There may be no such thing as a free lunch, but there might be such a thing as a free breakfast. The 110th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference is less than a month away and, as I mentioned in the previous issue, breakfast will be provided at no additional cost this year during our Annual Business Meeting & Silent Auction. This isn’t just some continental fare you can get in your hotel lobby, either. We’re going all out with eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, pastries, oats, grits, juices, coffee, tea and more! But wait, if a free breakfast buffet isn’t enough to entice you to join us, you might be interested in hearing more about all the other things our meeting has to offer.

We recently received feedback from a member concerned with our Annual Business Meeting being perceived as boring or a waste of time because there was no big draw. While it is true we may not have a nationally recognized speaker or educational session like some of the other SISs, our meeting is anything other than a dull time suck. Attending the meeting is a decision that must be made on an individual basis and my objective here is to provide enough information about our Annual Business Meeting to help you make the decision that’s best for you.

Gail Warren, our Silent Auction Chair Extraordinaire, sent out a message recently with all the details for the Silent Auction. The Silent Auction kicks off weeks before the meeting with online bidding and then resumes live during the Business Meeting. It cannot be stressed enough that the revenue from this auction provides funding for our members to receive grants that help them travel to and attend the AALL Annual Meeting & Conference, the Equal Access to Justice Conference, or take advantage of other professional development opportunities. This year, you will also have the opportunity to win an iPad mini! Each person who donates an item to the Silent Auction or makes a contribution ($15 minimum value) will be entered into the raffle. The winner will be announced during the meeting, but you do not have to be present to win.

In addition to the providing you with the opportunity to win some fun, unique and interesting items from all over the country, you will also have the opportunity to learn about all the things your section has been doing for you this year. After introductions, the business meeting is called to order. During the business meeting, you will have the opportunity to listen to your colleagues present...
View from the Chair, continued

Jennifer Dalglish, Chair

Agenda items, including the Chair’s Report, Secretary/Treasurer Report, and Election Report. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and listen to the answers to those questions and others. One of my favorite parts of the meeting is the presentation of awards.

The conference often serves as a source of inspiration and there are few things more inspiring than hearing about the achievements of your colleagues. There is also nothing as fulfilling as witnessing your colleagues receive well-deserved acknowledgment of their hard work, service and dedication. In addition to the presentation of many of our awards, this year, the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award will also be presented at our meeting. While I look forward to the awards, I also enjoy the Committee Reports section of the meeting.

The Committee Reports for each year can be viewed online, but there is something special about putting the faces with the work and seeing them receive acknowledgement for it. Each Committee Chair may offer a verbal report if they choose to do so. This year, our Technology and Membership & Mentoring Committees will be presenting a report on the mentoring program recently being rolled out (often referred to as The Skills Inventory Project). If you haven’t taken the survey, yet, you can do so here (www.aallnet.org/sections/gll.aspx). I’m looking forward to their presentation which will, of course, include a fun technology component and lots of information, as well as being educational.
View from the Chair, continued

Jennifer Dalglish, Chair

In addition to thanking our Sponsor, William S. Hein & Co., we often host a VIP. This year’s VIP, the Honorable Lora J. Livingston, will not only be swearing in our new officers but will also be presenting our Monday program on The Court’s Perspective regarding Self Represented Litigants. You can also expect her to provide us with a short speech during the breakfast meeting. In addition to Judge Livingston’s speech, we’re also planning a very special announcement regarding a long-time active member of our section. You’ll have to show up to see if his eyes well up and what he has to say! Then, after all business has been conducted, the new officers are installed. Do you know what the traditional symbols of office for our section are? If not, you might want to attend the meeting and see them get passed along. Finally, the incoming Chair shares a few words and adjourns the meeting.

While it is true there are advantages and disadvantages to attending an annual business meeting, in this case, the advantages should far outweigh the disadvantages. For many of us, this is the only chance we have to get together in person and participate in open discussions with other people we know are all experiencing similar things in their work environments (outside of our own, of course). Having breakfast with your colleagues in one big room provides a unique networking opportunity. You’re able to just look around and catalogue the faces, for example. Maybe you’ll recognize one or two at a later session and know they’re a government law librarian, too, and this newfound knowledge will empower you to go sit by them and maybe even strike up a conversation. Maybe you’ll get involved in a conversation with the woman to your left at the breakfast table that will later lead to a job opportunity. Maybe you’ll walk up to congratulate one of the award winners after the meeting and that brief encounter will later lead to an award-winning article. Maybe you’ll meet or reconnect with people who will become career-long friends and mentors. You just never know. But, suffice it to say, this breakfast meeting is our big thing. It’s your best opportunity at the conference to meet, reconnect and network with other government law libraries, give and receive information about government law libraries and this section and support your colleagues.

Now that I’ve rambled on and on about the breakfast meeting, allow me to also put in a plug for the Reception. Our incoming Chair, Holly Gerber, has been hard at work putting together what is sure to be an outstanding Monday evening Reception for our SIS at Uncle Julio’s (https://www.unclejulios.com/locations/austin/). For the first time ever (that we know of), we will have prizes! Unlike the breakfast raffle, you MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN one of four raffles that will be held at the reception. Bring yourself, your cash, Tex-Mex food appetite and your margarita craving! All proceeds will also go to support our member grants. You’ll probably be seeing a message from Holly in the upcoming weeks calling for volunteers for Committees. Start thinking about how you’d like to serve your Section next year, now. After all, there really is no such thing as a “free” breakfast.
From the Editor’s Desk

John Barden, Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library

I’ve heard many stories that wind up with: “Everything’s big in Texas.” Well, so is this Texas-anticipating issue of GLL News. Here are just a few highlights: news about grants recipients and fundraising; our upcoming silent auction; longevity recognition and retirements. Steve Anderson receives the Mersky Award and numerous other GLL members will be noted for outstanding achievements. Judge Lora Livingston returns to GLL as our VIP guest. First meeting tips, teasers for sessions and posters on models for delivering legal education and services, marketing, authorship, even Wikipedia. More about mentoring, an invitation to highlight your best practices as a government law library, reaching out to your best buddies in the government documents department, and news from the Equal Justice Conference. Finally, congratulations to Harris County Law Library on receiving a Texas Bar Foundation Grant, and to Lancaster County (PA) Law Library, which turns 150 years old this year.

Time to put the spurs on the cowboy boots and round up a ten-gallon hat. See you in Austin!

AALL Announcements

AALL TO JOIN INTERNET-WIDE DAY OF ACTION TO PROTECT NET NEUTRALITY

AALL will join major websites, internet users, and online communities in a mass day of action to save net neutrality on July 12, 2017. Working together with a broad network of pro-net neutrality organizations, we will provide tools to make it easy for you to take action. Learn how you can join us and spread the word!

Don't want to wait until July 12 to get involved? You can write to your member of Congress in support of net neutrality today using our Action Center.

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The GLL-SIS Reception (sponsored by LexisNexis) at AALL's Annual Meeting will be held July 17, 2017 from 5:00 pm through 6:30 pm in the Sun Room at Uncle Julio's restaurant: 301 Brazos Street, Suite 150 (Corner of 3rd & San Jacinto, 1 block from the Convention Center) Austin, TX 78701.

Like winning gift cards? This year, during the reception, we will be holding a cash raffle of four $50 gift cards, benefitting GLL grants to help members participate in professional development opportunities. Winners will need to be present to claim their gift cards.

Please RSVP to hlgerber@tarrantcounty.com by Thursday July 6th.
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section
Executive Board – Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, February 15, 2017, 3:05 – 3:20 p.m. Eastern
In Attendance: J. Dalglish, K. Browne, H. Gerber, J. Barden, J. Durham
Meeting Leader: J. Dalglish
Scribe: J. Durham
Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Eastern (conference call)

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Announcements:
- Jenn has received several thank you messages from TS-SIS (Technical Services) and OBS-SIS (Online Bibliographic Services) because GLL-SIS has agreed to contribute $1000.00 to help fund three AALL representatives to ALA’s Subject Analysis Committee (SAC), ALA’s Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA), and the MARC Advisory Committee (MAC). TS-SIS and OBS-SIS also are contributing $1000.00 each to the project.
- Some members of GLL-SIS may be unable to attend the annual AALL conference if Texas Senate Bill 6 (“bathroom bill”) passes. Some states (notably CA) will not fund employee travel to states that violate anti-discrimination standards. Holly stated that the bill has not had committee hearings yet.

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:
- The meeting agenda was approved unanimously, without amendments, with a motion from Jenn.
- Holly stated that the Education Committee is still working on a budget request.

Other Business:
- James provided the Treasurer’s Report. AALL headquarters forwarded the final version of the end-of-year financial statement (9/30/2016). The Restricted Funds (Resource Guides) account contains $14,394.50. The Unrestricted Funds (general account) contains $38,952.01. The total of both accounts is $46,135.73.
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Wednesday, February 15, 2017

- James thanked John Barden for publishing the election announcement and candidate biographies for the upcoming GLL-SIS election in the Winter / Spring 2017 issue of the newsletter. James has registered the election with AALL headquarters and corresponded with Christopher Siwa regarding procedures for the online election. The election will be held from Tuesday, March 28, through Tuesday, April 11.

- Jenn announced the results of her membership poll regarding scheduling of the annual business meeting in Austin. Votes were split evenly between scheduling as breakfast, lunch, or either. Because shifting the meeting to lunch might incur extra charges, the Board decided to keep the business meeting scheduled at breakfast. The silent auction also will be scheduled at breakfast, as per usual.

- Holly is still investigating venue options for the evening reception in Austin.

- Jenn stated that she has not yet received a request for letters to support PAGI / Oakley Award nominations.

Approval of Minutes:

- The meeting minutes from Wednesday, December 21, 2016, were approved unanimously, with an initial motion from Kelly, seconded by Jenn.

Action Items From This Meeting:

- Contact Gail Warren regarding holding the silent auction at the annual business meeting breakfast, as usual, in Austin. (Assigned To: James (liaison); Date Due: ASAP.)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section

Executive Board – Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: **Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 3:00 – 4:05 p.m. Eastern**

In Attendance: H. Gerber, K. Browne, C. Ebbinghouse, N. Adams, D. Cordova, J. Durham

Meeting Leader: H. Gerber

Scribe: J. Durham

Date of Next Meeting: **Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Eastern (conference call)**

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

**Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

- The meeting agenda was approved unanimously, without amendments, with a motion from Carol, seconded by Kelly.

- James confirmed with Gail Warren that the GLL Silent Auction would be conducted at the annual GLL Breakfast & Business Meeting in Austin, possibly with an online component preceding the conference.

- Holly stated that the GLL raffle in Austin will be for four gift cards (originally purchased for $200.00).

**Other Business:**

- James provided the Treasurer’s Report. AALL headquarters forwarded the financial statement (ending 12/31/2016). The Restricted Funds (Resource Guides) account contains $11,360.58. The Unrestricted Funds (general account) contains $34,775.15. The total of both accounts is $46,135.73. James reported that, since the issuance of the statement, $1000.00 had been withdrawn from the Unrestricted Funds by AALL headquarters as a donation to TS-SIS to co-sponsor representatives to technical services meetings, and $20.00 had been deposited in the Unrestricted Funds.

- James also provided the Secretary’s Report. He said that Christopher Siwa from AALL headquarters had been very helpful by providing instructions for creating the GLL election website. Of 450 persons on the GLL roster, 115 returned ballots. Thus, approximately ¼ of the membership participated in the election. Beginning in July, Robert Mead will serve as Member-at-Large (replacing Nancy Adams, whose term will end in July), and Joan Bellistri will serve as the Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect. James thanked
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, continued

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Madeline Cohen by telephone for her willingness to serve as a candidate. James will begin sending copies of important GLL e-mails (such as GLL Board meeting minutes) to Robert and Joan, so they will be prepared to assume office in July.

- In John’s absence, Holly stated that the next deadline for the GLL Newsletter will be June 9, with publication of the newsletter occurring at the end of June.

- Carol stated that the Publicity & Public Relations Committee had recently performed updates of the GLL website. The Committee has agreed to handle the GLL bulletin board at the conference in Austin.

- Kelly stated that the Membership & Mentoring Committee will be distributing longevity pins at the upcoming GLL Breakfast & Business Meeting, and will represent GLL at the CONELL Marketplace. The Committee will be placing an article on mentoring in the next issue of the GLL Newsletter. The Committee is in the preliminary stages of placing a skills inventory on the website.

- Holly reported that the Standards Committee currently plans to update the County Law Library Standards in 2020, and the Appellate Law Library Standards in 2021. The Committee is considering the importance of updating more frequently, such as every three years, to keep pace with technological developments. In that case, the County Law Library Standards might be updated in 2018, and the Appellate Law Library Standards in 2019.

- Holly reported that the Education Committee will be co-sponsoring the “Five Topics in Five Days” online discussion with RIPS-SIS and SR-SIS. The Committee would like to sponsor two programs at the Austin conference, including the one which will not be funded by AALL. Holly will request that the Committee check deadlines for room reservations, technology reservations, and appearing in the print conference schedule. She also will request that the Committee provide a tentative budget for the program. The Board unanimously decided to take an electronic vote through e-mail on the issue, after all of the information has been gathered by the Committee. Carol made the motion, seconded by Kelly.

- James presented a motion from Elizabeth Caulfield, Chair of the GLL Awards Committee, to update descriptive language for the GLL awards. The updated language will increase clarity of requirements and make the descriptions parallel with one another. The Board approved the new language unanimously, with a motion from Holly, seconded by Carol.

- James also presented a second motion from the GLL Awards Committee, requesting that the GLL Professional Publication Award should be renamed the Joel Fishman Professional Publication Award. The Committee provided background information on Dr. Fishman to support the motion. The Board approved the change unanimously, with a
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Wednesday, December 21, 2016

motion from Kelly, seconded by Carol. The change will be announced at the GLL Annual Breakfast & Meeting in Austin, and will take effect for awards in 2017 – 2018. As a side note, Dr. Fishman will receive the GLL Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession at the same event.

- Jenn Daiglish, Dan Cordova, and Mark Estes will receive the GLL Professional Publication Award. Dan actually will receive the award twice – once for the combined Spectrum article, and second for an article in the Colorado Lawyer.

- James mentioned that Donna Bausch from the GLL Awards Committee will handle obtaining the awards plaques from AALL headquarters for the GLL Annual Breakfast & Meeting in Austin.

- James presented a motion from Christine Morton, Chair of the GLL Grants Committee, requesting a 2017-2018 budget of $8,000. This proposal included a $1,000.00 grant for the AALL Leadership Academy; a $1,000.00 grant for the Equal Justice Conference; and three $2,000.00 grants for the AALL Annual Meeting. (The Thomson Reuters grant is funded by the vendor.) The Committee also requested that any unclaimed funds might be used for an open grant, with proposals from GLL members. The GLL Board discussed financial considerations, and decided to provide a budget of $6,000.00, for grants to the three mentioned events. The Committee may distribute grants in number and amount as they deem appropriate, but unclaimed grants may only be used to increase amounts of remaining grants for those three events (not for open grants). This level of funding is identical to the funding ultimately provided for 2016-2017. The original budget for that period was $4,000.00, but it was increased to $6,000.00 after a highly successful donation drive and silent auction by the Committee. Assuming another successful drive and silent auction, the Board decided to fund at the same level for the upcoming year. The Board approved the budget unanimously with a motion from Dan, and a second from Kelly.

- Holly said that she will provide an update on the GLL Reception in Austin during the next Board conference call. Jenn will send information on potential GLL Breakfast menus to the Board through e-mail.

- Holly stated that no one has provided staffing for the Vanderburgh County Law Library Resource Center for over a month.

- Holly stated that Maricopa County has re-opened its library, which has been re-named the Maricopa County Superior Court Law Library Resource Center. The library has been combined with a self-help center and protective order center.

- Holly said that AALL will be providing virtual training for executive boards over a seven-week period. She will send details, when available, to our Board.
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- Kelly mentioned that CONELL in Austin will include a speed networking event. The GLL Membership & Mentoring Committee wants to have a representative at the event to promote GLL-SIS.

- Holly mentioned that GLL usually sponsors a VIP (or two) at the annual conference, and that the VIP often performs the “swearing in” of new Board members. James said that he will speak to Elizabeth Caulfield, Chair of the GLL Awards Committee, about advertising for nominations. The deadline for informing AALL of VIPs is May 15.

Approval of Minutes:

- The meeting minutes from Wednesday, February 15, 2017, were approved unanimously, with an initial motion from Dan, seconded by Holly.

Action Items From This Meeting:

- Contact Awards Committee regarding VIP nominations and deadline. (Assigned To: James (liaison); Date Due: ASAP.)

- Provide breakfast meeting menus to Board. (Assigned To: Jenn; Date Due: ASAP.)

- Provide update on GLL reception. (Assigned To: Holly; Date Due: Next conference call.)

- Notify Dr. Fishman that the GLL Publication Award will be named after him, beginning in 2017-2018. (Assigned To: Jenn; Date Due: ASAP.)

- Obtain budget and deadline information regarding proposed sponsorship of conference program from GLL Education Committee. (Assigned To: Holly; Date Due: ASAP.)

- Provide AALL virtual training information to Board. (Assigned To: Holly; Date Due: When available.)
2017 GLL Grants Recipients

Christine E. Morton, 2016-2017 GLL Grants Committee Chair

Thank you to all members who submitted GLL grant applications for the Equal Justice Conference and AALL Annual Meeting. All applications contained well-written, compelling essays and the selection of grant recipients was a difficult decision for the committee. If you applied for a grant this year and were not successful, we encourage you to try again in 2017/2018.

The Grants Committee would like to congratulate the following GLL members who have been selected to receive grants to attend conferences in 2017:

- **Marcia Hannon**, Librarian, Kansas Supreme Court Law Library, Topeka, Kansas- $2,000 AALL Annual Meeting Grant
- **David Holt**, Branch Librarian, Ninth Circuit Library and Research Services, San Jose, California- AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant sponsored by Thomson Reuters
- **Dolly Knight**, Director, Ventura County Law Library, Ventura, California- $2,000 AALL Annual Meeting Grant
- **Marrette Pearsall**, Systems Librarian, Montgomery County Law Library, Norristown, Pennsylvania- $2,000 Equal Justice Conference Grant

GLL Grants Committee Fundraising Campaign

Christine E. Morton, 2016-2017 GLL Grants Committee Chair

In 2016, the GLL Grants Committee Fundraising Campaign raised $3,205 in cash contributions and the Silent Auction raised an additional $833; the total was $4,038. This funding is utilized to offset the costs of the travel and education grants we offer to our members.

Please consider making a cash donation to the GLL Grant Fund. Last year, 19 members made cash contributions in the range of $5 to $1,000. It would be wonderful if the number and total amount of contributions could increase. If our members made a contribution that is within their means, it will make a difference in the amount and number of grants we will be able to award in the future. If you have received a GLL grant in the past, think about paying it forward so that one of your colleagues will have a chance to attend an educational program in the future.
Grants Committee Fundraising Campaign (continued)
Christine E. Morton, 2016-2017 GLL Grants Committee Chair

You need not attend the AALL Annual Meeting to make a monetary contribution. You can send a check or money order to our Secretary/Treasurer:

James Durham, Deputy Director
Maryland State Law Library
Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeal Building
361 Rowe Boulevard
Annapolis, MD 21401-1697

The check or money order should be made payable to: AALL-GLL SIS and list donation in the memo space at the bottom of the check. Contributions are tax deductible and you will receive a written acknowledgement from the Grants Committee regarding your donation.

The Grants Committee thanks you in advance for your anticipated generosity.

Support the Silent Auction!
Gail Warren, Grants Committee Silent Auction Coordinator

Our GLL travel grants program is funded through the revenues from the annual SILENT AUCTION! As we’ve done in the past, the 2017 GLL Silent Auction includes both online and in person components.

This year’s online preview and auction will open on Monday, June 26, 2017. Bidding will be suspended on Friday, July 7, 2017 at 5:00 pm EDT. The auction will resume “live” at the GLL Breakfast and Business Meeting at 7:30 am in Austin, TX on Sunday, July 16, 2017.

For our auction to succeed, we need your donations! Are you crafty? Perhaps you or someone you know likes to knit, crochet, cross stitch, throw pots or do bead work? Hand crafted items, small items and gift certificates are always welcome. Jewelry, scarves, books, cards, and food (chocolate!!!!) are always popular items, as well as other small and/or light weight items easily transported by airplane. Donations will be accepted for the online segment until Wednesday, July 5, 2017.
Support the Silent Auction! (continued)

Gail Warren, Grants Committee Silent Auction Coordinator

If you’ve forgotten the information shared in an earlier message to the GLL list, it’s easy to donate. Simply take a picture of the item and send it as an attachment in an email message to me (gail.warren.56@comcast.net) and, in the body of the message, include:

- a brief description
- the value of the item
- the minimum opening bid

No time to take care of purchasing or collecting a donation before the online auction closes on July 7th? No worries. Feel free to bring items to the "live" Silent Auction which opens at 7:30 am at the GLL Business Meeting on Sunday, July 16th. For those of you at that point in your life where you don't need any more "stuff", we'll also be more than happy to accept your outright cash or check donation at the business meeting.

This year the auction and our solicitation for travel grant monies includes a NEW raffle opportunity. Each person who donates an item to the GLL SIS Silent Auction ($15 minimum value) and/or makes a cash or check contribution ($15 minimum) to our travel grants fund by **8:15 am on Sunday, July 16, 2017**, will be entered in a raffle to win an iPad mini. The drawing for the prize will be conducted at the end of the GLL SIS Business Meeting and you do not have to be present to win.
Congratulations: Longevity Awards

Kathy Carlson, Membership & Mentoring Committee

The Membership and Mentoring Committee is proud to recognize the following individuals with their longevity awards. These GLLers have been members of AALL for twenty years and associated with SCCLL/GLL for ten of those years. Please congratulate:

- Laura A. Barber
- Edward W. Carroll
- Mary Jenkins
- Kent McKeever
- Kent Milunovich
- Stephanie Mutty
- Cindy Spohr
- Cornell Winston

They will be acknowledged and their certificates and pins awarded at the GLL Breakfast and Business Meeting.

Congratulations: Retirements

Barbara Fritschel

GLL wishes to recognize the following retirements noted since the last annual meeting:

- Anita Anderson, MN Attorney General, St. Paul MN
- Karen Byrd, Clark County Law Library, Las Vegas NV
- Anna Djirdjian, International Court of Trade, NYC, NY
- Rosalie Fox, Supreme Court of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario
- Karla Gedell, MN Attorney General, St. Paul, MN
- John Pickett, Johnson County Law Library, Olathe, KS

Thank you for your years of service to the government law library community!
Mersky Award Goes to Steve Anderson

Richard Leiter, Award Committee

The Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award committee is pleased to announce that Steve Anderson, Director of the Maryland State Law Library, is this year's recipient of the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship Award for Public Service. The award is in recognition of Steve's work with the Howard County Early Onset and Newly-Diagnosed Parkinson's Disease Support Group and many other activities that address quality of life issues for people suffering from Parkinson's. Steve is also a gifted teacher and counselor to those struggling with the disease and other disabilities.

Please join us in congratulating Steve. The award will be presented to him in Austin at the AALL Annual Meeting.

The Award committee:
Richard Leiter, University of Nebraska, Schmid Law Library.
Barbara Bintliff, University of Texas, Tarlton Law Library
Dick Spinelli, Wm S Hein & Co

GLL-SIS 2017 Awards

Elizabeth Caulfield, 2016-2017 GLL Awards Chair

As is the norm, the GLL-SIS Awards Committee received a number of commendable nominations for the SIS’s annual awards.

The Awards Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 2017 GLL-SIS Awards:

- The Bethany J. Ochal Award for Distinguished Service to the Profession: Joel Fishman, Associate Director for Lawyer Services, retired, Duquesne University Center for Legal Information/Allegheny County Law Library (Pittsburgh, PA)

- Professional Publication Award: Jennifer Dalglish, Director/Law Librarian, Alden E. Miller Law Library of Clackamas County (Oregon City, OR); Dan Cordova, Colorado Supreme Court Librarian, Colorado Supreme Court (Denver, CO); and Mark E. Estes, Law Library Director, Alameda County Law Library (Oakland, CA), "Managing Government Law Libraries Today: Challenges and Opportunities," AALL Spectrum, November/December 2016
GLL-SIS 2017 Awards (continued)

Elizabeth Caulfield, 2016-2017 GLL Awards Chair

Dan Cordova, Colorado Supreme Court Librarian, Colorado Supreme Court (Denver, CO)

The GLL-SIS Award winners will receive plaques to commemorate their award-winning work at the SIS’s Annual Business Meeting, Breakfast, and Silent Auction on Sunday, July 16, 2017, at the 2017 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference in Austin, TX.

Congratulations are also in order for the following GLL-SIS members and member libraries who are 2017 AALL Award Recipients:

- Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award:
  Shelley L. Dowling, Librarian of the Court, U.S. Supreme Court, retired, U.S. Supreme Court Library (Washington, D.C.)
  Elbridge Thomas Gerry: An Exceptional Life in Gilded Gotham

- Hall of Fame Award:
  Catherine Lemann, Research Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana (New Orleans, LA)

  Maryruth Storer, Law Library Director, Orange County Public Law Library (Santa Ana, CA)

- Public Access to Government Information Award:
  Laura J. Orr, Legal Research Library Consultant (Portland, OR); Director, retired, Washington County Law Library (Hillsboro, OR)
  Superseded Oregon Revised Statutes 1953-1993 Digitization Project

- Excellence in Marketing Award:
  Harris County Law Library (Houston, TX)
  Best Campaign: Immigration Law and Internment Camps in Texas: Legal Perspectives on The Train to Crystal City by Jan Jarboe Russell (author of The Train to Crystal City)

  State Law Library of Mississippi (Jackson, MS)
  Best Newsletter: Letters from the Library

- Emerging Leader Award:
  Joseph D. Lawson, Deputy Director, Harris County Law Library (Houston, TX)
GLL-SIS 2017 Awards (continued)

Elizabeth Caulfield, 2016-2017 GLL Awards Chair

- **Innovations in Technology Award:**
  **Sacramento County Public Law Library** (Sacramento, CA)
  Applying for Guardianship in Sacramento, Animated Webinar Series

- **Volunteer Service Award:**
  **Lawrence R. (Larry) Meyer,** Law Library Director, Law Library for San Bernardino County (San Bernardino, CA)

Thanks to the GLL-SIS Awards Committee members for their contributions in 2016-2017!

**Awards Committee 2016-2017 members:**

Chair, Elizabeth Caulfield, Assistant Law Librarian II, California Court of Appeal, Second District
Member, Donna Bausch, Law Librarian, Norfolk Law Library
Member, Paula Doty, formerly of the Nevada Supreme Court Library
Member, Susan Falk, State Law Librarian, Alaska State Court Law Library
Member, Jen Fell, Technical Services Librarian, Sacramento County Public Law Library
Member, Holly Gale, Law Librarian, California Court of Appeal, Fourth District
Member, Catherine Lemann, Research Librarian, Law Library of Louisiana
Member, Chi Song, Discovery Services Librarian, Maryland State Law Library
GLL-SIS Board Liaison, James Durham, Deputy Director, Maryland State Law Library
GLL-SIS 2017 VIP: The Honorable Lora J. Livingston, Travis County (Austin, TX) Court

Sara Galligan, Ramsey County Law Library

GLL-SIS members attending the AALL annual meeting will have the opportunity to meet a local Austin district court judge with a national reputation. The Honorable Lora J. Livingston was selected by GLL as its 2017 VIP. She will attend the GLL breakfast and is also a speaker for our section’s Monday program (E1: The Court’s Perspective: What the Judge Can Tell Librarians About Self-Represented Litigants).

On a national level, Judge Livingston has contributed to many efforts to assist self-represented litigants (SRLs), including several ABA committees dedicated to pro bono work and delivery of legal services. In Austin, she was instrumental in the establishment of the Travis County Self-Help Center for SRLs. She has served on local and national committees dedicated to Access to Justice initiatives.

No stranger to law libraries, Judge Livingston has worked with the Travis County Law Library and its director, Lisa Rush to strengthen services to SRLs. In fact, the Travis County Self-Help Center is integrated into the law library (and vice versa). Lisa also is a speaker for our “Court’s Perspective” program.

Needless to say, when GLL (formerly SCCLL) sought in 2005 to invite its very first VIP to the San Antonio annual meeting, Lisa Rush proposed Judge Livingston, who luckily for our members, accepted the invitation. Judge Livingston was the speaker at our Trustees Luncheon—an event that was long a traditional part of our SIS programming during the annual meeting. Her remarks were outstanding.

We are fortunate that Judge Livingston is again willing to serve as our section’s 2017 VIP. This time, our conference takes place in her county. I hope all GLL members attending the annual meeting will have a chance to speak with Judge Livingston and visit with her about their access to justice work and mutual
GLL-SIS 2017 VIP: The Honorable Lora J. Livingston,
Travis County (Austin, TX) Court (continued)

Sara Galligan, Ramsey County Law Library

interests in serving SRLs.

Regardless of whether or not you attend the Austin conference, the following exchange provides some information about Judge Livingston and her perspective on law libraries and access to justice.

Q. Sara: I’m curious about your early experience with libraries—can you describe a memorable library encounter as a child or young adult?

Judge Livingston: When I was growing up the local library was right across the street from my church, and I spent a lot of time reading there. The librarians were beautiful, statuesque women with stereotypical buns. They were sweet, wonderful, and very helpful. I did a lot of homework there and read new books in this warm, quiet, safe space. I found books not available elsewhere, and I loved the smell of the card catalog. My best friend also lived close to the library, so this great community space included the library, my friend’s home and my church. The library is still there!

Q. Sara: The Travis County Law Library has for many years provided outstanding services for SRLs, including its reference attorney staffing. Can you describe how you and the Travis County Bench engage with the law library?

Judge Livingston—Very early on I tried to figure out ways to handle the increasing numbers of SRLs coming to the courthouse; the library seemed a natural partner as their numbers were also increasing with regard to patron usage. I felt both the library and court were interested in making services available and accessible. As a member of an ABA committee I learned about Maricopa County (Arizona) and its work in support of self-represented litigants. I also learned about the Litigants without Lawyers Conference in Arizona. I then identified stakeholders (both supporters and naysayers) who could visit Maricopa County to learn more about ways to support SRLs. After we came back from the visit, I chaired the county’s committee to establish services for SRLs. I sought the library and the bar association as partners who would help make this new idea work. We continue to partner with the library, and the court continues to seek budget, staff, space for the library; the court helps with strategic resources to support the library.

Q. Sara: You were instrumental in the establishment of the Travis County Self Help Center. Can you explain the law library’s involvement with that?

Judge Livingston—The Travis County Self Help Center and the law library are one and the same. They have been one and the same for a number of years, including many years ago when the library and self-help center were in much
smaller space. We saw the need to increase the space and move into much larger space across the street from the courthouse.

Q. Sara: Do you have any suggestions on how law librarians might encourage attorneys to become involved with the library?

Judge Livingston—Start by making presentations to bar associations including their boards of directors. Explain how the library can be useful to lawyers and what they do. Libraries are not dying and going away—we need to bust that myth! I send lawyers to the library to speak with the reference attorney in the library. I sometimes see the lawyer using the library’s court forms. Law library forms are very helpful, but in general, libraries should explain how to be a resource to lawyers.

Q. Sara: If you could make three statements about self-represented litigants, what would they be?

Judge Livingston—

- SRLs are much more informed than they used to be
- SRLs are much more sophisticated than we give them credit for
- SRLs are considerably more prepared than they used to be

Q. Sara: The 2015 ABA/NLADA Equal Justice Conference in Austin was phenomenal. You co-chaired the event and also received the 2015 National Center for State Courts Distinguished Service Award. You have received many other awards and also have contributed to many legal initiatives serving the bar, the courts, and SRLs. What concluding comments would you offer to inspire law librarians?

Judge Livingston—Come to the GLL breakfast! Come to the Austin conference, and you’ll be inspired!!
First AALL Annual Meeting? Break the rules and still get the most out of Austin

Julia Viets, Membership and Mentoring Committee

Digesting conference tips can be overwhelming. The AALL’s Maximize Your Annual Meeting Experience webpage (https://www.aallnet.org/conference/while-there/maximize-your-experience) gives great advice. However, you may get the impression that you’ll need to go to everything and network, network, network!

Take it from someone who was that nervous, trying-to-do-it-all attendee not too long ago: it’s possible to relax and still conference like a pro. Go ahead and break rules!

Drop the game plan

Keep your plans flexible. The best moments of a conference can be unexpected. Allow yourself to change your schedule, even if it’s just to continue a wonderful conversation instead of going to the next scheduled item. Also, if you aren’t 100% sure that a program will turn out to be all that you hoped for—feel free to sit towards the back of the room for that subtle midway exit to sample a new one.

Take fewer notes

Programs are not lectures; you’ll miss the action if you’re too focused on taking notes. A handy hack for getting the information without the extra effort is to review handouts before the program. You can access them at kiosks and then annotate during the program as needed. Now you have enough time to ask great questions!

Do take notes about attendees so you can remember who is who—names tend to run together after a few days! After exchanging business cards with an attendee, spend a few moments jotting down the date and some key points on their cards.

Ditch the suit

Unless you’re interviewing for a job, ditch the suit. You’re going to be alternatively sweaty and freezing in equal measure as you run around, so try to
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Julia Viets, Membership and Mentoring Committee

wear breathable layers. You’ll be more engaged if you’re comfortable.

Party
People are better company when they’re having fun! Receptions offer great networking opportunities and sometimes even free food. Ask a seasoned conference attendee about what events you should attend. Also, be sure to come to Monday’s GLL-SIS reception at 5pm at Uncle Julio’s!

Leave the convention center
Austin is a vibrant city; budget some time during the conference to get out and explore. Stepping out not only provides a break and a dose of vitamin D, but it’s good for networking too! Carry your conference tote bag around town and you’re bound to run into other wandering attendees. Plus, now you’ve got some fun and ready-made conversation starters for when you head back inside.

Leaning In and Reaching Out — Providing Instructive Models for Delivering Legal Education, Services, and Outreach

Malinda Muller, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee

The theme of this year’s annual conference is “forgo the status quo.” It’s a good time to hone in on radical ways in which we can expand our roles with fewer resources. For those planning to attend the conference, I invite you to review the full scope and variety of innovative programs, including one that my colleagues and I will present: “Leaning In and Reaching Out! Building and Delivering A2J Education, Outreach, and Awareness” on Monday, July 17, from 2:00pm - 3:00pm.

This program aims to introduce service, legal literacy and outreach ideas that are easily replicable and that recognize our shoe string budgets and busy lives. We will show how ideas like these can infuse increased job satisfaction and even reinvigorate those who might be experiencing just a hint of compassion fatigue.

Program presenters will offer a nuts and bolts description of a successful project that each has designed and implemented. Each will include an overview of their specific initiative, model resources, templates, and guidelines. The initiatives vary radically from one another with the intention that one or more will resonate with your community’s profile, your energy level and your curiosity.

For example, you will learn about a ‘plug and play’ legal literacy program offering
Leaning In and Reaching Out — Providing Instructive Models for Delivering Legal Education, Services, and Outreach (continued)

Malinda Muller, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee

the public a 9-part “Civil Lawsuits Basics” series. Ryan will demonstrate how the series can be replicated in virtually any jurisdiction with the infusion of your local rules, with templates to be made available to you. He will provide steps, timelines and the amount of effort involved in the initial development of the content, recruitment strategies for outside speakers, implementation (review, scheduling, promoting), and the beneficial outcomes. He will discuss how to adapt the templates, the future potential for expanding delivery to public libraries and working with university law librarians as partners in providing legal education to the public.

Cynthia will tell the story of her academic law library’s efforts to provide effective yet manageable legal reference services for the general public, after her library became the de facto public law library for the state due to budget cuts and closures. Cynthia has captured the road bumps involved and how to avoid the worst of them in a Q&A format. Her tool kit contains an experiential perspective and answers to essential questions and concerns in addition to addressing the potential beneficial returns and opportunities for those institutions willing to take this on. Cynthia will close with additional perspective on partnering with students and faculty in curriculum initiatives, from expanding public interest law classes into the community public library to inclusion as programming advisors in the development of clinics in the library, as well as shoring up community libraries to take on the onslaught of legal questions.

Karen will focus on an outreach event targeting a specific community demographic using the trendy ‘pop-up’ style presence. This created the opportunity to get out of the stacks and into the community, setting up in everyday, organic settings where community members shop, live and play. She will ruminate on the “why” of “pop-up” libraries today, and how they represent a unique opportunity. She will also cover the steps involved in coordinating with her public library partner, how and what materials were chosen for the pop-up, preparing staff to succeed in an unconventional outreach endeavor, and the benefits of persevering and following an idea when you don’t see those benefits right away.

Sue, by contrast, will discuss the benefits of creating an active relationship and consistent engagement with one’s state library association. She will share strategies for increasing the profile of public law libraries by raising awareness among association members—colleagues from public, school, and academic libraries—which, in turn, further promotes access to justice. She will offer guidelines and suggestions for initiating involvement with a state library association, serving on its board and committees, and developing and delivering effective educational programs at the annual statewide library association conference.
Leaning In and Reaching Out — Providing Instructive Models for Delivering Legal Education, Services, and Outreach (continued)

Malinda Muller, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee

Outreach programs like these are more than just potential extra work! If you come and like what you hear or see, you will have instant mentors to hold your hand and guide you when you look deeper and consider the opportunity. In these days where more and more people are marginalized in our communities, we hope to help make all of our work actually easier. And we hope to see you at the program.

A version of this article also appears in the ALL-SIS Newsletter, the newsletter of the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section. The speakers mentioned in the article, are: Ryan Metheny, Managing Librarian, Legal Education, LA Law Library; Cynthia Lewis, Library Director & Assistant Professor of Law, Vermont Law School Julien & Virginia Cornell Library; Karen E. Westwood, Law Library Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library (Hennepin County); and Sue Ludington, Assistant Law Librarian, Washington County Law Library. Malinda Muller, Director, Patron Services LA Law Library, is program coordinator and moderator.

Travis County Law Library Tours—AALL Austin Meeting

Sara Galligan, Ramsey County Law Library

Travis County Law Library will offer tours during our July annual meeting. Director Lisa Rush has graciously offered two times for tours. The law library is located in the Travis County Courthouse in Austin. The law library and the court’s self-help center are one integrated operation.

The tours will take place on Monday (July 17) at 1PM and on Tuesday (July 18) morning at 10AM. Lisa expects the tours would take about 30 minutes and encourages follow-up discussion.

Lisa and Judge Lora Livingston (of the 261st District Court, Travis County) are both speakers on GLL’s Monday program: (E1) The Court’s Perspective: What the Judge Can Tell Librarians about Self-Represented Litigants (11:15AM-12:15PM).

Those who wish to arrange another time for a tour of the county law library should contact Lisa directly. Her contact information is: lisa.rush@traviscountytx.gov
Look for these GLL Members in Austin

From the GLL listserv

From Kirsten Nelson, USDA National Agriculture Library:

I had a poster accepted for the Poster Session.

**Poster #15: Glam It Up with a GLAM-WIKI Edit-a-thon**

As libraries create content to increase access to the law, institutions must embrace tools to connect users to that content. GLAM-WIKI (galleries, libraries, archives, and museums) recognizes the critical role librarians play in ensuring article accuracy and creation of authoritative content on Wikipedia. GLAM provides support for event planning, including basic and advanced guides, page templates, and community support to participating institutions. Law libraries can rely on established GLAM best practices to help fill in gaps on key legal topics important to your institution or topics systematically underrepresented on Wikipedia. In turn, visibility on the sixth largest online platform in the world helps drive traffic to library websites.

This poster session will demonstrate how hosting a successful edit-a-thon requires assembling stakeholders, setting the scope and objectives, lots of logistics and tracking, and reporting outcomes. In return, the event engages faculty, students, and librarians; promotes library and law school projects and initiatives; increases awareness of faculty scholarship; and provides increased access to communities in need of legal information.

From Joseph Lawson, Harris County Law Library

I'll be involved in a couple of programs this year:

**Librarian as Author** (Monday, July 17, 3:30pm – 4:45pm, Rm. 13A): As the chair of the AALL/Lexis Call for Papers committee, I'll serve as moderator for this annual event where competition winners present their papers. This year, one paper outlines the struggles of an academic law librarian assisting a professor with a study involving county clerk records. Since many of us in GLL-SIS work with clerks and patrons to find similar records each day, it should be a topic of interest and GLL folks might bring a unique perspective to the topic; or, at least, provide a good shoulder to cry on!

**Guerrilla Marketing: Promoting Your Law Library and Engaging Your Audience with the Tools at Hand** (Tuesday, July 18, 8:30am – 9:30am, Grand Ballroom G): I'm also the program coordinator and a speaker for a program about marketing on a shoestring budget. I'll be joined by moderator Heather Holmes, assistant law librarian at Harris County Law Library, and speaker Scott Vanderlin, legal research librarian at IIT-Chicago Kent College of Law. The program has been designated the Marketing and Communications-Strategies Must-Have program.

Looking forward to seeing all the great content from GLL-SIS members this year!
Mentors are Not Just for New Librarians

Kathy Carlson, Membership and Mentoring Committee

Have you ever had a new task where a little bit of guidance from an expert might have come in handy?

The GLL Membership and Mentoring Committee has launched a new “Skills Inventory” program to connect new and veteran librarians with the experts they need.

The project identifies GLL members with specialized expertise who are willing to mentor one or more of the following:

- A colleague seeking assistance in an area of unfamiliarity;
- New members of GLL or the profession;
- Those interested in changing specialties;
- Those interested in changing their career to government law librarianship;
- Those needing help with resumes, cover letters, job interviews; or
- Those wanting assistance with research projects.

The Skills Inventory program consists of a broad list of areas where members might want counsel. GLL members are asked to volunteer in the areas they believe that they have the skills to provide that counsel.

Each area is finite—for example, instead of volunteering to be a mentor on the broad topic of “Library Administration,” a member could volunteer as having expertise on a limited area such as Meeting Planning, Contract Negotiation, or Budgeting. The list of topics and mentor volunteers will be made available through the GLL website. When an advice seeker goes to the website, s/he will find a list of topics and corresponding mentors’ contact information. S/he can then proceed to make direct contact. The only folks who will know about the contact are the person asking for advice and the person providing it. (Feel free to share success stories with the Membership and Mentoring Committee too!)

Visit the GLL website for your opportunity to volunteer to aid your colleagues!

For questions, suggestions, or more information, please contact: GLL Membership and Mentoring Committee Chair, Malinda Muller, (213) 785-2560, mmuller@lalawlibrary.org

Marie Kaddell, Senior information Professional Consultant, LexisNexis

It's time to get writing again! There's a new edition of Best Practices for Government Libraries in the works and we invite you to be a part of it.

Best Practices for Government Libraries showcases government librarians who are innovating and creating success in the workplace and beyond. Non-government librarians, your submissions are welcome too if they will be of interest to the government librarian community. Prior Best Practices for Government Libraries editions have included contributions from librarians in government agencies, courts, and the military, as well as from professional association leaders, LexisNexis consultants, and more. Some of the authors have had their articles re-published in other journals and newsletters as well.

For this edition, we look forward to seeing even more of your good ideas. The topic is: Government Libraries in Action. The topic is purposely wide open so you have the broadest scope possible to choose a topic that resonates with you and that you think will be of interest to the government librarian community. Come at the topic from any angle: library, organization, professional, or personal.

Besides original articles, in past years we have received: program descriptions and promotional materials, planning documents, websites and blog entries, video, displays, original articles, tips and techniques, testimonials, awards, and personal observations on the topic.

This is a unique opportunity to share your professional and organizational insights and experiences. Make it a point to participate. Share! Write! Get Published!

Please send your article concept or any questions about this edition of Best Practices to marie.kaddell@lexisnexis.com.

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Texas Bar Foundation Awards Harris County Law Library Grant to Expand Legal Tech Training Program

Joseph D. Lawson, Deputy Director, Harris County Law Library

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded the Harris County Law Library a $23,000 grant in its first round of charitable giving in 2017. The funding will be used to purchase equipment for the Law Library’s Hands-on Legal Tech Training Program.

The Law Library currently offers programs on legal technology through its Legal Tech Institute that are free and open to all. Training sessions focus on technologies that attorneys, self-represented litigants and members of the public need to understand to access the court system and accomplish legal tasks. The Hands-on Legal Tech Training Program provides experiential learning opportunities for participants who use a computer and software during trainings to apply skills learned in real-time.

“We are very grateful for the Texas Bar Foundation’s support,” Law Library Director Mariann Sears said. “There is a real need for technology training in the legal field. By providing legal tech training to self-represented litigants and the small firm attorneys who help individuals and small businesses, we can remove some of the hurdles people face when accessing the legal system.”

Programs using equipment purchased with the Texas Bar Foundation grant will be listed in the Law Library’s Legal Tech Institute Course Catalog. Those interested in attending are encouraged to visit www.harriscountylawlibrary.org/tech to register for a program and to view training videos available on demand through the Legal Tech Institute website.

About the Texas Bar Foundation

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than $17 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation’s largest charitably-funded bar foundation. For more information, visit www.txbf.org.

About the Harris County Law Library

The Harris County Law Library opened in 1915 and has continued to serve Harris County’s legal information needs for more than a century. After joining the Office of Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney, in 2011, the Law Library greatly expanded its technology offerings and educational opportunities. Ryan’s support for the revitalization of the Law Library was recognized by the American Association of Law Libraries in 2016 when he was named the Law Library Advocate of the Year. The Law Library is open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit www.harriscountylawlibrary.org for more information.
My Experience at the Equal Justice Conference

Marrette Pearsall, Systems Librarian, Montgomery County Law Library

I was surprised that AALL had a travel grant for the Equal Justice Conference. I looked at the agenda, saw some interesting topics, and took a chance on attending an event hosted by organizations I was unfamiliar with, knowing there was a chance I might be the only one in my profession there. It is a conference sponsored and mostly attended by lawyers who provide Pro Bono services and employees of legal aid facilities. I was the only librarian attendee at the conference this year, though three others were there as speakers. The other conference goers were very nice and through many conversations I learned a lot, and I think some lawyers and legal staff learned a bit more about how we librarians can help them.

The session, Public Service Loan Forgiveness and Income-Driven Repayment: Updates on Student Debt Relief for Staff and Clients, was interesting. Here I learned that a lot of lawyers who work for legal aid depend on the public service loan forgiveness (PSLF) and would not have enrolled in law school if it were not for the program. There are a lot of people doing meaningful, hard work, which requires a lot of hours for very little pay, compared to their counterparts in a law firm. One woman said that without the PSLF, going to law school would not have been an option for her. The speakers shared that the current Congress is planning on changing the requirements for eligibility for PSFL, or doing away with it completely, thereby making it impossible for people who are currently in or are planning to go to law school to work for legal aid and similar legal services that provide access to justice for the public.

Beyond Plain Language: Building Better Self-help Tools was exactly what I was looking for in a session at this conference. My library works with a mix of pro se, court personnel, and lawyers. The pro se’s need the most help, as most are entering the courthouse for the first time with a legal matter they know nothing about. Sometimes the legal matter is a sudden surprise, such as a lawsuit. In this matter, we, as librarians and not lawyers, must guide the patron through a serious and emotional ordeal without giving them legal advice. Also, we want to help without getting pulled too far into their personal matter.

The session speakers went over how to approach helping a pro se. We had to visualize how to create a visual aid on how to serve papers to another person without using text to explain. What visuals come to mind for a courthouse? A mailbox? The amount of time it will take to complete this process? We worked in groups and shared our visual ideas. The speakers also went over where to place information on a handout. Our eyes move first to the center of a page, then from left to right, starting at the top. That’s how we read, so that is how we look at a picture. The dead space, the last place people look, is lower left and right.
corners of the page. So those are great places to put contact information for the library or other organization you are directing people.

My goal for the conference was to learn about good resources for helping patrons who were not proficient with English and learn about resources for how to create self-help guides. I walked away accomplishing those goals and got some other great ideas.

In turn, I think I helped market the need for lawyers and legal service providers to work with libraries. In addition to assisting with legal research and the great collections we may have at our facilities, we also are a great marketing tool for our local bar association and legal aid. My library has handouts and other promotional material that we use when we direct people to the Montgomery Bar Association and the Women’s Center that is located within our courthouse. In turn, when a pro se is able to do some of the research and paperwork for their case, the lawyers direct them to our library. We all work together to make legal information accessible.

**Resources that I thought were cool:**

- Indiana Supreme Court’s “I speak language” guide: This is a booklet that helps a person identify what language they speak.
  

- Stanford Law’s Legal Design Lab – This is the website of one of the speakers of the Beyond Plain Language session.
  
  http://www.legaltechdesign.com/

- Harvard Law’s Access to Justice Lab – This is the site of two of the speakers of the Beyond Plain Language session.
  
  http://a2jlab.org/

- The Noun Project – a source for clip art or icons that are organized by noun.
  
  https://thenounproject.com/

- Google Scholar has a case law search option
  
  https://scholar.google.com/

The twitter hashtag for the conference was #EJC17.

*Marrette Pearsall was the recipient of the GLL grant to attend the Equal Justice Conference.*
Government Documents Librarians and Government Law Librarians: Natural Allies, Compatriots & Best Buds

Carol Ann Singer and Carol Ottolenghi, Government Documents Round Table of Ohio (GODORT of Ohio)

Law librarians don’t immediately think of themselves as government documents librarians (Gov Docs librarians). Yet they spend much of their professional lives using legal documents published by federal, state and local governments, including:

- Court decisions
- The Federal Register
- Patent and trademark websites
- NIST documents
- Legislation
- Census information
- Studies ranging from ancient coins to current events, the environment, military paint specs, fisheries, and more.

We’ve listed below a few sites that might be helpful in your legal hunts. But we have a question – or five – for you. Government Law Librarians (GLLs) have an even closer tie to Gov Docs than do most law librarians: the agencies GLLs work for produce government documents, as well as consume them. We’d like to know a few things about the information your agency produces. Please take a few moments to answer the five-question survey here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GH6GYYM

Brief GovDocs Webliography

Catalog of U.S. Government Publications (CGP)
https://catalog.gpo.gov/F
This is an index of U.S. government publications issued from mid-1976 to the present. It includes links to many documents that are full text online.

MetaLib
https://metalib.gpo.gov/V?RN=600172250
This portal allows searching of a very large database of catalogs, government reports, and other government resources, with links to full text where available. You can also limit your search to a particular site, such as ClinicalTrials.gov, Drugs@FDA

Govinfo
https://www.govinfo.gov/
This site provides access to a suite of databases, most of which are full text. Among the many databases are the Budget of the United States, Congressional bills, Congressional Record, opinions from a variety of federal courts, the Constitution with analysis and interpretation, Interior Department Inspector General reports, Economic Indicators, General Accountability Office reports, and Independent Counsel Investigations.
The Government Documents Round Table of Ohio selects familiar, colorful and quirky government publications for the annual State House display.

HathiTrust Digital Library
https://www.hathitrust.org/
This database includes millions of digitized books, government documents, and periodicals. Not all publications are available full text online. However, it can be used as a keyword index to the documents in the database, permitting much more detailed indexing than the CGP or an online catalog.

Popular Names of U.S. Government Reports
http://www.indiana.edu/~librcsd/popname/index.html
Although this covers only government reports published prior to 1985, it is useful for identifying the real name of publications such as the Dillingham Commission reports or the Meese report.

CyberCemetery
http://govinfo.library.unt.edu/default.htm
This database provides digitized copies of publications by U.S. government agencies and commissions that no longer exist.

Congress.gov
https://www.congress.gov/
This site is an excellent resource for recent full text Congressional publications.
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*Regulations.gov*
https://www.regulations.gov/
This site provides a searchable interface to discover and access U.S. regulatory documents. It also facilitates the ability to comment on proposed regulations.

*CRSReports.com*
https://www.crsreports.com/
This site claims to have the largest free collection of Congressional Research Service reports on the Internet. There are lots of other sites that provide CRS reports. One list is made available by Stanford University at https://archive-it.org/collections/1078.

*National Technical Reports Library*
https://ntrl.ntis.gov/NTRL/
If you’re looking for U.S. government technical reports, this is the place to start. Beginning October 1, 2016 reports that were available in the National Technical Reports Library (NTRL) became freely available.

*Science.gov*
https://www.science.gov/
This portal to U.S. government scientific reports searches hundreds of U.S. government databases to provide access to full text reports on subjects from nutrition to nuclear forensics.

*Data.gov*
https://www.data.gov/
If you want raw data from the U.S. government, this is usually the first place to look. It provides access to thousands of datasets.
Lancaster County Law Library:  
Celebrating 150 Years of Service!  

Eleanor Gerlott, Law Librarian

The Lancaster County (PA) Law Library is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. The Library was chartered in 1867 as the Lancaster Law Library Association. Several prominent Lancaster attorneys, including Thaddeus Stevens, were among the first members of the Association. In 1948 it merged with the Lancaster Bar Association, and today the Library is part of the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas.

The main purpose of the Library is to provide a collection of materials needed by attorneys for legal research. The attorneys that formed the Law Library Association first met in 1854 to discuss the formation of the organization. Even in the 1850’s law books were becoming too expensive for attorneys to purchase all the books they needed, and the Minutes of the Association indicated that the members of the local Bench and Bar felt a “strong need for a public law library or at least one that was accessible for the bar as a whole.” Books were initially kept in the offices of the members of the Association; the first curator was appointed in 1855 and had an annual salary of $25. Initially the Library was a subscription library and was open only to the members of the Bar who paid annual dues. The Association officially received its charter on April 15, 1867, after the County Commissioners “cheerfully” agreed to give the Association space for a Library in the Courthouse. The current library is maintained by general county appropriations and is open to the public.

When the Library began in 1867 it had about 2,200 volumes. The Colonial Law Library of the Hon. Jasper Yeates, a prominent Lancaster attorney and
Lancaster County Law Library:
Celebrating 150 Years of Service! (continued)

Eleanor Gerlott, Law Librarian
Lancaster County Law Library: Celebrating 150 Years of Service! (continued)

Eleanor Gerlott, Law Librarian

Pa. Supreme Court justice, formed a large part of the original collection. That collection was given to the Lancaster County Historical Society in the 1960’s, but the Library still has some of the other books that were part of its original collection, such as old case reporters. Today the Library has about 27,000 bound volumes, 3,800 periodicals and 250 CD’s and other forms of electronic media in its collection, and it also provides access to online legal research services.

Several interesting tidbits of information were found as the current staff researched the history of the Library. Missing and unreturned books have been a problem throughout the Library’s history. In 1880 the Association offered a $20 reward for information on missing books, and in 1918 it was reported that the names of Association members who had taken but not returned books would be announced at the next Bar meeting. The librarian was also the topic of several discussions recorded in the minutes. In 1956 the committee that oversaw the Library considered the novel idea of hiring a female librarian, and a woman was hired to fill the position. The committee had decided that the previous librarian, who was 90, “should be able to retire.”

The Library has a rich history of serving the Bench, the Bar and the public of Lancaster County. We had an Open House on Thursday, April 13, 2017, to celebrate the anniversary.

(All quotes in this article are from the Minutes of the Lancaster Law Library Association.)
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