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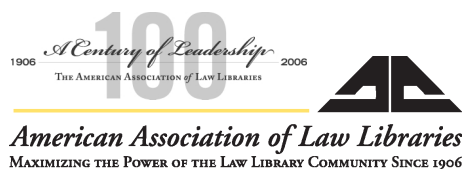
Please return the completed form and your check for \$15 (payable to AALL) to:

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How to Contact Us

For more information about the Research Instruction and Patron Services-SIS, you may contact:



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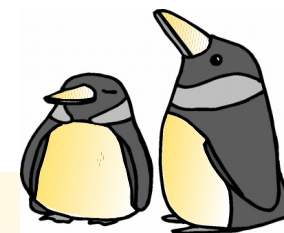
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Research Instruction and Patron Services



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Special Interest Section



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History and Purpose

The Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS), formerly known as the Readers Services-SIS, was established in 1979. Activities of the section focus on substantive issues related to public services, including reference, research instruction, circulation, interlibrary loan, and the impact of automation and electronic resources on patron services in all types of law libraries.

National Legal Research Teach-In

RIPS is in its second decade of organizing the annual National Legal Research Teach-In. Each year, prior to National Library Week, Teach-In Committee members solicit contributions of unique instructional and promotional materials developed by and for the use of law librarians. The best materials are compiled into a Teach-In Resource Training Kit containing materials such as pathfinders, research guides, lesson plans, lecture notes, and research exercises. Librarians are encouraged to use these materials to promote their libraries during National Library Week. Thanks to generous sponsorship by Thomson West, print versions of these materials were made available free of charge to the law library community. In 2007, the first all-electronic Teach-In Kit was released and garnered much acclaim. Now, Thomson West provides the graphic design and layout for the Training Resource Kits, which can be accessed at www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/teach_in.html.



Annual Meeting Activities

The SIS has a long-standing tradition of proposing and sponsoring excellent programs. In recent years programs have included: Forensic Science Techniques and the Rules of Evidence; The Emotional Intelligence of Law Librarians: Successful Leaders Pioneer Change;

and The Virtual Frontier: Developing and Delivering Training Using Web Meeting Software. RIPS also sponsors roundtable discussions to foster the exchange of information and ideas among librarians from all types of law libraries. Stop by the RIPS table in the AALL Annual Meeting Exhibit Hall for more information about the SIS and how you can get involved.

Briefs in Law Librarianship

Is your library grappling with a policy problem? Would you like to know how law libraries around the country handle similar issues? Perhaps *Briefs in Law Librarianship*, a special series of pamphlets published by William S. Hein and Co., will prove helpful. Recent *Briefs* report the results of surveys on topics ranging from collection development to access and teaching of alternative legal research using Internet portals. Sample policies and procedural documents from participating libraries are also included.

RIPS Online

RIPS maintains a Web site that contains links to all official SIS documents and information about RIPS activities. Our newsletter, *The RIPS Law Librarian*, is published online three times a year. It includes articles of interest covering all areas of public services and information about RIPS activities. It provides an excellent publication opportunity for members who want to share their ideas and experiences.



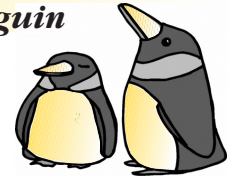
RIPS Committees

- Grants
- Legal Research Teach-In
- Listserv
- Nominations
- Patron Services
- Program
- Public Relations and Recruitment
- Research Instruction
- Web Page

Committee work provides a great forum for the exchange of ideas and a chance to get involved in the numerous RIPS activities. If you are interested in joining a committee, simply contact one of the current RIPS officers or committee chairs. If you are not a current RIPS member, you can join online at http://secure.aallnet.org/sis_application.asp.

Puron the RIPS Penguin

Instead of passing the gavel to the new RIPS chair each year, our outgoing chairs pass the penguin—Puron, the RIPS Penguin, that is. A typographical error led to Puron's 1998 debut at the AALL Annual Meeting in Anaheim. The sign placed on the RIPS table in the Exhibit Hall read "Research Instruction and Purron Services SIS." Incoming Chair Celeste Feather thought that Purron might be a part of RIPS' future, but in what way? Fate intervened the next day when incoming Vice-Chair Kristin Gerdy saw a full-page newspaper advertisement for Puron, the environmentally sound refrigerator. So, it seemed Puron was a cold weather sort, but what kind? Fate again played a role when Kristin went shopping and happened to find Puron — a penguin with just enough fire in his eyes to fit perfectly with RIPS.



Because he spends a year with each chair, Puron has traveled far and wide, living in Boston, Cleveland, East Hartford, Little Rock, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Provo, and Washington, D.C. Of course, Puron has attended every AALL Annual Meeting since 1998, so he has been from coast to coast. He even has his own Web page at www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/puron.html.

