

SCCLL-SIS

Report of the Education Committee

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In response to the Call for Program and Workshop Proposals for AALL's 107th Meeting and Conference in San Antonio, the SCCLL- SIS Education Committee received two excellent submissions of program proposals to consider for sponsorship by the Committee at this year's annual meeting . The Committee sponsorship for this year is limited to one program.

The SCCLL-SIS Executive Board selected a program proposal submitted by Sara Galligan, Director, Ramsey County Law Library, St. Paul, Minnesota, for sponsorship. Following is information regarding this program:

2014 SCCLL Program:

E2: Access to justice: Crossing Borders Together, a Report of the Special Committee

Tuesday, July 15th, 8:30-9:45 AM

Description:

Many efforts are underway to cope with underfunded courts and strapped legal aid agencies. Law librarians in all types of libraries can facilitate Access to Justice. The AALL Access to Justice Special Committee will share its findings about ways law librarians are working independently and collaboratively to promote Access to Justice. Participants will be inspired to identify resources and services they can provide in or through their libraries and join the movement.

A focus of the Education Committee this year was trying to foster a webinar for SCCLL-SIS and AALL members. After checking into several possibilities, the webinar was thought to present many logistical issues as well prove too expensive. In place of a webinar, the Education Committee sponsored a five-day (Monday – Friday) monitored online discussion entitled **SCCLL-SIS Five Topics in Five days** that took place on June 9-13, 2014. Each day a different

committee member would be moderator for the day and pose a series of questions regarding the topic assigned for that day to the group to generate discussion. Members could share their own experiences and post related questions of their own. The discussion was open to all AALL members. Topics included: Mentoring Law Librarians; Collection Development; Handling Challenging Situations & Patrons; Education & Outreach, and Access to Justice Issues. The discussions were thought-provoking and informative. Feedback from Committee members ,as well as participants, ensures that this type of activity will definitely be considered as a project for the upcoming year.

Thank you to the Committee members for their time and input. Also, a special thanks to James Durham and Larry Meyer for their gracious guidance and advice.

Respectfully submitted,

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