

What blogs do you read and why?

"It's easy to spend lots of time trolling the blogs, so I have tried to be targeted. Every day I read a few blogs for professional interest and library-related personal amusement. Without fail, I read **Law Librarians Blog** and, although it's not updated as often, **Out of the Jungle**. For many years, I have loved **The Lipstick Librarian** for her amusing view of the library scene. Recently, I added **Strategic Librarian** for the library management perspective and the **ABA Journal Law News Now** for a wider scope. **The Virtual Chase** was a long-time favorite until it recently ceased (thanks, Genie!)"

— *Martha Goldman, library services manager at Jones Day in New York*



"My number one, all time favorite blog is the **Project Rungay Blog** found at <http://projectrunday.blogspot.com>. Why, you may ask, would I waste time reading this trash? Well first, it has absolutely some of the most hilarious writing I have ever read. I think that we all deserve at least one good laugh every day, and this blog totally does it for me. Laughter in the workplace is a very good thing.

"Second, it helps me connect with my students. I've found that many, if not most, of my students watch or have watched the Bravo TV series, 'Project

Runway.' Being able to quote from this blog, suggest it to students, and discuss current 'Project Runway' contestants, helps me to seem more 'hip' and 'in touch' with popular culture. It gives me another way to connect with students, and when students connect with librarians (over whatever issues), they are more likely to come to us with research questions, to be aware of our presence and our function within the law school community, and to use the library more often. Plus, I LOVE Tim Gunn. Don't you??"

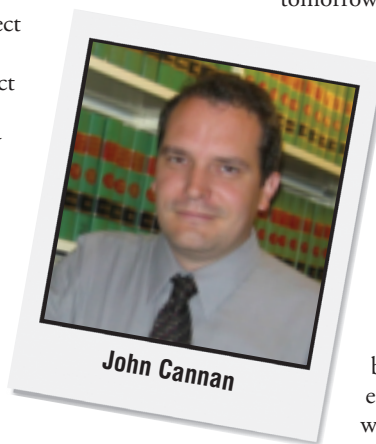
— *Ronald E. Wheeler, Jr., associate director for public services at Georgia State University College of Law Library in Atlanta*

"I read about 50 blogs on various topics. Not all of them are library and/or law related, so it is challenging to pick the ones (four) I will share. I like to read **Curious Expeditions** that informatively, in detail, and with beautiful photos highlights interesting places around the world that the writers have the opportunity to visit. I read **Greg Siskind's Blog**; he writes about U.S. immigration, related news, new and pending immigration legislation, and the role of immigration in politics. I listen to **Legal Talk Network**, which produces podcasts on a variety of legal topics and occasionally invites leading legal authorities for interviews. I also read **Feministing blog**, which is a 'breath of a fresh air,' as Simon Cowell on 'American Idol' would say; the authors of *Feministing* write a very 'frank' and 'bold' blog, posting opinions on topics no one else wants/dares to talk/write/think about, without fearing public criticism and/or being different."

— *Lucie Olejnikova, reference/electronic services librarian at Pace University Law Library in White Plains, New York*

"I read the blogs of **Harvey Morrell** (University of Baltimore Law Library) and **Meg Kribble** (Nova Southeastern University Law Library) so I can keep up on what brave young minds think of tomorrow's technology today."

— *John Cannan, assistant law librarian at the Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library in Rockville, Maryland*



"Let me start by saying that I love blogs. I am an avid blog reader and blogger. They are a fast, easy, and (often) inexpensive way to disseminate information and have democratized the media

landscape. They have revolutionized the Internet, and I understand why you are asking about them. However, they are just one piece of the information exchange that currently exists on the Internet. I currently buzz through about 60 blogs daily with my RSS feed reader. However, more often than not, I find links to things on the Internet that just two years ago would have been blogged through other applications and services. Some examples of these are **Facebook** (through the posted items feature), **Twitter** (an online forum where participants can converse, share interesting links, or just state what they're having for lunch), and **FriendFeed** (an aggregator of several Web 2.0 applications such as Twitter, blogs, and RSS readers). Of course, with all of these, the quality of information one finds is largely dependent on the community that one chooses to surround oneself with. Most of my 'friends' on these services are other librarians, so I see a lot of pertinent information. However, this is really no different than choosing what blogs one wants to read every day." ■

— *Sarah Glassmeyer, reference librarian at the University of Kentucky Law Library in Lexington*

Blogroll

AALL members are reading the following blogs and bloggers.

AALL News
ABA Journal Law News Now
Americablog
Andrew Sullivan
Atrios
beSpecific
Curious Expeditions
Feministing
Fired Up Missouri
FP Passport
GamePolitics
Greg Siskind's Blog
Harvey Morrell
How Appealing
Huffington Post
Infodoodads

Inter Alia
Jezebel
KCLL Klues
Law Firm Intranet
Law Librarians Blog
LawLibraryBlog
Law School Innovation
Legal Profession
Legal Research Plus
Legal Talk Network
Libgig
Librarians Matter
Library News @ Tulane
The Lipstick Librarian
LLRX
Louisiana FDLPGROUP
Mashable
Meg Kribble
New World Notes
NOLA.com blog
Out of the Jungle
Phil Bradley's blog

PI Buzz
Politico
Project Rungay Blog
ResourceShelf
Rhapsodyinbooks
Rob Pegoraro's Faster Forward
Robert Ambrogi
Second Life Herald
Speakstrong.com
Strategic Librarian
The Supreme Court of the
United States blog
Television Without Pity
Terra Nova
This Old Money Pit
Trial Ad blog
Virtual Worlds News
Virtually Blind
The Watchtower of Destruction
WestBlog.net
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