Aloha All,

In light of the COVID-19 situation, I'm hopeful you are all safe and healthy and I am so thankful folks have been keeping us apprised of what's happening for your libraries across the country. If we could keep updating at the GLL My Communities, that would be wonderful, as the shared news is so helpful for all of us. Things are changing day to day, as of Friday, 3/13/2020, our library was open, but after many discussions among our senior administration and Chief Justice, starting on Monday, 3/16/2020, we are closed to the general public and I'm joining other law libraries such as Texas and Washington who have taken similar measures. Please know that the Chair's column was written right after the new year, when COVID-19 had yet to take hold in our consciousness and every day life, which seems a lifetime ago of thoughts and hopes and wishes for all of us. However one thing remains constant—I am thankful for your good work and dedication to your libraries, staff, and the general public, and am wishing you all a safe and healthy new year 2020. Let's get through this together and I'm sending you thoughts of health, peace, and safety from across the Pacific Ocean.

Aloha All and Happy Lunar New Year of the Metal Rat 2020!

For more information on what may be in store for you in the lunar new year, please feel free to peruse here or check out other lunar new year sites. Google created a doodle celebrating lunar new year in Korea, as lunar new year is celebrated in

[Image: Lion dancer receiving $1.00 from GLL-SIS Chair Jenny Silbiger]

GLL-SIS Chair Jenny Silbiger gives a lion dancer $1.00 for good luck in the new year.
View from the Chair (continued)

Jenny Silbiger, GLL-SIS Chair, Hawai’i Supreme Court Law Library

countries all over Asia. You may have heard the saying “Happy Chinese New Year” and/or the Chinese expression *Kung hee fat choy* (Congratulations and be prosperous). In South Korea, lunar new year is referred to as *Seollal*, and the new year’s greeting is *Sae hae bok mani ba deu se yo* (May your new year be filled with blessings). Celebrations are far and wide in my home of Hawai’i, and I happily gave a lion $1.00 for good luck to start it all off on Lunar New Year’s Day, January 25, 2020.

So far 2020 has been auspicious for our GLL-SIS. The first exciting news I’d like to report is that Lexis has signed on to sponsor our annual GLL business meeting and breakfast this summer in New Orleans. The Board is pleased to pass along the savings this sponsorship has brought to us by lowering ticket prices to $20. We hope you can join us there to share in our SIS updates, celebrate our colleagues’ accomplishments, meet our VIP guest (TBA), participate in our GLL Silent Auction, and enjoy fellowship over breakfast. For new members and/or new business meeting attendees who may feel shy to join in on the festivities, we are also working on a GLL Breakfast-Buddies sign up: we will match new attendees with a returning GLL member to support a collegial and inclusive experience. For anyone interested in participating with GLL Breakfast Buddies—please don’t hesitate to reach out to Treasurer Karen Westwood and/or myself. The Board and I really hope as many members as possible will be able to join us in NOLA.

Secondly, 2020 has also brought us a wonderful slate of candidates for Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Member at Large. I’d like to thank our Nominations Committee, chaired by Steve Anderson, for their work in bringing our fantastic candidates to the fore. Candidate bios and statements are included in this issue. We are so lucky to have such dedicated and experienced members running to take part and contribute to our GLL-SIS Board. Please join me in congratulating them on their nominations and please look for voting details to come.

Next, I’m happy to share details relating to the ABA/BNA Lawyer’s Manual on Professional Conduct. You may recall the Bloomberg brou ha ha from this past fall on our Members Open Forum Communities listserv, discussing (protesting) Bloomberg’s abrupt announcement about ceasing the Lawyer’s Manual in print effective December 31, 2019 and their (subpar) alternative offering. While we librarians embrace technology in terms of access and research methods, the electronic alternative Bloomberg was offering at the
time was unacceptable: an electronic version of the Manual could only be subscribed to as part of a “suite” of digital services, thereby increasing the price of this title by the thousands.

After discussing and hearing from some of our GLL members, GLL Board members, and Vani Ungapan, our AALL Executive Director, I reached out and worked with ALL-SIS Chair, Lisa Goodman, and PLLIP Chair and Vice Chair, Saskia Mehlhorn and Christopher Laut III, respectively. Together, GLL, ALL, and PLLIP submitted a joint memo expressing our concerns to CRIV—much of which was outlined in the original listserv comments. I also understand other law librarians had reached out to CRIV individually to share their feedback. We were pleased to hear that our CRIV liaison, R. Marty Witt, had a productive conversation with Bloomberg in December. As a result of our combined efforts, I was recently contacted by my Bloomberg representative with the following news: they are now offering a segmented, IP authenticated version of the Lawyer’s Manual, first to academic libraries and state law libraries, and she is enthusiastic to hear from county law libraries as well. I updated the Bloomberg members open forum thread with this news, and I’ve had inquiries from GLL and ALL librarians; I hope to hear soon how it’s panning out. If you’d like more information, please let me know, and please don’t hesitate to share your experiences.

I feel so lucky to be working with such engaged and committed colleagues in AALL and to be part of our wonderful GLL-SIS. This time last year, Past-Chair, Joanie Bellistri discussed sharing our library stories about what makes our job “real”—helping all of our patrons, judges, law clerks, self-represented litigants. We have another success story to share, perhaps you’ve seen the wonderful update out of Ramsey County (Minnesota), around a Muslim woman, Aida Al-Kadi, who prevailed in her civil case related to unlawful treatment by the Ramsey County jail. “When she couldn’t find an attorney to take her case, she studied at the Ramsey County law library and filed pro se, or without representation—a complicated process.” The support of Aida Al-Kadi’s county law library (shout out to Ramsey Count Law Library!) was instrumental to setting her on her successful path. More coverage is here and here.

Let’s continue to share our stories and experiences with one another, through our GLL community and/or feel free to reach out to Marcia Hannon, who is continuing as chair of our Publicity and Public Relations committee. (I’m hoping to share a story from the Hawaii Supreme Court Law Library very soon!) Our experiences as government law librarians in our various settings bring us together, and I’m hopeful we can continue to connect through our collective successes, challenges, and adventures into the future.

Again, wishing you all a wonderful lunar new year from across the Pacific Ocean. May your 2020 be filled with prosperity, blessings, kindness, and joy.

*romanization into English varies
“Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world.” - Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl’s words resonate throughout the articles in this edition of GLL News. Joe Lawson details how the Harris County Library is trying to change the world by encouraging and making it easier for their constituents to register to vote. Similarly, the Oregon State Law Library is making a positive impact on the lives of incarcerated persons by offering the first of its kind access to online legal resources. And Robyn Moltzen and the Sacramento Public Library are partnering with local community agencies to offer better services to the public. To further this endeavor, the Sacramento Library has created “legal referral half sheets” in order to highlight the local services available to self-represented patrons.

Not only are we as librarians trying to make an impact on society by offering enhanced services but we are also engaging our patrons with thought-provoking exhibits and displays. Gail Wechsler and the St. Louis Library are sponsoring an exhibit entitled “Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany Under the Third Reich.” And Rob Mead explains the history and symbolism of the chandeliers displayed in the Washington State Law Library.

Members of GLL-SIS also have an opportunity to make a positive impact on our SIS by reading the election biographies and voting in the upcoming GLL election for the Executive Board positions of Member-at-Large and Vice Chair.

Last, but not least, catch up on GLL Board and Committees’ news by reading our regular features- the Mentoring Committee book reviews, Grants Committee updates, Executive Board meeting minutes, and member news.
AALL Announcements

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant. Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. The next deadline for grant applications is March 20, 2020.

AALL PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON AALLNET

LATEST SALARY SURVEY UPDATES

In case you missed it, the 2019 Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics report was released in November 2019. Free access to the digital edition remains an AALL membership benefit and print copies can be purchased for $130 each (for current members). This edition includes many updates by the Economic Status of Law Librarians Committee—including new position titles and descriptions.

AALL STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT

Are you looking for organizational and individual insights in the new year? The inaugural AALL State of the Profession report has the data you need for effective benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning. Digital and print editions are available on AALLNET.

CI STRATEGIES & ANALYSIS / REGISTER NOW

Competitive intelligence (CI) skills can be used throughout your organization to help increase your strategic advantage. Have you been looking to up your CI game? During AALL’s CI Strategies & Analysis, learn how to frame your CI reporting, how to communicate CI results and the role of data and data visualization, how to choose external vendors, and more—to take your CI skills to the next level.

- May 7-8, 2020 / 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (CDT)
- Sidley Austin LLP / Chicago
- Members $894 / Nonmembers $1,200

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Law librarians and legal information professionals seeking to learn how to expand a competitive intelligence function at their organization (including firm, academic, government, and other organizations)
Member News

Holly M. Riccio reports that she is the new Director of the California Judicial Center Library in San Francisco. The CJCL serves the Justices and staff of the Supreme Court of California and the Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, and staff of the Judicial Council of California. Holly is the 10th librarian to serve in this capacity since the role of Supreme Court Librarian was authorized by statute in 1893. In addition to management of the law library, Holly also oversees Special Collections and Archives, including the California Supreme Court archive collection.

Joe Lawson, Deputy Director, Harris County Law Library and GLL-SIS Board Member, was appointed to the Texas Access to Justice Commission Technology Committee. The Committee is tasked with assessing current tech practices for legal aid organizations and community partners, identifying opportunities for statewide initiatives, and outlining tech-related legislative agenda items for the Commission. As the sole law librarian on the Committee, Joe will bring a unique perspective with a focus on services for self-represented litigants currently falling through the Justice Gap in the Lone Star State.

Marcelo Rodriguez, Research and Training Librarian at the U.S. Courts Library for the Second Circuit, says, “Who is excited about the upcoming AALL Annual Meetings in New Orleans this summer? If you are attending, I want to bring to your attention one of the panels I’m coordinating this year. The session is called Legal Information from U.S. Territories: What a Conundrum! Our conversation will be centered on the five permanently inhabited and unincorporated territories: American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Legal information from and on the U.S. territories is difficult to find, whether you are a local resident or not. Most major commercial vendors do not include this information and local institutions do not have the resources to digitize and make this information freely accessible, hindering any efforts of access to justice. What should we do? Our session aims to learn from the law librarians working with these materials every day on how to retrieve this information and what all of us can do to improve the current situation. Our panel will take place on Monday, July 13th from 11am to 12pm. I have confirmed a dream team to conduct this conversation. The speakers will be Geraldine Cepeda, Executive Director/Librarian, Supreme Court of Guam, Gina Gutierrez Galang, Head of Library Services, Judicial Branch of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and Victoria Szymczak, Law Library Director, University of Hawaii Law School. Our moderator will be Aesha Duval, Branch Librarian for the U.S. Virgin Islands, Third Circuit. You are all cordially invited to attend. Please attend, share and let me know if you have any questions and/or suggestions.”
Member News (continued)

Holiday Celebrations in Government Law Libraries

Julie Tessmer Robinson, State Law Librarian at the Wisconsin State Law Library, shares, “We always have fun decorating our Library.” For the last holiday, the Wisconsin State Law Library illuminated the main reading room with loon cutouts and a Frozen-inspired Lady Justice. Photos by Carol Hassler, Web Services Librarian, Wisconsin State Law Library.

Marcia L. Hannon, Assistant Director at the Supreme Court of Kansas Law Library, shares, “Our first year attempt at a book Christmas Tree at the Supreme Court of Kansas Law Library. Our Justice Stegall posted the image to Twitter and received several shares and lots of likes!”

Loon cutouts at the Wisconsin State Law Library. Frozen-inspired Lady Justice at the Wisconsin State Law Library.

Book Christmas tree at the Supreme Court of Kansas Law Library.
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Wednesday, September 25, 2019

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

Date and Time: **Wednesday, 9/25/2019 – 8:30am HST ; 1:30p.m. Central**

In Attendance: J. Silbiger, J. Durham, Karen Westwood, L. Reppe, R. Mead, J. Lawson, C. Morton, S. Pic

Meeting Leader: Jenny Silbiger

Scribe: Karen Westwood

Date of Next Meeting: November 19 or 20 – TBD, watch for an email from Jenny Silbiger

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- James Durham moved to approve agenda. Rob Mead seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Rob Mead moved to approve Minutes from July 14th. James Durham seconded. Approved Unanimously.

Other Business:

- AALL memorandum letter for AALL Archives discussion. James Durham raised the suggestion that Secretary/Treasurer could possibly be broken into two roles in the future since the position is fairly time-intensive, and if an archives role is added it might be too much. Karen Westwood agreed to continue in the dual role for the time being, and investigate the nature of the archives work (relying on knowledge of current Executive Board members).
- Sara Pic described the proposal from the AALL-SIS Chairs to air the documentary “Change the Request” at AALL 2020. Joe Lawson moved that GLL co-sponsor the showing of the film to include contributions of up to $300 to help with costs. Seconded by James Durham. Approved unanimously.
- Discussion about AALL GLL Web site presence & in particular the “Learn More” link - [https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/](https://www.aallnet.org/gllsis/)
- James Durham will consult the Technology Committee about making updates to the website. Also, he will ask them to contact Joe Lawson and the Publicity & Public Relations Committee regarding new updates to the “Marketing Mavens” section listed on our GLL website.
- Jenny Silbiger reported on her efforts to get LEXIS financial support for the GLL Breakfast & Business Meeting. This is an ongoing process – but the GLL SIS is asking
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for up to $5,000 in sponsorship for next year’s breakfast at the AALL meeting.

- All Committee annual reports have been submitted save for two committees. It was agreed that the historical practice has been to ask a couple of times, but if one is not submitted to just skip it. Many times a committee doesn’t submit a report if there is not much to report for the year.

- Karen Westwood made a brief treasurer’s report. The SIS paid grant recipients, an honorarium and speaker travel expenses, and PR expenses in late July/August which all totaled $4,682.82. The GLL silent auction and contributions to the grant fund totaled $4,229.

- 2019-2020 Committee updates
  - The Education Committee reported that they received five education program proposals for GLL sponsorship. They will be reviewing those to determine which ones to support.
  - The Newsletter editors report that the next issue is near publication and contains a lot of interesting material.

- GLL Handbook – thanks to James Durham for sending out the current revision of the GLL Handbook. Jenny Silbiger and James Durham will work on a process for updating it.

- Next Meeting: currently scheduled for November 20th, but may be changed to November 19th due to scheduling conflicts. Watch for an email from Jenny Silbiger about this potential change.

- James Durham moved to adjourn the meeting. Liz Reppe seconded. Passed unanimously.

New Business

- Confirm Meeting times, last Wednesday of the month, every other month* 8:00am HST: November 20th(or 19th – date TBD), January 22nd, March 25th, May 27th (Potential June meeting prior to AALL, TBD)
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Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

Date and Time: Tuesday, 11/19/2019 – 8:00am HST

In Attendance: J. Bellistri (late), J. Silbiger, J. Durham, Karen Westwood, L. Reppe, J. Lawson, C. Morton, S. Pic,

Meeting Leader: Jenny Silbiger
Scribe: Karen Westwood

Date of Next Meeting: January 22, 2020 8:00 a.m. HST

Meeting Minutes and Agenda

Preliminary Items / Action Items from Previous Meeting:

- Karen Westwood presented the treasurer’s report which included most of the income and expenses for the year. However, the financial statement from AALL is not finalized and K. Westwood has requested AALL to look into a $28 discrepancy in the amount GLL deposited in contributions over the summer. The final report should be available for the January meeting. Total GLL fund balance on 10/1/18 was 34,728.58 and on 10/1/19 was 34,034.63 indicating that GLL revenue was marginally less than expenses in the year.

Other Business/New Business:

- AALL meeting schedule matrix – Jenny will put forth the request for the GLL breakfast on the Sunday morning of the meeting, and a GLL social hour on Monday afternoon. No one requested additional time slots.
- GLL/SR/LISP Roundtable – This joint roundtable is being scheduled with particular emphasis in avoiding the business meetings of any of the participating SISs and also the General AALL Business Meeting
- ALA Liaison Funding Update/Discussion – After some discussion of the history of this funding of 1 – 3 people to attend ALA and K. Westwood’s inquiry to AALL regarding some excess funding from GLL contributions in earlier years, Joe Lawson moved to approve up to $200 to fund a liaison to ALA, as coordinated by the TS-SIS. James Durham seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
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- 2019-2020 GLL Handbook – a couple of committees have begun to look at the SIS handbook. Jenny will send a reminder to committees in the spring, with next year’s AALL Annual Meeting as the deadline for revisions to be complete.

- Committee Updates – Board members reported back information from their committees. Not all committees have been active, but the Newsletter committee just published an issue and the A2J committee plans to focus on best practices for working with public libraries. The PR committee seeks more contributions to their “Our Stories” initiative and the Tech committee (with PR committee input) is working to improve the website. Nominations committee will put out a call for candidates in November and the grants committee encourages anyone accepted to the Leadership Academy to consider applying for a grant (a reminder for SRLN attendees will go out in December).

- The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Upcoming GLL-SIS Board Meetings:
January 22\textsuperscript{nd}, March 25\textsuperscript{th}, May 27\textsuperscript{th} (Potential June meeting prior to AALL, TBD)

2020 GLL-SIS Grant Recipients

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

The Grants Committee is thrilled to announce our first grant recipients of 2020. With the help of employer contributions, we were able to send two of our members to the AALL Leadership Academy in Oak Bridge, Illinois, on March 27-28, 2020. The GLL members who received grants for this conference are:

- **Sara Pic**, Head of Public Services, Law Library of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana

- **Sarah Larsen**, Outreach Librarian, Minnesota State Law Library, St. Paul, Minnesota

We also awarded one grant to the Self-Represented Litigation Network Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, on March 5-6, 2020. We awarded this grant to:

- **Sue Ludington**, Law Librarian, Lane County Law Library, Eugene, Oregon

Congratulations to our grant recipients, and thank you to all GLL members who applied for one of these grants. We had several qualified applicants for both conferences, all of whom deserved funding to attend. If you applied for a grant and were not selected, please consider applying again in the future. We are awarding two grants to attend the Annual Meeting, so get your applications ready!
2020 AALL Annual Meeting Grants

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

The Grants Committee has been authorized to award two $1,500 grants for GLL members to attend this year’s AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, July 11-14, 2020. One of these grants is designated for a librarian with less than five years of experience, and the other is designated for a librarian with more than five years of experience. Grant applications are due March 27, 2020.

The AALL Annual Meeting is an unparalleled opportunity to network with our colleagues, share information, meet vendors, and bring new ideas back to our libraries. The program offers a full slate of educational sessions, roundtables, and business and social meetings to keep you busy for four days. And, of course, the highlight of the meeting is our very own GLL Business Meeting, Breakfast, and Silent Auction!

Whether you’re brand new to GLL or have been toiling in the trenches for years, please consider applying for a grant to attend this year’s Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

International Association of Law Libraries – “Law Down Under” 38th Annual Course

Geri Cepeda, Guam Law Library

Enticed by the thought of koalas and kangaroos, I attended the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) 38th Annual Course in Sydney, Australia, in October 2019. With about 150 attendees, the IALL meeting was a more intimate setting than the AALL’s annual meetings that I’d attended in the past, but no less informative. It was my first time to attend an IALL Annual Course, and I discovered that it is an educational program focused on the substantive law of the host jurisdiction. The sessions were plenary and presenters were professors and jurists – with the exception of Australia’s Legal History and Colonial Legacy, by the Hon. Margaret Beazley, Governor of New South Wales.

The topics and presenters included:

- Colonial Legal Histories and Indigenous Sovereignty: Associate Prof. Thalia Anthony, University of Technology Sydney
- New South Wales Circle Sentencing and the New South Wales Youth Koori Court: Magistrate Sue Duncombe
- Australia’s Constitutional Quirks: Prof. George Williams AO, University of New South Wales – Dean of the Law School
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38th Annual Course (continued)

Geri Cepeda, Guam Law Library

- **International Law in Australia**: Associate Professor Emily Crawford, University of Sydney
- **International Environmental Law in Australia**: Professor Tim Stephens, University of Sydney
- **Criminal Law in Australia**: Justice Mark Ierace, Supreme Court of New South Wales

The pre-conference workshop, *An Introduction to the Australian Legal System and Legal Research*, was presented by experienced law librarians and legal researchers, Fiona MacDowall of the University of Melbourne Law School, and Larissa Reid of the New South Wales Law Courts Library. Most of the educational sessions were held at the University of New South Wales, Central Business District Campus, but we also toured the New South Wales Parliament House, and the Law Courts Building and Library.

The fine spring weather showcased Sydney at her finest, especially during the social events: the Opening Reception at the Justice and Police Museum, a cocktail mixer at the Ivy Penthouse, and an Aboriginal Cultural Cruise on the *Mari Nawi*, where we stopped off at Shark Island for a cultural presentation. The Annual Dinner at the Sunset Room, Luna Park, capped off with the official introduction of Incoming IALL President Kurt Carroll, of the Law Library of Congress. My dream of seeing native Aussie animals came true, with the optional post-conference session *Border Controls, Invasive Species and Animal Ethics* and tour of the world-famous Taronga Zoo.

I encourage any law librarian to attend an IALL meeting, even if their primary work duties do not touch on international law or foreign legal materials. At the IALL meeting in Sydney, I was able to meet other AALL members and new vendor representatives. Most importantly, I gained an extended law librarian family that spans the globe.
International Association of Law Libraries – “Law Down Under”
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Geri Cepeda, Guam Law Library

Kurt Carroll, Chief, Collection Services of the Law Library of Congress and Incoming IALL President, with delegates from National Assembly Library of South Korea, Jihyun Kim and Nayoung Kim. He was introduced as the IALL President at the Annual Dinner.

View of Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbor Bridge during the Mari Nawi boat cruise.

Aboriginal cultural presentation on Shark Island, part of the Mari Nawi boat cruise.

IALL Annual Dinner at the Sunset Room, Luna Park. (L-R): Whitney Curtis, Assoc. Director, Barry University School of Law; Michelle Cosby, AALL President; Kate Freedman, President of the Australian Law Librarians’ Association; and Geri Cepeda, Guam Law Library.
Participate in Democracy at Your Local Public Law Library

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

Access to knowledge is a cornerstone of our representative democracy. James Madison expressed the sentiment when he famously said, “The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty.” However, participation in government and protection of liberty also hinges on another critical form of access. While fighting for women’s suffrage, Susan B. Anthony drove the point home when she said,

\begin{quote}
It is downright mockery to talk to women of their enjoyment of the blessings of liberty while they are denied the use of the only means of securing them provided by this democratic-republican government: the ballot.
\end{quote}

As a public law library, the Harris County Law Library has the privilege of promoting not only access to knowledge, but also access to the ballot. In 2019, we undertook projects and formed partnerships to expand the path to the ballot box that runs through our law library. In doing so, we furthered our mission of “promoting open and equal access to justice for all.”

Voter Registration

As a public law library in Texas, we have a legal obligation to assist with voter registration. Under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. §20506), which bears the popular name the “Motor Voter” bill, states must designate offices to serve as voter registration agencies. In Texas, the designation extends to every public library (see, Tex. Elec. Code §20.001(c)).

Practically speaking, this simply means we stock voter registration forms, offer them to our patrons, and return completed forms to the correct office within 5 days. However, we knew there was more we could do.

In 2019, we began by partnering with the organization National Voter Registration Day (“NVRD”) to encourage more eligible voters to register before the deadline for the November elections. Partnership with NVRD afforded the law library a packet of graphically appealing promotional materials that we used across our digital presence to promote the service and special event. Branded print materials provided by our partner allowed us to extend a cohesive user experience into the law library as well. We turned posters promoting voter registration in multiple languages into a #selfie wall that helped patrons and partner
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organizations join in the outreach.

Polling Location

In recent years, the law library has been listed as a polling location for early voting (see, [UH Downtown students participate in annual ‘Walk 2 Vote’ initiative, KPRC (Oct. 24, 2018)]). That role expanded to include Election Day support in early 2019. Every Election Day, whether a general, primary, or special election, we welcome staff from the county clerk’s office and help direct voters who take a wrong turn and end up at the reference desk back to the lower level of our building where they can cast their ballots. Since the voting booths are set up in the same conference space where we normally hold educational programs, it’s an excellent example of providing both access to knowledge and the ballot in support of democracy under one roof.

Raising Awareness

An unexpected, but exciting, opportunity to further support access to the ballot box cropped up on Election Day, 2019. In late October, we received a call from communications staff for our county clerk’s office. They needed a space near the polling place in our building to hold a media event. Harris County had recently implemented its “Vote Your Way” initiative, which allowed voters to visit any of the 700+ voting locations countywide rather than at a single location within a specific precinct. Camera crews for major local news outlets were scheduled to interview Harris County Clerk Dr. Diane Trautman about the initiative’s rollout and then follow her as she voted in a polling place near her workplace rather than her residence. It was an excellent way to raise awareness about the more convenient voting options and the law library was the perfect location.

The only problem was we had never hosted such an event before. We didn’t know the ins-and-outs of hosting a press event, what noise...
levels to expect, what space requirements to anticipate. Still, the opportunity to support, even in the smallest way, an event meant to diffuse knowledge about an initiative that made Election Day more inclusive is something we had to pursue, so we agreed.

Election Day arrived and so did the cameras. We set up a podium and packed reporters, crews, and camera equipment into a space normally used for legal technology training. With the backdrop of Southwestern Reporters, Dr. Trautman did a live interview for Fox 26 Houston explaining the new countywide polling system. She was also joined by Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, who delivered a message in both English and Spanish about the county’s commitment to making it more convenient for every citizen to vote. While the cameras were rolling, library staff found extension cords to lend, diverted noisy facilities crews away from the interview, and liaised with teams of county communications staffers. In the end, the event was a success, the message went out, and more than half of voters in the county voted outside of their precincts thanks to the county clerk’s push to raise awareness about countywide polling.

Making Connections

One unexpected opportunity led to another. Following the media event, we invited County Judge Hidalgo to stay for a tour of the law library. She and her communications staff graciously agreed, and we provided an overview of all the initiatives our law library has undertaken to expand access to legal knowledge for everyone in Harris County. At the end of the tour, she commented that since taking office in January, 2019, she has learned about so many wonderful services the county offers to everyone and she was glad to hear of more at the law library. She encouraged us to focus on outreach and we were glad to report successes in that area. Later that day, we found this post on the County Judge’s social media feeds. By pursuing opportunities to promote access to knowledge and participation in government, we found new partners who recognized the value of those efforts and returned the favor by promoting the law library. We hope our experience will serve to encourage all GLL-SIS members to pursue similar opportunities.
**Lawyers Without Rights Exhibit Comes to Law Library Association of St. Louis**

Gail Wechsler, Library Director, Law Library Association of St. Louis

Since coming on board as Director of the Law Library Association of St. Louis, a public and membership law library operating out of the Civil Courts Building downtown, I have focused on new ways to raise the profile and visibility of the library. To many, we are a well-kept secret.

In the spring of 2019, I reached out to the members of the GLL-SIS as I was contemplating creating an exhibit for our library. To my knowledge, this had never been done before in our 180 year history. I was heartened that many government law librarians responded to my inquiry and were excited to tell me about their respective experiences with exhibits.

It was through this exploration that I learned about the fascinating and still time travelling exhibit, “Lawyers Without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich.” The exhibit was created and sponsored by the American Bar Association and the German Federal Bar. There also is a companion book that is now part of our library’s collection.

Many thanks to staff at the San Diego Law Library for alerting me about this exhibit, consisting of panels that tell the stories and describe the respective fates of dozen of attorneys and judges of Jewish descent who had their law licenses revoked under the Third Reich. The exhibit is an example of what can happen when the rule of law falls in a society.

The idea for the exhibit was conceived in 1998 when an Israeli lawyer asked the regional bar of Berlin for a list of Jewish lawyers whose licenses had been revoked by the Nazi regime. “The regional bar decided not only to research a list of names but also to try to find out more about the fates behind all those names,” said Axel Filges, Past President of the German Federal Bar. “Some were able to leave the country after the Nazis came into power, but very many of them were incarcerated or murdered. The non-Jewish German lawyers of those days remained silent. They failed miserably, and so did the lawyers’ organizations. We do not know why.”

The exhibit is in St. Louis from March 8-June 9, 2020. We are honored to be partnering with several area Jewish organizations as local sponsors of the exhibit. The local sponsors, in
**Lawyers Without Rights Exhibit Comes to Law Library Association of St. Louis (continued)**

**Gail Wechsler, Library Director, Law Library Association of St. Louis**

addition to the Law Library Association, are ADL Heartland, the Holocaust Museum and Learning Center of St. Louis, and Jewish Federation of St. Louis, The Professional Society: Lawyers Division.

We have planned several related programs with nationally known speakers during the run of the exhibit. You can find out more about the exhibit and related events by going to [https://llastl.org/events-exhibits](https://llastl.org/events-exhibits). We also thank the many law firms, individuals and community organizations that provided financial support to make the exhibit and programming a reality.

For those in or near the St. Louis area, please consider coming to see “Lawyers Without Rights.” For those in other parts of the country, go to [https://lawyerswithoutrights.com/new/travelingexhibit.html](https://lawyerswithoutrights.com/new/travelingexhibit.html) to find out how you can bring this exhibit to your community.

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**Lighting the Way: Symbols of Justice in the Chandeliers in the Washington State Law Library**

**Rob Mead, Washington State Law Librarian**

There are four grand chandeliers in the Temple of Justice, two each in the courtroom and the main reading room of the Washington State Law Library. These identical heavy brass lamps each house sixty light bulbs and were created by Tiffany Studios, now Tiffany & Co., in 1921 to 1922. The building architects Wilder & White approved the design of the chandeliers on December 15, 1921. Nothing is known about the designer or their artistic intent, but they chose to decorate the chandeliers with six octagonal images of legal symbols which are the focus of this article.

The six symbols are not in a particular order on the chandeliers. The scales of justice and sword of state is the most immediately recognizable of the symbols. Iustitia (or Justitia), the Roman goddess of justice, who is often called Lady Justice in recent times, is often blindfolded and holds these two symbols of justice. She is heavily representing in courthouses across the United States. For example, at the U.S. Supreme Court, James Earle Fraser’s statute *Contemplation of Justice* is a large statute of Lady Justice holding a smaller, blindfolded Justitia holding the scales of justice. The lamppost bases facing First Street include a bas-relief of this modern image of Justitia, designed by the John Chandeliers in the Temple of Justice in the Washington State Law Library.
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Donnelly studio of New York, blindfolded, holding both sword and scales.

In their book *Representing Justice*, Yale law professors Judith Resnik and Dennis Curtis, explain the development of the scales as an ancient symbol of Justice:

> The obligation to listen to both sides came to be associated with the scales of Justice, typically depicted not as a steelyard but as evenly balanced pans. Of course, two-sided exchanges – and scales – were not unique to law courts. Dueling and certain sports included organized adversarialism, and commercial transactions often relied on weights and measures. Yet adjudication became a special site in which the judge, as the state’s umpire, was subjected to detailed regulation, including the injunction to hear both sides.¹

The scales are often paired with the double-edged sword of state. Some contend that it symbolizes both the protective nature of law and the right of the state punish crime.² Others contend that the two-edges demonstrate that justice can rule against either party. Like many symbols, the sword and scales can be interpreted many ways and these interpretations often evolve with societal changes.

In clockwise order, the next symbol is the winged wheel. Given the importance of progressivism in the law of Washington from the Progressive Era to the present, it is not surprising to see a symbol of Progress, the winged wheel, appear on the chandeliers forged in the early 1920s. The winged wheel is loosely associated with the myths of both Athena and Hermes, particularly in the punishment of Ixion who was bound to a spinning fiery winged wheel for eternity. It is unclear how this ancient symbol morphed into its modern meaning of progress and transportation. The winged wheel appears is used by many companies and governments as a corporate symbol. Among many others, the Detroit Red Wings has adopted it as has the Ohio State Highway Patrol. The symbol on the chandeliers differs from the norm, however, in that it is winged gear or mill wheel rather than the more usual tire or spoked wheel. It is unknown whether this was simple artistic license or meant to represent the railroads that were so integral to the development of the Washington economy.

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The next symbol, the Roman Fasces, is one of the most controversial on the chandeliers. The fasces was inherited from Rome’s Etruscan heritage and it symbolized both the penal power of the state and a recognition of the right of a Roman citizen to appeal a magistrate’s ruling. Fasces are a bundle of rods representing corporal punishment and an axe representing capital punishment bound by a red strap. The lictors, magisterial attendants, carried fasces in public and served as bailiffs and guards for Roman magistrates.

The America during the early republic often reached back to the Roman Republic for inspiration and imagery. For example, a lictor holds a fascis next to Justitia in the frieze of the U.S. Supreme Court immediately above the famous pronouncement of “Equal Justice Under Law”. The Jean-Antoine Houdon statue of George Washington in the Virginia State Capitol shows him leaning on a fasces. Daniel Chester French’s statue of Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial has his hands resting on fasces. The 1916 Mercury dime has a fasces on the reverse side.

Unfortunately, the fasces symbol was also appropriated as the official symbol of Mussolini’s Partito Nazionale Fascista about the same time the chandeliers were made in the early 1920s thus leading to fasces as the etymological root of the term fascism. Eugene Kontorovich, a law professor at George Mason University, wrote an insightful article in 2014 entitled When Fasces Aren’t Fascist: The Strange History of America’s Federal Buildings. It is important to view the use of a symbol in relationship to both its intent and surroundings. In the case of the chandeliers in the Temple of Justice, the fasces should be viewed in its best light, as a historical symbol of the power of the rule of law and the accordant right to an appeal.

The next symbol is not explicitly legal in nature, but refers to divine law and authority. Wavy or flame-bladed swords are often used to represent the flaming sword referred to in the third chapter of Genesis when Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden:

> And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever; Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way to the tree of life.


Genesis 3:22-24 (King James).
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Some artists such as the French Romantic painter Eugène Delacroix choose to represent the sword with actual flames. While other artists, including the designer of the chandeliers, represent the flames with a wave-bladed metal sword. A good example is included in the Cambridge University, Trinity Hall Library’s display of the Faces of Eve, taken from the frontispiece of a 1695 edition of Milton’s *Paradise Lost.*

The Olympic torch and laurel is one of the more puzzling inclusions of the six images of law chosen by the Tiffany designer. The artist’s inclusion of both symbols leads to no other interpretation but a nod to the Olympic myth. The games were recreated in the modern era, starting in Athens, Greece in 1896. Interestingly, the Olympic fire was not included until the 1928 Olympic Games, after the design and installation of the chandeliers. The tradition of the Olympic torch relay from Olympia, Greece to the site of the games was not added until 1936.

Given the timeline, it is unlikely that the chandelier’s designer was primarily interested in the modern Olympic movement. More likely, the torch and laurel were added to the chandeliers to honor Olympia, Washington and the region. Olympia was named by Isaac N. Ebey, a local resident who suggested the name to Edmund Sylvester and Levi Lathrop Smith, the first American settlers, when they were filing the official plat in 1850. From 1846 to 1850, Olympia was known alternatively as Smither, Smithster, or Smithfield. Ebey suggested the permanent name to honor the view of the Olympic mountains. Mount Olympus was named in 1788 by an English explorer, Captain John Meares, as the size and grandeur reminded him of the home of the Greek gods.

The final image on the chandeliers, the tablets of the law with a hand making a sign of benediction, may be more controversial than even the fasces. The symbol shows a tablet carved with the first ten roman numerals I through X. This may be a reference to the marble frieze above the bench in the U.S. Supreme Court, a sculpture containing a pylon with the same ten roman numerals. Artist Adolph A. Weinman wrote that the numerals

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represented the first ten amendments to the Constitution, the Bill of Rights. Of course, the image may also be a reference to the Ten Commandments. The south wall frieze in the U.S. Supreme Court courtroom includes an image of Moses holding the Ten Commandments with the numbers for commandments six through ten visible in Hebrew characters. The frieze includes other great classical lawgivers including Hammurabi, Solomon, Confucius, and others.

The existence of the Ten Commandments in courthouses is a frequently litigated issue under the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Most recently, the U.S. Supreme Court addressed the issue in *Van Orden v. Perry*, 545 U.S. 677 (2005) and *McCreary County, Ky. V. American Civil Liberties Union of Ky.*, 545 U.S. 844 (2005). In *Van Orden*, in a 5 to 4 decision, Chief Justice Rehnquist held that a Ten Commandments monument placed on the grounds of the Texas State Capitol in 1961 did not violate the Establishment Clause. In comparison, writing for a five justice majority in *McCreary*, Justice Souter held that determining the county government’s purpose in displaying the new posters of the Ten Commandments in highly visible areas in courthouses was a sound basis for ruling on whether they violated the Establishment Clause and that a preliminary injunction against the display was adequately supported by evidence of religions intent. The issue of the Ten Commandments in public buildings is not settled.

In addition to the tablets, the octagon includes a hand symbol shows the papal sign of benediction outside of mass. A 10th century mosaic in the Basilica of St. Peter and St. Paul in Agliate, Lombardy, Italy showing St. Peter making the sign of benediction while holding a key is illustrative of many pieces of religious art throughout Europe. Interestingly, Dr. Bennett Futterman, a professor of anatomy at the NYIT College of Osteopathy, analyzes the sign and argued that "Peter, the first pope, had an ulnar nerve injury and everyone copied him. Imitation is a great form of flattery. Out of respect for St. Peter, the other popes followed with that same pattern." Regardless of the history of the sign of benediction, it is entirely unclear why the artist who created the chandeliers superimposed this image on

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top of the tablets of the law.

On whole, more than anything, the symbols on the chandeliers, are interesting. At almost a century old, they only partially represent current symbols of law. Although potentially controversial, most visitors are more curious than offended by the symbols and what they represent. Further, they suggest a question: what symbols today would best represent American law and would those symbols stand the test of time?

Create Better Community Connections at Your Library

Robyn M. Moltzen, Public Services Librarian, Sacramento County Public Law Library

The Sacramento County Public Law Library has a history of community involvement and a strong desire to create awareness of our law library with the public. In the past, we have employed various traditional methods of outreach including newspaper and television ads, attendance at various fairs and festivals throughout Sacramento, including hosting community events at our location. However, these traditional methods of outreach have disadvantages and were not as successful as we would have hoped. Even though these traditional methods were successful and certainly brought an awareness of the Sacramento County Public Law Library into the community, they were not always received by our intended audience: self-represented litigants who currently need legal assistance.

Our most successful approach has been to target local agencies that may have an opportunity to refer their clients directly to us. In an effort to improve referrals between agencies, in 2012, we launched our annual Community Connections event. We invite staff from Sacramento area legal and community service organizations to meet and share information about their programs and services to self-represented litigants.

Our inaugural event had representatives from 16 unique organizations and was hosted at our own location in our Training Center. As the annual events have progressed, we learned that we had an increase in attendance if we hosted at an off-site location and offered food. For the past several years we have partnered with the Sacramento County Bar Association, and our event is held at their location with free parking and they also provide light snacks and beverages.

The Community Connection event is structured as a three hour informal show-and-tell.
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Robyn M. Moltzen, Public Services Librarian, Sacramento County Public Law Library

session. All the providers are asked to introduce themselves, give a brief explanation about their organization, share with the group what they do to help self-represented litigants, and more importantly what their organization doesn’t do.

We strongly encourage providers to bring business cards, brochures, flyers, class schedules, anything that the other participants can use to improve their own services and to ensure proper future referrals. This is also a good opportunity for the organizations to share other important announcements such as an upcoming budget cut or new service offering. Many organizations use the event as an opportunity to “connect” with each other and match faces to names and the majority leave knowing if questions arise in the future, they have someone within the legal and community service organizations they can contact directly for clarification.

The Sacramento County Public Law Library uses the information we gather in a variety of ways. The most beneficial to our patrons was the creation of our Legal Referral Half-Sheets. Our collection of Legal Referral Half-Sheets are organized into topic areas and kept at the reference desk in a binder for easy access. Each topical half-sheet lists local services available for free or at a low-cost to those representing themselves. For each organization, we list the name, address, phone number, hours of availability, income requirements if any, and a brief summary of the services the organization provides. The half-sheets include the logo and contact information of the law library so organizations know who provided the referral. Librarians provide these half-sheets to our patrons daily when referring to other agency services. Patrons are happy they are leaving our library with something tangible that includes pertinent information and our librarians are confident patrons are receiving an accurate referral.

Another effective tool that evolved from our Community Connections event was the creation of a Community Connections email list where information can be shared in one place, and be seen by the organizations who have attended past Connections events. This is also a place where questions can be posed to the group and an accurate response given within a short time frame. Opening the line of communication between many legal and community service organizations has been invaluable.

Finally, the largest benefit of the Community Connections event has been the way other legal and community organizations perceive the law library. The Sacramento County Public Law Library is now seen as an integral part of the legal community. We are seen as a hub of information and the go-to place for legal information. Organizations not only look to us for information but they actively provide us with forms and procedures so that we in turn can disseminate it back to the community. Services to self-represented litigants who currently need legal assistance have improved dramatically.
Oregon's New Tech Approach to Prison Law Libraries – Believed to be the First of its Kind in the Nation – Improves Access, Value and Security

Cathryn Bowie, Oregon State Law Librarian

Most people can hop on the internet and find a wide range of legal information when they need it. But that's not true, for a lot of good reasons, for people held in correctional facilities.

Thanks to an innovative new partnership between the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) and the State of Oregon Law Library (SOLL) – part of the Oregon Judicial Department (OJD), people in custody now have secure access to a wide range of legal information from the cloud without the risks of broad internet access. The new program, believed to be the first of its kind in the country, reimagines the traditional prison law library to improve access to legal information for adults and youth in state custody, effectively manages risks, pays for itself within the first two years and reduces costs by $470,000 every two years after that. The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) and Oregon State Hospital (OSH) will also benefit from the new system.

"We believe we are the first corrections agency in the nation to provide a soundly secure, internal, cloud-based legal resource system to adults in custody," said Kelly Raths, Adults in Custody (AIC) and Community Advocacy Administrator for the Oregon Department of Corrections. "Put more simply, we've implemented a system for secure access to legal information in correctional facilities that could become a national model."

Why does that matter? The law requires that people in state custody have access to legal resources to pursue cases related to their confinement. Those resources can also help people in custody address other legal issues that can increase their chances for stability and success once they are released.

"Law library resources are very important for people who will be released soon so they can work on custody of their kids, divorces from abusers, or pending warrants before release," said Carrie (last name withheld for privacy), an AIC at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility who works with her peers to help them access legal resources. "The new system has been really helpful for those issues. It also makes it easier for people to find the answer to a specific legal question and access cases from other states."

In the past, DOC met its obligations with a mix of books and subscription services, but specific resources and facilities could vary widely between institutions. In addition, traditional contracting with many legal information and research vendors required multiple individual purchases of the same or similar products by different agencies with significant duplication and great variation in pricing.

"To address those challenges, we had to rethink the traditional idea of a law library in a correctional facility," explained State Law Librarian Cathryn Bowie. She said the solutions
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included a lot of listening, some serious negotiation with vendors and consolidation of contracts, and a strong focus on security.

Bowie traveled the state to see the facilities first-hand, listen to staff and people in custody, and work with DOC leadership to identify the best path forward. She said the shared goal for SOLL and DOC was two-fold: to improve access to justice and to implement smart business practices.

"As part of the Oregon Judicial Department and the judicial branch of state government, SOLL is concerned with maintaining access to justice," she explained, "and DOC shares that value. We're also interested in finding ways-within OJD and partnering with other organizations-to use technology and expertise to increase efficiency, improve service and manage costs. This project gave us the opportunity to do all of those things."

Bowie said she was building on OJD's positive track record of collaboration and technology implementation. That includes the development and successful implementation of Oregon eCourt, a statewide system that expanded digital access to court records, legal information, self-help resources, and online business processes, including electronic filing of court documents.

With the DOC project, corrections leadership worked with SOLL to define the project requirements, identify potential vendors, research and address security concerns, and consolidate contracts for a more cost-effective solution.

For instance, DOC information technology staff spent more than a year proofing the safeguards that ensure that users do not have access to anything other than the legal resources provided by the vendor, Fastcase. "The computers in our education and legal library labs can only connect to one IP address-Fastcase," explained Raths. "All links stay within the secure Fastcase system. There is no access to the wider internet and no outsider access from the internet into our system."

With the new system, all facilities now have access to a broad and consistent array of legal resources, including many they didn't have before, such as daily updates to case law; statutes, and session laws; Oregon Administrative Rules; and information for all 50 states. In the past, they only had access to Oregon and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

Raths said the new legal resource system has been well-received. "Fastcase is easy to use and intuitive," she explained, "and users across the state resoundingly agreed that this cloud-based resource is a welcome change."

Bowie said she sensed a deeper response as well. "During my initial contact with people in
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custody in these facilities," she said, "it appeared that most attended the meetings to break up their typical day, not expecting to be heard. The next time we met was during the training sessions, a good two years after the first meetings. Something happened that was very noticeable….and it happened at all of the institutions. It was the moment when they realized someone had listened to their input. When they realized they had been a part of the solution. They smiled. They became engaged. They came to me with requests for training and education in preparation for returning to society. It was unexpected."

Through the new purchasing and subscription arrangements brokered by SOLL, the new approach will pay for the required IT and equipment upgrades in the first two-year budget cycle and save about $470,000 every two years after that. The project may also pave the way for secure access to a wider range of cloud-based educational resources in the future.

"This is a great example of how two branches of state government – the Executive Branch and the Judicial Branch – can work together to serve the public and justice," said Raths.

Book Reviews

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

Adriana Mark, GLL-SIS Membership and Mentoring Committee Member, U.S. Courts for the Second Circuit

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This title is for all of those with too much busyness (back to back meetings, email distractions, no time built in for debrief and reflection) in their workdays. As the author defines the process, a mindful leader “embodies leadership presence by cultivating focus, clarity, creativity, and compassion in the service
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of others.” Janice Marturano, a senior executive with years of experience in Fortune 500 corporations, explains how Mindful Leadership training integrates the practice of mindfulness-meditation and self-awareness with the practical tools of management, enabling leaders to bring a wider range of capacities to the challenges at hand. We are told in the scientific research that mindfulness practices enhance mental health and improve clarity and focus. Finding the Space To Lead shows how this training has specific value for leaders.

The content includes mini case studies, the writer’s own reflections, content and practical exercises to help us cultivate and strengthen the capabilities of our minds. The book includes guided meditations with more available on the author’s website. See https://findingthespacetolead.com/. The practice of mindfulness allows us to be responsive rather than reactive, a very useful capacity we all can embrace when connecting with our own lives, our family, a team, a department or the organization. This title is a good beginner’s guide to incorporating mindfulness into the workplace. Welcome aboard…..

Be Fearless: Five Principles for a Life of Breakthroughs and Purpose, by Jean Case, 2019 from Simon & Schuster

Jean Case, the author of “Be Fearless,” is a philanthropist and investor. She was the first female chairperson of the National Geographic Society and has decades of experience in the private sector. She also co-founded the Case Foundation, which, according to its website, creates “programs and invests in people and organizations that embrace the Be Fearless principles…” On the Foundation’s website, “Be Fearless principles” is hyperlinked, bringing one to a page to buy the book.

A pithy description of the book is provided by the author herself, in the introduction to the book: “this book is a call to action for those who seek to live extraordinary lives.” Jane Goodall, the English primatologist and anthropologist, writes the foreword to the book. Her description is more pragmatic: “everyone can make a difference. It does not have to be earth-shattering.” Unfortunately, the reader would have been better off if the author provided examples and stories closer to Goodall’s description, rather than her own. Case uses examples of extraordinary achievement (Bill Gates, Steve Jobs, Jeff Bezos, Warren Buffett, Steven Spielberg,
are you sensing a pattern?), along with an overabundance of personal anecdotes, to illustrate the five principles that these individuals have in common. Inspirational quotes are peppered throughout.

Almost all of the information in the book that is not from the author’s own experiences is culled from websites and magazine articles. In describing these extraordinary achievements as examples of fearless principles, the most glaring omission is how much privilege played, and plays, a part in many of the examples. Most of the examples are people who have family connections, and/or money, and/or are white and/or are male. Yes, many of the people failed along the way, such as Steve Jobs and Jeff Bezos. Their failures are mentioned in the book in the chapter, “Making Failure Matter.” However, not addressing the structural inequalities that gave some of these “extraordinary achievers” a leg-up is disingenuous in a book meant to teach the reader how to put the five principles to work in their own life.

What are these five principles? 1. Make a big bet. 2. Be bold, take risks. 3. Make failure matter. 4. Reach beyond your bubble. 5. Let urgency conquer fear. This list of five (I would add a 6th - recognize your privilege), is, ultimately, a tweet. The rest of the book is filled with shallow stories, anecdotes, and summary filler at the end of each chapter. Skip this one.
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations

Our annual GLL-SIS online election will begin on April 1, 2020, and will end on April 24, 2020. If you have any questions about nominations or the online election process, please contact Karen Westwood, GLL-SIS Secretary / Treasurer at Karen.Westwood@hennepin.us.

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

The nominees are:

Miriam Childs — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

EXPERIENCE:

LAW LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA – New Orleans, Louisiana

**Director** (May 2016-present)

Encompasses duties of the Associate Director, including supervision and direction of all library personnel and operations; liaison to other Court departments and the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society.

**Acting Director** (February 2016-April 2016)

Encompasses duties of the Associate Director, including supervision and direction of all library personnel and operations; liaison to other Court departments and the Supreme Court of Louisiana Historical Society.

**Associate Director** (July 2013-January 2016)

Assist Director with managing library’s budget; assist Director with daily library operations and planning for the library; supervise operations of Collection Services Department; supervise and evaluate two professional staff members and one paraprofessional; write and disseminate library policies and procedures; executive editor of *De Novo*, the Law Library’s newsletter; catalog library materials; database maintenance; ILS liaison; preservation consultant; staff training; special projects; other duties as needed.

**Head of Technical Services** (September 2006-June 2013)

Supervise operations of Technical Services Department; supervise and evaluate two staff members; government documents coordinator; department planning; write policies and procedures; catalog library materials; database maintenance; ILS liaison; staff training; preservation consultant; special projects; other duties as needed.

**Serials/Preservation Librarian** (April 2003-August 2006)

Managed check-in of serials; coordinated binding of journal collection; determined preservation treatment for fragile items in collection; recommended check-in and preservation procedures; assisted in ordering books for collection; other duties as needed.
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Miriam Childs — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (continued)

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS EARL K. LONG LIBRARY – New Orleans, Louisiana

Serials Librarian/Team Leader (September 2002-April 2003)

Managed all aspects of the Serials functions of the Earl K. Long Library, including cataloging, check-in, claiming, bindery, and acquisitions; established procedures, set goals, and solved problems in the unit; supervised and evaluated a staff of four; included duties of Serials Librarian.

Serials Librarian (February 2000-August 2002)

Original and copy cataloging of periodicals and other serials in all formats; recommend local cataloging policies and procedures; managed electronic subscriptions and license agreements; database maintenance, including local holdings information; liaison to serials vendors; staff training as needed.

JEFFERSON PARISH EAST BANK REGIONAL LIBRARY – Metairie, Louisiana

Collection Management Librarian (June 1999-January 2000)

Maintained branch collection through weeding and suggesting new materials to be ordered; managed large Circulation staff, including scheduling and work assignments; communicated with Branch Manager about departmental issues.

JEFFERSON PARISH WEST BANK REGIONAL LIBRARY – Harvey, Louisiana

Reference Librarian (August 1998-June 1999)

Assisted patrons with reference inquiries by performing Internet searches or locating information using in-house materials; maintained branch periodicals; assisted patrons with Infotrac database, microform machines, and word processing; managed use of public Internet PCs; managed Special Collections room part time by assisting patrons with genealogical research needs; weeding branch collection.

EXXON CHEMICAL PLANT INFORMATION CENTER - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Assistant Librarian (March 1995-July 1998)

Planned and reclassified Industrial Hygiene library; supervised graduate and high school assistants; utilized the Internet and resources on CD-ROM to locate technical information such as standards and government regulations for engineers and staff; indexed in-house technical correspondence into InMagic database and performed literature searches for technical correspondence on microform; uploaded Paradox files to Exxon Florham Park mainframe via ORBIT; maintained equipment files; ordered books and documents from information brokerages; maintained records stored offsite; coordinated audio-visual equipment set-ups for meetings.

BRYANT W. CONWAY, ATTORNEY AT LAW - Baker, Louisiana
GLL-SIS Election and Nominations (continued)

Miriam Childs — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (continued)

Legal Secretary/Case Manager (May 1994-March 1995)

Scheduled depositions; drafted briefs, petitions, and other legal documents; handled all bookkeeping; maintained filing system; filed documents at the Clerk of Court’s office.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Association of Law Libraries
New Orleans Association of Law Librarians
Southeastern Association of Law Librarians
Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society
Special Libraries Association
Louisiana Library Association
National Association of Court Management

EDUCATION:

Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS), December 1993
Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Bachelor of Arts in History, Magna cum Laude, May 1992
Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

RECENT PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2017-2019 Chair, GLL-SIS Best A2J Practices Committee
2018-2019 Chair, NOALL Bylaws Revision Committee
2018-2019 LISP-SIS 50-State Public Library Toolkit Committee
2019-2020 Chair, GLL-SIS Best A2J Practices Committee
  LISP-SIS 50-State Public Library Toolkit Committee
  AALL Local Arrangements Committee, Tour Coordinator

RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND GRANTS:

2017 Co-Presenter, Louisiana Library Association Annual Meeting, Lafayette, LA
  Librarians and the Unauthorized Practice of Law: Tips on Providing Legal Information and Avoiding UPL
  AALL Experienced Member Annual Meeting Grant

2019 Co-Presenter, Louisiana Library Association Annual Meeting, Lafayette, LA
  Legal Information Resources for Self-Represented Litigants: LEAP is Here to
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Co-Presenter, American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference, Washington, DC

“...And Justice for All: Three States and Three Approaches to Access to Justice”

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:


PERSONAL STATEMENT

I’m honored to have been asked to run for Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of GLL-SIS. I have finally found my place in AALL as a member of this special interest section. My interest in access to justice has turned into a passion. As Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of GLL-SIS, I’d like to create opportunities for law librarians to be leaders in addressing the access to justice gap nationwide, and to make the problem more visible and urgent. I want access to justice to continue to be one of the conversations law librarians are having as members of AALL. This is a time of increasing collaboration between access to justice stakeholders, and law librarians are needed to help shape the technological future. There’s no use having technology if it doesn’t help those who need it, and those people are our patrons. I believe law librarians have the opportunity to be recognized as experts, and I hope that as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, I will be in the position to promote the role of law librarians in mitigating the access to justice problem.
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Rob Mead — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

EMPLOYMENT
State Law Librarian, Washington State Law Library, 2016 – Present
State Law Librarian, New Mexico Supreme Court Law Library, 2006-2014
Head of Reference and Faculty Services, University of Kansas Wheat Law Library, 2000-2006
Visiting Reference Librarian, University of New Mexico Law Library, 1997-2000
Attorney, sole practice in disability and social security law, 1995-2002

EDUCATION
BS, Accounting, Western Governors University, 2020 (pending)
MLS, Emporia State University, 2001
JD, University of New Mexico, 1995
BA, University of New Mexico, 1992

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
GLL-SIS Board, Member-at-Large, 2017-2020
Legal Information Preservation Alliance, Board Member, 2019-2021
Washington Courts Public Trust and Confidence Committee, 2016 – Present
Washington Courts Pattern Forms Committee, 2017 - Present
New Mexico Access to Justice Commission, Co-Chair, Pro Bono Working Group, 2007 to 2014
New Mexico Commissioner of Public Records, 2006-2014
Chair, AALL Legal History-Rare Books SIS, 2004-2005
Co-Chair, AALL LHRB-SIS Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition, 2008-2014

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Rob Mead — Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect (continued)

nursing facility quality of care).


PERSONAL STATEMENT

I am honored to be a candidate for GLL-SIS position of Vice Chair/Chair Elect. I have spent the past three years on the GLL-SIS Board in a member-at-large position. The Board has done good work in advancing educational and advocacy opportunities for court and county law librarians and highlighting innovation in government law libraries.

I have served as a government and academic law librarian for most of my career aside from
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a recent two-year “sabbatical” as the Deputy Chief Public Defender for New Mexico, perhaps the only type of agency with more dire financial pressures than law libraries. I believe that government law librarians, like public defenders, are defenders of the rule of law and should help facilitate access to justice for the citizens they serve, both directly, by providing accurate legal information to public patrons, and indirectly, by supporting the courts and government agencies in which they are embedded. In my role as the State Law Librarian for Washington, I serve a Supreme Court committed to access for justice and public trust and confidence projects.

I would like to help continue the outstanding work the Section has done helping law libraries engage in access to justice projects in their states and communities. Also, I am very committed to preservation of legal information, especially ephemeral digital information. As traditional print publication of legal information is on a slow decline, I would like to see government law libraries at the lead of a movement to preserve permanent access to legal information.

Malinda Muller — Board Member

EDUCATION
MLS University of Denver, 1975
BA University of Denver, 1973

WORK EXPERIENCE
1/2017 - Current - DIRECTOR, PATRON SERVICES, LA Law Library, Los Angeles, Ca

Responsible for the identification, planning and implementation of reference and other outreach services, programs and instructional services provided to professional and self-represented individuals; the coordination of partnership initiatives in conjunction with public interest organizations, government agencies and the courts; supervision, management, direction and guidance for the library’s public services staff; participation in library wide policy making, library protocols and procedures.

Representative work to date:

Facilitated California legislature One-Time-Funding for improving Access to Justice in Los Angeles County

Redesigned and consolidated two library divisions into one unit; restructured staff
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Malinda Muller — Board Member (continued)

- responsibilities, revised and rewrote job descriptions, and established new reporting mechanisms
- Facilitated a pilot guardianship clinic in partnership with public interest law firm
- Facilitated new educational partnerships with local immigration non-profits and the immigration court
- Coached a California Humanities grant focusing on introducing at-risk youth to successful legal industry leaders who successfully overcame obstacles resulting in highly successful law careers
- Facilitated the largest slate of educational offerings, to date, for the library’s May 1-5, 2017 Law Week celebration
- Developed a Lawyers in the Library clinic in partnership with a public library and local bar association
- Expanded legal topical educational class offerings in the library’s remote branch and partnership locations
- Expanded free lawyer consultation clinics into public libraries
- Opened a new public library partnership in the east county of Los Angeles
- LA Law Library coordinator for California Mental Health Initiative in Public Libraries initiative


Responsible for community assessment, facilitation, oversight, management and delivery of legal literacy education, services, resources and referrals to Los Angeles county residents. Representative work:

- 15+ “The Law and You” library tours and access to justice resources for five partner high schools and participants in the CitySearch program offered by the Constitutional Rights Foundation. Also, conducted site visits introducing relevant legal information sites and providing career talks to students in underserved high schools
- 25+ Lawyers in the Library clinics offering free 20 minute legal consultations to community stakeholders starting in spring, 2014 and ongoing monthly
- 300+ topical workshops and educational programs aimed at educating and empowering self-represented individuals and legal professionals, including topics such as consumer rights, starting and growing a business, housing rights, divorce and family matters, conservatorships and immigration matters, caring
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Malinda Muller — Board Member (continued)

for loved ones at home, family law and retirement benefits, workplace discrimination, adult name change workshops, landlord / tenant rights and responsibilities, foreclosure and bankruptcy, clearing criminal records

Two annual week long events celebrating the rule of law and pro bono legal services, offering targeted legal information workshops and incorporating community based social and legal service providers into a daylong service fair

Four e-branch legal kiosks in court locations offering access to legal information in locations more convenient to community stakeholders

Four enhanced public library partnerships offering legal resources, law librarian office hours, and training classes for the public

Two public library partnerships offering the public video conferencing access to one-on-one consultations with a legal services nonprofit

Two public library partnerships offering the public ongoing conservatorship education classes and application processing in a more supportive, neutral environment outside of the local courthouse

Three legal clinics for veterans and the public in partnership with community public libraries

Multi law school internship program, first nationwide, to be offered in a public law library setting

32 department specific strategic plan initiatives between fiscal 2013-2016

Specialized, targeted services earmarked for participants in the Los Angeles Incubator Consortium, a grant funded modest means practice development cooperative sanctioned by the State Bar of California

Cal Humanities Community Stories Grant: “Opening the Door: Personal Stories of Groundbreaking Los Angeles Lawyers & Judges” who have built substantive careers while rising above personal challenges

Responsible for the management of the Programs & Partnerships group including the following:

Create and propose department policies and procedures and participate in library wide policymaking

Establish and implement protocols for staff supervision and daily oversight of operations and personnel in three law library branch locations and four public library partnership locations

Provide management, direction and guidance for specific assignments, projects and
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Malinda Muller — Board Member (continued)

Assess and make annual financial budgetary recommendations for continuation and support of electronic and print collections in the library’s remote and partnership locations

Participate in long range and strategic planning

Assess user needs and recommend new projects, programs and services for various partnership opportunities (see above for examples)

Evaluate staff performance through the annual evaluation and review process

Draft departmental job descriptions

Set departmental programming objectives in alignment with organizational priorities

Hire, coach, motivate, nurture and enthuse department personnel


Coordinated the planning, development and implementation of a fee based, enhanced services attorney program

Provided research and reference services, customized database training and orientations for new participants

 Participated in reference desk duties, conducting reference interviews, immediate reference and research support, services and referrals for the general public and legal professionals

Developed individualized Member database training programs, pathfinders, research and quick start guides to accessing available databases

Provided introduction to and information sessions about the Members Program to law firms on site at their place of business and industry events

Conducted tours and information sessions for new and prospective Members


Provided individualized reference and research services in all major practice areas for large Los Angeles law firm of 250+ attorneys

Instructed in the use of a variety of traditional print resources and web-based products commonly used in the private law firm setting

Coordinated and conducted consecutive summer and new attorney orientations

Evaluated, reviewed and recommended new database services based on needs
Malinda Muller — Board Member (continued)

within the collection and the firm’s practice areas

Identified and produced applicable library procedural guides which streamlined recurring projects

Published library news, collection developments, services and instructional tips in the firm wide Daily Bulletin and the Library Blog


Conducted research and analysis on prospective individual, corporate and foundation donors using LexisNexis for Development Professionals, Foundation Directory, AlumniFinder, Hoovers and additional free resources via the web

Maintained research profile data on the college prospect tracking database; wrote briefings


Responsible for the day to day management of the branch office of a global law firm with 85 attorneys in the downtown, Los Angeles, office

Partnered with the director of libraries on collection development, collection audits, annual budgeting, accounting for the Los Angeles office, and attorney services

Interviewed, selected, trained and supervised assistant librarians

Planned and executed a library relocation and numerous book shifts

Created and presented library training programs for Reed Smith University

1985 – 1996


REGIONAL BRANCH MANAGER, Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelson, Los Angeles, Ca. (1986-1990)

CONTACT, SOLO LIBRARIAN, Texaco, Inc., Los Angeles, Ca (1990-1993)


PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS and ARTICLES

July, 2020: Program creator and moderator / coordinator, AALL Annual Conference program: “Paths to Success: Recruiting the Next Generation of Law Librarians”

October, 2019: Presenter, CALDA (California Association of Legal Document Assistants) annual conference “Bridging the Access to Justice Gap,” Orange
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County, California

Fall 2016-2018: Presenter, annual “Legal Reference Basics for Public Librarians,” Los Angeles County Area managers’ meeting, West Covina, Ca.

September, 2017-2018: Presenter, “Legal Resources for Youth,” Los Angeles city library’s youth staff development meeting

July, 2017: AALL Annual Conference Discussion Den moderator: “Creating Connections and Mentorships within a Large Professional Organization”


August, 2016: Presenter, Los Angeles Paralegal Association re “LA Law Library Services and Programs”

2013-2016: Presenter. Annual “Legal Reference Basics for Public Library Staff” workshops at city branch and county regional library in-service staff development meetings


April, 2016: Los Angeles Daily Journal. Published interview highlighting the law library and the programs and partnerships unit work providing legal education and pro bono (free) services

March, 2016, wrote winning nomination awarding LA Law Library’s executive director the American Association of Law Librarians 2016 Robert O Oakley Advocacy award

September, 2015. Presenter. LA County Department of Military Affairs women’s program on legal resources for members of the military

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May, 2015, presenter: library services and effective legal research, San Gabriel Bar Association

Association of Law Librarians 2014 Emerging Leader award

February, 2014, wrote winning nomination awarding Programs & Partnerships staffer the American Association of Law Librarians 2014 Emerging Leader award

Fall, 2012, presenter: InfoPeople webinar: “Great Legal Reference and Referral in the Public Library”

Fall, 2011, presenter: California Library Association annual conference: “Free Legal Websites”

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT and Memberships

2016 - Current: American Association of Law Libraries. Government Law Libraries Special Interest Section committee chair: Membership and Mentoring Committee

2015 - Current: USC Master of Management in Library and Information Science. Library school student mentor

2015 & 2016: American Association of Law Libraries. Member, emerging leader of the year award committee member

2015: California Council of County Law Libraries. Member: Strategic Planning Committee

2014 - Current: Southern California Association of Law Libraries. Library school student mentor


1994 - Current: Member, American Association of Law Libraries

Personal Statement

Dear colleagues,

Back in 2017, and a July AALL member profile of the month person, what came out of the oh so very big question of soooooo ‘why did you join AALL?’ was my reference to something rather light weight as ‘professional accountability.’ The reasoning is still applicable today although a couple of other words describe my sense of connection to GLL, for example, personal growth, purpose, connection, resource bank, accountability and risk. It’s glorious to percolate over the opportunity of serving as a Member at Large with this particular group of persons charged with a thoughtful mission, access to and efficient flow of the courts and
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agencies. Starting off in the private sector in 1985, I came over to the other side and public law librarianship in 2010, joining the GLL SIS in 2011. I remember regularly explaining what we did as public law librarians. Now, we are hip – others are starting to get it, that government law librarians may be behind the scenes but we keep the train moving, either through judicial support or user access to government entities. Helping to continue to support the professional engagement and development of government law librarians, deliberate strategic directions, hear, see and suggest pathways that ensure the cohesiveness and success of its members as part of the governing team is a notion worth feeling proud of. It has been just that experience as chair of the Membership and Mentoring Committee these past three years. Call the M&M experience a rewarding and (mostly) fun but certainly impactful working relationship with a great team of M&M committee members. I sense that the opportunity to continue in the proposed new role as a part of the governing board would be a similarly meaningful and enriching endeavor. Thank you.

Amy Small — Board Member

Professional Experience

Assistant Director, Texas State Law Library, October 2018 to present
Chief Fiscal Officer, Texas State Law Library, September 2014 to October 2018
Reference Librarian, Texas State Law Library, June 2012 to September 2014, September 2007 to December 2010

Education

Master of Library Science, University of North Texas, 2006
Bachelor of Arts, Northwestern University, 2004

Publications and Presentations

Co-presenter, “Blending Your Legal Research,” with Joe Lawson at the Harris County Law Library
Author, “From the Western Frontier to the Digital Frontier: A History of the State Law Library,” *Journal of the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society*, Summer 2019

Personal Statement

Over the past thirteen years of my employment at a government law library, I’ve only become more energized in my dedication to public access to legal information. I’ve found the GLL-SIS to be an invaluable source of ideas and inspiration when planning projects at
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the Texas State Law Library and would love to find a way to give back. I’m honored to be nominated as a Member-at-Large of this SIS and would be proud to serve and support other government law librarians in their efforts providing access to justice across the country!
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