues in the field.” The effort and teamwork that went into making this project a success were truly awesome, and everyone involved deserves heartiest congratulations!

On March 12, Donna Trimble, Elvira Embser-Herbert, and I went over to the College of St. Catherine to participate in the college’s Library Professional Associations Day. Our visitors demonstrated a lively interest in law librarianship as a career and in our association once they understood that they didn’t need to go to law school to join our profession! We were happy to have the chance to visit with students and showcase our unique opportunities.

Another outreach opportunity will occur in April when the Placement Committee will sponsor an open house at St. Kate’s. Last year the committee held three open houses, one at the State Law Library, one at Faegre and Benson, and one at the University of Minnesota Law Library. The events were heavily attended, and the attendees were excited about being able to talk with librarians practicing in a wide variety of settings and using their library skills in many and diverse ways. This year the committee is taking the open house to the students to give as many as possible the chance to meet our members and investigate how the skills they are learning can translate into a satisfying and useful career as a law librarian.

Outreach is the name of the game this month! MALL’s premier outreach program begins on March 22 and goes for eight Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:45. I am referring, of course, to MALL’s Legal Research Institute. Pat Dolan, Vic Garces, and Hope Porter have as-
sembled an outstanding roster of topics and speakers. Besides the basics of legal research, the institute will cover research on intellectual property and company information, and there will be a session on the top free legal research sites on the Internet and how to use them. The Legal Research Institute has always been the “crown jewel” of MALL’s programming. Attendance has traditionally been strong, and participants have found the sessions valuable and interesting. If you know anyone who needs a basic or refresher course in legal research, clue them in.

On another note, we had a successful and productive business meeting here at St. Thomas on February 22. We settled a number of important issues. Here’s the recap. The membership voted to contribute one thousand dollars to the Minneapolis Public Library’s Capital Campaign in appreciation of the valuable contribution that the library’s collections and services have made to the ability of many MALL members to serve their own clienteles. We tabled a motion to contribute additional matching funds until we could settle the logistics with the library.

The membership approved two changes to the by-laws. Instead of “mailing” ballots for the annual election of officers, we will now be “sending” them, opening the door to e-mail elections and greatly reducing the workload of the secretary-treasurer. A second bylaw change reduced the percentage of members needed for a quorum from 20 to 10 percent of the membership. Our membership has become very large, and a growing proportion of members are retired, students or “ex-officio” because of their jobs. These members are often not deeply engaged in MALL’s activities or programs but still need to be counted for a quorum, which was becoming increasingly difficult to get. A quorum reduction was proposed and approved to guarantee that MALL’s business would get done in a timely way.

The final major change approved at the meeting was that the latest newsletter is now open to the public on MALL’s Web site. The newsletter was seen as a valuable marketing tool, and the membership felt that our latest news should be available to anyone who wants to see it.

We’re already looking forward to a couple of important events, so I hope you’ll mark your calendars. On May 13, we will hold our annual day-long spring education and business meeting. On December 1, we will be celebrating our fiftieth anniversary, so I hope we’ll see everyone at the great party that’s already in the planning stages!

Have a great month, everyone, and thanks for all you do. §

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When you opened this issue of the *MALL Newsletter*, did you notice that you did not have to type in a password? As Mary Wells mentions in the President’s Column, MALL members voted at the winter business meeting to discontinue the policy of restricting access to the current newsletter. As editors, we welcome this change. As we wrote in a statement that Suzanne Thorpe graciously agreed to read at the meeting on our behalf:

> Along with the Web site, MALL’s newsletter is one of the chapter’s primary vehicles of communication. It documents our activities and accomplishments, from the local to the international. It serves as a forum for members’ thoughts on all issues related to law librarianship, from practical tips to theoretical musings. As such, the newsletter serves as a powerful promotional tool for MALL, and we do not believe that access to it should be restricted.

The issue currently in your hands—or on your screen—has a little bit of everything mentioned in the above statement. MALL members’ activities and accomplishments are well documented in announcements and regular features such as the President’s Column and Member News. DeeDee Narum shares tips on book conservation gleaned from Sheila Hague’s presentation at the latest Technical Services Group meeting. Our next president, Elvira Embser-Herbert, is already beginning to set the agenda for her term in an article considering MALL’s committee structure.

And do we have musings! Bill Jack reflects on the differences between law firm librarianship and academic law librarianship. Our own Connie Lenz reports on The Future of Law Libraries Symposium, a whole conference devoted to futuristic musings. And in Local Wisdom, Priscilla Stultz and Mary Ann Archer contemplate Google Print and what it means for law librarians.

Now we would like to encourage *MALL Newsletter* readers to share the joy—tell your non-MALL-member colleagues about something you read here, and send them the link so they can read it for themselves. Who knows? Maybe after reading about the wild good times we have (for full coverage of the MALL winter business meeting, see Secretary-Treasurer David Zopfi-Jordan’s minutes on page 18), more people will be inspired to join.

Which brings us to our bimonthly gentle reminder: the *MALL Newsletter* only succeeds if members contribute. Please send us your news, thoughts, photos, steamy letters…We really want to hear from you!§

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**Tell Us What You Think!**

We want to know what you think of the *MALL Newsletter*’s format. Please take a minute to answer a few quick questions.

1. Do you generally read the *MALL Newsletter* online, or do you print it before reading?
2. Do you prefer this issue’s two-column-per-page format or older issues’ three-column format?
3. Can you suggest any improvements in the *MALL Newsletter*’s format?

Please e-mail your replies, along with any other comments, to Sarah Yates (yates006@umn.edu) or Connie Lenz (lenzx009@umn.edu).
Technology Scene

Same War, Different Trench

By Bill Jack, Reference Librarian and Legal Research Instructor, William Mitchell

Connie Lenz asked me if I’d write an article about the differences between working in a law firm library and working in a law school library. That I could do. To write an interesting or helpful article on the topic—well, that remains to be seen.

After some wonderful years at Dorsey and Whitney, and at the age when people start thinking seriously about the balances in their retirement accounts, I took a dare in 2001, threw away my wonderful Dorsey benefits package, and headed across the river to William Mitchell College of Law. It was a coming home, of sorts. In a previous life, I had been a college professor, and here I would be in an academic environment again. I was born just four blocks from William Mitchell College of Law, and my grade-school paper route was just across the street. I was the altar boy who served at the 1962 dedication of the then brand-new Our Lady of Peace Convent (I got to kiss the archbishop’s ring even), which (the convent, not the ring) is now part of the law school campus. My older sister graduated from Our Lady of Peace High School, which is what this place used to be. And when I was in the private practice of law, I did most of my research in the William Mitchell library.

Some of the law firm/law school distinctions are obvious. I sometimes forget to log off Lexis or Westlaw when I’ve finished researching; I never did this at Dorsey, never dared—Ann Carter and Barb Haeny would have had my head on a platter. Here, Lexis and Westlaw are “free,” and there are no real incentives (other than a person’s good heart) to log off when finished.

At Dorsey, I often saw attorneys use a blend of research resources, turning to the online services when it was best or necessary or most cost-effective. Things are different at the college. I get worried sometimes when I see students relying solely on Lexis or Westlaw for research. Whenever possible, I try to sneak in a remark such as, “You know, there may be times, after you graduate, when you won’t have Lexis or Westlaw.” (I fear the comment is often lost in the students’ passionate desire to finish their assignments on time.) The Web got them through high school and college, and so it should get them through law school too, right?

Another difference between law firm library and law school library? When Dorsey lawyers demanded a case or a journal article or whatever, I got them what they wanted, and pronto. Here in law school, it’s a different matter—I must first ponder: Do I want to merely get the documents for the student, or do I teach the student how to get the documents or, in many cases, how to use the documents? I invariably go with my second instinct.

I try to keep the same focus that I had at Dorsey—doing the very best research, and the most cost-effective research. I have the added responsibility here of teaching others how to do it, which perhaps keeps me on my best behavior, which isn’t all that
good to begin with.

Online research awes me and frightens more now than it did then. In the four years since I left Dorsey, both Westlaw and Lexis have made great strides. Back then, we were just adapting to the idea of losing our beloved software to a “dumbed-down” Web interface. Today we have “Results Plus” and “Search Adviser” and decent natural language searching. Yes, online searching is way better these days; yet, I fear for students who won’t use the books, who don’t rely on indexes or listings of key numbers or tables of contents to make sure they have the proper context for their issues.

During the time that I’ve been away from law firm libraries, the whole landscape of the “free” legal Web has changed too. I find that lawyers are more apt to use the free Web than are students. Lawyers feel the pain of cost restraints; students using Lexis or Westlaw “for free,” on the other hand, get extra bonus points and a chance to win a car or a mug or, ugh, a textbook for every time they log on to the paid services. Which would you go for: a chance to win a new $45,000 car, or a chance to use an Inktomi search engine that doesn’t work?

As an academic law librarian, I feel I owe the future something. I must behave myself now because students around me might emulate my bad research techniques. I actually find myself teaching myself.

In an academic law library, my mistakes come back to bite me. Two years ago I was teaching first-year law students about Shepardizing cases in print. I failed to pay proper attention to the way cases are ordered in a Shepard’s result list. The next morning I was at the reference desk, and I had a steady line of students wondering what the arrangement was all about. As if that wasn’t bad enough, six other college reference librarians experienced similar lines during their desk shifts—and they all knew whom they could blame.

Many colleagues ask me about workload... “Surely you’re not as busy as you were at Dorsey,” or “Don’t you love the easygoing life of academe?” Well, I haven’t seen the “easygoing life of academe” yet. I am as busy as I was at Dorsey. Perhaps I attend more meetings and perhaps the meetings last longer, but the workloads seem just about the same—there’s almost enough time to do everything required, but not quite enough time. Remember too the expanded reference hours in an academic law library—we work weekends and evenings.

The most profound change? Perhaps it’s that as a law firm librarian, in my weaker moments, I sometimes wondered why new lawyers knew so little about how to get at the law. Now, I realize how many new and different ways they have to know to get at it. I believe it was way easier for me to get a law degree back in 1984, when we just had the books and one West terminal in the back of the library that hadn’t been plugged in yet.

Oh, and another profound difference between Dorsey and William Mitchell? I get free parking, right outside the building.§
Predictions about the future of libraries vary widely. For example, in a recent Searcher article (http://www.infotoday.com/searcher/feb05/voice.shtml), Barbara Quint announced that the future will be upon us in the next six to ten years. With Google’s unveiling of its Google Print initiative, we can now pinpoint the time when the “Universal Virtual Library … will threaten and finally engulf the world of traditional, brick-and-mortar libraries.” But in The Day After Tomorrow, libraries save the civilized world (at least that’s the way New Yorkers would view it) when the New York Public Library’s collection serves to keep a group of survivors alive. Perhaps we shouldn’t be so quick to accept the demise of brick-and-mortar!

Law librarians are likewise drawn to the crystal ball, and over the past few years the topic has received a great deal of formal attention. In 2001, AALL appointed a Special Committee on the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age. The committee issued its report, Beyond the Boundaries, in 2002. Following the committee’s recommendations, AALL created a Special Committee on Licensing Electronic Resources (2002-2004), the Task Force on ABA Standards for Academic Law Libraries (2002-2004), and a Special Committee on Cataloging and Intranet Access to Electronic Resources (2002-2003). In March 2005, Florida Coastal School of Law, Thomson West, and The InfiLaw System sponsored The Future of Law Libraries: A Symposium on the Impact of Technology on Law Libraries and Law Classrooms of the Future, held in Amelia Island, Florida. Unfortunately, I can’t share the sunshine I enjoyed there, but I will share selected highlights of the conference.

Beyond Beyond the Boundaries: Gail Warren, State Law Librarian at the Virginia State Law Library and cochair of AALL’s Special Committee on the Future of Law Libraries in the Digital Age, started off the symposium by placing the topic in context. In 2001, Warren’s special committee was charged to “consider the implications of electronic publishing for the future of law libraries and to prepare a report examining the issues and outlining different scenarios or models to describe the law library of the future.” Although Warren believes that we cannot predict the future, she contends that we can prepare for it. The use of scenarios to structure the report provides a way to “rehearse the future.”

While the committee’s report, Beyond the Boundaries, may provide a map, it does not define the journey. There are many possible routes that any individual law library might follow into the future. Many believe that libraries will evolve into hybrid libraries, which will mix print and digital sources. Warren can see the virtual library, but she cannot envision removing the personal element. Patrons will continue to need help navigating information.

Warren identified several areas in which libraries will need to reevaluate the way they do business. In order to move into the future, we must understand our users’ expectations, and the best way to accomplish this is to look at today’s teenagers. Licensing issues will continue to become increasingly important. Libraries need to look at new ways to collaborate with internal entities, such as their IT departments, and with other institutions, such as the ABA. Finally, libraries will need to reconsider their use of physical space. How much space will we need, and how should it be config-
ured to shelve physical collections, provide access to digital information, and meet our users’ expectations for personal interaction—both intellectual and social—within the library?

**Profession With No Future?** Dan Dabney, Senior Director of Research and Development at West, gave a provocative talk about what the future might hold for law librarians and legal researchers. He began his presentation by listing “professions with no future,” which include phrenologists, scribes, and telegraph operators. He asked if legal researchers and law librarians might also be included in this group.

The evolution of legal research instruction in law schools is edifying. Early on, there was no legal research instruction in law schools. This changed with the advent of online research; students were still expected to learn book research on their own, but they were taught to use computers for research. Then, law schools began teaching legal research as a whole.

Now, Dabney believes that a return to the old system of no legal research instruction is on the horizon. Legal research is not becoming less important, but less distinct from other tasks that we perform. Will we continue to teach it once we lose our awareness of computers? When that happens, will we need librarians? Will librarians have any special skills, or will their skill set simply merge into the norm? Will librarians be like scribes—whose profession was lost when the ability to write became a common skill?

To push the envelope even further, Dabney asked the attendees to consider some legal information products that might have no future. Perhaps Keycite and Westlaw itself will eventually become so embedded in something else that they are no longer viewed as separate products. Imagine a time when an attorney typing a brief on a word processor can highlight a term, right click, and have various tools come up as possible options, such as suggested research tools, briefs, and the firm’s KM database. The attorney will not need to do “legal research,” but the research will come to him or her. If the information-seeking task is effaced, will the law librarian profession become unidentifiable?

The conventional wisdom is that while the law library will change as an institution, it will always need law librarians. But will that be the case if the librarian’s skill set becomes required for everyone because it is so tied to all other tasks? At present, librarians are using a skill set from another context and trying to frame a future we can’t see. This is a very tentative phase. The only thing that is reliably true is that there will be some crucial element that will be truly surprising to us.

**Law Classroom Technologies:** University of Cincinnati College of Law Professor Paul Caron’s presentation was based on his recent article, “Taking Back the Law School Classroom: Using Technology to Foster Active Student Learning,” published in the *Journal of Legal Education.* Caron discussed four instructional technologies that he uses in his tax courses, which have broad application throughout the law school curriculum.

Attitudes toward technology in the law school classroom have evolved since the 1990s. The early 1990s included a few early adopters. By the mid-1990s, there was widespread acceptance of technology in
the classroom, although faculty members were not necessarily adopting its use on an individual basis. In the early 2000s, there was a backlash against technology in the classroom. Today’s law professors need to use technology in the classroom and turn it into an active learning tool.

Caron suggested four ways in which instructional technology can foster active student learning. First, professors should replace the use of PowerPoint with word processing text, which is easy for the professor to manipulate in class and for the students to manipulate outside of class. By distributing part of his presentation via the Web to students prior to class, he provides structure and organization for the class time. Students then fill in the remaining details in class and become true partners in the exercise.

Second, Caron demonstrated the use of handheld wireless transmitters. These devices have been used in undergraduate education for many years, and were unveiled to legal educators at AALS in 2003. The transmitters can be used for multiple choice questions, “table setting” questions that allow the professor to gauge students’ views prior to beginning a discussion, and even for spontaneous questions. Polling students in this way preserves in-class anonymity and provides instant feedback for both faculty and students regarding levels of comprehension. He also finds that use of this technology increases students’ attendance, preparation, and engagement.

Third, Caron suggests the use of the Law Stories series (Foundation Press), which he edits. The use of the course books in conjunction with their accompanying Web sites can bring the cases to life and promote active learning. (See e.g., the Web site related to Civil Procedure Stories (2004) at http://legal1.cit.cornell.edu/kevin/civprostories/.) And finally, Caron incorporates Law Professor Blogs (http://www.lawprofessorblogs.com/), which he publishes and edits, into his teaching. The numerous subject-related blogs archive permanent resources and links, as well as providing daily news and information.

ABA Accreditation Considerations: Steven Barkan, Professor and Director of Library and Information Services at the University of Wisconsin Law School, gave an engaging presentation on the ABA accreditation process. In his view, the ABA is taking the right direction in revising the standards, and whether a library meets those standards is very much in the library’s control. He believes, however, that libraries must develop a better understanding of this fact and take more control of the process for themselves.

According to Barkan, we have allowed the ABA to take on a much stronger role than that of an accrediting agency by permitting it to become the collector of our management statistics. Once collected, the implication is that the information is important. In fact, using input measures such as volume count and title count do not tell us what we need to know. We should be collecting output measures related to support of the curriculum, faculty research, and scholarship. There is no generic law school and no generic law library against which all others can be compared. The relevant question is whether a specific law library supports the needs of a specific law school. The old assumption that bigger is better just doesn’t fly anymore.

Barkan also discussed tenure track status for directors, which he believes will continue to be a contentious issue. Several factors are contributing to the debate over faculty status for directors, including: financial considerations; a general trend to cut back on tenure track expansion; and the fact that librarians have been caught up in the parity argument being made by legal research and writing instructors. Additionally, directors’ positions are looking less and less like faculty positions as they become increasingly administrative. To argue successfully that tenure track status should be maintained, librarians need to argue why it is in the interest of the law school, and not just the librarian. One obstacle in making this argument is that an increasing number of excellent directors do not hold tenure track positions.
During the question and answer period, two questions arose that will hopefully spark further study. First, how do academic law librarians as a group decide what should be measured, and how do we get the ABA to adopt those measures in the annual questionnaire? The second question relates to Standard 601 which requires that a law school maintain a law library that is “an active and responsive force in the educational life of the law school.” The key question here is how do we define “active and responsive force”? 

Other Futuristic Topics: In addition to the four presentations noted above, there were five other equally interesting talks. Elmer Masters, Director of Internet Development for CALI, spoke about accessibility of information resources in the future. Steve Burnett, Associate Dean of Information Services at Seattle University School of Law, discussed the need for ABA/AALS standards to address technology infrastructure. Professor James Milles, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library at the University of Buffalo, spoke about collection economics for the future, and Professor Penny Hazelton, Associate Dean for Library and Computing Services at the University of Washington School of Law, offered ideas on the configuration of the law library of the future. Finally, Marc Eichen, Director of Academic Technology at Suffolk University Law School, spoke about ways to foster better understanding between IT and library staffs. Eventually, all of the papers presented at the symposium will be published, but details have not yet been announced.§

We Need You!
Volunteer in San Antonio!

The Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee needs volunteers for a variety of activities at the 2005 AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio! We need volunteers for the registration desk, the family social hour, and the main events: the opening reception, the association luncheon, and the closing banquet. Scoop stories and write articles for The AALLamo News, the daily conference newspaper. Are you San Antonio savvy? We need help with hospitality and library tours. Or if you plan to be in San Antonio early, help stuff the conference tote bags on Friday, July 15, or visit with attendees’ children at the Family Social Hour on Saturday, July 16.

Volunteers make the conference run smoothly—and they have fun. Be among the first one hundred to complete the volunteer form linked below and join us at the “Howl at the Moon” for a conference-opening happy hour! (Details to follow). But even to non-“howlers,” muchas gracias for signing up!

Please complete the volunteer form on the local arrangements Web site:
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Minnesota Scene

Considering MALL’s Committee Structure: Some Thoughts on Restructuring and Strategic Planning

By Elvira Embser-Herbert, Circulation Librarian, University of Minnesota Law Library

I admit that I often gain understanding through a rather circuitous path. As much as I would love to claim a well-organized mind, I know quite well (thank you very much) that my knowledge/understanding is a jumble of information idiosyncratically connected. For this reason, when I get an idea I often toss it out to see what will happen. Unlike many of my more introverted colleagues, I hate to ruminate alone.

What does all of that have to do with anything? Well, at the recent chairs’ breakfast I presented a proposal to reorganize MALL’s committee structure.

Last fall, when I was reading through some materials to prepare for my first meeting as the new VP/president elect, I started wondering about our fourteen committees and what they were doing. I won’t bore you with every detail (you can read that to mean that I just deleted a whole bunch of stuff that even I found too boring to read), but I will summarize that I saw a lot of overlap in our current committees and noted that, in a few instances, we were calling a single person a committee.

Basically, I stayed up late one night in my very cold basement and drafted a proposal that would reduce our fourteen committees to five committees and three coordinators (formerly one-person committees). I presented the proposal to the committee chairs and have received some wonderful feedback.

Already, I see my approach as fundamentally flawed because, as Sara Galligan pointed out, we really should start by revisiting our strategic plan. Of course, as with everything Sara Galligan says, this idea makes perfect sense. We have an opportunity as we celebrate our fiftieth anniversary to reflect on the mission, vision, and goals of MALL. A new strategic planning process will allow us to set goals and charge committees with carrying out those goals. The number and purpose of the committees will result from the strategic planning process.

Yet, I feel obligated to present to you my initial proposal which I invite you to deconstruct, criticize, and refine. Given the likelihood that we will begin a strategic planning process, you should consider my proposal as food for thought. Perhaps it can help to generate ideas.

A Proposal to Reduce the Number of MALL Committees
Prepared by Elvira Embser-Herbert
For the MALL Chairs’ Breakfast
February 18, 2005

1. Convert committees of one (or two) to coordinators. Instead of committees for Government Relations, Archives, and Exchange, make these coordinators. There can be co-coordinators, and if there is ever a need for a committee, one could be formed around a purpose.

2. Have a single Publications Committee that is compiled of the newsletter editor(s), the Web editor(s), the person(s) responsible for submitting news to Spectrum, etc., and those working to create and/or maintain bibliographic tools.

3. Have a Public Relations Committee that does community outreach to prospective members and
employers, as well as representing MALL at AALL and other venues.

4. Make nominations, awards, grants, and scholarships functions of the Membership Committee.

5. Maintain the Education Committee, but make the past president the chair or cochair.

6. Maintain the Tech Services SIG as is.

This would result in five committees:
1. Education
2. Membership
3. Public Relations
4. Publications
5. Tech Services SIG

Each executive board member will be liaison to one of the committees.

Coordinators will communicate with the executive board as needed.

Ad hoc committees can be formed at any time to deal with a particular issue.§

National Library Week
April 10-16

This year's theme is "Something for Everyone @ Your Library."

Looking for ways to celebrate?
Check out tips from MALL members, LexisNexis, & ALA

MALL Committee Chairs Meeting
February 18, 2005
University of Minnesota Law School

Back row: Vic Garces, Past President; Elvira Embser-Herbert, Vice President/President Elect; Sarah Yates, Newsletter; Sara Galligan, Consulting & Community Outreach; Barbara Golden, Membership; Rick Goheen, Co-Webmaster. Front Row: David Zopfi-Jordan, Secretary-Treasurer; Mila Rush, Placement & Recruitment; Lori Hedstrom, Public Relations; Mary Wells, President; Judy Zetterberg, Publications.
Technical Services SIG Meeting

By DeeDee Narum, Cataloging Librarian, Hamline University Law Library

Paddy Satzer invited Sheila Hague to be the guest speaker for the Technical Services SIG meeting Thursday, February 17, 2005, hosted at Hamline Law Library. Sheila is the Rare Book Conservator at the University of St. Thomas Ireland Library. She learned her profession of conservation and preservation through an apprenticeship and has been at Ireland Library for 14½ years.

The presentation was educational and enlightening. It was interesting to hear the different approaches to the care of a collection. There are actually three major philosophically different practices in how to care for books: restoration, conservation, and preservation. Restoration is the art of making the book look like it used to look, returning it as closely as possible to its original state. Conservation is the process of repairing damage done to material from everyday use, such as the now prevalent use of highlighters. Some users don’t make a distinction between their own texts and those they’ve borrowed from a library when using their highlighters while reading. User education and awareness is another large part of the process of preservation. Sheila shared other practical information with us on maintaining and repairing books, such as which tape is best and when repair is not a cost-effective option when books have a more temporary life span such as paperbacks.

At the end of the presentation several members shared information on where classes or workshops could be taken for preservation and repair. The Minnesota Historical Society and the Minnesota Center for Book Arts are two resources for classes and workshops.

http://www.mnhs.org/index.htm
http://www.mnbookarts.org/
Downtowners Redux

By Kathy Kelly, Librarian,
Lockridge Grindal Nauen P.L.L.P.

Sometimes those of us who have been around the law librarian community a long time forget that newcomers don’t always know what we are talking about when we mention long-standing parts of our professional lives—like Downtowners. So Connie Lenz asked me to write a short description of Downtowners for the newsletter.

Established in 1974 to help meet the practical needs of law librarians, Downtowners is open to all interested librarians. The group usually meets each month to exchange ideas, tips, problems, and advice. Librarians volunteer to host the meetings and, by doing so, plan the program for that meeting. There are no officers, rules, or dues.

Downtowners provides the perfect opportunity for informal networking, so check out the schedule of upcoming meetings at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/downtown.htm.

MALL Careers in Law Librarianship Forum

Learn about new and unique specializations in law librarian positions.

Talk to the individual practitioners in these emerging jobs.

See if-and-how you may fit these non-traditional jobs into your career and personal plans.

Please come and join us at:

4:40-6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 13, 2005

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RSVP, by April 7, 2005 to: Mila Rush, (m-rush@umn.edu), 612-625-0793, or: Nancee Halling, (nancee_halling@ca8.uscourts.gov)

Bring your lunch and join us for a Downtowners get-together on Thursday, April 21st from noon – 1:00 at Winthrop & Weinstine. We'll have a valuable session on developing and capitalizing on successful interactions with administrative leaders in your organization. West Librarian Relations Manager Tom Duggan will present an enlightening overview of how departments such as finance, secretarial support and facilities operate and how each can contribute to the success of YOUR library!

Winthrop & Weinstine
225 South Sixth Street (formerly U.S. Bank Building)
Suite 3500

Parking: 501 Ramp at 501 4th Avenue South with entrances off 5th or 6th Street. Skway access is available to building.

Take elevator to 35th Floor - Receptionist will direct you to the Mississippi Room at the top of the stairs.

Beverages and desserts will be provided. RSVP to tom.duggan@thomson.com by Tuesday, April 19, to reserve a seat.
Please welcome our newest members:

Kelly Danburg, William Mitchell
Leah Drilias, William Mitchell
Tom Duggan, Thomson West
Jim Lau, NBI
Matt Mickelson, NBI
Maria K. Woroby, Attorney at Law

A Round of Applause goes to…

Timothy H. Baland, Minnesota State Law Library, Law Library Service to Prisoners, is the 2004 recipient of the Professor Melvin B. Goldberg Scholarship, William Mitchell College of Law. This is awarded to students who have completed their first or second year of law school in good academic standing and who are interested in public interest law, giving preference to those with experience working to preserve the rights of under-represented people.

Ann Bateson, William Mitchell College of Law Library, for her work on codifying and updating the laws of Uganda. This important and challenging project, spanning over ten years and multiple visits to Uganda, is spotlighted in Paul Healey’s article, “A World of Good: Law Librarians Share Their Skills and Knowledge to Improve the Lives of People Across the Globe,” 9 AALL Spectrum 13 (No. 4, February 2005).

Former MALL member Gail M. Daly, on her appointment to the National Museum and Library Services Board.

Suzanne Grossman, Dakota County Law Library, on her recognition award from Dakota County’s Public Services and Revenue Division. The award recognized Suzanne’s support of the Virtual Branch Law Library (VBLL) and the library’s CD-ROM legal research network. The network began servicing county researchers in 1996 and was just dismantled on February 1, 2005 after a successful conversion to Web-based legal research services.

Suzanne Thorpe, University of Minnesota Law Library, on her appointment as a visiting professor at Uppsala University in Sweden. Suzanne will be teaching a course on American Law from March through June.

Kudos to our MALL authors:


New Member Profiles

By Shawn Swearingen, Karla Gedell, and Sheri Huppert

Liz Anderson joined MALL in 2004. She initially became interested in the organization through her colleague and former MALL member, Lois Lenroot-Ernt, who spoke highly of MALL as being collegial and supportive. Her interest grew when she attended the eight-week MALL Legal Research Institute in 2003. Liz has worked at Hennepin County Libraries for almost twenty-five years. She has spent the past six years as a reference librarian at the Southdale Hennepin Area Library. In her current position she works at the reference desk and does collection development, weeding, and programming for the public. She has also taken a special interest in the legal collection. During her career with Hennepin County Libraries, she spent her first fifteen years in library automation, three years in outreach, and has spent the remainder in reference. Liz received her MA in library science, with a minor in information systems, from the University of Minnesota. Prior to joining the Hennepin County Libraries, she worked for a library automation vendor.

Liz is very enthusiastic about legal resources available to the public in the Hennepin County Libraries. She credits Anne Grande and the rest of the staff at Hennepin County Law Library for the remarkable support they provided, both financial and technical, to make legal resources available to the public without having to visit the downtown law library. Hennepin County Law Library funded Southdale’s first Westlaw CD-ROM product in 1989, and in February 2004 they funded a subscription for an upgrade to Westlaw online. This initiative was so successful that recently Hennepin County Library added online subscription services to their Brookdale and Ridgedale locations. The extended hours and convenient locations of these libraries, near the courts and within the community, are truly an asset to legal researchers. All of these libraries are used for legal research by pro se litigants, professional schools offering legal programs, and local attorneys.

Liz is also a member of the Minnesota Library Association. She enjoys walking and reading and is an avid Timberwolves fan.

Scott Marriott is no stranger to InMagic users, since he is a vendor and trainer for this product. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois, and his MLS is from Pratt Institute. Scott also has a master’s degree in anthropology from UI–Chicago.

While in library school, Scott worked weekends at Columbia University Library. He has also worked as a research librarian at such companies as Boston Consulting in Los Angeles, Booz Allen Hamilton in New York, and for several smaller consultancies. At First Manhattan Consulting, he managed both the IT staff and research functions.

After twelve years of working in corporate libraries, Scott started Marriott Information Services (MIS) in 2003. MIS provides installation, customization, and training for InMagic users and also provides staffing for libraries, records centers, and archives. Based in Chicago, Scott averages two trips a month to the Twin Cities to work with his clients.

A self-described urban dweller, Scott and his family live in the Hyde Park neighborhood of Chicago, where he is a board member of the second-largest cooperative grocery store in the U.S. The co-op movement and his business keep him busy, along with his six-year-old daughter.

Working in the public services position of Circulation Supervisor at William Mitchell, Lindsay Hutchins Matt’s eclectic work history will serve her well. Lindsay has held jobs as a photographer, nanny, summer orchestra teacher, church day camp coordinator, crisis hotline counselor, construction company receptionist, pharmacy techni-
cian, photo lab assistant, and manager of Synder Drug in Roseville. Lindsay began at William Mitchell as a Circulation Assistant. Last year, she began her position as Circulation Supervisor.

Lindsay’s educational background includes a BA in communication and sociology, with a minor in art from Concordia College in Moorhead. Last August, she received her master’s in library and information science from the College of St. Catherine/Dominican University.

The William Mitchell law students made Lindsay’s transition from paraprofessional to professional librarian a smooth one. She said she has a great group of students working at the library. They make her laugh, and that is one of the reasons she loves her job.

Redecorating and renovating are in store for Lindsay this summer, as she tackles projects in her recently purchased house in St. Anthony Park.

Regina Watson joined Hamline University Law Library as Reference and Electronic Technology Librarian in September. She manages, develops, and promotes electronic collections and services. In addition to developing the library Web site and other electronic interfaces, Regina works with IT personnel, technical services staff, and occasionally vendors to ensure reliable, patron-friendly access to electronic resources. She had to hit the ground running last fall when the law school became one of the university’s first academic units to migrate to a new Web site architecture. Her general responsibilities include faculty research support, pathfinder preparation, both informal and classroom bibliographic instruction (including CALR instruction for first-year students), and, of course, the reference desk. She also serves on the university’s copyright task force.

Previously, Regina practiced law, focusing on research and transactional work, as a partner in a small law firm. In addition to negotiating commercial contracts and intellectual property licenses, Regina undertook administrative duties such as Web oversight and coordination of staff information activities. She also served as district representative to the Ohio Bar Association’s Intellectual Property Section. Prior to legal practice, she served as law clerk to a federal judge.

Regina has her law degree from the University of Virginia and degrees in economics from DePauw University and Indiana University. She earned her MLIS degree with a concentration in information technology at Kent State University, with support from an H.W. Wilson Scholarship. While completing the MLIS, she worked at the University of Akron main library’s reference desk, researched patron satisfaction and usability issues for the University of Akron School of Law Library, and became an AALL member.

While she still has a few unpacked boxes left after moving to Saint Paul from the Cleveland area, Regina and her loyal cat Banshee have adapted well to new surroundings. Regina is an amateur naturalist, hiker, and photographer, as well as an avid nonfiction reader. Some of her favorite contemporary authors are Noam Chomsky and Barbara Ehrenreich.

Regina Watson is an amateur naturalist and hiker.
Mary Ann Archer Celebrates Her 75th Birthday!

Thanks so much to all of you who attended the surprise birthday party for me! It was a TOTAL surprise! (There are pictures to prove it!) I have had a wonderful celebration of my benchmark seventy-fifth birthday—lots of good wishes, flowers, parties, but I was and continue to be deeply touched by the good wishes of colleagues whom I so much admire. I’ve been very blessed in my long life, but it is a special blessing to be able to continue to work with such great people.

Love & Peace,
Mary Ann
MALL Business Meeting
February 22nd, 2005
6:30 pm – 7:34pm
University of St. Thomas Law School

President Mary Wells called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. She welcomed the new members and also Bruce Pomerantz as a special guest.

The minutes from the last business meeting (Sept 21st, 2004) were approved. It is noted that we have a quorum (currently more than 20 % of the members).

Treasurer’s report was given by David Zopf-Jordan. Last year we were down $2000.00 with our ending statement. The 990 Tax form has been filed. We need to keep under $25,000.00 to keep our exempt status. Dues do not cover all costs; the Education meetings that come out ahead are what help us serve our mission. The Financial statement and last business meeting minutes were handed out before the meeting; they were copied from the MALL web site where they were posted earlier. All bills that have been submitted have been paid.

Other Reports and Announcements

President Mary Wells mentioned the Legal Research Institute needs volunteers to help out at the registration tables on Tuesday evenings between March 22nd and May 10th 2005. Pat Dolan mentioned we need to publicize this event and that they got approval for 16 CLE credits.

President Mary Wells said that nominations are open for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer and also the position of Vice President/President Elect. Please contact the nominating committee to nominate a member.

President Mary Wells spoke of the grants and awards that are available; please take advantage of this opportunity.

President Mary Wells announced that a submission has been sent to the AALL professional development committee to have MALL nominated for an award for the Gates Grant. Winning or not, the program this year and all the people involved with the Gates Grant have done a wonderful job.

President Mary Wells is on the committee to select Minnesotans for the American Library Association Advocacy Honor Roll. Please send Mary names of people you feel should be added to the Advocacy Honor Roll.

“Professional Associations Day” at St. Catherine’s will be March 12th. Donna Trimble, Elvira Embs-er-Herbert and Mary Wells will be there. If others would like to join in and help, please contact President Mary Wells.

President Mary Wells mentioned the Freedom of Information day. MALL has sent a check for $50.00 in donation to support this event.

President Mary Wells said there were some changes in the dates of MALL events. The Spring meeting will be May 13th. The 50th Anniversary Party for MALL will be December 1st, 2005.

President Mary Wells said the successful open house that the placement committee had last year will be given again this year on either April 13th or 14th, 2005.

Old Business

Contributions to the Minneapolis Public Library’s Capital Campaign.

Members voted yes to MALL sending a check for $1000.00 for the Minneapolis Public Library’s Capital Campaign.

Other discussion was to have this gift in honor of the 50th anniversary of MALL and be part of our celebration (Barb Minor’s suggestion). Pat Dolan mentioned that maybe MALL should give a small amount to St. Paul Public and the Hill Library in honor of the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Janice Leichter brought up that the last time MALL gave
like this was for the 1997 Minnesota Library Flood support, they donated $500.00. Kathy Kelly expressed that this would be a great public relations opportunity. Mary Ann Van Cura said Minneapolis Public Library is looking for testimonials from law firms to use for advertisement.

Tabled were the matching procedure and the logistics of who would take care of what individual members would give. More information needs to be found on how this would work.

No other old business

New Business

1. Members voted yes to the By-Laws change to now read

Section 4.2 C

Mailing or mailed would be removed and replaced with “Sending” or “Sent”

C. Sending the Ballots. Ballots which include the names of all persons nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition who have agreed to serve if elected, and which include such other information as requested by Section 3.9 of these Bylaws, shall be sent to the membership of the Corporation at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting.

2. In addition members voted yes to the By-Laws change to now read

Section 3.8 Quorum

Change Twenty (20) to Ten (10)

Ten (10) percent of the total membership of the Corporation, whether represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the members. If a quorum is not present, those members present may adjourn the meeting for that reason.

3. The members voted yes to have all MALL newsletters be open access (current and archived).

Note: Suzanne Thorpe read a statement from the current newsletter committee chairs.

No other new business

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm. Gates Grant presentation followed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
David Zopfi-Jordan
MALL secretary / Treasurer§

The MALL Legal Research Institute
Is Underway

Register Now! As many of you know, MALL is presenting an eight-part institute to provide continuing education in legal research methodology using print and electronic formats. Here is your chance to sign up for one or more substantive sessions that will provide efficient techniques for finding and effectively using legal resources. Conveniently located at Hamline University (free parking!), the first session was on March 22, and the series continues on Tuesday evenings through May 10.

Spread the Word! Please help spread the word about the upcoming Legal Research Institute to any attorneys, colleagues (including non-law librarians) and others who might be interested. The Legal Research Institute has been approved for CLE credits of up to a total of 16 CLE credits (2 credits per session).

Volunteer! We still need volunteers to help out at the registration tables on Tuesday evenings. Please contact Hope Porter at (612) 336-4666 or Pat Dolan at (651) 698-4676 if you would like to help.

Don't wait until the last minute! View the brochure at http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/lri_2005.htm and sign up today!
Local Wisdom

In December 2004, Google announced plans to partner with five leading research libraries (University of Michigan, Stanford University, New York Public Library, Harvard University, and Oxford University) to digitize millions of books. Google Print will allow full-text searching of all digitized material; users will be able to read the full text of material within the public domain online, and will retrieve excerpts of material that is still under copyright. The service will provide links to online booksellers and to libraries that hold the title searched. In this installment of Local Wisdom, Mary Ann Archer, Associate Director for Public Services at William Mitchell, and Priscilla Stultz, Librarian Relations Consultant at LexisNexis, share their thoughts on this initiative.

Do you think that Google Print marks the beginning of the end for the traditional library?

Mary Ann: Certainly not! Libraries will change—hopefully—but I’m old enough to remember when microforms were going to doom print...one of the reasons they did not was beautifully reflected in an NTIS report entitled “A Proposed Design for a Cuddly Microfiche Reader.” Try cuddling up with your laptop! Those anachronistic bits of paper and cardboard will survive. And somehow, somewhere, they will be collected and shared. With each technological development, there are always dire predictions that older technologies will become extinct. Television did not eliminate radio...radio changed, but it is still alive and a pretty vibrant part of our culture; at least the public radio stations. If librarians can embrace what is good about Google Print, the libraries, too, can continue to be significant entities. I have always opposed the barriers that various types of libraries sometimes erect against each other...many of these barriers have vanished and with luck, Google Print will knock down others.

Priscilla: I personally don’t believe that the “traditional” library will ever go away. And why do I think this? There are a number of reasons, but the most important one is clear when you go to your local public library and see the number of patrons that are using its services. The library still serves a large number in our communities who may or may not have access to the Internet, as well as those who cannot or will not buy books but would rather borrow them. It is a place to do research and a wonderful place for children, as in story time, summer book clubs, and more. As a society, we still need the library as a gathering spot and as a place where the exchange of ideas can take place. I have noticed a trend in law firms that with libraries becoming more “virtual,” the attorneys don’t come and use it anymore. They tend to hole up in their offices. So what happens to the exchange of ideas? And socialization within the firm? Sometimes that scares me. But then I read stories about Seattle’s new public library, which was designed with public gathering spaces as the major impetus, and I can breathe a sigh of relief.

What do you see as the most positive and negative features of the Google Print initiative?

Priscilla: Google’s mission “to organize the world’s information” is a rather grand one, and I am looking forward to watching their progress. I suppose the most positive aspect of Google Print is that collections can be preserved if one is looking at it from an archival standpoint. For researchers who need to preview certain text, this could be an advantage. Another positive is that when searching on Google, book reviews, related Web sites and publisher information will be included in the results set. This can certainly save time and effort. If Google delivers on its promise to search local library catalogs for titles, that would be fantastic! I can see the negative being that not everything is on the Internet, and if a searcher mistakenly believes that with Google Print, everything will be on the
Internet, important resources could be missed. In addition, digitizing materials is not a guarantee that anyone will read them online. I, for one, still print articles and other information from the Web and read them on the train. Reading a book online holds no appeal for me. Remember the idea of e-books?

Mary Ann: As someone deeply committed to providing the information needed to stimulate knowledge as widely as possible, I see Google Print as a means to bring information riches to areas and social groups which might not have access any other way. The concept of the “free” library is historically an American innovation...the "People’s University.” In developing nations or economically disadvantaged areas of developed nations, there is not the library infrastructure or the library services we too often take for granted. But the Internet is increasingly there...in Indian villages and inner city schools. The flip side of Google Print is that the reluctance of government to fund library buildings or staffing will be strengthened by the familiar refrain, “Everything's on the Internet.” We have to continue to prove the worth of our libraries—to make them truly cultural centers of their communities. And, we have to continue to be the gatekeepers to and guardians of our civilizations.

How do you anticipate that Google Print will affect your own sphere of librarianship?

Mary Ann: For primary sources—very little—most are already digitized. As for secondary sources, I think we have to wait and see what materials will be available. I can foresee that for legal scholars, particularly those in international law, and legal historians, there may be greater access to scholarly material difficult and expensive to obtain. Our ILL activities may be reduced.

Priscilla: As I mentioned earlier, I am already seeing the effects of print moving to online with my law firm customers. Collections and library physical space are shrinking. Attorneys don’t come to the library anymore, which in the past served as a gathering spot for the firm. Working in a law firm is becoming an isolating experience. If you never leave your office, how do you learn of new ideas, new resources, etc? Librarians do not get to interact with their patrons as they did in the past. Google Print may or may not provide more reasons to stay away from libraries in the future.

What kind of material would you most like to see digitized—as part of Google Print or otherwise—and why?

Priscilla: I like the idea of digitizing the collections of the large research institutions. It will open up new possibilities for researchers.

Mary Ann: Relating to my answer to question two, I would want to see those materials deemed the most significant in all cultures—not just our Western one—the finest works in the humanities, arts and science. Recent generations may sneer at the “great books” concept, but I still believe that a broad liberal education is the foundation of a civilized society. I continue to be delighted at a number of our students (a small number, to be honest!) who participate in the “Law and Literature” program lovingly carried out by one of our faculty for many years. I like the idea that there are some lawyers out there who have read Marcus Aurelius or Plato or Ralph Ellison. And I really don't care what the media was in which they read it!

One final comment: Google has an unusual corporate culture. See Wired magazine's recent article. Evidently, the top executives really do believe in their slogan, “Don’t be evil.” So, I feel more comfortable with Google's effort than I might if it were another company. (Supply your own example!) Of course, I may be biased...my youngest grandson’s band plays often at Google’s monthly party for their employees. He thinks they are “awesomely cool.”§
A Message from Jean M. Wenger, 2006 AMPC Chair

Dear Colleagues,

Spring and summer 2005 are on the horizon. Yes! This is the time of year to begin planning your program proposal for the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. The 2006 St. Louis Annual Meeting is the centennial and will be a premier educational event and festive celebration.

I am the 2006 Annual Meeting Program Committee (AMPC) liaison for chapters, committees, caucuses, and individuals. The AMPC is the AALL committee that sets the guidelines for program selection and selects programs for the annual meeting. As the liaison for chapters and individuals, I can answer questions about developing your proposal: the important elements to include, the online proposal submission process, and any questions about the Program Planner’s Handbook. If you are planning to propose a program as an individual, please contact me with any questions.

Each year the AMPC provides a Program Planner’s Handbook that has detailed information, tips, and suggestions for writing well-developed programs. The handbook includes screen shots and information on the online proposal submission process. The Program Planner’s Handbook for St. Louis will be available around May 1 on AALLNET.

To start the creative process, these are a few highlights from the Program Planner’s Handbook:

- Strategically select time slots; choose a variety of time slots
- Carefully consider the number of speakers for the time slot (use thirty minutes per speaker as a guideline)
- Ask speakers to reserve the dates, July 8-12, but do not confirm anything at this point
- Select speakers who are the most qualified to address your topic
- Write concise and informative descriptions
- Clearly state learning objectives
- AMPC is looking for quality programs at all levels: introductory, intermediate, advanced
- Consider different formats for adult learners (see ideas in Program Planner’s Handbook)
- Provide information on speakers (bio, background, etc.) on the online proposal form
- Provide any other information on the online proposal form that will help AMPC evaluate the program
- AMPC is seeking well-developed programs that address the needs of AALL members

Please join us for the AMPC Open Forum in San Antonio on Tuesday, July 19, 12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m. (Check final program for room location.) The Open Forum is an opportunity to ask questions, meet the committee and AALL staff, and get helpful information on the proposal process.

Remember, the deadline for program submission is August 15, 2005.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions:
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AALL Mentor Project

Are you new to law librarianship, looking to move to another type of law library, or need advice advancing in your career? Are you an experienced law librarian interested in meeting and advising those who are new to the profession? Then find a mentor or become a mentor through the AALL Mentoring Committee’s Mentor Project!

The purpose of the Mentor Project is three-fold: to provide an informal, personal source of information for newer members; to provide an avenue by which experienced law librarians may meet promising new members of the profession; and to provide a network for members who are contemplating a move to another type of library.

If you previously participated in the Mentor Project and would like to be matched in a new mentoring relationship, you are encouraged to reapply; since it is up to the individuals to decide how long to continue their mentoring relationship, participants may reapply for a new match in subsequent years.

The Mentor Project is open to librarians from all types of libraries. Applications will be reviewed by a Mentoring Committee member and representatives from AALL, PLL, and SCCLL Special Interest Sections so that each participant will be assigned a member whose profile matches, as closely as possible, to his or her request.

Although attendance at the AALL Annual Meeting is not required for participation, those who apply by May 2, 2005 will be guaranteed a match in time for the annual meeting during which the Mentoring Committee will host a Mentor Project reception to provide a meeting place for the participants. Applications are available at: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html.

We look forward to hearing from you!

AALL Mentoring Committee
Visit us at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/

My 10 Favorite Things About Texas

By Mary Forman, Semi-Native Customer Experience Analyst, USAA

10. **Patio dining**—eating outside—good Mexican food—a cold beverage—well, it’s a favorite past-time of many. When it’s hot, you sit under an umbrella. When it’s cold, they fire up the heaters.

9. **Boat cruise on the San Antonio River.** Yep, even the locals ride it! It’s great fun and you always learn something new.

8. **Gruene, Texas, and the Guadalupe River.** Great shopping, lunch at the Gristmill Restaurant, and a stop at Gruene Hall (Texas’s oldest dance hall) to listen to whoever’s playing, or tubing down the Guadalupe River. Old or young, it’s a fun way to spend the day!

7. Walking through the King William District and having breakfast (preferably on the patio) at the Guenther House.

6. Music, music, music. Country, symphony, you name it, we’ve got it—and I love it all.

5. **Steak night in Waring.** Wednesday night is steak night at the country store in Waring, Texas. Come back sometime and experience it!

4. **The Majestic Theatre.** Arguably the most beautiful theatre in Texas (maybe the world?).


2. **Wildflowers.** They start in March with bluebonnets, but they continue on throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

1. **The people.** They come in all shapes, sizes, colors, cultures, and personal beliefs, but despite their differences, there is something that draws them together—something my buddy, Gary P. Nunn, calls “the spirit of the people who share this land.”
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