Looking Forward to the Annual Meeting

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The theme of this issue is technology. A very broad theme for a phenomenon that permeates throughout everything we do. As I review the events of this association year and I look forward to our annual meeting in July, I wonder how we communicated without the technological tools that are now so commonplace. To cite just a few examples:

- The SCCLL Web site, only a few months old, has already become the place to look for SCCLL news and documents. The newsletter is posted there. I no longer have to wait for the very slow third class mail to reach Sacramento for my newsletter. It is already becoming a place for our SIS corporate memory with past award recipients and SIS chairs. The standards, the most requested item the chair receives, are there. We are beginning to link our libraries to our site and thinking about posting sample documents such as our libraries’ technology policies.

- Of course our listserv is a great place to announce SIS activities between newsletters and to talk to each.

- Many of the SIS board and committee decisions were made via discussions on smaller e-mail lists set up by your chair or the various committee chairs.

You may have noticed a SCCLL News pictorial theme this year related to the SCCLL SIS T-shirts.

In fact, last issue, editor Lisa Mecklenberg asked for more photos for this issue. I’m always up for a challenge. So the photo you see of me with my SCCLL SIS T-shirt was taken as I sat on the ledge of a yet glassless window of the soon to be new home of the Sacramento County Law Library. The building originally housed the Sacramento...
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Police Department and Misdemeanor Court. There are always surprises when a building is being renovated. One of the surprises we discovered is that the Hall of Justice letters engraved above the front door were actually gold not dirty brown. Don’t you think Hall of Justice is a great name for a building that houses the public law library? The good news is the construction work is still on schedule and we still plan to move the Sacramento County Law Library in October. Then I’ll finally have an office window with a view.

Speaking of schedules... mark your schedules now for the various SCCLL events at the AALL Annual Meeting. The annual business meeting is the first event scheduled for the general membership. We will be meeting on Sunday, July 16, 2000 from 7 to 9 am at the Philadelphia Marriott Hotel. The breakfast will be served at your table promptly at 7:15 am (not a buffet). You must register for the breakfast meeting on the AALL Annual Meeting registration form. Since it is a ticketed meal event, registration must be received by June 5, 2000. Your meal ticket will be with the registration packet so you will need to stop at the AALL convention registration desk before you come to our meeting. The business portion of the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00 am.

The SCCLL SIS sponsored program that follows the business meeting is A-3 from 10 to 11:30 am, “Managing the Dynamics of Change in the Law Library.”

Pam Gregory is planning two Sunday
events that are specifically designed for librarians with operating boards and committees and their board members. The librarians and trustees luncheon will be held from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. The luncheon is also a ticketed event that requires pre-registration by June 5, 2000. Then at 4 pm, there is a one hour “mini CONELL” for our judges and other board members who will be attending the convention for the first or second time. It is entitled SCCLL SIS Trustees Roundtable in the conference program and is a guide designed to allow these individuals to get the most out of their convention experience.

Other SCCLL SIS sponsored programs and meetings are highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. Anita Shew and the Education Committee no doubt are making sure that the five programs we sponsored will be well presented and give us ideas to put to immediate use.

This is my last “View from the Chair” column. The view from here is a grand one. I see many officers, committee chairs, and committee members who volunteered their time and talents to put their puzzle pieces together for a very nice SCCLL SIS picture.

The Awards Committee has chosen two wonderful recipients for The Bethany L. Ochal Distinguished Service to the Profession. I feel privileged to be the Chair when both Marvin Anderson and Jacqueline Wright are honored. I worked for Marvin at the Minnesota State Law Library and I recently served with Jackie on the AALL Government Relations Committee, which she chaired. I’ve seen first hand their leadership talents and the prestige they have brought to our profession.

Each SCCLL SIS board member, Michele Finerty, Tim Lewis, and Alison Alifano served dual roles this year. Not only did they make decisions for our SIS but also they each chaired a committee. All officers also served on the strategic planning committee and past chair, Jean Holcomb, coordinated the strategic plan projects.

We are able to award $2,300 in travel grants to the AALL Annual Meeting due to the efforts of our Grants Committee. Anne Morrison asked Lexis Publishing to donate her honorarium for serving on a Lexis advisory committee. The Court Records Service donated $1,000 toward grants at Nancy Joseph’s request.

Our Publicity and Public Relations Committee has completed our new brochure, written articles for Spectrum, and has great plans for our SIS booth at the annual meeting. Please stop by the booth or better yet, sign up to staff the booth.

Our communications to and between our members have been outstanding. Our newsletter continues to be both useful and fun under the editorship of Lisa Mecklenberg. A first this year are paid ads solicited by Anne Peters, which help to underwrite the costs. Of course, I’ve already mentioned the work of the Website/Listserv Committee of Anita Anderson and Karla Gedell many times.

You have before you in this newsletter the recommended changes to the by-laws, thanks to the work of Bylaws Committee John Eichstadt and Lynn Randall.

I need to specifically recognize the work of the Model County Law Library Working Group. The idea to investigate the concept of developing a model code for county law libraries came as Gail War-
ren, Jean Holcomb, and I were putting together the finishing touches on the strategic plan. Instead of waiting another year or two to incorporate the model code work, I appointed a working group. Michael Miller stepped forward to chair the working group and he was overwhelmed with volunteers. The working group has completed a substantial amount of research and is currently surveying all county law libraries in key states. Their recommendations will be ready for review at the annual meeting.

Another first (I think) for our SIS. We are all invited to a reception on Tuesday evening July 18, 2000 at the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania’s newly renovated law library at the Philadelphia City Hall. West Group is sponsoring the reception.

We have a lot to celebrate in Philadelphia. I hope to see you there.

**Law Librarians as “Cyber Educators”**

The Social Law Library’s Experience

Wayne Hartwell

Social Law Library, Boston, MA

Responding to a 1998 joint survey by Boston’s Social Law Library¹ and *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly*, 87% of lawyers and 97% of law librarians concurred with the proposition that attorneys utilizing current technology have a competitive edge over those who do not. At the same time, the survey divulged that legal practitioners have been slow to climb on the technology bandwagon due to various concerns, not the least of which is fear of having to master the complex and often confusing search protocols demanded by computer-assisted legal research and confronting the vastness of the Internet. The survey confirmed what SLL librarians and staff have come to believe over the past several years: a growing role for law librarians in the digital age is that of educator in the new technologies. For its part, SLL has embraced that role.

SLL’s Torch of Knowledge logo—engraved in 1804 by Paul Revere’s apprentice Joseph Callender—manifests the Library’s commitment as an educational institution to serving the public interest by guaranteeing that no one in search of the law must remain in the shadow of ignorance. These days, “education” means in no small measure training in those electronic legal research skills which are essential to those who expect to practice competently.

¹ Established in 1803, the Social Law Library is a non-profit, member-managed research library serving the intellectual requirements of the bench and bar. Its name derives from its incorporation nearly 200 years ago as a “social” library, a term used to identify it as an institution accessible to the public. Its patron base numbers approximately 7,500 dues-paying members, and an almost equal number of state judges, law clerks, and state agency attorneys. It is the primary reference resource for the state appellate courts and administrative agencies in Massachusetts. The Library provides its services at a nominal charge to all qualified legal services organizations, and extends its resources to scholars of all disciplines requiring access to its extensive historic holdings. The Social Law Library is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.
Nearly a quarter-century ago, when Librarian Edgar J. Bellefontaine foresaw that the frontiers of legal research would be electronic, SLL became one of the first law practice libraries in the country to offer electronic legal research when it installed a public Westlaw terminal in 1976. By 1989 SLL was pioneering again with its self-publication of Massachusetts substantive and administrative materials in CD-ROM format. Today, those databases and the vast resources of the Internet are available to members and subscribers via SLL’s award-winning Web site, http://www.socialaw.com. In addition, two state-of-the-art “TechCenters” are maintained to facilitate patrons’ on-site legal research.

SLL recognized early on in the technological revolution that merely providing its patrons front row seats in cyberspace was not sufficient. With a membership including computer neophytes and modern-day Luddites, it became clear that training had to be provided to “empower” all patrons with the new research tools. At first, in the late ‘80s and early ‘90s, basic computer skills instruction was provided at a series of workshops conducted by an outside consultant. In 1995, when SLL’s first TechCenter was installed, a training program aimed at practitioners of various skill levels was developed and presented on a scheduled or ad hoc basis by SLL staff on demand. In 1997, the position of Director of Education was established and SLL’s roster of course offerings was greatly expanded.

Since that time SLL has run several series of regularly scheduled educational programs. One such program, The Internet for Legal Professionals, is entry-level and geared to introducing SLL members and others to both the basics of electronic legal research and Internet resources.

An Advanced Legal Research Seminar Series, offered in the spring and fall, is designed to help experienced lawyers and librarians maintain “current awareness” in such specific practice areas as environmental law, intellectual property, medical research for legal professionals, and researching legislative history. Each two-hour advanced seminar features an attorney and a law librarian who present the books, periodicals, CD ROMs, Internet sites, and other resources they use on a daily basis. Generally the first half of a program is presented in a lecture/demonstration format in a conference room. After a short break, the participants are split into two groups, one meeting in each of the Library’s two TechCenters. Each speaker takes one group, and the time is used for hands-on research using CD-ROM, online, and Internet resources. When appropriate, the SLL secures co-sponsorship from an appropriate bar organization for seminars in the advanced series. Co-sponsorship involves help with recruiting the practitioner/speaker, use of the
organization’s mailing list for promotion, and a substantial discount on tuition for members.

Another popular series involves weekly one-hour training sessions for WESTLAW and LEXIS. For these, SLL takes care of the registration and makes available one of the TechCenters. The workshops are conducted by representatives of the publishers.

Basic training, or *The Internet for Legal Professionals*, is also packaged as a summer program for new firm associates and law clerks from the Appeals Court and Supreme Judicial Court. Basic training is further offered in individual sessions by appointment. These sessions are particularly suited for those who do not wish to display their neophyte status in a full classroom or have a particular research problem, are looking for strategic direction, or want in-depth training in a one-on-one environment.

In addition, SLL will develop two-hour introductory training sessions for presentation at a firm or agency, tailored to a particular practice area if so desired. At the end of one of these programs, a computer disk with the complete presentation—usually including a PowerPoint slide show and a file of pertinent bookmarks—is left with the librarian or network administrator. These files can be installed on the firm’s or agency’s computers for further practice or self-teaching. In some instances these seminars are supplemented by a unique “handout” in the form of a private, customized Web page hosted by SLL where participants can get “point-and-click” access to all the resources discussed during the class via a user ID and password assigned to the group. These sites also feature a “question box” for asking follow-up questions, which are fielded by SLL staff.

In the works is the development of distance learning programs, beginning with a pilot program of courses for the state judiciary in conjunction with the Flaschner Judicial Institute. SLL is also investigating the feasibility of becoming an anchor site for presentation of satellite-delivered programs supplied by other organizations.

So what has SLL learned from this experience? Certainly that the electronic publishing revolution, which many erroneously foresaw as dooming the traditional library, has instead supercharged the law librarian profession. Not so long ago patrons would patiently await the arrival via interlibrary loan of a volume containing (hopefully) the answers to their research problems; now they want the answers yesterday, off the Internet, and via e-mail. SLL has seen increasing patron reliance on its reference librarians as “information specialists,” possessing the technical skills and research savvy to deliver the goods employing the electronic media with which the patrons themselves are not yet comfortable. That reliance signals the need for the sorts of educational programs SLL has been conducting. Equipping legal professionals with the skills required to deliver first-class legal support and services to their respective clientele is an important role for the law librarian in the digital age.

**Charley’s Corner:**

**Technology Gripes**

*Charles R. Dyer, Director of Libraries, San Diego County Public Law Library, San Diego, CA*

Nothing in this column represents the view of my Library or its Board of Trustees. These are just my personal opinions.
Lisa’s theme for this issue is technology. Technology is a great theme for a curmudgeon’s column. Some short thoughts.

Have any of you tried to install a DSL line at home or use your cable company as your ISP? Yes, the horror stories are legion. My wife, who works at home, found out it took several days, and not just waiting, but actually doing things to her computer with help desk people on her speaker phone, to get her DSL line up and running. Mostly, the help desk people don’t know what they are doing.

My wife had dutifully ordered an Ethernet card for her rather new Gateway computer. The guy from Gateway would not listen when my wife explained that this was the first Ethernet card to go into the computer. His instructions (and those that came with the card) presumed that the card was to be used as a replacement card. She spent an hour convincing him it wasn’t.

The guy from the ISP’s sub-contractor who actually came out to the house to set up the modem worked for several ISPs and did not have a clue how to go about getting the ISP actually tied into our new DSL. The help desk guy at the ISP had evidently been hired the previous afternoon, as my wife knew more than he did. Finally, she brought in the local computer guru she has used for several years, who still gives her the reduced rate of $50 an hour, so he could talk the ISP help desk guy through it.

At breakfast the following weekend at our favorite local eatery, the Big Kitchen (often visited by foreigners who find out about it on the Web), we traded stories with friends who had similar experiences with both the local phone company’s DSL service and the local cable company’s service.

I also remember when I wanted to post a job notice on the California Library Association hotline, but I couldn’t, because my Netscape had not been upgraded from Navigator to Communicator. And we were actually one of the first local law libraries to complete the upgrade. Now, we at SDCPLL are a very small special district government, which means that I am actually the “top” governmental official, and I get the most modern things as soon as reasonably possible. I wonder how the library that is part of a much larger and slower government could possibly post its positions.

We get our phone service through the county government, which operates as its own phone company. Whenever a new area code is created, its computers must be adjusted to allow someone to call the new area code. I am utterly convinced that, out of the 17,000 employees working for San Diego County, I am the only one who bothers to report the need to access the new codes. I guess the others use pay phones or their personal cell phones. I think I am averaging a new area code about once every two months.

And speaking of things like area code abuse, how are you liking the nine-digit zip codes? When the Postal Service put that project in motion to save itself money with all that automating, it neglected to inform us that those last four digits actually represent the route number at the local postal zone. Guess what? The Postal Service does annual route examinations and adjusts the routes. So your four-digit extension will change every so often. And your stationery and business cards become outdated immediately. No warning,
no appeal.

When the Postal Service changed SDCPLL’s main library zip to 92101-3904, I started getting letters with the new code. Since my phone number is (619) 531-3904, I thought the senders were confusing my phone number and address. I was rather embarrassed when I mentioned this to one of my trustees, who said he made the change because he had gotten a notice from the Postal Service.

Have you heard the latest oxymoron? “Long range technology plan.”

Here’s my plan: Figure that, as a governmental entity, wherein we always have to put a little CYA in our planning, never jump on the newest technology because there will be bugs. So as a director, buy your spouse the most current thing for home use so that you can converse with the information systems staff even when your office equipment is last year’s thing. (Digital video is this year’s thing, by the way.) Nevertheless, plan on continual upgrades of your computers, peripherals, and LANs. I used to think we needed a three-year replacement cycle. Now I believe a two-year replacement cycle is closer to the truth. A two-year cycle also requires more staff, and more complaint forms. Lastly, get yourself some of those personalized thank you notes and send something to anyone on your staff who actually does something neat with new technology.

To finish on a high note, I thought I’d tell a good technology story, sort of. My wife and I are planning a trip to New York City, and she remembered an open-mike piano bar in the Village we had visited long ago. So she went to the Web to see if she could find it. Well, she hunted and finally came up with it: “The Oaks.” I asked how she did it, and she said it is all a matter of coming up with the right terms. The one that worked for her was “gay friendly,” which makes sense to anyone who frequents piano bars.

You know, jargon terms abound in every endeavor. (Would you have been able to read this column ten years ago?) They’re gonna need librarians forever.

(WordPerfect gave me 11 synonyms to the word “Gripes” in the title to this column. Nice technology, but I stayed with “Gripes.” If I just used “Gripe,” it gave me an additional one, “crab.” Why? Word Perfect assumed I meant “gripes” as a verb, although some of the words could work both ways. Still looking for a better title, but I’m too lazy to get up and go over to the dictionary).

Anderson and Wright receive SCCLL Bethany J. Ochal Award

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Marvin Anderson, Minnesota State Law Librarian, and Jacqueline Wright, retired Arkansas Supreme Court Librarian, have been selected by the SCCLL SIS 1999/2000 Awards Committee to receive the Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession. This honor is awarded to SCCLL SIS member(s) who have made a significant contribution to law librarianship and who are nearing the end of their library career or who have recently retired. Marvin and Jackie will officially be recognized for this honor at the 2000 SCCLL SIS Business Meeting in Philadelphia.
SCCLL SIS Awards Committee members are Carol Billings, Ann Djirdjirian, Richard Iamele, Kendall Svengalis, and Michele Finerty, Chair.

Editor's Etchings

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Since the theme of this issue of SCCLL News is technology, I wanted to highlight what I consider to be one of the useful and interesting aspects of technology employed by many SCCLL libraries: Web pages. Following is a listing of SCCLL libraries with their own Web pages, according to the posting on SCCLL’s very own Web site at http://aallnet.org/sis/sccll/membrlib.htm.

If your library is not included in the list, please contact SCCLL Webmaster Anita Anderson at anita.anderson@state.mn.us.

Pima County Law Library, Tucson, AZ
http://www.sc.co.pima.az.us/lawlib

Pulaski County Law Library, Little Rock, AR
http://www.ualr.edu/~lawlib

Los Angeles County Law Library, Los Angeles, CA
http://www.lalaw.lib.ca.us/

Sacramento County Law Library
http://www.saclaw.lib.ca.us/

San Diego County Public Law Library
http://www.sdcll.org

San Francisco Law Library
http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfl

Orange County Law Library, Santa Ana, CA
http://www.oc.ca.gov/lawlib

Santa Barbara County Law Library
http://www.rain.org/~sbllaw

Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries
http://www.jud.state.ct.us/lawlib

Fulton County Law Library, Atlanta, GA
http://fultonlawlibrary.org

Idaho State Law Library, Boise, ID
http://www2.state.id.us/lawlib/lawlib.html

Maryland State Law Library, Annapolis, MD
http://www.lawlib.state.md.us

Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries
http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us

Adams-Pratt Oakland County Law Library, Pontiac, MI
http://www.oakland.lib.mi.us/oakllaw.htm

Hennepin County Law Library, Minneapolis, MN
http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us/lawlibrary/lawlib.htm

Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, MN
http://www.state.mn.us/courts/library

Washington County Law Library, Stillwater, MN
http://www.washcolaw.lib.mn.us

Jackson County Law Library, Kansas City, MO
http://www.jcll.org

State Law Library of Montana, Helena, MT
http://www.lawlibrary.state.mt.us

Washoe County Law Library, Reno, NV
http://www.co.washoe.nv.us/LawLib

Appellate Division Law Library, Rochester, NY
http://www.courts.state.ny.us/ad4/

North Carolina Supreme Court Library, Raleigh, NC

Akron Law Library Association, Akron, OH
http://www.summitoh.net/Lawlibrary

Cincinnati Law Library Association, Cincinnati, OH
http://www.hamilton-co.org/cinlawlib

Dayton Law Library Association, Dayton, OH
http://www.daylawlib.org

Law Library of Montgomery County, Norristown, PA
http://www.montcopa.org/llmc/

Jenkins Law Library, Philadelphia, PA
http://www.jenkinslaw.org
Is your organization wired? According to Mark Stover in *Leading the Wired Organization*, “A wired organization is any

In browsing through these sites, I wanted to point out a few outstanding features of a couple of them. Orange County Law Library—outstanding index with many interesting links; Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Libraries—the “what’s happening” and pathfinders sections were both unique and complete; Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries—a union catalog and the cool page changer; and the Wisconsin State Law Library—outstanding law review and newspaper coverage.

**On the lighter side:** Being a huge pastry fan myself, I was dismayed to read the following. PILLSBURY DOUGH BOY DEAD AT 71. Veteran Pillsbury spokesman, The Pillsbury Doughboy, died yesterday of a severe yeast infection and complications from repeated pokes to the belly. He was 71. Doughboy was buried in one the largest funeral ceremonies in recent years. Dozens of celebrities turned out, including Mrs. Butterworth, the California Raisins, Hungry Jack, Betty Crocker, the hostess Twinkies, Cap’n Crunch, and many others. The graveside was piled high with flours as lifetime friend, Aunt Jemima, delivered the eulogy, describing Doughboy as a man who “never knew how much he was kneaded.” Doughboy rose quickly in show business but his later life was filled with many turnovers. He was not considered a very smart cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes. Still, even as a crusty old man, he was a roll model for millions. Doughboy is survived by his second wife, Play Dough. They have two children and one in the oven. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.
business, nonprofit group, government organization, or educational institution that utilizes networked information technology."

Obviously some organizations are more wired than others. Who uses the wires, what the wires are used for, who is in charge of the wires, and how the wires are configured are important factors that enable organizations to make the most of their networks. Using the Internet to connect to other organizations has become a common day occurrence for most businesses. We have only just begun to see the potential and mixed blessings of the ability to connect internally and externally.

How do libraries fit into this new “wired” world? This is a question that every library is asking. In the last 15 years, Jenkins has used technology to enhance its role as an information provider. It has enabled our staff to access and locate more information than anyone ever dreamed would exist back when we were founded in 1802. Today we realize that doing business in a “wired world” has the potential to change our existing conception of the library. This is a little scary.

What will the future library look like? Who will use it and what skills will our staff need? We don’t have a crystal ball but we do know that our technology strategy must support our goals as an organization. We will be strengthening our strengths and analyzing our weaknesses. We are listening to what our customers are doing and asking for information on how they are wired and how they will use our resources. We are planning now so that our wires and staff will be working the way you will need them in the years ahead.

If you are interested in being involved in our technology planning, please contact Kathy Coon at kcoon@jenkinslaw.org.

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Cybersurfing Using “Free” Waves

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The Prince George’s County Law Library has recently entered the 21st Century with the addition of a “public access” Internet terminal. The computer is located in our small “media room,” flanked by an old microfiche reader/printer that Pam Gregory claims “came over on the boat with Noah,” and an outdated stand-alone LEXIS printer that the Smithsonian may be interested in adding to its collection! In between these two “dinosaurs” is access to the Internet.

The primary reason for offering public access to the Internet was to allow our patrons access to Shepard’s citations. As of January 1, 2000 we switched our Shepard’s subscription from the CD-Roms to the Internet product. As more and more of our CDs “timed out,” it became more obvious that we needed an Internet terminal for our patrons to use. Prior to this time, we referred patrons who wished to access the Internet across the street to the public library, which has two Internet terminals available to the public.

I took on the challenge of finding a way to provide access without incurring too much expense. I moved the PC that had been dedicated as the Shepard’s CD-Rom terminal to our “media room,” which had a modem line available.
After preliminary investigation into free Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that were available in our area, I found that Altavista.com offered several local access phone lines. Interestingly, the April, 2000 issue of PC World spotlighted the “Best Free Stuff Online,” including a review of the best free ISPs.

As the PC World review points out, free ISP service can save you more than $200.00 per year, but most free services require you to endure advertisements - often requiring the user to “click” on banner ads to stay connected to the service.

The three most reliable Free ISP services reviewed by PC World were Altavista (www.altavista.com), Freei.net (www.freei.net), and NetZero (www.netzero.com). The magazine ranked Freei.net as number one, but honestly, I don’t feel bad having chosen number two!

I’ve set up the Internet access so that any law library user can simply walk up to the terminal, and upon seeing the icon on the screen that reads “Click Here for Internet,” can do so and begin their Internet research. After “double clicking” on the preliminary icon, the software boots up to reveal the “Connect to Alta Vista” screen. A simple click on the “Connect” button, and the Internet session begins. (Let’s not even think about itchy fingered visitors who may want to change or delete the password. Library staff members know the password and can enter the information quickly, but there is a default mechanism that we hope visitors will leave alone!).

When the Internet Explorer opens, an advertisement/toolbar appears at the top of the screen. There is no way around this one folks, but I have not found the toolbar to be too much of a hindrance in the way of research. Altavista Live offers a nice screen called “My Live,” which can be customized for each account holder. I have set up this screen as the default home page, adding current weather reports for the local area, and a customized list of “quick links” to sites that our patrons would be most interested in using. These links include Findlaw, the Maryland Judiciary, the Maryland General Assembly, the Prince George’s County Homepage, the Prince George’s County Bar Association Homepage, Shepard’s Citations, and U.S. Supreme Court opinions through Cornell’s Legal Information Institute. I have also loaded a larger list of “Legal Bookmarks” through the “Favorites” pull-down menu on Internet Explorer.

Searching on the Internet itself using the free ISP is no different from access through traditional providers, if you are willing to give up some screen space for the advertisements. I have not found that you must continually click on the advertisements to remain connected, as reported in the PC World article. When the user has completed their research, a simple click on a small “x” in the upper right-hand corner of the Altavista toolbar will commence the “disconnect” process. Altavista prompts an “automatic” disconnect, unless the user clicks “no” within 20 seconds.

We do not have a printer attached to the Altavista terminal at this time. We will sell Internet users a 3 1/2" disc for $5.00 so that they can download information. This is the same option that we provide to our Premise CD-ROM users. Due to virus concerns, no discs from “outside” the library are allowed. We hope to add a printer sometime in the future. Prints
from the Internet terminal will cost the same as prints from the CD-ROM materials: $.25 per page.

The law library has not completed a “formal” user’s policy for the use of the Internet terminal, but we have posted “Internet Access Rules” (guidelines for use) near the terminal. Like our CD-ROM policy, users will be limited to a 20 minute session, which can be extended to a total of 40 minutes, if no other patrons are waiting to use the Internet for research. We verbally remind patrons that this access is for dedicated “legal research.” No “filtering” software has been installed, but we ask that patrons refrain from accessing “questionable” sites. (The Access Rules note that the “Law Library reserves the right to ask a patron to end their Internet session.”)

As I mentioned earlier, the PC is the same one that the law library had been using for Shepard’s CDs, which is an older “enhanced 486” unit that I had brought from home and donated to the Library when I purchased a laptop for my personal use a year ago. The modem speed is only 28K, but it gets the job done. We did have to “splurge” on a new motherboard so that more memory could be added.

It is our hope that patrons of the law library will feel comfortable using this new service.

TIP: If you consider access via an ISP, be certain to research the number of access telephone lines available using a local call. Your library will be responsible for any long distance calls made on their telephone line. With Altavista, you can set the dialer to attempt to dial into a number of different access numbers. The dialer will keep trying until it finds an open line. This may become a problem for some users, but here in Upper Marlboro, the default access number usually connects with the very first attempt!

“Free” Internet service may not suit the needs of every library, but it is certainly a viable option for the small court or county law library that cannot afford a monthly or annual fee to an Internet Service Provider.

Prince George’s County Law Library
Internet Access Rules

1. Internet access is for legal research purposes only!

2. Research time is limited to twenty minutes. If no one else is waiting, time can be extended for an additional twenty minutes.

3. No printing is currently available. Discs are available for purchase at the Reference Desk for $5.00, if you would like to download information. No outside discs are allowed!

4. If you need assistance, or have questions, please see a librarian at the Reference Desk.

5. The Law Library reserves the right to ask a patron to end their Internet session.

Thank You!

Public Internet Access at KCLL

Stuart Zimmerman, Branch Services Librarian
Regional Justice Center, Kent, WA
The King County Law Library (KCLL) debuted public Internet access for legal research on March 20, 2000, in a pilot project at its branch library in Kent, Washington. KCLL is a public law library in Washington state’s most populous county and is comprised of two libraries: the main library in the county courthouse in downtown Seattle and a small branch library at the Regional Justice Center (RJC), a courthouse annex in the south part of King County. This article presents an overview of the issues faced by the RJC library in implementing public Internet access.

The push to offer this service has been fueled by a couple of things.

First, an increasing number of Internet sites offer reliable and authoritative access to legal resources and the Web is often the fastest and best way to access government and court information. We want our patrons to have access to these resources directly, and not through the library staff.

The second force at work was the loss of critical funding for the RJC library that forced the cancellation of upkeep and supplementation for the majority of legal materials in the law library. To compensate, we are offering the public access to the judicial, government and other legal research resources available on the Web to expand the very small core of Washington primary and trial practice materials that we are keeping current in print.

This is not our first venture into the electronic realm. Since its opening three years ago, the RJC law library has subscribed to CD-ROM products for Washington primary materials, Shepard’s, other Pacific state primary materials and some federal and tax materials as well. Both staff and patrons are accustomed to using electronic tools as part of the legal research process at KCLL.

The issues and challenges involved in offering Internet access to the public include:

* PC and network security
* Telecommunications selection
* Creation, implementation and enforcement of a good internet use policy
* Training in the use of the internet for legal research purposes
* Equitable allocation of a limited resource
* Measurement of the use and effectiveness of the Internet in patrons’ legal research efforts

**PC and network security:**
We are using Internet Explorer 5.0 and relying on the security settings allowed with the NT operating system to control network and PC security. NT also allows us the ability to limit patrons’ access to the hard drive and to NT’s ‘control panel’ to prevent settings from being changed or hacked. Downloading to disk is not an option for our users (we require printing at $0.15 per page) and is prevented by the operating system. The NT environment also promises some ability to control access to non-legal research related Internet sites as well. As we find evidence that a non-approved Web site is being visited, we can block access to that specific URL from our NT workstation. Though we have not had public Internet access up and running very long, someone has already visited ‘persiankitty.com.’ Suffice it to say, this is not a page for cat buffs. Even if it were, we specify in our use policy that Internet access at KCLL is FOR LEGAL RE-
SEARCH PURPOSES ONLY and require all non-legal research to be done at another library. We have not blocked ‘persiankitty.com’ yet, though, as we will wait for evidence of repeat visits before we block an objectionable site.

**Telecommunications:**
As an adjunct part of King County government, we have access to the county’s considerable telecommunications and technology infrastructure. Library staff e-mail and Internet access is via the county’s WAN. However, the county’s security concerns prevent our using their connection for public access to the internet. Instead we’ve gone with a local ISP, drizzle.com, for both public Internet access and Web page hosting for KCLL’s Web site. We access drizzle.com via a 56K modem across a standard data line. We considered a high-speed connection, DSL, but opted not to pursue it at this time. There is a possibility that the county, in the near future, will offer DSL lines that we can use to access the Internet, hopefully at little or no cost. So far we’ve been satisfied with the speed of our connection without DSL.

**Internet Policy:**
Library staff drafted, and our Board of Trustees approved, a Computer and Internet Public Access Policy (hereinafter “the Policy”) which lays out how patrons may use Internet access at KCLL. The Policy is posted in the carrel with the PC and an abbreviated version appears on an HTML page that patrons must “click through” to connect to the Internet. Like many license agreements, by clicking to access the Internet, patrons “agree” to observe the Policy. The Policy was crafted by consulting similar policies from various public libraries, both law and general, with lots of tweaking to match our needs and circumstances. The Policy advises those who use Internet at KCLL that they should have no expectation of privacy while online and that they may be asked to verify that they are using the Internet for legal research purposes only. The Policy also lays out our limitation of liability (the “use at your own risk” clause), time restrictions (30 minutes when others are waiting), a statement that parents/guardians are responsible to see that their child’s use of the Internet complies with the Policy, and examples of both “responsible and appropriate” and “inappropriate” uses of the Internet at KCLL. Internet users are cautioned that inappropriate use may result in their being thrown off of the computer and/or out of the law library. We are using the Policy in lieu of filtering software to control anticipated problems such as patrons accessing pornography or other inappropriate sites. Further, the Internet PC monitor faces the reference desk and librarian’s office so that we can visually monitor Internet use.

**Training:**
Staff will do training in informal, one-on-one, point-of-need sessions on the use of browsers and location of needed materials on the Web.

We’ve filled the drop-down box on the browser address bar with the addresses of useful and authoritative Internet sites for Washington legal researchers and placed our ‘Law on the ‘Net’ handout, a paper bookmark with our top ten sites for legal research, by the terminal. More formal training sessions may be developed in the future, but are not planned at this point.

**Equitable Allocation:**
The law library is controlling access by means of the Policy which allows for ac-
cess to the Internet PC in 30 minute increments, with a maximum of one hour per day for any individual. By each PC we have a sign “30 minute limit when others are waiting” and we have a sign-up sheet and timer behind the reference desk. Demand so far has been such that we’ve not had to enforce sign-up, the 30 minute limit serves to eliminate conflicts between users. As demand grows we fully expect to use these enforcement tools.

Measuring Use & Effectiveness:
We are tracking the number of users of our electronic services manually, i.e. we make a hash mark whenever someone new sits down to a terminal. We are also recording what sites are visited via the history capabilities of the browser and we will be adding a counter to the HTML policy page that patrons must click through to access the service. We will also use the recording and tracking abilities of the NT operating system to track the use of Internet services at KCLL though we’re waiting for some history to build up to see what data we can use. Measuring the effectiveness of the service promises to be a bit trickier and we continue to look for ways to make meaningful measures of the value of Internet access to patrons’ legal research efforts.

Conclusion:
If this pilot project is successful and we determine that the benefits of offering this new service outweigh the costs, and once we’ve tested out different approaches to managing the issues and challenges, we’ll be rolling this service out at the main library in downtown Seattle.

KCLL Computer & Internet Public Access Policy

Please read this policy carefully before using the law library’s computer and Internet services. By using computer and Internet services at the law library, each user will be deemed to have agreed to abide by this “Computer & Internet Public Access Policy,” as adopted by the King County Law Library Board of Trustees.

ENFORCEMENT: In accordance with the procedures set forth in the law library’s “Rules of Patron Conduct,” failure to use these services responsibly and appropriately may result in:
* Suspension of equipment use privileges, and/or
* Suspension of access to the law library

All law library staff have the authority and the responsibility to enforce this policy.

The King County Law Library has made public access computer and Internet stations available solely for legal research purposes. The law library’s mission is to serve the legal research needs of the community. Patrons engaged in general (non-legal) study or research should use other libraries. The law library reserves the right to ask patrons to verify that they are using computer and Internet services for legal research purposes only.

WARNING: Patrons access computer and Internet information at their own risk. The information accessed may be inaccurate, out of date, or incomplete. Users are encouraged to exercise caution and critical judgment in evaluating the validity of information accessed via the Internet. Users of the law library’s computer and Internet services should have no expectation of privacy while accessing these resources. The law library assumes no responsibility for any damages, direct or indirect, arising from use of its computers and connections to the Internet.
TIME RESTRICTIONS: Patrons must sign up for Internet access to assure that access is fairly allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Access is limited to 30 minutes at a time if others are waiting. Patrons are limited to a total of one hour’s access per day. Patrons may sign up one day in advance for a specific time-slot. If a patron does not claim a reserved time-slot within five minutes, the slot will be open for other patron’s use on a first-come, first-served basis until the next scheduled appointment.

CHILDREN: Consistent with the law library’s posted Rules of Conduct, it is the sole responsibility of parents and/or guardians to supervise their children’s/wards’ use of library resources, including Internet services. Parents and/or guardians will be held accountable for any of their children’s/wards’ violations of the Rules of Conduct or violations of this Computer & Internet Public Access Policy.

PRINTING: Printing is available at the law library’s standard rate via coin-operated units. Downloading is not available as an option.

User Responsibilities
All users of the Internet at the law library are required to use this resource in a responsible and courteous manner consistent with the purposes for which it is provided. The library’s “Rules of Patron Conduct” apply to use of computer and Internet services.

Responsible and appropriate use of the Internet at the Library includes:
* Using the library’s Internet resources for legal research purposes.
* Complying with the library’s posted Rules of Conduct.
* Refraining from illegal or inappropriate use of the Internet.
* Respecting intellectual property rights by making only authorized copies of copyrighted or licensed data residing on the Internet.
* Refraining from damaging or altering the configuration of the equipment used to access the Internet.
* Respecting the privacy of others.

Inappropriate use of the Internet at the library includes, but is not limited to:
* Viewing, printing or downloading of non-legal research related materials including, but not limited to, games and pornography.
* Participating in chat rooms.
* Accessing e-mail services, games, or shopping/auction services.
* Changing the current settings of computer stations used to access the Internet.
* Downloading or uploading software or other files to or from this public access station.
* Hacking into remote computer systems.

Adopted 1/19/2000

An Important Lunch for our VIPs and a Program as Well

Pam Gregory, Trustee Development Chair,
Prince George’s County Law Library, Upper Marlboro, MD

Don’t miss the chance to register your VIP at the SCCLL Librarians and Trustees Luncheon as a continuation of the Sunday SIS activities. See page 36 of the preliminary program for details. The luncheon will immediately follow the SCCLL Program and is scheduled for 11:45-1:00. The speaker for the luncheon will be Harold Cramer, President of the Jenkins Board of Directors. Mr. Cramer will give
a brief talk at the trustee’s lunch regarding trustee involvement in law libraries. He has served as President of the Jenkins Board for 26 years, during which time the library moved into a larger facility, it struggled with severe financial difficulties, and it met the information revolution head on. Thanks to his vision and excellent leadership, Jenkins has successfully become the library it is today.

This will be a lovely, sit-down luncheon which will provide an opportunity to meet with our important guests. Whether or not you bring a trustee, judge, library committee member, or other library stakeholder to this meeting, please come. This gathering marks three years of caucus meetings, in which our leadership, both past and present, has worked to bring and make welcome the many stakeholders in our lives who can now benefit from AALL membership. Be sure to take advantage of the “First Year Free” offer in your dues mailing and consider your non-librarian stakeholders for this wonderful opportunity. AALL is making possible a free year’s membership in the association to strengthen our efforts to include these valuable members of our communities, and ultimately improve our libraries.

What an opportunity this luncheon will provide – it will be a time for shared learning experiences, networking, and a meeting opportunity for like-minded stakeholders. Please plan on attending this important function so that we all can meet and welcome these honored guests, and potential new members of AALL.

Later in the afternoon, there will be a kind of mini-CONELL for the trustees. In the last time slot of the day we will gather the group together again to hear from AALL’s leadership, our own leadership, and from “Shirley’s judge,” the Honorable Judge Jeffrey Gunther, on “How to Get the Most From an AALL Meeting.” This promises to be a nice send-off prior to the opening reception. Please come to these events – we will be glad to have a nice turnout for the guests. Thanks.

**AALL Membership for the First Year Free Offer**

*Shirley David, SCCLL SIS Chair
Sacramento County Law Library, Sacramento, CA*

If you are a library director, you recently received a letter from Vice President Bob Oakley reminding you that it’s time to renew your membership in AALL. With that letter you also received a flyer announcing a special membership promotion this year.

AALL library directors, who renew their institution memberships by July 1 (the deadline has been extended from the June 1 deadline previously announced) will receive a coupon entitling them to add a NEW AALL member (law librarian or non library associate) at no cost for one year. The coupon can be redeemed one time, anytime, during the 2000-2001 membership year. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce AALL to a trustee from your library!

Some library directors may want to invite a trustee to join AALL and bring them to Philadelphia! If you want to do this and take advantage of the member registration rate, you need to act quickly.

Library directors who wish to add a trustee as a new member AND bring that
The West Group cordially invites all State, Court and County Law Librarians and their trustees to a reception on Tuesday evening, July 18, 2000 from 6 until 8 o’clock at the First Judicial District of Pennsylvania’s newly renovated law library located in Room 600 City Hall Philadelphia, PA.

Located in City Hall, and only 2 blocks from the Convention Center, this newly restored library is a gem. Surrounded by wrought iron mezzanines with the original glass floors, it offers an excellent rendition of what law libraries looked like in the early 20th century.

West Group is generously sponsoring this event for members of the SCCLL Special Interest Section. You must reply to attend this special event, as there will be a guest list, see below. Meet and greet colleagues. The SCCLL SIS will be conducting a short leadership recognition program during the event at 7 pm. Jigsaw Jumble Challenge awards will also be presented at this time.

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Yes, I plan to attend the reception __________

Name: _______________________________________________________________________

Institution: ___________________________________________________________________

E-mail: ______________________________________________________________________

Phone: _______________________________________________________________________

I will be bringing a trustee/s. Please list name/s below:

_____________________________________________________________________________

Please return the above information by June 26, 2000 to:

Or FAX: 215 574-7920; or e-mail: rsmith@jenkinslaw.org; or phone: 215 574-7904.
trustee to the annual meeting, should do two things:

FIRST, register the trustee for the annual meeting NOW at the member registration rate. Follow the same process as you would for registering any other AALL member in your library;

SECOND, send an e-mail message with the full name and address of the trustee to Rachel Shaevel at AALL, rshaevel@aall.org. Rachel will approve their annual meeting registration at the member rate.

Roger Parent, Executive Director, suggests this approach because he recognizes that there may not be enough time for you to receive and process your invoice (they were mailed from AALL on April 28) add a new member, and register them for the annual meeting by June 5, the deadline for the Early Bird Member Rate and for the SCCLL SIS Sunday breakfast meeting.

If you have any questions about taking advantage of this free membership offer, please contact Rachel Shaevel at AALL headquarters.

SCCLL Grant Recipients for AALL

Donna Bausch, Grants Committee Chair
Norfolk Law Library, Norfolk, VA

Three SCCLL law librarians have been selected to receive grants to attend this year’s AALL meeting in Philadelphia. They are Joan Allen Hart, James C. Gernert, and Stuart Zimmerman. Joan is North County Branch Librarian with the San Diego County Law Library, James is the Associate Law Librarian at the Baltimore County Circuit Court Law Library, and Stuart is the Branch Services Librarian at King County Law Library, Kent Regional Justice Center.

Each recipient received $765 to defray the expenses involved with attending the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

Jim Ruocchio of Court Records Service made a generous donation of $1000 to support the SCCLL grants program this year. In addition, Anne Morrison, a committee member and prior SCCLL grant recipient, donated an honorarium she received from LEXIS for service on a Librarian Advisory Board.

Jigsaw Jumble
Show Some P.R. Spirit

Gail Warren, Public Relations Committee Chair
Virginia State Law Library, Richmond, VA

A truly successful SCCLL public relations effort depends on participation beyond the members of the Publicity/PR Committee. It works best when the section is united, when all the unique parts of the whole are present, when all committees and members are represented, fitting together like the individual pieces of a puzzle, producing a lovely picture!

This year, the SCCLL table in the AALL Activities Area will be the location for our “Jigsaw Jumble Challenge.” The Publicity/PR Committee will be spotlighting each committee, sub-group, etc. of our SIS during a designated block of time, i.e. “Ask the SCCLL Newsletter Committee,” or “Meet the Trustee Caucus”, etc., in the Activities Area. We are hoping each committee chair, recognizing the importance of their “Piece of the SIS Puzzle,” will be responsible for asking members of their committee, or others who sup-
port their committee’s efforts, to man the table during a one-hour period. We’ve asked them to attack this challenge with a vengeance – prepare some interesting tidbit or fact sheet about their committee and hand it out to those who stop by. Be creative. Wear silly hats. Of course, the SCCLL Publicity/PR Committee will be providing SCCLL brochures and “treats.”

Oh, and by the way, we are calling this a challenge — a prize(s) will be awarded for the most creative SCCLL Committee/Sub-group PR effort! (Members of the SCCLL Publicity/PR Committee will join some other VIPs as “judges” for the challenge contest). The AALL Activities Area will be open during Exhibit Hall hours. Since we don’t want any of our members missing the SCCLL meetings on Sunday morning, plan to stop by and cheer on your colleagues during the following times:

**Sunday, July 16, 2000**
#1 9-10 am Website Committee, Anita Anderson

#2 1-2 pm

#3 2-3 pm

#4 3-4 pm

#5 4-5 pm

**Monday, July 17, 2000**
#6 10:45-11:45 am Newsletter Committee, Lisa Mecklenberg

#7 1:45-2:45 pm

#8 2:45-3:45 pm Grants Committee, Donna Bausch

#9 3:45-4:45 pm

**Tuesday, July 18, 2000**
#10 10:45-11:45 am

#11 11:45-12:45 pm

#12 1:45-2:45 pm

#13 2:45-3:45 pm Strategic Planning Committee, Jean Holcomb

#14 3:45-4:45 pm

The “winners” of the challenge will be recognized at a reception Tuesday evening, July 18, 2000.

**Technology Initiatives and Planning at the Jenkins Law Library**

*Regina Smith, Director*

*Jenkins Law Library, Philadelphia, PA*

**About us**

In 1982 I left academia to become the director of the Jenkins Law Library. Founded in 1802, it is the nation’s oldest law library. Jenkins is a non-profit organization that operates the county law library. It is also a membership library with 9,000 dues paying members. The library is governed by a Board of nine directors, comprised of three trial court judges, the present and immediate past chancellors (presidents) of the Philadelphia Bar Association, three members of the Philadelphia Bar Association, and the city solicitor. Jenkins is a “stand alone” business with a four million dollar annual budget. We have no county MIS department to help us out. The law library presently occupies 35,000 square feet in an office building, as it has no permanent home [this means that we pay rent]. When I was appointed to my position, the library had a “dumb computer terminal” that was used to access WESTLAW and DIALOG, and several IBM
Selectric Typewriters plus a few Xerox Memory Writers. We were quite functional, but I had a vision that the library would be changing in the future to incorporate new technologies. It did.

**Technology Planning**

Last year our library contracted with a consulting company, Myxa Corporation, to assist us with evaluating our technology initiatives and to come up with a realistic Technology Plan that we could use to implement strategies that would improve in-house operations, as well as service to our membership. Why did we do this? Our technology initiatives were rapidly expanding in several directions. The library’s infrastructure was technologically advanced in many ways, but we had several systems in place that could perhaps be consolidated. Let me describe them.

An *Innovative Interfaces* system is used for cataloging, acquisitions, serials, fund accounting for the book budget, and circulation. We do not yet have their Millenium product, but plan to upgrade to it in the future.

We have a *Novell network with 50 users*, and this is used for the usual in-house e-mail, word processing, spreadsheets, accounting software, and other functions. It is the backbone of our organization.

We have a *communications server* that is used to provide Internet access for our staff and at all public computer terminals.

The library has an *entrance gate that reads the barcode on a membership card*, and then admits the member to the library; this is kept on a separate server.

We now access OCLC through an *Internet connection*, but up until last year we had a dedicated connection.

We have a *CD-ROM network* that is about eight years old and desperately needs upgrading. It is comprised of six towers, two servers, and two optical servers.

We do have a *network attached mass storage computer*, and this has been helpful in expanding the capabilities of our CD-ROM network. It is also used to store some of our court records and briefs scanning projects.

We have a *Web page*, [http://www.jenkinslaw.org/](http://www.jenkinslaw.org/), and this is housed off-site.

We teach *six different CLE classes in an on-site computer learning center*, and offers “hands on training” using 15 computers.

I am sure I have left something out, but you get the picture—lots of projects in need of major technological reorganization.

Initially, our consultant met with all library employees to evaluate how they use technology in their jobs. He also asked them how they thought technology could improve the way they perform their jobs. He inventoried our hardware and software and met with the library’s management team regarding their vision of the future. He essentially reviewed the library’s existing technology infrastructure. He also ascertained what the library’s goals were for the future and its goals for a technology strategy.

He then identified our technology issues and presented Internet strategy options, as well as filled us in on trends in the
field. This was followed by general recommendations regarding the library’s present and future technology initiatives. He gave us a wonderful implementation strategy for both long and short-term projects, as well as presenting options for the future. Finally, and most importantly, he gave us a budget for each stage of the implementation process with options for each phase. The plan is a living document and will be reviewed annually and updated based on new technology trends. The plan was presented to the library’s board at their June 1999 meeting and they approved funding for the plan at the December 1999 meeting.

The library has begun to implement parts of the plan and we now have a full-time Information Technology Manager on board. Up until recently, our technology initiatives were managed by the Deputy Library Director and a network administrator, with assistance from staff librarians and outside consultants. We are fortunate to have such wonderfully competent in-house staff. They are great!

Would you like to learn more about Jenkins’ Technology Plan? Attend this year’s AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and visit program L-3, “Key Ingredients for a Successful Web Based Technology Plan.” Kathy Coon, our Deputy Library Director will be presenting the program with Tim Brown, our consultant from Myxa Corporation, at 3:15 on Wednesday afternoon. If you want to actually see what we have at Jenkins, there are three tours available through AALL or you can stop by and visit us on your own. Our staff is looking forward to meeting SCCLL members this summer.

Strategic Planning Update: Implementing the Vision

Jean Holcomb, Strategic Planning Chair
King County Law Library, Seattle, WA

With nine months of activities to show for their efforts, the members of the strategic planning committee have taken giant steps toward realizing their individual and committee commitments to this exciting, first ever, project for SCCLL. The goal of this project is to create a climate of continued growth and success for our Section.

Many of us have participated in strategic planning or strategic visioning exercises in our own libraries, in our larger parent organizations, or through our involvement as a volunteer in other professional organizations. From past experience we all remember the excitement generated during the development of the plan. Sustaining the initial level of excitement and institutionalizing a living, breathing implementation process, however, may be a feeling few who design plans ever experience.

The members of the SCCLL Strategic Planning Committee and the Chairs of our Section’s committees whose 1999-2000 committee charges include strategic plan initiatives proudly report that the excitement generated during the plan development process continues to be generated during year one of the plan’s implementation.

Evidence of progress can be seen in this edition of the newsletter through articles and the reports of the other committee chairs. Evidence of progress can also be viewed by examining the contents of the new SCCLL Web site. The activities listed
below illustrate the pace at which goals have been met.

Strategic direction #1 Changing Perceptions: We must provide our members with the tools and skills to educate their customers and the governing bodies who provide their financial support, so the contributions of member librarians are recognized and they receive necessary financial and political support.

Completed
- a new membership brochure
- an article for the SCCLL newsletter soliciting member authors for targeted publications
- a tracking program to recognize section members who have written articles or columns

Underway
- a media/public relations toolkit template for marketing to governing boards

Strategic direction #2 Strengthening Membership: We must identify and recruit law librarians who are not currently members of SCCLL and strengthen our relationship with existing members.

Completed
- the development and publication of information about a campaign entitled “Each One Reach One” to encourage SIS members to actively reach out to solicit new members and to recognize SIS members who bring in new members

Underway
- in response to the revisions of the AALL Bylaws to include members of law library governing bodies as members of the association and section, the development of a “mini-CONELL” for trustees to be held for the first time at the Philadelphia meeting
- the establishment of a network of liaisons to AALL chapters to distribute SIS news and to recruit new members

Strategic direction #3 Enhancing Communications: We must develop a more diversified communication network for our members.

Completed
- the development and implementation of an active SCCLL Web site
- the development of activities to foster increased member usage of the SCCLL listserv
- the implementation of a plan to secure advertising for the SCCLL newsletter to help defray publication costs

Underway
- the publication and distribution of the SIS newsletter three times a year on a timely basis

A successful strategic planning process doesn’t stop with one year’s activities. By not trying to do everything the first year, we’re creating a sustainable planning culture. The attention of the Strategic Planning Committee now will focus on preparations for institutionalizing the planning process.

When incoming Chair Regina Smith prepares the charges for the 2000-2001 committees, those initiatives not included in this year’s plan will be folded into the work plan for next year’s committees. Projects currently underway will be reviewed. Because the drafters of our initial strategic plan envisioned that the plan could be completed in two years, the Strategic Planning Committee has developed an outline of how the next two-year plan will be created during the year ahead.
The success we’ve witnessed during the first nine months of activities rests on the pride each section committee has taken to ensure that the initiatives that fall within their areas of responsibility are developed and implemented.

Great SCCLL Educational Programs at AALL in Philly

Anita Shew, Education Chair
Butler County Law Library, Hamilton, OH

Want to know how to cope better in your library, to impress your staff, users, and administrators? Attend the SCCLL programs at the AALL Philadelphia meeting! Mark these SCCLL sponsored programs on your schedules:

Our Sunday morning lead-off program at 10 am is Claudia Monte, noted consultant and trainer who will speak on “Managing the Dynamics of Change in the Law Library.” And who doesn’t need a refresher in dealing with constant change ourselves as well as smoothing the path for staff, library users, and administrators. (A-3)

Sunday afternoon at 1 pm, discover how efficient communication means much more than a quick e-mail and how appropriate etiquette in today’s business world improves your image. “Dialogue on Respect in the Workplace.” (B-7)

Monday morning at 10:15 am, join MaryAnn Archer, Richard Lindberg, Lee Warthen, and Kathy Carlson for a discussion of expanding your resources and better assisting your users by partnering with your area public libraries. “Widening the Gateway to Legal Information: Building Partnerships with Public Librar-
ies.” (D-8)

Monday afternoon at 1:45 pm, learn how to make your meeting time more productive through “S.M.A.R.T. Meetings: A How-to Approach” (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-linked). (E-4)

Tuesday morning at 10:45 am, Sarah Andeen with Karen Anderson, Bob James, and Ruth Schaldach present “I Can Help You: Legal Information vs. Legal Advice: A Customer Service Perspective.” (G-3.) (Not SCCLL-sponsored, but certainly a frequent SCCLL issue).

Wednesday morning at 8:45 am, don’t miss the lively exchange on “Internet Filtering in the Workplace” with our own Susan English and Ruth Fraley as well as judicial and firm representatives. (J-5)

Enjoy these as well as many other great programs at AALL in Philadelphia this year.

Membership Committee

“Each One—Reach One” Chapter 2

Kathy Carlson, Membership Co-Chair
Wyoming State Law Library, Cheyenne, WY

As some of you may know, Committee Chair Mary Ann Archer has switched jobs to (gasp!) an academic law library. She is now doing reference at William Mitchell Law School Library. We wish her well! Tim Lewis (Alabama State Law Library) and myself have taken over as co-chairs and are going to push forward with the membership campaign that Mary Ann began— “Each One, Reach One.”

The “Each One, Reach One” effort is going to depend on the participation of ev-
The SCCLL Special Interest Section of AALL is actively seeking volunteers to work on committees from July 2000 through July 2001. We need you, as the business of our SIS is carried out entirely by volunteers who commit their time and energy for the benefit of our member libraries. Don’t be shy, we are actively seeking new and old members to become involved in the workings of SCCLL. This is your opportunity to become connected and to make a difference.

What’s in it for you? The chance to network with colleagues and meet new people, to make a difference in the field of law librarianship, to learn new skills, and believe it or not, to have a lot of fun. Please respond as soon as possible, as I would like to have all committee chairs appointed by the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. It would be wonderful if our committee roster was overflowing by that time.

**Committee Opportunities:**

- Awards
- Bylaws
- Education
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Nominations
- Publicity
- Standards
- Statistics
- Strategic Planning
- Trustee Development

Please indicate your first or second choice. You can sign up for more than one committee if you wish.

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Are you new to AALL or SCCLL [joined within the last 2 years]:       AALL        SCCLL

Please return completed form by **June 15, 2000** to:

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very SCCLL member. If you know of a law librarian, or anyone else who is “interested in the objectives of the Association and in legal information,” including, students, non-library employees of the information industry, judges, court administrators, and members of library governing boards, who you feel should be a member of AALL and, more specifically, SCCLL, the Membership Committee is going to depend on you to make a recruitment effort. The Committee will provide what assistance it can but local grassroots efforts usually prove to be more effective.

To aid in your recruitment efforts, the Committee is in the process of developing a recruitment packet which will be made available through regional committee liaisons (Membership Committee members charged with the job of coordinating efforts in their geographic areas). As it stands now, the recruitment packet will more than likely contain a recruitment checklist, sample letters, a SCCLL brochure—with a testimonials sheet, and a list of benefits of membership to work into your presentations. If you know of anything else which should be included, please let Tim or myself know.

The Committee is also in need of some additional regional liaisons. Mary Ann sent a list to Tim and me indicating that the following people have already volunteered but you can see we do have some geographical gaps.

California:—Eveline Van Cutsem
Northeast/New England: Charlie Kalogeros-Chattan
Southeast: Tim Lewis
Midwest: Jeff Meyerowitz
Mountain/Pacific: Kathy Carlson

Also, some of these regions are very large and the volunteers could benefit with some help. So if you want to become involved, here is a great opportunity. All volunteers gratefully accepted.

To change gears, it is also that time of year when experienced law librarians should consider participating in the AALL Mentoring Program. It really doesn’t take that much time and the benefits are tremendous. Mentors have the opportunity to share their expertise from the field and encourage our newer colleagues to become involved in the Association (and SCCLL) and in return they have the opportunity to reexamine the profession with someone who has a fresh new outlook and is armed with the latest and greatest (?) library theories. When you see the form or receive an e-mail request, please consider offering your talents.

To shift gears again, we want to make sure we recognize our long-term members appropriately at the Philadelphia meeting. If you have been an AALL member for 20 years, have spent at least 10 of those 20 years as a member of SCCLL, and have not yet received your SCCLL recognition pin, would you let Tim or myself know as soon as possible? Thanks.

See you all in Philadelphia!

Proposed SCCLL Bylaws Revision

John Eichstadt, Bylaws Chair
Harris County Law Library, Houston, TX

The Bylaws Committee is pleased to present one additional proposed revision of the SCCLL Bylaws. This change is to be added to the major Bylaws revision which is already scheduled to be voted at during the annual meeting this July. This additional revision occurs in Article
IX. The current Bylaws and the revision both allow the Bylaws to be suspended. The Bylaws Committee has identified two potential problems with allowing the membership to do so:

1. Both Sturgis and Robert’s (the two leading Rules of Order) heavily frown on “suspension” of bylaws.

2. The ability to suspend the Bylaws could lead to the abuse of the rights of the minority. At the same time, the Bylaws can always be properly amended by simply taking a few more steps and probably spending a little more time, but without any potential for abuse of minority rights.

After carefully reviewing this matter, the SCCLL Executive Committee has decided to recommend to the membership that the “suspend” language in Article IX be removed from the Bylaws.

Reprinted below is how Article IX will read if the major Bylaws revision is approved at the July meeting. This is followed by how Article IX will read after Article IX is further amended to remove any “suspension” language. Publication of this proposed revision to the Bylaws here serves as your notice that a vote on its adoption will be taken during the SCCLL business meeting in Philadelphia.

We would like to extend our thanks to the SCCLL Chair, Shirley David, and to the rest of the SCCLL Executive Committee for their review of this matter. We also appreciate the efficient review of this latest change by the AALL Committee on Bylaws, William Cooper, Chair.

REVISED ARTICLE IX AS INITIALLY PROPOSED:

Article IX: AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended, adopted, repealed, or suspended at the annual meeting of the Section, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, assuming a quorum is present. Notice of proposed bylaw changes must be given to members of the Section at least thirty days before the vote is to be taken on the amendment change. At its discretion, the Executive Committee may schedule a vote by mail ballot as an alternative to conducting a vote at the annual meeting. If a mail ballot is used, these Bylaws may be amended, adopted, repealed, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members voting. Any amendment must be presented to the AALL committee on bylaws for review.

REVISED ARTICLE IX AS FURTHER REVISED WITH SUSPENSION LANGUAGE DELETED:

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Ah, spring again! As our appreciation of global warming grows, it’s time to survey the literati to see what’s on the summer menu. Before we begin, however, let us pause to ponder for a moment the following meditation on the act of reading. It appears in the May 11, 2000 issue of the New York Review of Books in a review by John Russell of a biography of the French surrealist painter Balthus by Nicholas Fox Weber:

In the Picasso Museum Jean Clair has charge of Balthus’s The Blanchard Children. . .which Picasso bought in 1941 and bequeathed to the Louvre. This is how Jean Clair sees the painting:

[The two children] have just returned from school, a satchel has been thrown under the table and the boy has not yet taken time to undo his plaited leather belt or to remove his gray smock; his sister is already down on all fours, absorbed in a book and he, resting his chin on his hand, is already lost in his dreams. From floor to ceiling, all of space is theirs, and with it, the possession of time.

Reading, as portrayed in this picture, is neither a task nor a chore. It is what Clair calls “the weightless time of the free and agile soul, capable of elevation, like a free flight, in an absent-minded sort of reading, a floating, almost negligent attention which, because it merely brushes up against things, allows one to catch their scent without destroying what contains it.”

CRIME: REAL & IMAGINARY

As always, our thoughts turn first to murder and mayhem, both real and fictional. Leading off this year’s list is A Taste For Murder: Diabolically Delicious Recipes From Contemporary Mystery Writers by Jo Grossman and Robert Weibezahl. Cool your jets. It’s not a how-to manual, it’s a cookbook. “Everything from red herrings to just desserts,” as one reviewer noted, the highlight has to be Robert B. Parker’s recipe for boiled water. (Eileen Shousher, please take note.)

1. Pop Goes the Weasel by James Patterson
2. Family Honor by Robert Patterson
3. Hunting Badger by Tony Hillerman
4. The Hook by Donald E. Westlake
5. A Cold Day For Murder by Dana Stabenow
6. Buried Lies by Conor Daly
7. Actual Innocence: Five Days To Execution and Other Dispatches From the Wrongly Convicted by Barry Scheck, Peter Neufeld, & Jim Dwyer
8. Just Revenge by Alan Dershowitz
9. Contempt of Court: The Turn of the Century Lynching That Launched 100 Years of Federalism by Mark Curriden & Leroy Phillips, Jr.
10. Court-Martial at Parris Island: The Ribbon Creek Incident by John C. Stevens
11. With Justice For None: Destroying an American Myth by Gerry Spence

POETRY

One of the surprises in this year’s survey was the amount of poetry recommended. It is encouraging to think that, despite the best efforts of English departments across this great land of ours, the appreciation of this art form is not
yet dead. The law library will give free coffee for the whole year to anyone who can name the Toledo attorney who wrote a thesis on one of these titles.

1. *Beowulf*, translated by Seamus Heaney
3. *Purgatorio* by Dante, translated by W.S. Merwin
5. *Tales From Ovid*, translated by Ted Hughes
6. *Paradise Lost* by John Milton

**POPULAR & LITERARY FICTION**

There were fewer titles recommended in this category this year. Nevertheless, the list covers a broad range of tale-telling. My own choice in this category is recommended to those of you who found yourselves trapped in *Titanic* without benefit of a barf bag or a supply of insulin. It is Beryl Bainbridge’s wry telling of the story, *Everyman For Himself*. Both the prose and narrative are lean to the point of starkness, but Bainbridge manages to approach the cosmic issues without becoming mystical or sentimental.

1. *The Voyage of the Narwhal* by Andrea Barrett
2. *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf
3. *White Man’s Grave* by Richard DiLegge
4. *Voyage of the Devilfish* by Michael DiMercurio
5. *War and Peace* by Leo Tolstoy
6. *House of the Dead* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky
7. *Charleston* by Alexandra Ripley
8. *Beach Music* by Pat Conroy
9. *A Gesture Life* by Chang-Rae Lee
10. *The Last Days of the Dog Men* by Brad Watson
11. *The Museum Guard* by Howard Norman
12. *Empress of the Splendid Season* by Oscar Hijuelos
13. *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen
14. *Indian Summer* by William Dean Howells
15. *The Charterhouse of Parma* by Stendhal, translated by Richard Howard

**BIOGRAPHY, MEMOIRS & PETS**

It’s a convenient grouping, OK? Besides, the books are good.

1. *My Dog Skip and My Cat Spit McGee* by Willie Morris
2. *My Dog Tulip* by J.R. Ackerley
4. *Victoria’s Daughters* by Jerrold M. Packard
5. *A Hole In the World: An American Boyhood* by Richard Rhodes

**ADVENTURES ON LAND AND SEA**

Turn to these titles when the press of business prevents you from indulging your wanderlust. Do be careful, though. There’s a lot of disaster and danger here.

1. *A Walk In the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by Bill Bryson
2. *To the Top of Denali: Climbing Adventures on North America’s Highest Peak* by Bill Sherwonit
3. *A Perfect Storm: A True Story of Men Against the Sea* by Sebastian Junger
5. *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by Nathaniel
Philbrick

HISTORY

Like the poor, the past is always with us, perhaps more so than we would like to admit. Our award for succinctness in this category goes to the headline writer for the New York Times Book Review who captioned a review of Frances FitzGerald’s Way Out There In the Blue: Reagan, Star Wars, and the End of the Cold War “Ronald Reagan’s missile shield is still alive, though it shows no signs of consciousness.”

1. Hitler’s Pope: The Secret History of Pius XII by John Cornwell
2. The Great Shame: And the Triumph of the Irish in the English Speaking World by Thomas Keneally
3. Code Name Downfall: The Secret Plan to Invade Japan—And Why Truman Dropped the Bomb by Thomas B. Allen & Norman Polmar
4. Twilight of the Hapsburgs by Alan Palmer
5. Patriotic Gore: Studies in the Literature of the American Civil War by Edmund Wilson
6. Confederates In the Attic: Dispatches From the Unfinished Civil War by Tony Horwitz
8. Freedom From Fear: The United States 1929-1945 by David M. Kennedy
9. The Black Room at Longwood: Napoleon’s Exile on St. Helena by Jean-Paul Kaufmann

FUN & MISCELLANY

The following books didn’t fit any other category, are intended to amuse, or had titles that alone justify their inclusion. Those of you with real fortitude might wish to essay Julian Jaynes’s history of the human mind, The Origin of Consciousness In the Breakdown of the Bicameral Mind (not to be confused with The Origin of Consciousness in the Breakdown of the Bicameral Legislature which deals with the Nebraska constitutional convention). Good reading, and enjoy your summer. There will be a quiz in the fall.

1. American Fan: Sportsmania and the Culture that Feeds It by Dennis Perrin
2. Red Lobster, White Trash, Blue Lagoon by Joe Queenan
3. The Art of Happiness: A Handbook for Living by the Dali Lama
5. Wayward Nuns In Medieval Literature by Graciela Daichman
6. The Anti-Federalist edited by Herbert Storing
7. Naked Pictures of Famous People by Jon Stewart
8. Why Not Me?: The Inside Story of the Making and Unmaking of the Franken Presidency by Al Franken

SCCLL Member News

John Pickett is the new director of the Johnson County Law Library in Olathe, Kansas. John was formerly a law librarian with the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Kansas City, Missouri.

Elaine Thomas of the U.S. Court Library in Portland, Oregon has been promoted to assistant librarian and is currently designing and building the new intranet site for the Ninth Circuit Library Sys-
The King County Law Library in Seattle, Washington now has an official Web page at [http://www.kcll.org](http://www.kcll.org). The site offers information on the library, its collections and services, and provides legal research links.

Meredith Hoffman, formerly a reference librarian at Howrey & Simon in Washington, D.C., is the new reference librarian at the State Law Library of Montana in Helena. She says she’s still adjusting the much slower pace in the ole’ West!

The Washoe County Law Library in Reno, Nevada will celebrate the 85th anniversary of its opening on June 27, 2000.

The San Francisco Law Library Web site, [http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfl](http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfl), has recently been redesigned to be more attractive and easier to navigate. The content has also been expanded. In addition, the law library’s catalog is now fully automated and available online at the library’s catalog Web page [http://sflawlib.ci.sf.ca.us](http://sflawlib.ci.sf.ca.us). The San Francisco Law Library is also now offering patrons free access to Loislaw.

The UALR William H. Bowen School of Law/Pulaski County Law Library announced the introduction of the Arkansas Legal Index (ARLI), an index to Arkansas secondary legal resources, on the Web at [http://themis.law.ualr.edu:81](http://themis.law.ualr.edu:81). ARLI is based on an index originally created by the Arkansas Supreme Court Library. At present it contains indexing to all volumes of the three major Arkansas legal periodicals, over 5,200 articles. More titles will be added in the near future. [THEMIS](http://themis.law.ualr.edu) the online catalog of the UALR William H. Bowen School of Law/Pulaski County Law Library is expanding to include the holdings of the Arkansas Supreme Court Library.

Oakland County Law Library in Pontiac, Michigan, celebrated Law Day, May 1, 2000 with an open house. Almost 260 people enjoyed legal research computer and Internet demonstrations, refreshments (some of them homemade!), vendors’ guest premiums, and chances to register for free drawings. Staff used Law Day to introduce Shepard’s Public Access Program to government employees, the public and the legal community. Available on two of the library’s publicly accessible computers, this new service provides current online citation validation, plus full text case law retrieval from all jurisdictions, with no per line or per usage charges. Vendors from LEXIS Publishing and Shepard’s trained 125 attendees to use the new product. Law library staff revamped their Web pages for the occasion, and added some tips on legal research to the homepage. Take a look at [http://www.oakland.lib.mi.us/oaklaw.htm](http://www.oakland.lib.mi.us/oaklaw.htm). This event was co-sponsored by the Oakland County Library Board, Shepard’s Public Access Program, and LEXIS Publishing.

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The San Diego County Public Law Library is making some exciting changes! In an effort to meet the needs of all our users, they are now offering two classes in addition to our normal reference service, and will soon be adding e-mail ref-
erence! They are also working on our Web page and will be adding some new features soon.

First, they are offering a class called “Law Made Public.” It is offered year-round and teaches basic legal research to the public. While only offered monthly right now, this class has been filled to capacity each time it’s been offered and it may be offered bi-monthly in the future. It was designed by, and is taught by, Amy Hale, a law librarian who has been with SDCPLL for about eight months.

The other class has been created and will be taught by the library’s newest addition to its reference staff—Judith Lihosit. The second class is geared for summer associates at firms that are library members. It is a seasonal class that will be more in-depth than the first class since it presumes that most summer associates have some kind of legal research knowledge. More legal research classes, including several on how to assemble legislative histories for California and federal laws, are in the planning stages and will be coming soon.

As part of our continuing service, SDCPLL staff have been compiling and updating bibliographies in frequently researched areas such as:

- elder law
- domestic violence
- age discrimination

The library’s Web page will soon include a link to these bibliographies so they can be accessed remotely.

Speaking of their Web page (http://www.sdcpll.org), they are preparing to add an “Ask a Librarian” button to the site which will allow patrons to ask questions via e-mail.

SDCPLL is always striving to meet its users needs and better serve its community. If you have any programs that you conduct that you’d be willing to share, they’d love to hear about it! Just e-mail either Amy at ahale@sdcll.org or Judith at jlihosit@sdcll.org.

-The Idaho State Law Library’s third annual Spring Art Exhibit opened on Law Day, May 1, 2000. The show features oil paintings, watercolors, and photography by Idaho attorney/artists, and will run throughout the month of May.

Following Marvin Anderson’s model of compiling a “Judge’s Book” for retiring members of the Minnesota Supreme Court, the staff of the Idaho State Law Library prepared two books in the last year and a half. First, upon the retirement of Justice Johnson, the staff compiled Book One in the “Faces of Idaho Justice” series, a book entitled A Man to Match Our Mountains: Idaho Supreme Court Justice Byron J. Johnson (1999). Then, following the untimely death of Idaho District Judge George Granata, the staff compiled a small “chapbook” of letters, articles and pictures, entitled Judge George G. Granata Jr.: A Thorough, Thoughtful Professional (2000). Copies of the book were given to Judge Granata’s family and will also be given to the recipients of the George G. Granata Jr. Professionalism Award, an annual award to the Idaho trial judge who best exemplifies the professionalism evidenced by Judge Granata.

**Job Opportunity**

The Miami-Dade County Law Library is seeking a highly motivated, energetic and innovative, creative, team-minded and service-oriented Executive Director. Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. In addition, this
position offers excellent benefits. Responsibilities: Supervise, direct and manage the staff and services of the Miami-Dade County Law Library. The position responsibilities of this pro-active leader will include human resource management, policy planning and implementation, collections management and maintenance, budget development, financial accounting, and facility coordination.

Qualifications:

- Required - (1) Master’s Degree in Library Science from ALA-accredited institution; (2) Five years of high level experience in law library administration that included substantial supervisory responsibility, direct delivery of law library services, and preparation and management of budgets; (3) Excellent oral and written communications skills. Preferred - (4) Master’s degree in Business or Public Administration or Law; (5) Experience in law library public service, library space planning and design; (6) Demonstrated experience reflecting innovative use of technology.

To apply: Submit a current resume reflecting all of your background that relates to the stated qualifications and a cover letter clearly indicating why you are interested in, and qualified for, this law library position. Send your application materials to: Andrew Z. Adkins, III Director, Legal Technology Institute University of Florida Levin College of Law P.O. Box 117644 Gainesville, FL 32611-7644, (352) 392-2278 (voice), (352) 392-3005 (fax).

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