WE ARE #AALLIN THIS TOGETHER

AALL is monitoring the COVID-19 situation and continues to update our COVID-19 Updates and Resources page regularly with resources to help you work remotely and navigate the new normal.

CRIV has compiled vendor resources and tools for academic law libraries, court libraries, and law libraries open to the public to assist during COVID-19. CRIV members are working on information for law firm libraries as well and we will post those to the COVID-19 page as they become available.

VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING

With the in-person Annual Meeting canceled, AALL is finalizing details for a Virtual Conference during the summer months. The Annual Meeting Program Committee is working on logistics for sessions and more details will be shared with membership in the weeks to come.

AALL offers a GoToMeeting and GoToWebinar license that SISs may request to use (for free) to conduct their business meetings and other events virtually. Virtual meeting options for AALL's other entities, including chapters, are also available. The following information is required for scheduling: name of the event, date and times, and if it is a meeting or webinar. Please contact Christopher Siwa for additional information and to schedule a meeting/event.

Information for exhibitors and sponsors will be forthcoming. If you have questions, please contact AALL's Headquarters Office at 312.939.4764.

WASHINGTON UPDATE

IMLS CARES ACT GRANTS TO LIBRARIES NOW AVAILABLE

Last week, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) announced that the "IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries" program is now available to enable libraries in addressing their communities' immediate and future needs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Projects may focus on preserving jobs, training staff, addressing the digital divide, planning for reopening, or providing technical support and capacity building for digital inclusion and engagement. The $15 million available through these new grants follows previous phases of funding announced over the past few weeks. These special funding opportunities are a result of the $50 million provided to IMLS from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (P.L. 116-136). The deadline for submitting applications is June 12, 2020, with award announcements anticipated in August. IMLS will hold a free webinar on May 14, 2020,
AALL REQUESTS ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC RELIEF FOR LIBRARIES TO ADDRESS CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19

Today, AALL wrote to Congressional leaders to request additional economic relief for law libraries and other types of libraries in the next COVID-19 response bill. We joined the American Library Association in requesting $2 billion be provided to the IMLS for fiscal stabilization of libraries. This additional funding would allow eligible law libraries to apply for grants to keep their libraries open and staffed, expand economic recovery services, and support greater access to justice.

AALL CONSULTING SERVICES PILOT PROJECT / MEMBER APPLICATION NOW LIVE

AALL's new Consulting Services pilot project aims to connect law schools, law firms, and government agencies in need of strategic and leadership expertise with highly qualified law librarians. This initiative has been planned over the course of several years and supports AALL’s Strategic Plan as it pertains to talent, engagement, and alliances.

Members with 10 years or more of professional library experience are encouraged to apply. A consulting background is not required. AALL will match clients with consultants based on project needs. The application and additional details are available on AALLNET. Please contact Megan Mall, director of content strategy, with questions.

UPCOMING CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

A NEW ENVIRONMENT OF CHALLENGES: HOW LAW LIBRARIANS AS TECHNOLOGY STEWARDS CAN DIRECTLY IMPROVE FIRM PROFITABILITY (THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR)

- Friday, May 15, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Wednesday, May 13, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Unprecedented change in the legal industry is upon us, magnifying the financial impact of operational inefficiencies within law firms. More adoption of technology has occurred in the last month than in years prior. Librarians who adapt and become technology enablers will directly enhance their firm's financial bottom line. During this webinar, learn concepts for identifying and understanding the cost of firm inefficiencies, how a new frontier of data-centric technologies can streamline in-office/remote workflows, and how to create service-driven solutions for attorneys and clients.

VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: PROVIDING LEGAL REFERENCE ASSISTANCE TO THE PUBLIC

- Tuesday, May 19, 2020 / 3:00 p.m. (CDT)
- Register by Monday, May 18, 2020
Law libraries serve as a lifeline to those seeking legal services even in the best of times, and librarians have devised creative ways to expand their reach across communities in need. But what happens when communities face new challenges, and members of the public cannot visit the library? Connect with your colleagues for our next informal virtual coffee chat, moderated by Miriam D. Childs, Law Library of Louisiana, and Sue Ludington, Lane County Oregon Law Library.

**USING COGNITIVE THEORY TO BOOST LONG-TERM RETENTION OF LEGAL RESEARCH SKILLS**

- **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)**
- **Register** by Monday, May 18, 2020
- **Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60**

Having a baseline understanding of cognitive theory and educational psychology is critical to ensuring students/patrons learn effectively. This webinar will discuss key concepts from cognitive learning science and give concrete examples of how librarians can incorporate these theories into their instructional choices.

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**AALL IS HERE FOR YOU / MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GRACE PERIOD**

Renewals for the 2020-2021 membership year are open. During these challenging times, AALL is offering a ninety-day grace period before your member benefits cease. The grace period runs from June 1, 2020 through September 1, 2020. As we continue to navigate this constantly evolving health crisis, it is more important than ever for law librarians and legal information professionals to support each other. AALL will continue to provide you with the right tools and resources to keep you moving forward.

AALL offers a discounted membership rate for members who are recently unemployed (verification required). If your employment situation has changed and you wish to receive this discount, please contact member services.

To renew your membership log in to your AALLNET account.

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**AALL LAUNCHES NEW CAREER CENTER**

**ADVANCE YOUR CAREER / RECRUIT TOP TALENT**

AALL has redesigned our Career Center with an enhanced look and feel. The new Career Center features single sign on (use your AALL website credentials to log in) and allows job seekers and employers to have an improved experience. The new Job Flash email allows employers to send their opportunities directly to the inboxes of highly skilled AALL members and job seekers.

Explore the benefits by logging in or creating a new account today.

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**THIS FRIDAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO APPLY FOR AN AALL GRANT**
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 has been extended to this Friday, May 15, 2020.

AALL LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT

AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through May 15 for research grants totaling up to $5,000 from the AALL Research Fund (An Endowment Established by LexisNexis). Established in July 2000, the annual grants fund large or small research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research projects that cover a wide range of professional interests. Access the complete guidelines and apply for a grant by this Friday, May 15, 2020. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

FRIDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to assist individuals in meeting their educational and professional development goals in the field of legal information.

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

For those working in academic institutions, please encourage your students to apply for the following scholarships.

- **AALL Scholarships** (for MLIS /JD degree-seeking students or MLIS graduates seeking a degree in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship)
- **LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship** (for MLIS /JD degree-seeking students or MLIS graduates seeking a degree in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship)
- **George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship** (for MLIS or JD degree-seeking students)

**OTHER**

- **Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship** (for state, court, or county law librarian AALL members to attend continuing education programs)

The deadline for all applications is this Friday, May 15, 2020. To learn more about the scholarships and applications process, please contact AALL.

COMMUNITY WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW

LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA LEARN CULTURAL COMPETENCE?

- Thursday, May 14, 2020 / 12:00 p.m. (CDT)
- **Register** by Tuesday, May 12, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60
In recent years, law librarian scholars have brought discussions of cultural competence and implicit bias to the forefront. Now that we are aware of the issues implicit bias can raise, what do we do about it? This month, in our "So You Wanna...?" interview, we will speak with Michele A. L. Villagran and Shamika Dalton. Shamika Dalton is an associate professor and associate director of the Katz Law Library, and has led much of the discussion about implicit bias and law librarianship, presenting on the topic at recent workshops and conferences. Michele A. L. Villagran is an assistant professor at San Jose State University's School of Information and was named a "Leader of Today" in the second edition of Celebrating Diversity: A Legacy of Minority Leadership in the American Association of Law Libraries to which she contributed two chapters. This series is brought to you by the Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement Special Interest Section and the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee.

DIVERSITY DIALOGUES: BUILDING PIPELINES FOR DIVERSITY

- Thursday, May 28, 2020 / 11:00 a.m. (CDT)
- Register by Tuesday, May 26, 2020
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

Dillard University won the 2018 American Bar Association Diversity Leadership Award for its collection of initiatives designed to build a pipeline for underrepresented students seeking to enter the legal profession. Adria Kimbrough, pre-law advisor at Dillard University will provide a quick background on Dillard's different programs, as well as discuss development opportunities and program effectiveness. Come prepared to engage with Kimbrough and learn strategies to implement in your own organization.

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES AMID COVID-19

AALL members and their organizations are helping students, lawyers, judges, and the public during the COVID-19 crisis. Here is another highlight that shows how amazing law librarians and legal information professionals truly are.

- Heather J. E. Simmons, Associate Director for Instruction & Access Services, University of Georgia Law School - "Our Student Services Librarian, Geraldine Kalim, has been organizing stress-busting activities for our students during study days and exams. We've done pet therapy, guided mindfulness, and Rachel Evans, our Metadata Services Librarian, performed a live electronic music "sound bath." Additionally, on April 28, I went live on Zoom to show students how to make a proper cup of tea. Geraldine received the following note from a student:"
  - "Thank you so much! It was very informative! My suspicions were correct ... I did not know how to make a proper cup of tea! Thank you for organizing these events to make this final semester at the Law School more enjoyable!"

If you have received any feel-good responses or feedback for the hard work of your legal information professionals and library staff, please email Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter.