View from the Chair

Joan Bellistri, GLL-SIS Chair, Ann Arundel County Public Law Library

What’s your story?

February 5, 2019 was declared Maryland Library Day by both the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate, an event that takes place every February during the legislative session. It is a full day for all Maryland librarians that begins with a breakfast provided by the Law Library Association of Maryland in my library. Librarians visit their legislators with packets of information about Maryland libraries including school, public, academic, and, of course, our favorite, law libraries. We were able to include brochures about our local law libraries and our statewide Conference of Maryland Court Law Library Directors. (The Maryland library community is very connected as evidenced by the make-up of the Maryland Library Association Legislative Panel that includes representatives from all types of libraries.)

What impressed me with the public libraries’ materials is their ability to market their stories. This year they embraced ALA’s E’s of Libraries campaign, choosing Education, Employment, Entrepreneurship, Engagement, and Everyone as their E’s, illustrating each with a story.

And then on February 6, Maryland Court of Appeals Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera gave the Maryland State of the Judiciary address to the legislature, which included personal stories illustrating the work of Maryland’s Veterans and Drug Courts that were quite compelling.

I think that it is important that we share our stories, too. We need stories to make our work “real.” We are there for judges, law clerks, attorneys, self-represented litigants, and students. We know what we do but we need to illustrate what we do so that anyone can understand and appreciate the value of a government law library. How can we do this? The GLL-SIS Publicity and Public Relations Committee is here to help. They will be collecting our stories to inspire us all and, also, allow us to share with the world how government law libraries make a difference. Space will be made on the GLL-SIS website for the collected stories.

What might a law library story look like? Mary Jo Lazun, fellow Maryland court law librarian and GLL-SIS Technology Committee chair, has some great stories containing that personal element. The stories demonstrate the impact of
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access to legal information and the assistance of a law librarian. These stories can be found in her 2016-2017 Annual Report and on her blog “My First Law Library:”

Tom: The Remand Find out how Tom was able to use the law library to win a circuit court appeal of an unemployment decision.

The impact of this win is huge, not for just Tom, but also for the community. Tom was able to put a sizable down payment on his child support debt, probably enough to get his driver’s license and his contractor’s license reinstated. This means that Tom will soon be working as a contractor in his community once again, providing employment not just for himself but for others as well.

Ellen and the Covenant See how this retired U.S. government attorney with a problem with her community’s roads who was unable to travel was assisted in researching covenant law that lead to a positive result.

As a result, today community residents have two options for paying their share of road maintenance expenses: they can join the HOA and have a portion of their membership fees dedicated to the maintenance fund, or they can simply pay an annual road assessment fee.

The roads in Ellen’s community will soon be fixed, thanks to her persistence — and also thanks to the resources and services of the Charles County Public Law Library, which, as she discovered, were only an email and a phone call away.

Want to share your story? Contact Marcia Hannon, chair, of Publicity and Public Relations or any of the Committee members. Let’s make our stories known so that we can let others know our value.

On another note - don’t forget to vote! I would like to thank the Nominations Committee, chaired by Coral Henning, for their work in providing GLL-SIS with the fine slate of candidates for GLL-SIS’s upcoming election.

GLL News is published three times a year (Fall, Winter/Spring, and Summer) by the Government Law Libraries SIS. The deadline for the next issue is June 7, 2019. Please contact the Co-Editors, Christine Morton, christine_morton@ca2.uscourts.gov, and Sara Pic, svpic@lasc.org, with questions, comments, suggestions, and submissions.

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From the Editors’ Desks

Christine Morton, U.S. Courts Library for the Second Circuit

Sara Pic, Law Library of Louisiana

“Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today.” -- Robert McKee

Joan Bellistri’s vision to utilize the art of storytelling to illustrate the value and importance of government law libraries and law librarianship is embraced in this edition of the GLL News. Not only are our fellow librarians’ stories inspirational but these stories empower us to go the extra mile; dig deeper in our research; and work harder to provide all library patrons with access to legal resources. One article that is certain to motivate readers to think “outside the box” and leave no stone unturned when providing library services, is Scott Burgh’s retrospective, Reflections of a Career Well Spent. Similarly, learn more about the careers and endeavors of GLL-SIS members by reading the biographies and statements of the GLL-SIS Executive Board nominees. Also, Sara K.C. Mauldin’s article, Do We Really Need It? Shepard’s In Print, highlights one librarian’s efforts to make important collection development decisions.

In addition to individual librarian stories, this edition of GLL News tells the stories of libraries and new library initiatives. In this regard, please see the articles by Lee Van Duzer, Jenny Silbiger, and Stephen Parks as well as Malinda Muller’s review of The Library Book, a story about the Central Library of Los Angeles.
**AALL Announcements**

**2019 AALL INNOVATION BOOTCAMP / REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

**JOIN THE ADD+VENTURE INITIATIVE**

The AALL Innovation Bootcamp: Add+Venture Initiative is designed specifically for legal information professionals—cutting through the jargon and offering real-world examples of how you can amplify your skills and resources, add methods for new value creation, build support for your ideas, and foster a culture of innovation.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Legal information professionals, law librarians in every setting and type of library, professionals looking for a new approach to problem solving

**LEARN HOW TO:**

Identify areas or projects for improvement
Employ design concepts core to innovation practices
Use a service design methodology tailored to libraries
Pitch your ideas and solutions to supporters and stakeholders
Navigate risk and challenges to project implementation
Network with proactive problem solvers
Build internal and external partnerships
Promote ingenuity and cooperation in your workplace

**DETAILS**

April 25-26, 2019
Sidley Austin LLP / Chicago, IL
Register by Tuesday, April 2
$795 / AALL Members - $1,200 Non-Members
Limited to 50 participants

**SPEAKERS & SESSION TOPICS**

David Shonthal – *Keynote: Design Thinking: A Strategy for Creative Problem Solving*
Annie Downey – *Using Service Design to Connect and Innovate*
Carlos Gámez – *Innovation Strategy and Innovation in Practice*
Beth Williams – *Innovation in Practice*
Kristen Sonday – *Access to Justice Tech in the Trenches*
David Whelan – *Innovation "IRL": Temperature Checks and Course Corrections*
2019 AALL DAY ON THE HILL / REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

ADVOCACY LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND LOBBY DAY

Join AALL on Capitol Hill to influence information policy issues and harness our collective voice for the profession. You'll learn about the information policy issues on AALL's agenda and how to successfully advocate for law libraries and then take our message to Capitol Hill for meetings with your members of Congress and their staff. This year marks 30 years of professional advocacy for AALL; help us celebrate our anniversary by demonstrating the strength and expertise of the Association and our members.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

No prior experience is necessary. We'll provide all the training you need for successful and rewarding Capitol Hill visits.

DETAILS

Friday, July 12, 2019, 8:30 am-5 pm EDT
Marriott Marquis / Washington, DC
Register by Friday, May 17
Open to AALL Members only—Free
Limited to 80 participants

TESTIMONIAL FROM GLL-SIS MEMBER

It was great to meet our representatives and their staff in person during Lobby Day. I think it can help to make that personal connection. There is a lot to be said about actually being where it all happens, no matter your politics. It is always a great experience to work with the Government Relations Office - the program "how-to" is invaluable for all levels of advocacy. And sharing the day with law librarians from around the country was just plain fun.

Joan M. Bellistri
Law Library Director
Anne Arundel County Public Law Library
Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

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

Date and Time: **Wednesday, August 22, 2018, 2:00 p.m. Eastern**


Meeting Leader: J. Bellistri

Scribe: J. Durham

Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 24, @ 2:00 p.m. Eastern

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Holly moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Joe. Approved unanimously.

- The meeting minutes from the previous GLL-SIS Board meeting on Sunday, July 15, 2018, in Baltimore, were approved unanimously, with a motion from James, seconded by Jenny.

Other Business:

- The Board agreed to continue meeting by conference call every other month, on the fourth Wednesday of each designated month, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern.

- Board liaisons to GLL-SIS committees should obtain annual committee reports (if not already submitted). Reports should be submitted in both Word and PDF formats, and should be e-mailed to Mary Jo Lazun (webmaster), Kate Fitz (Chair of the GLL-SIS Technology Committee), and James Durham. Mary Jo will post the reports on the GLL-SIS website.

- AALL has not made a definitive announcement about whether the organization will sponsor a representative to ALA cataloging meetings.

- Activities of the GLL-SIS Pro Bono Partnership Committee will be assumed by the GLL-SIS Best A2J Practices Committee. The decision was unanimous, with a motion from Joan, seconded by James.

- Joan confirmed that Dan Cordova will serve as the Chair of the GLL-SIS Strategic Planning Committee in 2018 – 2019.

- Sara confirmed that the deadline for submissions to the next *GLL Newsletter* is Friday, Sept. 14, 2018.

- Meeting was adjourned with a motion from Joan, seconded by Jenny. All approved.
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Wednesday, August 22, 2018 (continued)

Action Items From This Meeting:

- GLL-SIS Board Liaisons should provide annual committee reports in both Word and PDF formats to the Board and to the GLL-SIS webmasters, Mary Jo Lazun and Kate Fitz, as soon as possible. Assigned to: GLL-SIS Board Liaisons. Date due: ASAP.
- Send a calendar of 2018 – 2019 conference call meetings to the GLL-SIS Board. Assigned to: Joan. Date due: ASAP.
- Contact Paula Davidson to inquire about vendor sponsorships for the 2019 AALL conference. Assigned to: Joan. Date due: ASAP.

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Wednesday, October 24, 2018

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

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 24, 2018, 2:00 p.m. Eastern

In Attendance: J. Bellistri, H. Gerber, J. Silbiger, J. Lawson, J. Durham, S. Pic, C. Morton

Meeting Leader: J. Bellistri

Scribe: J. Durham

Date of Next Meeting: TBA—December, 2018

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Joe moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Jenny. Approved unanimously.
- The meeting minutes from the previous GLL-SIS Board meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018, were approved unanimously, with a motion from James, seconded by Jenny.

Other Business:

- Joan confirmed that GLL-SIS committee members should be members of AALL and of GLL-SIS.
- The Board approved an annual budget of $1,000.00 for the GLL-SIS Awards Committee, with a motion from Holly, seconded by Joe. The motion passed unanimously.
- Joan announced that the GLL-SIS Education Committee had submitted two program
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Wednesday, October 24, 2018 (continued)

proposals for the 2019 annual meeting in Washington, D.C. The topics are prison library services and A2J community partnerships. The Committee also is discussing the possibility of an immigration-themed webinar in the future.

- Sara and Christine reported that their first issue of the GLL Newsletter went well. They already are collecting ideas for the next issue.
- Joan mentioned that the topic of funding for a cataloging liaison to be sent to ALA and similar cataloging meetings has been placed on the agenda for the AALL Board.
- Joan discussed low-cost options for a GLL-SIS happy hour during the upcoming 2019 annual conference in Washington, D.C.
- Holly mentioned that deadlines for room reservations for the annual GLL-SIS Breakfast meeting would be arriving soon.
- Joan discussed the annual SR-SIS / LISP-SIS / GLL-SIS panel discussion for 2019. The Board expressed support for continuing participation, especially because costs for the event are minimal.
- Meeting was adjourned with a motion from James, seconded by Jenny. All approved.

Action Items From This Meeting:

- Update GLL-SIS Board on decision by AALL Board regarding cataloging liaisons for ALA meetings. Assigned to: Joan. Date due: Next conference call.
- Investigate deadlines for GLL-SIS breakfast meeting room reservations. Assigned to: Joan. Date due: ASAP.

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Wednesday, December 4, 2018

Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section

Executive Board – Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Wednesday, December 4, 2018, 3:00 p.m. Eastern

In Attendance: J. Bellistri, R. Mead, J. Silbiger, J. Lawson, J. Durham, S. Pic, C. Morton

Meeting Leader: J. Bellistri

Scribe: J. Durham

Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, @ 3:00 p.m. Eastern
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Wednesday, December 4, 2018 (continued)

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- James moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Joe. Approved unanimously.
- The meeting minutes from the previous GLL-SIS Board meeting on Wednesday, October 24, 2018, were approved unanimously, with a motion from Joe, seconded by James.

Other Business:

- Rob shared that the GLL-SIS Advocacy Committee had met last week and were discussing goals.
- Joe said that a report from the GLL-SIS Publicity & Public Relations Committee would be provided at the February meeting. The new chair is discussing promotional videos, and may be sending a survey to the GLL-SIS membership through “My Communities.”
- James shared that the GLL-SIS Awards Committee provided a summary of activities, including updated web information. The Committee is ready to move forward with soliciting nominations for awards early in 2019. James also shared that the GLL-SIS Grants Committee has been communicating by e-mail about upcoming invitations to apply for grants.
- Joan stated that the GLL-SIS program proposed by Jenny Silbiger, called “Surfing the Horizon” and relating to partnerships, will be presented on Monday, July 15, 2019, from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. during the annual conference. The LISP/GLL-SIS/SR Roundtable will be held on Sunday, July 14, 2019, in the afternoon. Joan also shared that the GLL-SIS Nominating Committee almost has a complete slate for the upcoming GLL-SIS election.
- Jenny shared that the GLL-SIS Technology Committee is exploring plans to update the GLL-SIS website.
- Joan stated that an AALL fund has been established to support an ALA cataloging liaison.
- Joan communicated with AALL headquarters about possible vendor sponsorships for the 2019 conference. As with last year, the new vendor policies generally eschew sponsorship of social events in favor of supporting educational / promotional events. Joan plans to contact the chairs of various SISs to determine how their conference events were scheduled and funded in 2018, in light of these changes.
- James stated that AALL headquarters had provided a tentative annual financial report. GLL-SIS Restricted Funds total $11,360.58. GLL-SIS Unrestricted Funds total $22,987.00. Total GLL-SIS balance is $34,347.58.
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- Joan has scheduled the annual GLL-SIS Breakfast Meeting for Sunday, July 14, 2019, from 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. during the annual conference. An informal meet & greet (happy hour) will be held on Monday, July 15, 2019, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the Marriott Marquis Lobby Bar. More information forthcoming.

- Joan suggested that GLL-SIS should create a promotional document that lists the ways that government law librarians can provide services and participate in collaboration. Joe will present this idea to the GLL-SIS Publicity & Public Relations Committee.

- Meeting was adjourned with a motion from Joe, seconded by Jenny. All approved.

Action Items From This Meeting:

- Provide update on funding of conference events by other AALL SISs. Assigned to: Joan. Date due: Next conference call.

- Provide update about GLL-SIS Publicity & Public Relations Committee plans regarding promotional document regarding services and collaboration (proposed by Joan). Assigned to: Joe. Date due: Next conference call.

Upcoming GLL-SIS Board Conference Calls:
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2019, @ 3:00 p.m. Eastern
- Wednesday, April 24, 2019, @ 2:00 p.m. Eastern
- Wednesday, June 26, 2019, @ 2:00 p.m. Eastern

GLL-SIS Grant Recipient

Susan Falk, GLL-SIS Grants Committee Chair, Alaska State Court Law Library

The GLL-SIS Grants Committee is pleased to announce that Emily Bergfeld is the recipient of this year’s $1,500 grant to attend the 2019 AALL Management Institute in Chicago, IL, on March 28-30. After working as a reference librarian at the Alameda County Law Library for the last ten years, Emily assumed the role of library director on January 1. Though Emily’s years with the library have prepared her for this new position, she has had minimal experience managing people, and is excited to improve her skills supervising, motivating, and communicating with her staff. Emily is thrilled to have this chance to learn and build her foundation as a manager, and GLL-SIS is lucky to have such an enthusiastic member hone her skills and participate in our SIS. Congratulations to Emily!
Washington County Law Library in Oregon Launches Public Library Program

Lee Van Duzer, Washington County Law Library

The Washington County Law Library in Oregon has started a Law Librarians in the Library program. Through this program one of our law librarians visits two local public libraries once each month, for four hours in the late afternoon. This program allows the Washington County Law Library to extend its services to more residents of the county. The Washington County Law Library is located in Hillsboro, the county seat; however, much of the population resides in other cities.

The law librarians utilize resources available at the public libraries, and some online law library resources that can be accessed remotely. The law librarians also bring their specialized knowledge of organizations or agencies for referrals. During the first month, six patrons were served between the two locations. The program was modeled after similar programs in Minnesota and Los Angeles, and will be evaluated after a one-year pilot.

Legal Information for the Public: Training for Hawaii State Public Librarians

Jenny Silbiger, GLL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Hawaii Supreme Court Law Library

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) invited State Law Librarian Jenny Silbiger to conduct a webinar training for Hawaii state librarians on legal information for the public, on October 15 and 16, 2018.

Through community meetings state-wide in 2017, the Justice for All grant committee learned that people are often intimidated and even scared by the "justice" system and do not approach the courts for information. Instead, people turn to trusted community members and resources, including libraries, to get information. With this in mind, and given the history of partnership between legal aid organizations, the judiciary, and the HSPLS with the Self-Help Interactive Forms Expansion project from 2014-2015, the law library reached out to HSPLS to offer training on legal information and resources to the public, in an effort to support the librarians with legal questions from patrons that come into the public libraries.
Legal Information for the Public: Training for Hawaii State Public Librarians (continued)

Jenny Silbiger, GLL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, Hawaii Supreme Court Law Library

How many times the webinar was offered?
The webinar was offered twice; presenters were Jenny Silbiger and her colleague Marlene Cuenco, Public Services Librarian, once in the morning of 10/15 and again in the afternoon of 10/16, to reach as wide an audience as possible. HSPLS had requested a webinar format, since attendees are challenged by geographical restrictions.

How many participants total?
Approximately 75 attendees participated in the webinar, including public librarians from all islands: Oahu, the Big Island of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, Lanai, and Molokai.

What difference did it make?
The public librarians were familiarized with the organization of legal information by branches of government, then trained on free and online legal resources for primary and secondary law. Training also addressed how to handle legal reference questions from the public. Public librarians were given an understanding that legal information is readily available, and often times, just listening carefully to a public patron and providing a referral to a related legal resource (court form, statute, manual) is enough to meet their legal need. However, in the cases where legal information is not enough, the librarians were introduced to further resources such as the court Self-Help Centers/Access to Justice Rooms, Hawaii On-line Pro Bono (email an attorney with your legal question), the current Legal Services Portal and the pending Microsoft/Legal Aid Legal Assist Portal, and the Hawaii State Bar Association free legal hotline, among others.

Comments from the webinar included: this was very helpfull; asking that the webinar be posted on their internal site for future reference; request to order materials helpful to fielding legal information questions for librarians; looking forward to the Microsoft/Legal Aid Legal Assist Portal.
Bringing Judiciary Staff together with Holiday Cheer

Stephen Parks, State Law Library of Mississippi

The State Law Library of Mississippi is housed (hidden might be a better word) in the Carroll Gartin Justice Building. Within the building are the Mississippi Supreme Court, the Mississippi Court of Appeals, the Clerk of Court, the Administrative Office of Courts, the Board of Bar Admissions, other offices within the state judiciary, and all the requisite staff that comes with these multiple departments. In all, close to 150 people call this building their place of employment. It is extremely rare to see the departments mingling together. It is also rare to see multiple people in the Library all at one time given the fact that most of our in-house reference requests arrive by phone or email.

In an effort to bring everyone together and in the spirit of the holiday season, we in the Library decided to host our first ever Holiday Open House. And, you know what, it actually worked. The free food and giveaways might have contributed. In all, close to eighty people stopped by during the Open House hours. Sweets from local bakeries and warm apple cider were provided by our library staff. Giveaways included ornaments made with discarded book pages.

The biggest draw were the trivia questions with coffee-table books being the prizes. The most competitive question asked attendees to guess how many Southern Reporters were used to make the Library’s Book Tree (475 being the answer). A second question asked how many times the term “Santa Claus” appears in Mississippi Supreme Court cases (9 total cases). A third, perhaps morbid, question asked how many State Librarians are buried in Greenwood Cemetery just across the street from the Court (1, H.H Chalmers, who later be-
Bringing Judiciary Staff together with Holiday Cheer (continued)

Stephen Parks, State Law Library of Mississippi

came a justice on the state supreme court).
A good time was had by all. I personally was pleased with seeing some members of the Court in the library for the very first time since my having come on board as the State Librarian. Attendees remarked how much they enjoyed seeing everyone from the other departments and were appreciative of the library having organized it all.
Due to the wonderful response we received, we definitely intend to make this a yearly tradition. Perhaps in the future we can get each member of the Court in the library at the same time, which would truly be a Christmas miracle.

Reflections of a Career Well Spent

Scott Burgh, Chief Law Librarian at the City of Chicago Department of Law Library (retired)

In June 2017, I retired after 28 years as Chief Law Librarian at the City of Chicago Department of Law Library. I enjoyed the position of working all aspects of a special library and the quest for knowledge which never ends. In my service in city government, I have worked under two mayors and six Corporation Counsels. The Corporation Counsel’s office has had a lot of colorful characters, including Clarence Darrow and James Hamilton Lewis, who went on to become a United States Senator. What follows are some anecdotes and other memories—highlights of my time and service with the Department of Law and as a researcher.

What is interesting about a public government office is that what you read in the newspaper may be what you are helping to research that day or that week. For example, some individuals were in the newspaper about having a pot-bellied pig in their Gold Coast condo and we searched the law on that issue (we coined the term “pig law”). When the Republican-dominated General Assembly came to power in the 1990s and it appeared they would want to take over Chicago’s airport, we researched interstate compacts to combat that move. Interstate compacts are authorized in the United States Constitution; we found sources that delineated the interstate compacts around the country, and thus created an interstate compact of an airport authority with Gary, Indiana. Hence, the local revenue from O’Hare and other airports stayed local, which is the largest revenue source to the city.
During the 1992 Presidential campaign, Bill Clinton had his ballot petitions notarized in
the Law Department office and I had the opportunity to meet him and get in a question during that time. After his release from prison, Nelson Mandela visited Chicago in July 1993 and I was able to shake his hand during his visit to City Hall. This had special meaning for me as I had toured South Africa’s Robben Island (including Mandela’s cell) a few years prior in a tour given by former prisoners who offered their heartbreaking personal stories.

In 1990, while working with then-Book Publishing Corporation of Seattle, I interacted with numerous City departments’ contacts to address 30+ pages of editors’ questions regarding the revamp and recodification of the Municipal Code of Chicago. There were no published amendments between 1984 and 1990 and those amendments needed to be integrated into the new code, which revamped the language into 20 new titles. Yet, there was much lost language in which sections would refer to other code sections previously repealed which had to be researched into where that language went, perhaps two or three generations. In some cases, it just could not be found and we just had to speak to the department personnel as to how the section was enforced, which then became law when the recodification was adopted. I am acknowledged in the prefatory material.

During the 2010 gun litigation in the United States Supreme Court case of McDonald v. City of Chicago, I obtained the 1876 Dodge City gun ordinance, retrieved from the Kansas State Historical Society. In citing this 1876 ordinance, the court cited my research from the City’s brief and not the original document. A colleague at the United States Supreme Court library had informed me of the research at the Court and how they had been unable or lacked the time to find what I had been able to locate, which is why the City’s brief was cited. This research was cited in Justice Breyer’s dissent in the United States Supreme Court opinion at 561 U.S. 742, at 937; 130 S.Ct. 3020, at 3134. https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/561/742/

I was the chair of the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Issues of the Social Responsibilities SIS in 1999 and planned the reception to which we had the largest turnout up to that time—97 people attended. I was tired of paying $40 for a few appetizers, so due to my initiative of seeking corporate sponsorship, that was the first year we received support from LexisNexis, Westlaw, and CCH. This reception was also the first Standing Committee reception to have an openly gay elected official, Rep. Barney Frank (D-MA), attend and speak. The corporate funding, the high attendance, and the attendance by Rep. Barney Frank were results of my work and contributions to the Standing Committee.

In 2007, when purchasing the Illinois Court Rules from West, one was forced to purchase a 3-volume package—the old idea in the hardware store—if you want 2 screws, you are forced to buy a bag of 12. For the local Cook County Rules, I got them to publish a special book of just our
Reflections of a Career Well Spent (continued)

Scott Burgh, Chief Law Librarian at the City of Chicago Department of Law Library (retired)

rules, rather than all 102 counties of Illinois. The cost was $10 per volume rather than $50. With more pages to fill beyond the 106 pages, I collected and aggregated the executive orders of all the mayors since the first Mayor Daley. This was the first time they had ever been published, and because of my initiative they are now on the City Clerk’s website.

In September 2003, I took a two-week trip to Madagascar. I traveled the entire country with my guide, Jocelyn, and our driver. Often, we would come upon villages and we walk through the village, meet the local people, take photos, and often have a parade of children following us by the end of our “tour.”

We stopped in Ilakaka, a village in the south of Madagascar where I met René Fulgence, a teenager who spoke English very well and we walked the village together. René was delighted at the opportunity to practice his English and briefly told me of his plans to teach English. I had not much time in this town so I gave him my email address if he wanted to speak further.

Subsequently, René contacted me and asked me to provide any English language materials to help him teach English to his compatriots. I contacted our local LexisNexis library relations people here in Chicago to see if they could provide any materials. During this query, I learned of LexisNexis Cares (part of Reed Elsevier Cares) and about their programs in developing countries.

René wrote an excellent proposal, which I forwarded to the head of LexisNexis Care, who was greatly impressed. Not initially successful with her own company, she passed the proposal on to her contacts at the United Nations Development Office. Through this office and via the British government, René received dictionaries, English grammar books, and some novels. Additionally, LexisNexis Cares sent an additional 20-30 dictionaries. Using these resources and his own skills, René was able to provide English language instruction to students in Ilakaka.

In a project procuring FBI files investigating gay and lesbian individuals in the post–World War II era, the FBI stated the files were “palletized” for the National Archives (NARA) and to contact NARA. NARA said they did not have the files and to contact the FBI. Rep. Mike Quigley’s (D-IL) office was aware of this and he was on the Committee on Judiciary. One day his staff called stating that then-FBI director, Robert Mueller, would appear before the com-

René Fulgence and Scott in Madagascar in 2003.
Reflections of a Career Well Spent (continued)

Scott Burgh, Chief Law Librarian at the City of Chicago Department of Law Library (retired)

mittee the next day and did I have any questions. I submitted my inquiries and Representative Quigley posed my questions to Mr. Mueller at an oversight hearing on March 26, 2011. While the attempt for accountability was there, the generalized response by the FBI director was not too helpful.

I worked with colleagues from Cook County Law Library, University of Chicago D’Angelo Law Library, Chicago Public Library Government Publications division, and the staff at HeinOnline to digitize local legal materials. We pulled our collections together and created a full run of the Opinions of the Corporation Counsel of the City of Chicago, 1872-1984. HeinOnline then digitized the collection, provided copies to the cooperating institutions, thus increasing accessibility. For example, Clarence Darrow wrote three Corporation Counsel opinions in 1893, which can now be easily located.

Since retiring in June 2017, I have continued to research (for myself and for others), write, garden, cook, bicycle, swim, read, travel, and remain politically active. I do not think there is anyone who has retired that said they wished they worked more hours. I recently spoke with my adviser from library school in which we discussed our current projects and he said that it is a wonder how one ever had time to work.

In May 2018, I received the 2017-2018 Outstanding Achievement in Law Librarianship Award from the Chicago Association of Law Libraries. In July 2018 at AALL, I received GLL-SIS’s Bethany J. Ochal award for Distinguished Service to the Profession. At that time, I also received the Roy M. Mersky Spirit of Law Librarianship award in recognition for LGBTQ activism, the books to Madagascar program, and fundraising for the American Cancer Society.

These examples of projects and tasks with their short narratives during the course of the last 28 years could not have been possible without the helpful networking of colleagues and other professionals. Without the cultivation of the productive relationships developed and maintained over time, these endeavors would not have been successful. No project is accomplished solo. A community of professionals made these activities happen.
But Do We Really Need It? Shepard’s In Print

Sarah K.C. Mauldin, DeKalb County Law Library

I am a new county law librarian, after spending the past fifteen years in law firm libraries. In my old job I was almost always comfortable moving attorneys to electronic-only and could point to the ease of access from anywhere, the time saved on filing, the cost of office space, and the ease of sharing among offices to justify the change to reluctant attorneys, unhappy with adding another website and login to their busy days. When faced with the renewal of Shepard’s at a law firm it was a simple decision to cancel. However, when faced with the same dilemma in my new position I felt the decision required more thought. To help make the final determination I turned to the collected wisdom of my colleagues and created a three question survey.

Thirty-three librarians responded to the survey. The majority of the respondents have canceled outright with a small group canceling all but their home state. In one case Lexis ceased publication of a state’s citator although at least one respondent would have continued to subscribe to the print publication if available and another was likely to cancel anyway. While the survey did not ask for reasons for cancellation many commented that price was a determining factor. Others noted that their library made the switch to electronic when Shepard’s introduced access via CD-ROM and then switched to online only. A few respondents have kept print volumes on the shelf for teaching purposes although they are no longer updated.

A very large percentage offer access to citators through Westlaw and Lexis. While about half of respondents have had inquiries about print Shepard’s, users are generally happy to use the online versions. From the comments, it appears that the majority of library users requesting print Shepard’s are paralegal students who are required to Shepardize in print for assignments. Others noted that most requesters are older attorneys and public patrons who were pleased with online results.

A few respondents pointed out specific situations weighing in favor of keeping print. One respondent noted that an ABA committee evaluating the library for a community college paralegal program favored keeping print on hand. Another explained that their library is open to attorneys 24 hours a day while Westlaw and Lexis access are only provided when the library is staffed, so attorneys visiting at night or on weekends rely on the print for citation research.

To Keep Or To Cancel

Now that I have all of these insights, what am I going to do? The renewal price I received is just over 3% of my materials budget for year and canceling would free that money for other resources. In my nearly six months on the job I have only had one library user ask about print access and he was receptive to using the online version. My library does not support a paralegal program and the local law schools all have well-provisioned law libraries. After consideration the best argument I can make for keeping Shepard’s in my library is that it acts as a security blanket. I will recommend cancellation.
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Does your library subscribe to print Shepard's?
33 responses

- Yes: 69.7%
- Yes, but only for our state: 21.2%
- No: 1.8%
- Just for Southern Reporter: 0.9%
- We did, state only, but Shepard's stopped publishing our state: 2.4%

Does your library provide public access to Shepard's/KeyCite online?
33 responses

- Shepard's through Lexis: 60.6%
- KeyCite through Westlaw: 24.2%
- Both Shepard's and KeyCite: 12.1%
- Neither Shepard's nor KeyCite: 3.0%

If you have canceled Shepard's have you had anyone come in looking for it?
30 responses

- Yes: 43.3%
- No: 10.0%
- Don't know: 0.0%
- None of the above: 46.7%
Book Review: *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean

Malinda Muller, GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Chair, LA Law Library

*The Library Book* by Susan Orlean  
Hardcover: 336 pages  
*Publisher: Simon & Schuster; First Edition (October 16, 2018)*

Hats off to librarians ....

New Yorker reporter and New York Times bestselling author Susan Orlean (*The Orchid Thief*) tells a unique story about one library, the Los Angeles Public Library, and brings libraries and librarians into the greater public eye with her New York Times bestseller and Washington Post Top 10 book of the year, *The Library Book*. Out of the blue, our profession was catapulted into attention mode last fall with the compelling, fascinating, and mysterious narrative of the disastrous Los Angeles Public Library fire in which, to this day, its origin remains a mystery. While offering a detective story, Orlean took the unique opportunity to highlight the work we do, place a spotlight on the profession, and aptly present an appreciative representation of the intricate web of “our” story, the holistic daily effort we make as invaluable professionals meeting the informational needs and cultural well-being of the general and professional citizenry whom we support.

In April 1986, the Los Angeles Public Library, the Central main library, which is the “mother” out of which programming, purchasing, training, and administrative support is provided to more than 70 city branches, not to mention a provider of essential programming, community-based services and curator of one of the largest city collections, was consumed by fire. More than four hundred thousand books burned and another several hundred thousand more were damaged. Today, the question is still unanswered about whether or not the historical event was an accident or by design.

In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the Central Library fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives. She has taken a true event and woven it into a flowing narrative & story. In addition to the history of this library, she delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, aptly bringing in the connection between libraries and our national identity. The deep look into this living history is primarily about the people who make the system work, the library staff then and now, but also dives into the investigation of the arson suspect as well as his family. It’s a fascinating story providing satisfying depth into the mystery and the search for whom or what started the fire and the afterward of disaster recovery. This tale also fills several potential additional genre classifications for us. There are those among us who lean towards memoirs. Others gravitate to history, biography, or mysteries. This tale has
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bits and pieces of them all.

Ultimately, the book is a hats off to all libraries and such affirmation is rewarding to experience. Especially affirming to our profession is finding the book listed on several best-seller lists, ultimately capturing a coveted author interview on NPR: [https://n.pr/2EKaCkh](https://n.pr/2EKaCkh)

Via the NPR review, we learn how informed and insightfully well-suited Orlean was to tell this story. Her research was comprehensive and thorough, her approach conversational and believable. We obtain a narrative about how the loss of potential service to their patrons and prized treasures of the collection impacted the librarians, many willing to share the emotion the experience and its aftermath, through Orlean’s interviews. We also have the opportunity to curl up and feel good about the recognition for who we are and what we do, adding a sweet richness, appreciation for, and meaning to what we are connected to in our day jobs.

If there are no obvious compelling reasons to visit Los Angeles, here is one, the Central Library of Los Angeles. Today, the Central Library, rebuilt and restored, is a beautifully designed mix of historical, retro, and modern design. It is likely that an exhibit, speaker series, or cultural event is going on at your time of visit. And I will be happy to arrange a tour which is offered regularly. And if this offer isn’t enough, here’s another incentive: for those who read the book, let’s talk about it. We can take the puzzle and try to solve it, or at least lend our own perspectives and analysis. Did Harry Peak set the fire, or didn’t he? Feel free to contact me if you are planning to or have read the book and would like to participate in a group discussion. I will be happy to host the call and facilitate the starter discussion questions. Virtual lattes and cookies are on me.

Reviewed by Malinda Muller, Director, Patron Services, LA Law Library & Chair of the GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Committee, 2018-19. The committee, among other charges, maintains the member to member Skills Inventory mentorship initiative which can be accessed via the GLL-SIS main web page: [https://www.aallnet.org/GLL-SISsis/](https://www.aallnet.org/GLL-SISsis/)
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations

The GLL online election will be held from Monday, March 18 through Monday, April 8. More information about the election will be sent to you electronically by GLL-SIS Board Member Rob Mead (who is managing the election instead of GLL-SIS Secretary/Treasurer James Durham due to his candidacy for GLL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect). Candidate bios and personal statements follow this announcement.

Thank you for participating by casting your ballot during the election!

The nominees are:

James Durham — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Employment
Deputy Director, Maryland State Law Library (2011 – present)
Head of Public Services, Gould Law Library, Touro Law Center (2005 – 2011)

Education
J.D., The Ohio State University (1997)
M.L.I.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1989)
B.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1987)

Selected Professional Activities
Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section (formerly SCCLL-SIS)
   Treasurer (2015 – present)
   Member-at-Large (2013 – 2015)
Law Library Association of Maryland (LLAM)
   Past President (2016 – 2017)
   President (2015 – 2016)
   Vice President / President-Elect (2014 – 2015)
   Member-at-Large (2013 – 2014)

Personal Statement
Government law libraries and the world of legal information have experienced remarkable changes since 2013, the year that I joined the SCCLL-SIS Executive Committee as a Member-at-Large. A few law libraries have disappeared or have merged into new entities. Many of us have continued to
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

reduce our dependence on print collections and rely more heavily on online sources of information. Our budget priorities are changing, as well as our everyday duties related to the provision of legal information.

Despite a world of change, some things remain the same. The membership of the Government Law Libraries – Special Interest Section (GLL-SIS) remains committed to expanding access to justice. Some of us achieve our goals through direct interactions with self-represented litigants and cooperation with self-help centers in our courts and communities. Other members support justice by serving government entities and officials who determine social policy.

Living in rapidly changing times can be exciting – and potentially very confusing. Organizational membership can be especially important when facing new challenges. AALL and GLL-SIS provide networks of professionals, which we can tap for support, guidance, and the development of new skills. In rapidly changing times, it’s important not to be alone.

I have served on the GLL-SIS Board for the past six years, with two years as Member-at-Large and four years as Secretary / Treasurer. If it pleases the membership, I would like to serve an additional three years as Vice-Chair / Chair-Elect. I am committed to strengthening the presence and value of our law libraries and our SIS. These goals are not something that I, or the GLL-SIS Board, can achieve alone. Successful SIS projects require member input and participation. We have a lot of important work to do – providing continuing education programs, publishing informational guides and pamphlets, updating standards and best practices, and advocating for the healthy evolution of government law libraries. In the words of Helen Keller, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Sarah Mauldin — Secretary/Treasurer

Professional Experience

Law Librarian, DeKalb County Law Library, Decatur, GA, August 2018-present
Director of Library Services, Smith, Gambrell & Russell, LLP, Atlanta, GA, February 2010-August 2018
Law Librarian, Chamberlain, Hrdlicka, White, Williams & Aughtry, Atlanta, GA, August 2006-January 2010
Director of Library Services, Lionel Sawyer & Collins, Las Vegas, NV, August 2003-July 2006
Reference Librarian, Westbank Community Library, Austin, TX, July 2002-February 2003

Education

MLIS, University of Texas at Austin, August 2002, Endorsement of Specialization in law Librarianship
BA in Letters, summa cum laude, December 1999, Minor in Management Information Systems
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Sarah Mauldin — Secretary/Treasurer (continued)

Selected Professional Activities

AALL

Winner, Emerging Leader Award 2010
Chair of Council of Chapter Presidents, 2009-2010
Annual Meeting Programming Committee, 2009-2010
Recruitment to Law Librarianship Committee 2007-2009, Chair 2008-2009
AALL Spectrum, Membership News Editor 2003-2012
Awards Committee, 20012-2014
Access to Justice Special Committee 2013-2014
Emerging Leader Award Jury Chair 2015-2016
Bylaws and Resolutions Committee 2016-2018, Chair 2017-2018

LISP

Secretary/Treasurer 2010-2011

PLLIP

Awards Committee Chair, 2011-2014
Nominations Committee Chair, 2010-2011
Perspectives Co-Editor, 2004-2012, E- News Editor 2012-2015

Atlanta Law Libraries Association

Vice-President/President 2007-2009
Newsletter Committee 2006-2013
Bylaws Committee 2011-2016, Chair 2011-2013
Nominations Committee 2015-2018

SEAALL

Member-at-Large 2009-2011
Local Arrangements Committee Chair 2012-2013
Program Committee 2010-2011, 2013-2014

Recent Presentations

Speaker, “Changing Library Types,” February 12, 2019, Atlanta Law Libraries Assoc., Decatur, GA
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Sarah Mauldin — Secretary/Treasurer (continued)

Speaker, “Our Knowledge Put into Action: Helping Public Librarians Learn Basic Legal Research,” July 16, 2018, AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD

Speaker, “From Talking to Communicating: Using Improv Techniques to Improve Understanding,” July 17, 2018, AALL Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD

Speaker, “Basic Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians,” May 24, 2018, DeKalb County Public Library, Decatur, GA

Moderator, “The Law Firm Librarian’s Role in New Business Intake,” July 16, 2017, AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, TX

Coordinator, “Disaster Planning in an Hour,” July 17, 2017, AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, TX

Speaker, “Assessing Training Success: What to Do When Grades Aren’t Given,” April 1, 2017, SEAALL Annual Meeting, Raleigh, NC; July 18, 2017, AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, TX

Speaker, “How Can I Help You?” June 16, 2016, CALIcon16, Atlanta, GA

Speaker, “Law Firm Tech - What They Know, What They Want to Know, and What They Need to Know in Practice,” June 18, 2016, CALIcon16, Atlanta, GA

Moderator, “The Power of Legal Analytics: Delivering Advantages in Marketing, Competitive Intelligence, and Successful Client Pitches,” July 17, 2016, AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Panelist, “Taking the Lead on Teaching Legal Technology: Opportunities and Challenges,” July 19, 2016, AALL Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Selected Publications

GLLNews

“But Do We Really Need It?” Forthcoming

AALL Spectrum

“Teaching Legal Technology,” March/April 2017

“Getting to Practice-Ready,” March/April 2016

“Access to Justice Members Briefing – Perspectives by Library Type – Private Law Firms,” December 2014

Law Library Journal

Film Review, “Balancing the Scales,” in Keeping Up with New Legal Titles, 110:1

Law Library Journal, p. 150, 160
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Sarah Mauldin — Secretary/Treasurer (continued)


Personal Statement

I am tickled to be nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of GLL. While I am brand new to the world of public law libraries I have more than fifteen years’ experience as a law firm librarian in Nevada and Georgia. So far my time in the county law library and have been warmly welcomed by everyone in GLL who I have had an opportunity to communicate with. I hope to expand the services of my one person library with added staff and resources in the near future. To make these positive changes in my library I need a community of colleagues willing to share their advice, celebrate our successes, and learn from our failures. As Secretary/Treasurer I hope to join a GLL board committed to aiding government libraries and librarians in providing legal information, supporting our courts and agencies, and furthering access to justice in our communities. I promise to serve the SIS with the same enthusiasm, optimism, and purpose that I endeavor to bring to my daily work. I humbly seek your vote and, whatever the outcome of this election, look forward to working with the members of GLL for a long time to come.

Karen Westwood — Secretary/Treasurer

EMPLOYMENT

Director, Anne W. Grande Law Library, Hennepin County Minnesota, 12/15 – Present

Associate Director, Library Services, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minn., 09/14 – 12/15

Assistant Director, Research and Instructional Services, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minn., 07/10 – 09/14
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Karen Westwood — Secretary/Treasurer

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Associate Attorney, Lindquist & Vennum, PLLP, Minneapolis, Minn., 09/07 – 10/09

Reference Librarian, Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, Minn., 08/04 – 05/07

Head of Public Services, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, Minn., 02/01 – 08/04

Head of Outreach Services, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, Minn., 10/97 – 02/01

EDUCATION

Hamline University School of Law, St. Paul, MN—JD, May 2007

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign—MS, Library and Information Science, 1987

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities—BA, Political Science, 1983

SELECTED ACTIVITIES

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries - President (2202-2003 and 2012-2013); Secretary/Treasurer (1996-1997); Chair, Gates Grant Task Force (2003-2004).


SELECTED PUBLICATIONS


GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Karen Westwood — Secretary/Treasurer (continued)

“Working Group on Distance Learning in Legal Education: Collected and Recommended Practices” Co-Editor with Greg Brandes and Rebecca Purdom, CALI e-book (December 2015).

“Deals and Dispute Resolution: Teaching Research Skills in a Short-Term Simulation Class,” AALL Spectrum (July 2012).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS


“Legal Information or Legal Advice?: Getting Together to Address a Perennial Question,” MAALL Joint Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, October 20, 2017 (Presenter).


“Leaning In and Reaching Out! Building and Delivering A2J Education, Outreach, and Awareness,” AALL Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, July 17, 2017 (Presenter).


STATEMENT

The GLL-SIS serves a vital purpose for government law librarians. This SIS serves as a sounding board, a strategic partner, and a “home base” for us in the larger Association. It provides leadership and cultivates great leaders. After some years in different types of librarianship, I’ve returned to a county law library and immediately re-upped my membership in the GLL-SIS. I enjoy the work of Secretary/Treasurer (something I’ve done for another SIS and for my local Chapter) and would be honored to serve in that capacity for the GLL-SIS.

Jen Fell — Board Member

Employment

Technical Services Librarian, Sacramento County Public Law Library, May 2010-Present
Public Services Librarian, Sacramento County Public Law Library, May 2009-May 2010
Library Assistant, Colusa County Free Library, May 2008-May 2009
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Jen Fell — Board Member (continued)

Education
San Jose State University, M.L.I.S., 2008.
California State University, Chico, B.A., 2003.

Selected Professional Activities

AALL
Technical Services-Special Interest Section member, 2010-present
∙ Nominations Committee, 2011-2016 (Chair, 2012-2013)
∙ Acquisitions Standing Committee, 2013-2016
∙ Awards Committee, 2012-2013
∙ Membership Committee, 2012-2013
* TSLL Editorial Board, TS-SIS representative, 2015-2017

Government Libraries Special Interest Section member, 2010-present
* Awards Committee, 2015-2016
* Public Relations Committee, 2016-2019

Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL)
Executive Board, Secretary, 2012-2015
Spring Institute Vendor Co-Coordinator, 2013, 2014, and 2015
Community Services Committee, 2010-2012 (Co-Chair, 2011-2012)
Academic Relations Committee, 2011-2012

Publications, Presentations and Grants


GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Jen Fell — Board Member (continued)


Recipient, 2011 TS-SIS Martha Schwartz Grant for attendance at the AALL Annual Conference’s CONELL Workshop.

Personal Statement

I am grateful to be considered to serve as Member-at-Large for the GLL Board. Having worked in a county law library for the duration of my professional career, I’m keenly aware of the vital role government law librarians play in providing equal access to information and justice for those in our communities. With local, state, and federal justice systems more critical to our democratic society than ever before, the information professionals supporting these institutions require support themselves, and GLL continues to deliver. I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with the Board on how best to continue providing professional development, advocacy, and supportive connectivity to the membership.

Liz Reppe — Board Member

EDUCATION:

JD, Hamline University School of Law
MLIS, Dominican University
BS, University of North Dakota

BAR MEMBERSHIP:

Minnesota

POSITIONS HELD:

Minnesota State Law Librarian, Sept. 2012 - present
Washington County Law Librarian, Jan. 2006 – Nov. 2007
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Liz Reppe — Board Member (continued)

Senior Product Developer, Thomson Reuters Apr. 2004 – Nov. 2004
Adjunct Professor, Hamline University Legal Studies Department Aug. 2000 – Mar. 2005
Computer Services/Reference Librarian, Hamline University School of Law Dec. 1999 – Mar. 2004

ACTIVITIES (recent):

Library Community

American Association of Law Libraries

   Digital Access to Legal Information Committee 2015-2018
   Committee on Relations with Information Vendors 2010-2015
      Chair 2014-2015
      CRIV Sheet Editor 2012-2013
   Library Procurement Process Improvements Task Force 2011-2012
   Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section (formerly SCCLL)
      Strategic Directions Committee 2014-2015
      Awards Committee Chair 2013-2014
      Education Committee Chair 2012-2013
   Legal Information Services for the Public Special Interest Section
      Member 2006-present

Minnesota Association of Law Libraries

   Past President/Nominations Committee Chair 2012-2013
   President 2011-2012
   Vice President/Education Chair 2010-2011


Legal Community

Triage Portal Advisory Committee, 2018-present
Justice for All Grant Committee, 2017-2018

Minnesota State Bar Association
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Liz Reppe — Board Member (continued)

Alternative Legal Models Task Force, 2016-2017
Legal Assistance to the Disadvantaged Committee, 2012-present
    Pro Se Subcommittee
    Judiciary Subcommittee
Minnesota Supreme Court Historical Society, 2015-present

Community
Northfield Public Library Board, Chair
Northfield Public Art Review Committee, member

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS (selected):

Our Knowledge Put into Action: Helping Public Librarians Learn Basic Legal Research, speaker, AALL 2018

Rapid Fire Reference, panelist, Minnesota Library Association 2016

You Found What on the Internet?! Using Free Sites to Locate People and Information about People, speaker, Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference, 2015

Proving Your Library’s Value: Tips from a Library That Has Done It, coordinator and moderator, AALL 2015

Crowdsourcing a Law Library Logo, poster presentation, AALL 2015

The Bookless Law Library? Potential Reality or Flight of Fancy, coordinator and moderator, AALL 2014

Marketing Your Public Law Library, speaker, AALL 2007

Partnering with Public Libraries to Expand Services, speaker, AALL 2010

Law Library Service to the Jail, 17 AALL Spectrum 10 (Nov. 2012).

Collaborative Tools and the Mentoring Experience, 14 AALL Spectrum 10 (June 2010). (Co-authored with Margaret Maes)

AWARDS:

1st Judicial District Amicus Curiae Award (2011)

Attorneys of the Year award (2016)
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Liz Reppe — Board Member (continued)

STATEMENT:

I attended my first AALL conference in 1998. I was pretty clueless. I was in library school, but had never worked in a library. I had been through law school, but certainly was no expert in legal research. The people I met at that conference, and other colleagues I have met and learned from since, have been instrumental in my development as a professional law librarian. Being able to connect with GLL colleagues through the SIS is incredibly valuable. Our world has changed, and I’m OK with that. Many of us may be called on to take on the role of advocate, partner, collaborator, or marketer. We have so many opportunities to grow and expand in the current legal climate. Fortunately, as members of a broader organization we don’t have to try to figure out all of these things alone. I would be honored to serve on the GLL-SIS board. If elected I would look forward to working on initiatives that can help our group connect with each other, and those in the broader library and legal communities.
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Carol Ebbinghouse — Board Liaison

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