WHO WE ARE

Originating in 1977 as the Online Computer Library Center Special Interest Section, the Library Systems & Resource Discovery Special Interest Section (LSRD-SIS) broadened its scope to include all bibliographic utilities and local online systems. The section’s interests include all aspects of national and local bibliographic online systems, including public access to bibliographic data, information technology, technical services functions, interlibrary loan services, and the integration within local systems of data from remote sources.

OUR MISSION

LSRD-SIS provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on the use and capabilities of various online bibliographic services (including OCLC) and on integrated library systems. In addition, the section explores ways that emerging technologies can be integrated with traditional bibliographic systems and how these changes affect libraries and librarians. Committee work, AALL Annual Meeting programs and roundtables, and special projects serve as the primary vehicles for carrying out the goals of the SIS.

MEMBERSHIP

The LSRD-SIS membership is diverse, embracing staff from both public and technical services who serve in law libraries of every type and size. The section addresses the professional concerns and interests of its members, extending across all organizational boundaries. AALL members interested in joining the LSRD-SIS can register through the LSRD-SIS website.

COMMITTEES AND ROUNDTABLES

Membership in committees and roundtables is open to any interested LSRD-SIS member. The chair of each committee is selected biennially by the LSRD-SIS chair. Ad hoc committees are appointed and staffed by the chair as needed to further the work of the section. Committees and roundtables include:
Learn more about LSRD-SIS committees and roundtables.

If you are interested in volunteering your services, please complete and submit the LSRD-SIS volunteer form.

NEWSLETTER

The official newsletter of the LSRD-SIS and the Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) is Technical Services Law Librarian (TSLL). It is the vehicle of communication for SIS committee activities and publishes columns on various topics of concern to both sections, such as current awareness articles, special features, and reports of AALL Annual Meeting programs. TSLL’s editor is guided by an editorial board that is jointly appointed by the TS-SIS and LSRD-SIS. TSLL is freely available on the TS-SIS webpage.

EDUCATION

The LSRD-SIS offers a variety of practical and theoretical programs and workshops for members. Programming is primarily provided as part of AALL’s Annual Meeting. Programs mainly address using technology to enhance both online bibliographic services as well as overall library services, and to keep members apprised of top library trends. Specific examples of programs include vendor showcases, featuring new library discovery platforms, as well as electronic resource management systems and OCLC updates and roundtables.

CONTACTS

LSRD-SIS officers and board members are listed on the LSRD-SIS website.

Please contact these individuals with any questions that you might have about the work of the section. Suggestions for programming or special projects are always welcome.

You are cordially invited to join the open LSRD-SIS business meeting held during the AALL Annual Meeting. Committee chairs and section representatives make informative presentations during the meeting. Executive board meetings are also held during the AALL Annual Meeting and are open to all AALL members.

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