I had lunch with a colleague this week who I hadn’t seen for quite a while. Our conversation ranged over several topics and led in a round about way to volunteering, community service and to sharing assistance and information with other colleagues. She related a story that reminded me that sometimes we all need a little extra push when it comes to helping each other. Generally, these occasions are rare but sometimes life overtakes us all and we don’t see what needs to be done. However, keeping our eyes open and stepping up to the plate with a helping hand benefits both individuals and the profession at large.

We all have more than enough to do, but now, more than ever, is the time to examine critically what we do in our community above and beyond the call of our jobs and other responsibilities. Indeed, our SCCLL mission exemplifies a philosophy of sharing, speaking up, and volunteering:

The State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section fosters professional excellence and a strategic place for law libraries in their parent organizations by providing a common and open forum for collaborative networking, continuing education, and advocacy opportunities for its members and their libraries.

One of the most heartwarming examples of our SCCLL community working together to ensure continuing education is our annual Silent Auction. It is by SCCLL for SCCLL. Each year the auction raises funds for our fellow members to attend either the AALL Annual Meeting or the Equal Justice Conference. I am very pleased to report that this year’s Silent Auction has raised $4201 to date. That includes $810 raised after the July meeting in response to my challenge. Let me lead a big round of applause to Barbara Fritschel for coordinating the 2009 Silent Auction and agreeing to coordinate the 2010 Auction as well. It is never too soon to start sourcing out items for next year’s Silent Auction. Pick up an interesting trinket or small picture when you are traveling. Stitch up an extra pair of mittens this winter or turn out an extra piece of woodworking. I challenge...
everyone to contribute something to next year’s auction.

Another initiative that will continue this year is the monitoring of reductions and closings in state, court and county law libraries. This fits right into the advocacy part of our mission. We will be working closely with the Government Relations Office in addressing these issues. Please be sure to keep us up to date when you hear of changes in status of our member libraries. The efforts of our colleagues in Ohio this past year prove that we can make an impact.

One of my personal goals this year is to think about and hopefully to institute some innovative staffing ideas and job descriptions at the Toronto Lawyers Association Court House Library. I would like to hear from you how you have updated and turned job descriptions around in our challenging environment. How do you sell something new when “we’ve always done it that way.” How do you persuade the higher-ups that the library would benefit from new or changed staffing positions? Why not post a message to the SIS listserv, sccll-sis@aallnet.org, so that we can begin the discussion. The listserv is our forum to network and discuss issues of interest to one another.

From the Editor
Jennifer Dalglrish, SCCLL News Editor

When I began compiling this issue, the sun was visible and wearing a coat in to work was the last thing on my mind. Members were sending me articles filled with descriptive accounts of their experiences at the AALL Conference during the middle of a D.C. summer. Some of these articles included: The Second Time Around by Cynthia Matano, Thanks for Sending Me to AALL by Susan Falk, Introduction to Government Documents by Benita Ghura, SCCLL Members Participate in Prisoner and Pro Se Roundtable at AALL by Amy Hale-Janeke, and To D.C. and Back by Mari Cheney. Also from D.C., are the minutes from the 2009 SCCLL regular business and Board meetings. As I lay this issue to bed, the sky is gray and my coat is hanging on the hook in my office. For a tale that’s sure to warm your heart in this brisk weather, go to the next page and read about the appreciative generosity of a Washington County (PA) Law Library patron.
Diamonds Are A Law Library’s Best Friend
Nancy Weiss, Washington County Law Library (PA)

One Washington County (Pennsylvania) Law Library researcher is so appreciative of library resources that he has donated a blue diamond to benefit the library. The .41 carat weight blue fire natural diamond arrived "out of the blue" from donor Jack C. Duvall, Jr.

In a letter accompanying the diamond, Duvall wrote “...When my father died last February [2008], as the oldest son of the family, certain items including family assets were given to the surviving children. He wanted the family to find a way to use some of the assets for the benefit of other individuals. I can think of no better choice than the Law Library. Over the last twenty three years, I have benefited far more than worth or value of the diamond by having the information contained in the law library available to assist me as a law enforcement administrator, two tort claims and information on contracts and the Pennsylvania public school Code.”

When law librarian Nancy Weiss took the diamond to local McNary Jewelry Store for an assessment, jeweler Joe Ames verified that the stone was an authentic diamond, color-enhanced to heighten its blue hue. Ames also donated a 14 karat gold setting and mounting that turned the loose gem into a beautiful diamond ring, sized at 6 and-a-half. A local appraiser, Lewis Green, chipped in his services and appraised the ring’s retail value at $1,100.

Debbie O'Dell Seneca, President Judge of the Washington County Court of Common Pleas, asked Washington County Bar Association president, Joe Fox, for assistance. Founded in 1867, the law library is a department of the Court of Common Pleas and is funded by the Washington County Commissioners. The Bar Association annually recommends attorneys to serve on a committee which assists the court and the law librarian with the purchase of resource materials.

Since the diamond, setting and appraisal were donated, the bar and the library hope patrons with a similar soft-spot for the law library might be willing to pay more than the appraised value to show their support. Therefore, Fox decided to draw the Bar Association’s charitable foundation into the project. “A key part of its mission is to support public information and educational initiatives and law-related education, such as that provided by the law library,” agreed Bar Foundation board chairman Denny Phillips.

The Bar Foundation will accept “silent” bids for the ring, with the minimum bid set at $400. Since the Bar Foundation is a charity, if the highest bid is more than the fair market value of the item, the donor may claim a charitable contribution
SCCutLLebutt?
Sandra Phillips, SCCLL Newsletter Committee

We’ve had one submission to date, “SCCutLLebutt”, in our new contest to give this newsletter a name. So, we’ve extended the deadline. SCCLL News is an accurate and descriptive title, but we’re hoping that a catchier name with some pizzazz would be better! “SCCutLLebutt” definitely has some pizzazz, but there surely has to be more opinions on the matter.

If you have an idea of what to name our newsletter, please enter the “Name our Newsletter” contest. You could win an SCCLL mug, notoriety, and bragging rights. Email your contest entries by January 15, 2010 to: SCCLL Newsletter Committee “Name our Newsletter” contest at: Sandra_Phillips@ca2.uscourts.gov or jenniferdal@co.clackamas.or.us.

Of course, if you like the current title of this newsletter, SCCLL News, and would like it to remain as is, then please let us know that, too!

“The law library will then use that grant to purchase resource materials for the court and county staff, attorneys and the general public -- thus bringing Duvall’s donation full circle.”
Charley's Corner
Judicial Elections and Legal Discourse
Charles R. Dyer, Consultant and Retired Director of the San Diego County Public Law Library
All views expressed in this column belong solely to the author.

The day before sitting down to write this column, I attended a day-long conference on “Judicial Independence”, put on by the Washington State chapter of the American Judicature Society and Seattle University School of Law. The conference was good, with several high-level judiciary luminaries, including former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor and the chief justices for the States of Washington, Wisconsin, Texas, and Utah. What was said was interesting, and the audience was appreciative. But, for me, what was not said was also instructive.

The first session began with a review of the Caperton v. Massey Coal Company case. A Pennsylvania Supreme Court justice was unseated by a challenger whose electoral campaign was mostly paid for by the Massey Coal Company. Subsequently, the new justice became the deciding vote in favor of the Massey Coal Company in a reversal of a trial court award of $50 million against Massey. The facts were obvious in that the challenger did not file for the election until after the lower court judgment and the total money spent on the campaign by the company was several times that of the incumbent, yet he won by only a small margin. The election had been bought, and, subsequently, the new justice refused to recuse himself from the case on several occasions. This case went to the U.S. Supreme Court, where, in a 5-4 decision with Justice Anthony Kennedy authoring the opinion, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court’s decision was reversed and remanded. The court held that Caperton was denied due process when the justice failed to recuse himself. The case had further notoriety in that Chief Justice John Roberts wrote what some labeled a “scathing dissent,” in which he included a list of 40 questions intended to spell out the “slippery slope” on which the U.S. Supreme Court had supposedly embarked. (So far, there haven’t been any slippery slope cases.)

Later sessions at the conference were mostly spent arguing for or against judicial elections. Justice O’Connor clearly favored the lifetime appointment process of the federal bench, even though 90 percent of the judges in the United States face an election at some time during their judicial career. She had been instrumental in Arizona’s change from contested judicial elections to the use of a commission to screen candidates for gubernatorial appointment. Judges in Arizona now face
retention elections after a few years, but no direct challengers. (If a judge loses a retention election, the commission-originated appointment process begins again.)

So the panel discussions hinged on preferences for the three types of judicial retention policies—lifetime, retention elections, contested elections (both partisan and non-partisan)—and the appointment process for vacant seats—complete gubernatorial choice or limited by commission screening. Surprisingly, Washington State Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, who in 2006 had fended off a challenger who was heavily financed by a building industry association that is opposed to Washington’s Growth Management Act, remains in favor of contested elections.

There were, of course, many nuances drawn by the participants. The audience had an opportunity to submit written questions that were answered by a panel during the last session. It was clear that everyone in the auditorium understood the conversation.

The whole conference, with better than 200 participants, was conducted in a highly abstract legal discourse. Only a small percentage of non-law-trained members of the public would have understood the goings on. We had a few: One panelist was the *Seattle Times* legal correspondent. A couple others were political scientists at universities and think tanks, and one was a campaign manager who specialized in judicial elections. I can’t swear that any of them might not also have had a law degree anyway. I daresay that many law librarians, while fully capable of understanding the words spoken, would have felt uncomfortable because they were unfamiliar with the topic.

There was very little discussion about the underlying discourse. At one point, a panelist noted that, in a larger community, a trial judge will sometimes request a re-assignment away from a notorious criminal case because he has an election coming up. The notion is that an unpopular ruling in favor of a defendant’s rights may give shrift to a challenger to present negative TV ads. Other cases, such as those involving school districts, also get passed on. The notion is that it is hard for the public to understand the protection of a minority right in the face of majority opinion.

Rather than dealing with the assumptions implicit within their discourse, panelists generally agreed that the loss of a good, constitutional perspective by the public was due to the inadequacies of civic classes at the high school and college levels. Rather than dealing with the assumptions implicit within their discourse, panelists generally agreed that the loss of a good, constitutional perspective by the public was due to the inadequacies of civic classes at the high school and college levels.”
“classist” tone, as if the people are somehow different from the respected members of the legal community.

Of course, ever since the founding of our country, there has been an issue of how much voice to give the general population in the running of its government. The Jacksonian revolution, the Civil War and the resulting constitutional amendments, the 19th Amendment, all these things gave more and more people the right to participate in their government. Originally, the lifetime appointments for federal judges was meant to be a method of avoiding having the President of the United States control the judiciary with the same control that the King of England enjoyed prior to the Revolutionary War. Now, it appears that this method of judicial selection is meant to lessen the control of the judiciary by the Congress, and through them, the people.

One fact that indeed speaks to the underlying expectations implied in the discourse was the discussion of the influence of money on public elections. Although there was no vote taken, I felt that there was a consensus in favor of publicly financed judicial elections, reasoning that such elections could not then be bought and judges would presumably be less biased. It was remarked that publicly financed elections tend to favor incumbents because the incumbents are generally better known, but then so do privately financed elections for much the same reason. In a publicly financed race, a challenger who is better known, say a former state legislator or a talk show host, would have some advantage. A privately financed challenger who is already famous might also have that advantage plus a greater ability to raise funds. The real issue is a challenger who is “bought and paid for” by someone interested in a particular judicial result to a case.

The 2006 Washington State judicial elections were an interesting event from a discourse perspective. Since the building industry candidates were so well financed, the threatened incumbents were able to raise substantially more funds than usual, so at least some members of the public figured out what was happening. Although the TV ads and other literature had a lot of vituperative material, the general discussion (the political discourse of this election) began to focus on the issue of preserving the Washington State Growth Management Act (or alternatively, doing away with it through judicial decision). The incumbents all won their elections, so it might be presumed that there was a majority of voters who preferred to keep the Growth Management Act.
There was also a group of voters who were simply annoyed that the challenge to the Growth Management Act was being handled in this way, so one can’t be certain that the vote was a referendum on the Growth Management Act per se. (That the building industry financed the judicial challengers was likely due to the fact that the building industry has been unsuccessful in forging a majority in the state legislature, which in the minds of many is where the battle belongs.) Evidently, the people “got it.”

I, for one, am rather more respectful (than most of the attendees at the conference) of the ability of regular citizens to understand the nuances of legal discourse if the discourse is presented openly and not in an elliptical manner wherein the discussants are presuming a lot of background information. Note that, in spite of the high level of confusing and vituperative discourse going on in this lengthy health care debate, the polls have continued to show a rather steady preference (about 77 percent) for there being a public option. That is probably due to the fact that most people already have some personal clue about this debate, a loved one or friend who was denied coverage from his insurer, a friend who lost a job and thus lost coverage, etc. That so many members of Congress fail to recognize that poll result seems to be due to the influence of the health insurance industry on campaign contributions.

I wonder if the conference attendees might well be influenced in their opinion of the ability of ordinary citizens to understand judicial elections by their opinion of the competence of self represented litigants in their courts. Of course, the legal discourse barriers are far more significant in the courtroom. As we law librarians know, most self represented litigants have greater difficulty understanding the procedural aspects of their litigation than the substantive law aspects. They don’t understand why the procedure is so obtuse, and many of us who work in the Self Represented Litigation Network often wonder that as well. Let me suggest that, in a judicial election, the substantive law, e.g. the continuance of the Washington State Growth Management Act, is readily understandable. But the more complicated procedural aspects, such as laws of evidence in a criminal case, are harder to fathom and more susceptible to misinterpretation as to the motives of the judges, thus providing shrift to challengers for the wrong reasons.

I am reminded of the findings of John Greacen and Richard Zorza from their videos studying courtrooms where judges engage self represented
litigants in court, i.e., explain procedures and what rulings mean. They found that nearly all the litigants actually comprehend what is happening to them. The exception is those litigants needing court interpreters, which seems to be due to the cultural competency issues involved in translation.

So perhaps the call at the conference for an increase in civics classes devoted to the role of judges is right on point. What I would recommend is that all high school students be taken through a full criminal court case, and perhaps through a civil court case as well, with full explanations of the procedures, including pre-trial procedures. They might then understand the constitutional rights of defendants. They might then understand the role of judges and do a better job voting in judicial elections. They might even do a better job for themselves when they show up in court as self represented litigants. But to do this, we will have to be able to make the procedures more understandable, far more understandable than we do with our present system, as good as it is, of classes, videos, and workshops for self represented litigants.

Discourse is the result of the human process of leaving out as understood the repeated aspects of our knowledge. We as members of the legal community know what a court room looks like and who all the characters are who participate in its functioning. We know the procedure, we know the roles of the participants, we know how the “game is played.” We know it so well that we forget that we know it so well.

When next you, as a representative of the legal community, interact with a self represented litigant, remember not only that you will have to help the litigants overcome the knowledge barrier presented by the use of legal discourse, but also the political and social ramifications of what you do. A better prepared self represented litigant is also a better citizen, who understands the courts better and votes for judges for better reasons.

Minnesota Creates County Law Library Organization
Liz Reppe, Dakota County Law Library

A new organization has been formed in Minnesota to represent the interests of county law libraries. The Minnesota Coalition of County Law Libraries (MCCLL) was created by the librarians who manage the seven metropolitan county law libraries, the St. Louis County Law Library, Wright and Sherburne County Law Libraries (which share a law librarian), and the State Law Library.
The purpose of the Minnesota Coalition of County Law Librarians is to provide a forum for policy discussion; information exchange; county law library improvement and mentorship; professional development; and to assist and act as an advisory body to the Chief Justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court, the Minnesota Judicial Council, Judicial Administration Directors, the State Court Administrator and county court administrators.

MCCLL has full and associate membership. Full membership is open to County Law Library Managers who wish to join, the Director of the Minnesota State Law Library, and the County Law Library Program Coordinator of the Minnesota State Law Library. A County Law Library Manager is any individual whose primary responsibility is that of managing a county law library for any county in Minnesota. Full members may vote and hold office. Associate members may include other county law library staff, including non-librarian staff assigned with the responsibility of maintaining a county law library. Law Library Board of Trustee members may also be associate members.

The organization has two offices: Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Liz Reppe (Dakota County Law Library) has been elected Chairperson and Brian Huffman (Washington County Law Library) has been elected Vice-Chairperson. If you have questions about the organization, please feel free to contact Liz or Brian.

New Digs for the Minnesota Washington County Law Library
Brian Huffman, Washington County Law Library (MN)

The Minnesota Washington County Law Library moved in June. We now occupy the fourth floor of the South Tower in the Washington County Government Center. This move is temporary until the renovation of our permanent space is completed. The target date for our permanent move is January 2011. Until then we have an enviable view and can even see Wisconsin from our conference room which we have called the Wisconsin room as it houses our Wisconsin collection. The law library is staffed by a full time law librarian, and two part time staff (law librarian and Senior Court Specialist). We operate a self service center and have a weekly family law clinic. Visit our website at http://www.co.washington.mn.us/info_for_residents/lawlibrary/.
10 for 2010 Challenge!
Barbara Fritschel, Silent Auction Chair

First of all, I would like to thank all who contributed to the silent auction, either through donations or purchases, and to Anne Matthewman’s challenge grant. Between those two activities we have raised nearly $4,000 for grants for 2010.

I am once again counting on the generosity of our members to try and fund an additional grant. I am offering a challenge of $10 for 2010. I will match up to $250 of new monies for grants. All I am asking is that you send in $10. Of course, if you would like to send in more money, that would be greatly appreciated. Please send your check to SCCLL treasurer Amy Hale Janeke at U.S. Courts Library, 600 Camp Street Room 106, New Orleans, LA 70130.

The Second Time Around
Cynthia Matano, California Department of Justice
Attorney General’s Office in San Francisco

Thank you to the State, Court, & County Law Librarians Special Interest Section for awarding me the travel grant. Without this generous support I would not have been able to attend the valuable AALL Annual Meeting that took place in Washington, D.C. As a newer law librarian (not quite two years in my position) attending the meeting was an event that I had been looking forward to this year. Last year, I had attended the Annual Meeting for the first time. With so many session choices and the number of attendees, I felt overwhelmed and probably didn’t take advantage of as many opportunities as I could have. I had only been working at my current position for a few months and was still learning about law librarianship since I had just come from a position at a financial institution. This year, I was feeling a little more confident in my professional status after being in the same position for over a year, having a better perspective on the roles librarians play in my department, and becoming familiar with people in my local chapter. I was looking forward to the AALL Annual Meeting not only to learn through the organized programs but also the opportunities to meet others from the larger law librarian community.

Before the meeting even started, I was sitting in the hotel lobby waiting to meet my roommate. Since I must still have that ‘green’ new librarian look, a seasoned librarian introduced herself and we began chatting about the Annual Meeting. In the course of our brief conversation, she gave me a few pieces of advice that she
had been given when she first started attending conferences and which I am sure many readers have heard versions of as well. The first was to go ahead and talk to strangers at the conference (which is what she had done with me). You may end up meeting a future co-worker, a possible employer, a potential employee, a valuable resource or a great friend. The second was to attend at least one session on a topic that is outside of your normal scope. You never know what you will learn. This reminded me of one of the initial topics of discussion in library school, “How do you know what you don’t know?” Though I had heard similar nuggets of advice before I thought I should really try it out at this meeting.

Saturday evening I attended the Pacific Chapters Joint Reception. Though I had come to know some people in my local chapter, I had not met many people from other chapters or other areas of the country. I applied the first piece of advice and introduced myself to strangers. Meeting a lot of new people the first evening was a great way to start off the meeting, since I continuously ran into these same people over the next few days either in passing or in sessions. Seeing these familiar faces made the experience less overwhelming. To be able to discuss and share a few words about the sessions during the breaks made all the information easier to digest. I kept the ball rolling and tried to speak with different people throughout the course of the meeting.

Applying the second piece of advice was an easy task since I am still fairly new to the profession. One topic that is not part of my regular activity is high-profile marketing since the library I work in has a defined clientele. Attending the session, Marketing Mojo: Get Smart with Design, on Monday was a departure from the rest of my agenda. In this session, Suzanne Morrison and Gretchen Ehlen from the U.S. Courts 8th Circuit Library reviewed the process they went through in designing their library logo using principles of color and design. They then gave examples of how they used these ideas to make their library’s material more eye-catching to the users of the library. Additionally, they had creative event ideas that drew users to their library such as a paper airplane contest where many of their judges participated. This opened my eyes to ideas that could attract the attorneys and staff to our library who do not frequently use the many library and information resources that are available to them.

In addition to attending scheduled programs and events, one informal get-together that was a valuable experience took place on the last day of the meeting. As a librarian in the California Attorney General’s Office, I did not know any librarians outside of my co-workers who work in this type of
environment. My supervisor thought that this year’s Annual Meeting was the ideal opportunity to meet librarians from other state Attorney General offices. A handful of librarians from various state Attorney General offices gathered for lunch and casual information sharing. During this time we were about to find out the similarities and differences in our shops as well as get to know the other professionals in our small group.

Over the course of the meeting, I attended the Diversity Symposium, 12 programs, the SCCLL Business Meeting, and spent quality time in the exhibit hall. Overall, my experience this year was educational, productive and fun, full of opportunities to share information and network. My only regret is that I did not have time to take in the sights of Washington DC. I look forward to Denver to learn more from our professional community, reconnect with colleagues, and to make new acquaintances.

“Overall, my experience this year was educational, productive and fun, full of opportunities to share information and network.”

Thanks for Sending Me To AALL in Washington, D.C.
Susan Falk, Alaska State Court Law Library

After learning that the court system could not afford to send me to AALL’s annual meeting in the current economy, I was thrilled to receive a travel grant from SCCLL to attend this year’s conference in Washington, D.C. Thank you members for the generosity that translated into several travel grants this year!

As this was my second annual meeting, it was interesting to view the proceedings with a very-slightly-more knowing eye, and compare the Washington D.C. conference with last year’s meeting in Portland. The biggest difference for me personally was that I didn’t attend CONELL this year. Although I was sorry to miss the instant group of new colleagues and lunch mates this year, I was happy to see some familiar faces from my CONELL class in D.C.

I started this year’s conference by collecting tickets at the opening event. The Library of Congress was a fabulous setting for the reception, and I was happy to meet so many people streaming through the doors. Afterwards, I roamed the beautiful library, sampled the goodies on the dessert tables, and was generally thrilled to be surrounded by law librarians.

Most of my favorite sessions were crowded into Sunday. The opening session was a great start to the conference. I wasn’t sure how anyone could follow David Pogue’s hilarious presentation in Portland, so I was pleasantly surprised by
Jonathan Zittrain’s inspiring and entertaining keynote speech. After the keynote I attended the SCCLL Librarians and Trustees luncheon. It was a treat to meet Richard Zorza from the Self-Represented Litigation Network, and to see Chief Judge Robert M. Bell of the Court of Appeals of Maryland receive the 2009 SCCLL Law Library Advocacy Award.

Sunday afternoon’s sessions did not disappoint either. I attended the LISP program on online interactive court forms for self-represented litigants. Before the program, I thought interactive forms meant fill-in PDFs. The actual interactive forms were eye-opening – more like video games than court forms! I was excited to see how this software could help guide self-represented people through the labyrinth of the court system. My next session, Emerging from the Cocoon: Innovative Ways to Reteach Legal Research to Externs and Summer Associates, gave me fresh ideas for the new law clerks trainings I conduct each fall. Finally, I attended the LISP/SCCLL joint session in which Charles Dyer and Richard Zorza discussed the Access to Justice Revolution.

After this very full day of programs and content, my head bursting with new ideas, I hit the SCCLL reception at Regional Food and Drink, where I watched my governor resign on the big screen, then headed to the Gen X/Gen Y social hour at Busboys and Poets, where I won a caucus t-shirt. Having started my day early with the Hein Fun Run, I was exhausted!

### Introduction to Government Documents Librarianship – Presented by Government Document SIS Group

Benita Ghura, San Diego County Public Law Library

For those interested in carving out a specialized niche within law librarianship, the 2009 AALL program: “Brave New Frontier of Government Document Librarianship” was a useful introduction to the practice of a Government Document Librarian.

A Government Document Librarian serves an important and essential role in promoting and providing access to government information. To assist the Government Document Librarian, Congress established the FDLP Desktop to facilitate the Federal Depository Library Program by providing resources for managing, administering and promoting the use of federal government documents through federal depository libraries. The FDLP Desktop provides collection management tools, tutorials and articles describing latest trends and...

For the new Government Documents Librarian, managing the collection of federal information may seem a daunting task as government documents cover a wide spectrum of topics. To assist in this endeavor, the FDLP Desktop provides a collection management tab to give access to collection development resources including a list of classes, basic collection titles, documents data miner 2 (a library management system for federal documents) and other essential titles for public use. After assembling the collection, the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications is the authoritative site for cataloging the government publications (available at: http://catalog.gpo.gov). Using these tools, the Government Documents Librarian can create a collection to meet the specific needs of the library’s users.

For additional assistance and help, the Government Documents Librarian has access to the GPO (Government Printing Office) Federal Digital System at http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/, a comprehensive site for government documents and the Federal Regional Librarian. The Federal Regional Librarian receives the complete government document collections and is an invaluable resource to the Government Document Librarian. You can find your regional librarian through the FDLP Desktop site.

Armed with these resources and tools, the Government Document Librarian can begin to acquire the skills and knowledge needed to successful manage and disseminate federal information to the public.

SCCLL Members Participate in Prisoner and Pro Se Roundtable at AALL
Amy Hale-Janeke, SCCLL Secretary/Treasurer

During the AALL meeting, SCCLL teamed up with the Social Responsibility (SR) SIS and the Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP) SIS to host a roundtable on prisoner mail and self represented litigants.

I spoke about prisoner mail policies, and Larry Meyer shared the information he gathered relating to self represented litigants at this year’s Equal Access to Jus-
Prisoner mail policies can be tough to write and even tougher to maintain. Law libraries with prisoner policies fall into one of three categories: (1) no help, (2) help, but with a charge and (3) help, but with paper or time limits.

Category 1 libraries are usually do not have the budget or staff to deal with prisoner mail. They tend to be small law libraries, hybrid libraries (in a public library) or libraries open only to attorneys. Libraries in category 2 tend to be larger, such as a university law library or a large public law library. Category 3 libraries tend to fall somewhere in the middle size-wise and can be a court library, a state law library, or other government entity.

Participants in the roundtable discussed policies in place in their institutions and came up with several ideas:

- If your library doesn’t fund answering jail mail, petition the local bar administration for a grant to defray printing and postage costs. Get in touch with the administrators of your state’s prison facilities. Send them a letter introducing yourself and your policies. Include a copy of AALL’s Recommended Collections from the 3rd Edition of Werner’s Manual for Prison Law Libraries (Edited by Rebecca S. Trammell, 2004). Contact the Department of Justice to see what is being done about violations of prisoners’ rights of access to the courts. Contact your local ACLU chapter and see if you can work with them or find out info from them.

- After being involved in prison mail policies for a few years, Ann Hemmens and I decided that what we really needed was a clearinghouse of information for law libraries who either want to develop prisoner policies or who need information to help answer prisoner mail. So I started a private Google wiki to collect sample prisoner policies, how-to’s, booklets, and most requested documents. We have had participation in the wiki from libraries across the country. To access the documents, go to [http://sites.google.com/site/responsesjailmail/](http://sites.google.com/site/responsesjailmail/) and ask to become a member of the wiki.

After the prisoner mail session, Larry spoke about the Equal Access to Justice Conference he attended in Orlando this year thanks to a grant from SCCLL. He said the ABA strongly promoted the conference and attendees hailed from throughout the US and Canada. Law librarians formed a smaller contingent than normal at the conference and he hoped that next year’s conference in Phoenix would have a higher number of law librarian participants.
In discussing the substance of the conference, Larry said the law librarians at the gathering participated in both a pre- and post-conference meeting of the Self-Represented Litigants Network (SLRN). During those meetings, the law librarians participants used the opportunities presented by a smaller setting to impress upon other attendees the importance of public law libraries and law librarians in assisting the self represented litigant and the underrepresented litigant. Law librarians also volunteered to serve on a number of sub-committees for this upcoming year which will help to further the partnership between the law libraries and the other constituent groups.

In concluding his remarks, he mentioned some of the sessions he attended, including one featuring Richard Zorza and Judy Meadows, the State Law Librarian for Montana. He said that session, along with many others, again gave the law librarians an opportunity to share what they do and how they serve the public.

Larry finished up by encouraging members of SCCLL to apply for the EJC grants for next year and to become an active participant in SLRN.

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To D.C. and Back: Conference Report from a Grateful Grant Recipient
Mari Cheney, Utah State Law Library

Treble thanks to the SCCLL Grant Committee for providing me with funds to attend this year’s annual conference in Washington, D.C., where I had the pleasure of meeting many SCCLL members at our business meeting and various conference sessions. Last year, I spent most of the meeting interviewing for a job, so I consider this to be my first real conference experience. I enjoyed catching up with friends at the “Penny Party” (for UW graduates), seeing the Library of Congress after hours at the opening reception, and volunteering at the hospitality booth and Recruitment to Law Librarianship table. I also had the unfortunate experience of seeing some unsavory, illegal activity on the way to an early morning meeting, but that’s another story.

I am very interested in how technology can assist patrons and provide enhanced access to library services, so I was excited that this theme was discussed in both formal and informal settings. Those included LISP’s session, “Online Interactive Court Forms for Self-Reps: The Library’s Role,” SCCLL’s session, “Serving Those Who Serve,” and the LISP/SR/SCCLL Joint Roundtable on “Library
Services to Pro Se Patrons and Prisoners.”

The session on online court forms provided me with examples of how other court systems are enhancing services to patrons with user-friendly additions to their court forms sites. Kate Bladow, with probono.net, demonstrated court forms that provide simple definitions of legal terms that the litigant can click on for more information. The forms created through a program like A2J protect the user as they are password protected and the user is assured of the authenticity of the documents. For more information, check out A2J (http://www.kentlaw.edu/ caji/A2JAuthor.html) and SelfHelpSupport.org.

The “Serving Those Who Serve” session discussed resources for service-members, their families and veterans. This session was especially important to me because of the large number of troops located in Utah who are deployed by a number of military branches. The federal government sponsors a website that lists resources by category and location, including military support programs and non-profit homefront groups. Additionally, the Better Business Bureau has a dedicated military line to provide assistance for servicemembers and their families. For more information, visit www.ourmilitary.mil and http:// www.bbb.org/us/military.

At the joint roundtable, we discussed services to prisoners and pro se litigants. Technology is being used to enhance services to prisoners through the Jail Mail wiki, a place for librarians to discuss library policies as related to prisoners and to share sample documents, including initial letters outlining costs and research parameters, as well as rejection letters. For information about the wiki, contact Amy Hale-Janeke at Amy_Hale-Janeke@ca5.uscourts.gov. During the services to pro se litigants portion of the roundtable, we discussed how technology may benefit our patrons as EBSCO now provides access to Nolo titles. We also discussed how we have to be cautious with this addition to the EBSCO database, as some titles may be outdated, yet not removed from the system, or a patron may select a state-specific title and rely on wrong information.

This annual meeting inspired me to submit a program proposal for next year’s meeting in Denver. While it’s still a few weeks before I hear whether the proposal was accepted, I thank SCCLL for giving me the opportunity to go to the annual meeting, where I was inspired and renewed in my appreciation for this profession.
2009 SCCLL Meeting Minutes
Amy Hale Janeke, SCCLL Secretary

Business meeting called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Marcus. Notes of meeting taken by Amy Hale-Janeke.

At 7:35, Marcus asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was made by Regina Smith, seconded by Sara Galligan. Motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer Report - Amy Hale-Janeke
The 2008 Business meeting minutes were sent out over the listserv. She asked for a motion to approve those minutes. Motion was made by Charles Dyer, seconded by Larry Meyer. Motion carried. Financial reports have been sent out over the listserv but she also brought 50 copies and they are available on your table. Total fund balance is $42,232.86.

President’s Report - Marcus Hochstetler
Marcus made a few announcements first. He reminded the audience of the “LISP Interactive Forms” program at 1:30 p.m. in Convention Center Room 157. And the “Serving those who Serve” program which would be in Convention Center room 156.

He said how proud he was to have served as president for SCCLL and humbled by the amount of time, energy, and money contributed by its members. He thanked everyone for their hard work and efforts.

He welcomed the newest additions to the SCCLL board: Kathy Carlson, Vice Chair/ Chair Elect (2009-2010) and Joan Bellistri, Member-at-large (2009-2012). He thanked the secretary, Amy, for setting up and running the completely electronic election.

The SIS is doing a lot of good all over the nation by providing resources to struggling law libraries and support for state, court, or county law librarians. It has been a tough year and many law libraries are either closing down or closing their doors to the public. A nationwide database is in the works to track these struggling institutions so that SCCLL can provide help at an earlier time and track their progress.
He commended the members of each of the SCCLL committees for updating and revising their charges and for adding 40 new members. He said the 2009 County Public Law Library Standards would be up on SCCLL’s website soon.

He mentioned the Silent Auction and that it helped raise funds for two grants for SCCLL members to travel to and participate in the Equal Justice Conference (EJC) in Orlando. He said that our participation in the EJC conference not only promotes law library services, it also allows law librarian attendees to stay informed about new legal resources and services being delivered by the legal aid community.

We also raised enough money from the Silent Auction to fund five grants for members to attend the annual conference. He thanked Barbara, Tammy Henderson, and Amy for running last year’s Silent Auction. He thanked Barbara and Amy for running it for this year as well.

The Awards Committee awarded the inaugural Law Library Advocate Award to the Honorable Robert M. Bell of the Maryland Court of Appeals. He will receive the award plaque at the SCCLL-SIS Librarians and Trustees Luncheon and give a short speech.

**Longevity Awards - Kathy Carlson**

These awards are given out to those who have been AALL members for 20 years with at least 10 of them in SCCLL.

Judith Fitts Ambler  
Keith Blough  
Vicki Lee Brown  
Barbara Campbell  
Kathy Carlson  
Carol Ebbinghouse  
Mark Folmsby  
Colleen McConaghy Hanna  
Claudia Jalowka  
Mark Linneman  
Patricia McDermot  
Anne McDonald  
Susan McGahey  
Irene Milan  
John Moore  
Max Peaster
Eugene Preudhomme
Karen Quinn
Lynn Sanchez
Theresa Schmid
Deborah Ward
Angela Wollam

Bethany J. Ochal Award presented by Barbara Fritschel
The award is presented to a State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section member who has made a significant contribution to law librarianship and who is nearing the end of his or her library career or who has recently retired.

There were five recipients this year:
Shirley Hart-David
Charles Dyer
Cosette Sun
Barbara Golden
Anne Grande

Charley said a few words and thanked everyone. Cosette said Bethany was a good friend and she was honored to receive this award. Other recipients were not in attendance.

Committee Reports -- Annual reports posted on SCCLL website at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/sccll/about/committees.htm
Announcements –  
Marcus reminded the membership about the two alternative programs – Interactive Forms and “Serving Those Who Serve.”

Cathy Lemann reminded everyone of the Nolo Press Electronic Project. There is a movement to get NP to turn all their pubs into electronic format. For more information, contact Cindy Campbell at dept.lawlibrarian@gmail.com.

SRLN/EJC Update - Marcus Hochstetler  
See President’s Report above.

Sunday Reception- Anne Matthewman  
Tonight’s reception will be at 6:30 p.m. at Regional Food and Drink and is sponsored by Wolters Kluwer. Members will receive one free drink ticket per person at the door.

Other Business – none

Swearing in of New Officers-  
Officers were sworn in by Judge Shellyanne Chang, the VIP from the Sacramento County Public Law Library. She swore in Kathy Carlson, Marcus Hochstetler, Anne Matthewman, Joan Bellistri, and Amy Hale-Janek.

Passing Symbols of Office- Marcus Hochstetler  
Marcus said it was a pleasure to work with all the board members and as a token of his thanks, he gave all board members a personalized note pad, pen, and zip drive. Amy gave Marcus a dragon bookmark she stitched for him as a “thank you” for all his hard work.

At the last, Marcus handed over the gavel to Anne Matthewman and wished her the best in her term.

Words from Incoming Chair - Anne Matthewman  
Thanks Marcus. We have all benefited from your hard work this year and it has been a pleasure to work with you. I want to present you with a small gift to express our thanks. This is a “Canadian” gift which I hope
will guarantee all your dreams are profitable and restful ones. (She gave him a Canadian-made dreamcatcher and some chocolate fudge.)

I would also like to congratulate and welcome the new Board Members and thank Judge Chang for making sure we are legitimately in place.

As we move into our next phase, I ask you all to remember our mission:

The State, Court and County Law Libraries Special Interest Section fosters professional excellence and a strategic place for law libraries in their parent organizations by providing a common and open forum for collaborative networking, continuing education, and advocacy opportunities for its members and their libraries.

I hope that you will all work together with us through our committees to ensure we continue our mission of advocacy and education. Many committees have ongoing work, our procedures manual is in process, and of course our newsletter and website continue to improve. If you have not looked at the website recently I suggest that you do so. It is chockful of interesting and useful information.

Please remember that we need you for committee work. If you haven’t contacted me yet, or signed up at the door please do so.

And remember, it is never too soon to start sourcing out items for next year’s Silent Auction.

Thank you and enjoy the conference.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

2009 SCCLL Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Amy Hale-Janek, SCCLL Secretary/Treasurer

Participants:
Sara Galligan, Past Chair
Marcus Hochstetler, Chair
Anne Matthewman, Vice-Chair/Incoming Chair
Amy Hale-Janek, Secretary/Treasurer
Barbara Fritschel, Board Member
Joan Bellistri, Member-at-Large

Call to Order

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: July 12, 2008 Meeting

Approval of 2009-2010 Nominating Committee (Article VII, Section 1)

Issues:
1. Advocacy issues – County and Court Budgets, Anne Matthewman
2. West Meeting, Marcus Hochstetler
3. VIP selection—Denver, Anne Matthewman
4. Special Committee on County Law Libraries, Larry Meyer
5. AALL Salary Survey definitions, Marcus Hochstetler
6. SCCLL Procedures Manual update, Marcus Hochstetler
7. SRLN update, Marcus Hochstetler
8. Equal Justice Conference update, Sara Galligan

Reports of Officers:
Chair, Marcus Hochstetler
Vice-Chair, Anne Matthewman
Secretary/Treasurer, Amy Hale-Janeke

Meeting was called to order at 3 p.m. by Marcus. Sara made a motion to approve the 2008 Executive Board Meeting minutes. Anne seconded. Passed with all in favor.

Anne discussed the work of the 2008-2009 nominations committee and commended them on their work. She then mentioned she would like to appoint Michelle Finerty, Regina Smith, and Janet to the 2009-2010 Nomination Committee. Barb made the motion, and Amy seconded. Motion passed.

Advocacy Issues – report by Anne. SCCLL is trying to keep track of what SCCLL institutions are having trouble with funding. Barb started a chart that allows people to see where an institution is at a glance. Anne will email people to ask for help from regional libraries. Mary Alice Baish asked the board to coordinate with her since she AALL’s government relations specialist. She may have insights or expertise that we can use. Anna asked all board members to sign up for Mary Alice’s blog, advocacy listserv, and RSS feed.
Oregon has had attacks on their funding, have no state support, and are looking at instituting subscriber fees.

New Jersey Court says they don’t want to fund law libraries and have started reducing amounts of money allocated to the libraries. They are in a holding pattern right now.

Connecticut is also having issues. Michigan may have problems with the state library. Sara said she’d be the contact point for Michigan & Minnesota. She said a lot of bills went thru her legislature but it’s too soon to know the impact of those bills.

West Meeting - 7:30 a.m. Monday morning. We need to ask them about anti-cancellation clauses as BNA is starting to use them.

VIP selection for Denver- We need to touch base with Colorado librarians so we can get legislators to the meetings. This is more important than ever.

Special Committee County Law Lib. Laura Orr, Larry Meyer, and Marcus are putting together a website for non-AALL libraries to help them. But other than saving domain names, they haven’t moved on it yet. One of the goals of the committee is to do outreach to these law libraries that are known but not AALL members. Many of them just have part time staff. Sara suggests “The Value of a Law Librarian” be sent to these libraries. Barbara suggests checking with local AALL chapters to see what they have done as far as outreach to these libraries.

Salary Survey - Marcus sent out a definition of reference librarian to the listserv and received some feedback. From that, he put together a more comprehensive definition and that will be included in the next salary survey.

Procedural Manual - hasn’t gotten too far but Marcus found a handbook for SIS officers in the stack of all the newsletters. Currently it is 47 pages but that can be reduced. Anne pointed out that AALL has changed its resolution policy and it might affect our SIS bylaws.

SLRN update- AALL has discontinued official representation due to financial considerations and won’t give $5,000 to SLRN. Larry won free registration for next year to Equal Justice Conference so that will help.
Charley, Sara, & Larry will continue to be involved in SLRN. Richard Zorza is the SCCLL VIP at this meeting.

Equal Justice Conference - report from Sara - this was a very good meeting & we had lots of activity at the Exhibit Table. They are very casual re: Exhibit Booths. The cost to exhibit is only $250 for non-profits. Melissa Barr & Larry were there for the pre-conference and discussed training public librarians in legal research. LISP has pathfinders for 28 states so that’s a good start. Amy has a PowerPoint about teaching legal research to non-law librarians and she’ll send it to Marcus.

PLA is in Portland in 2010 so we need to think about attending. At ALA, we got a “table talk” exhibit and discussed things with about 30 people.

Reports of Officers: Copies of annual reports were sent to the SCCLL listserv. Had a good year for travel grants. Challenge grants brought in about $1,000.

Review Business Meeting agenda/announcements - will try to end by 8:30 a.m. Barbara has statements from Barbara Golden and Shirley Hart-David to read for the Ochal award since they can’t be there to accept it.

Marcus’ Report- Highlights for the year. We had a good year but many are fighting for their jobs. The good news is that we have about 40 new committee volunteers since last year. This year, we will have the committee sheets set up at the sign in table at the breakfast and see if we can get more.

Anne’s Report- All committees have someone in them. All have chairs and members. We’ll have committee sign up sheets at the business meeting too. Betsy Vipperman, chair of the standards committee, wanted to know if we still need the standards committee. Marcus says yes we still need it. We don’t want to disband a committee. They review stuff every 5 years. Joan has given the standards to Marcus and we’ll vote on them tomorrow. Coral Henning got one of her judges to come and do the swearing in of officers. The oath will be slightly different- you will be swearing allegiance to SCCLL.

As far as the reception, we aren’t having endless drinks or fancy food. I found a roll of tickets and each member will receive one free drink ticket at the door. Location is at a sports bar but we have a private room with a private bar. We’ll have pub food with two hot dishes. May go slightly over budget, but that’s not a problem. We need to thank Wolters Kluwer for their sponsorship and play that up. Please be there and drag people with you. We’ll have a card with a map on it
at the business meeting so people won’t get lost.

We will be called on to give our input for AALL’s Strategic Plan. And Leadership Training pointed out that community service projects can help us increase our visibility.

Amy’s Report - We have had about a dozen people ask if they can pay for the breakfast at the door. Marcus says we’ve ordered enough for an extra 10 people or so and thus we should be fine. The financials for the SIS have been sent to the webmistress and also posted to the SCCLL listserv. This is to conserve trees and create less paperwork for people to haul home or throw away.

Other Business
We co-sponsored a program with LISP on interactive forms. SCCLL is covering the cost of Kate’s meal at the luncheon. We don’t have a SCCLL program this year.
We need to approve a change to the Grant Committee Application that provides a broader base of applicants. The wording that has been changed is “intent.” Intent means the person received and used a grant. We are doing this in case the person gets a grant from another source and returns the funds to SCCLL. This way, they can be eligible for a SCCLL grant the following year. Anne made the motion. Sara seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment at 4:05 p.m.

FIRST CALL FOR SCCLL EXECUTIVE BOARD NOMINEES
SCCLL Nominating Committee

Please consider the following in our ongoing goal to keep our SCCLL SIS membership strong and to be an important and active component of AALL. Your participation in this process is vital. The deadline for nominees is December 7, 2009.

The SCCLL Nominations Committee is seeking Executive Board candidates for the following positions: **Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, Secretary/Treasurer**, and **Member-at-Large**. Each position requires a three-year time commitment, starting with the July 2010 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Denver, Colorado. SCCLL SIS members may nominate themselves or others.
• **Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:** serves for the first year as a member of the Executive Committee; is chair of the Strategic Planning Committee; attends the SIS leadership training at the annual meeting if possible; and appoints committee chairs for the following year. During the second year of the three year term, that individual becomes the SIS Chair, whose responsibilities include: prepare committee charges; coordinate committee work; write the Chair’s column for the Newsletter; attend the SIS leadership training at the annual meeting; serve on the AALL Council of SIS Chairs; coordinate SIS activities at the annual meeting; and preside over the SCCLL business meeting. The third year of the term is spent as **Past Chair**, and those duties are to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee and to advise the current Chair.

• **Secretary/Treasurer:** records the minutes of the SIS meeting; keeps the records of the organization, including the financial record; gives a written account of the funds of the Section when requested to do so by the Executive Committee; and prepares such documents as directed by the Chair. The **Secretary/Treasurer** also oversees the distribution of the official ballot for the Executive Board election no later that April 1. Ballots are sent electronically, but SIS members may receive a mail ballot upon request to the **Secretary/Treasurer**. The **Secretary/Treasurer** verifies current membership of each voter.

• **Member-at-Large:** serves on the Executive Committee as a voting member, and may serve as a committee chair or be assigned other responsibilities by the Chair.

To nominate an individual, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members:

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AALL Announcements

AALL2go Open for Business

AALL is proud to announce that AALL2go, AALL's new online learning center, is open for business! The new site offers you specialized continuing education programs designed specifically for law librarians. The convenient online format allows you to expand your knowledge base and gain new skills right from your desktop—no travel is required, and it’s open 24/7. Also, AALL2go is fully searchable, so you can quickly find material targeted to your areas of interest.

The site now includes:
- audio recordings from the 2009, 2008 and 2007 AALL Annual Meeting and Conferences
- 14 free videos from the 2008 and 2009 AALL Annual Meeting and Conferences for AALL members only
- coming soon: archived webinars and more recorded continuing education programs from 2006 to present, including more than 50 free programs for AALL members

AALL Opens New Online Career Center

AALL recently launched a new and improved interactive job board, the AALL Career Center. Designed specifically for law libraries and legal information professionals, the AALL Career Center offers members and the profession at large a highly-targeted resource for online recruitment.

2009 AALL Salary Survey Available

The AALL 2009 Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics is available to AALL members. This new edition is the only source for up-to-date information about salaries for law librarians and other law library employees who work in academic libraries; private firms and corporate libraries; and state, court, and county law libraries. The survey was carried out this summer in complete confidentiality by Association Research, Inc., a professional research firm in Rockville, Maryland, that works exclusively with nonprofit organizations.

Printed copies are available for purchase; $110 for AALL members and $175 for nonmembers (contact orders@aall.org). An online version of the survey results is available to AALL members for free on the Members Only Section of AALL-NET: http://www.aallnet.org/products/pub_salary_survey.asp.
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**Grants**
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Carol Suhre  
Donna Williams  
Patti Worl  
Barbara Fritschel (Silent Auction Chair)  
Executive Board Liaison: Amy Hale-Janeke

**Joint LISP/SCCLL Committee on Pro Bono Partnerships**
John Pickett, Co-Chair  
Jean Holcomb

**Membership/Mentoring**
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Kathy Carlson (for longevity awards)  
Jennifer Laws  
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Member News & Announcements


Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, attorney with Montana Legislative Services in Helena, MT, was recently awarded a national award for producing a document considered to be "outstanding" by a staff section of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). Winning in the category of Innovative Advocacy was the Montana Legislator READ poster series, http://www.mtlib.org, produced by Lisa and Jim Kammerer at the Montana State Library. Created during the last legislative session these posters, featuring legislators and state and federal officials with their favorite books, with the words "We Support Montana Libraries" boldly written on them, were sent to libraries across the state of Montana. The Notable Documents judges were extremely impressed with the campaign and wanted to know how to engage legislators in their own states in a similar effort. "We loved it!" the judges wrote in the award letter. Over 50 legislators and state and national officials posed for the posters and over 200 copies of the posters were mailed free to libraries throughout Montana (libraries requested any posters they wanted). The photos were taken at a booth during a January legislator reception sponsored by the Montana State Library and then graphically imposed on the READ posters. This is the first time such an endeavor was undertaken in Montana. "We weren't sure how receptive legislators would be to having their photo taken for a READ poster, but they were delighted to do so," said Lisa. "We were overwhelmed with the response and we expect to generate even greater participation next session once legislators have seen what it's all about. Really, it a win-win situation for everyone," continued Lisa. "Legislators get their faces out there and libraries get "celebrity" support for their libraries. Everybody's happy!" The Legislative Research Librarians' (LRL) staff section of NCSL hosts an annual Notable Documents competition each spring in which states send in their best legislatively produced documents which are judged by a panel of information professionals on a variety of criteria including contribution to an area of significance to legislators and legislative staff, innovation in presentation of material, and promotion of understanding of government processes, functions, or relationships. This year, 12 documents nationwide were chosen as Notable Documents winners. All of the Notable Documents winners were honored for their excellence in exploring topics of contemporary interest to legislators and staff at a lunch at the 2009 NCLS Legislative Summit in Philadelphia and receive a certificate of recognition, as well as seals of note for the documents. Their works were also be showcased at the legislative summit.