We lead -- We educate -- We serve

Established in 1979, the Technical Services Special Interest Section (TS-SIS) has nearly 500 members from all types of libraries and includes all experience levels.

Join Us
TS-SIS is a close-knit group of professionals, and we encourage any AALL member to join and participate in our activities and committees. Please visit our website at https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/, where you will find contact information and learn more about the SIS.

Visit the "How to Join" section on the TS-SIS website at https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/about-us/join/. Membership costs $20 annually.

Educational & Professional Opportunities

We sponsor various educational programs and workshops throughout the year and especially during the AALL Annual Meeting. Individual committees, roundtables, and discussion groups conduct teleconferences and webinars throughout the year to discuss a variety of timely topics affecting our profession.

Awards and Grants
We promote mentoring, collaboration and educational opportunities for our members. We offer several grants to support professional development for librarians who might not otherwise be able to participate in an AALL-sponsored program due to limited financial resources. Learn more about our financial aid here: https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/awards-grants/

Standing Committees
Two standing committees are the heart of TS-SIS. The committees study challenges and practical areas of concern while also exploring big picture questions for the future. Additionally, they plan for educational activities on topics of interest to the members.

1. The *Metadata Management Standing Committee* addresses issues concerning descriptive and subject cataloging and the classification of legal materials in all formats.

2. The *Resource Management Standing Committee* serves as the research and discussion group on acquisitions, collection development, and preservation of materials in all formats.

Administrative Committees

- The *Awards Committee* reviews potential recipients of TS-SIS sponsored grants and awards. The Renee D. Chapman Award is presented annually to a member who demonstrates outstanding Technical Services Law Librarianship. Students and new members may apply for the Marla J. Schwartz Educational Grant that supports attendance at AALL-sponsored educational events. Additionally, new members, experienced members, and active members grants are available.

- The *Bylaws and Handbook Committee* proposes amendments to the bylaws. It maintains the section's handbook is in conformance with AALL policies.

- The *Funding Research Opportunities Grant (FROG) Committee* awards grants to librarians to perform research that will enhance law librarianship. It is jointly managed by TS-SIS and Online Bibliographic Services (OBS) SIS.

- The *Membership Committee* facilitates member recruitment, engagement, and retention.

- The *Nominating Committee* prepares a slate of candidates to run for TS-SIS elections.

- The *Professional Development Committee* plans and implements continuing education activities that promote technical services-related professional development during and beyond AALL's annual meeting.

Advisory Groups/Roundtables

There are several TS-SIS Advisory Groups and Roundtables that exist to support the varied interests of TS members and projects. Advisory Groups support and give advice to members of the TS community. Roundtables are not decision-making bodies but simply meet to discuss issues of current interest. A list of current advisory groups and roundtables is below:

- Advisory Working Groups
    - Vendor-Supplied Advisory Groups (VRAG)
- Advisory Groups
    - Metadata Policy and Standards Advisory Group
- Roundtables
    - Management Issues
    - New Catalogers
    - Heads of Cataloging in Large Law Libraries

More information on our committees, their work, and current committee members can be found at https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/about-us/committees/. Another great resource is the TS-SIS Handbook (https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/about-us/handbook/).

Staying Connected

- **Newsletter**: *The Technical Services Law Librarian* (*TSLL*) is the official online quarterly publication of TS-SIS and LSRD-SIS. It features topics of current interest to both communities through regular columns and special articles and reports from AALL Annual Meeting programs. TSLL is freely available on the web at https://www.aallnet.org/tssis/resources-publications/technical-services-law-librarian/
- **Blog**: TechScans is the *TSLL* sponsored blog (www.tslltechscans.blogspot.com) that shares the latest trends and technology tools of interest to technical services librarians.
- **Email**: TS-SIS members are automatically enrolled in our email discussion group where they can learn from members' expertise by asking questions of the group or by browsing past postings on topics of interest.
- **Web:** The TS-SIS website offers current and historical information about the section and provides contact information for officers and committee members, as well as a general members list. It includes news of upcoming events, as well as the bylaws and section handbook.