

## AALL Weekly eNews

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### BUDGETING FOR LAW LIBRARIES / REGISTER FOR THE COURSE



- [Register Now](#)
- Members - \$99 / Nonmembers - \$149

AALL's first self-paced course "[Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#)" is now available on AALL's new [eLearning platform](#). This course has been developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members. This course will help you address important issues such as:

- Identifying and managing competing priorities
- Explaining day-to-day operations
- Connecting financial resources to meet goals

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To register for the budgeting course, visit the [AALL eLearning platform](#). If you have any questions, please contact AALL at [elarning@aall.org](mailto:elarning@aall.org) or 312.939.4764.

### 2021 AALL AWARDS/ NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN

DEADLINE IS NOW MARCH 1

Recognize achievements in the legal information profession--nominate yourself or someone you know for a 2021 AALL Award. The purpose of the **AALL Awards Program** is to recognize the achievements of law librarians, institutions, companies, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Recipients are selected by the committees/juries and will be recognized during the [2021 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#).

The deadline to nominate a colleague, library, or company (including your own), or to self-nominate has been extended from February 1 to March 1, 2021--a month longer to allow for additional nominations. Nominations/applications/entry forms may be found on the individual award pages.

- [Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award](#)
- [Joseph L. Andrews Legal Literature Award](#)

#### QUICK LINKS

- [AALL Events Calendar](#)
- [AALL Career Center](#)
- [AALL News](#)
- [AALL Voting Resources](#)
- [AALL COVID-19 Updates & Resources](#)
- [AALL Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion](#)

**PLI Chronicle**

INTRODUCING THE **PLI CHRONICLE**

The new online publication on PLI PLUS that provides brief and accessible discourse on the people and stories moving the conversation in the legal community.

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#### STAY CONNECTED



- [Hall of Fame Award](#)
- [AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award](#) (*Note: Deadline for Student Division applicants is May 14, 2021*)
- [Emerging Leader Award](#)
- [Excellence in Community Engagement Award](#)
- [Innovations in Technology Award](#)
- [Minority Leadership Development Award](#)
- [New Product Award](#)
- [Public Access to Government Information Award](#)
- [Robert L. Oakley Advocacy Award](#)
- [Volunteer Service Award](#)



#### CONTACT US

We encourage you to [send us](#) your suggestions and comments.

#### STAY INFORMED

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## UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS / REGISTER NOW



### JUST BREATHE

- Tuesday, January 12, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Members only; space is limited

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Deep breathing should come naturally to us--so why does your watch keep telling you you're not doing it enough? Too often, we get stuck in a cyclical state of stress and shallow breathing that can have a cascading effect on our health and wellness. For the first virtual coffee chat of 2021, we're going back to the basics--way back. Dr. Laura Sangeeta Biagi, an accomplished educator, healer, and storyteller, will lead you through the fundamentals of deep breathing and introduce practices to help you start your new year with more mindfulness and less tension.



### MAXIMIZING THE INDEX TO FOREIGN LEGAL PERIODICALS (IFLP) IN ALL LAW LIBRARIES

- Wednesday, January 13, 2021 / 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Free for members and nonmembers

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As the world becomes even more interconnected, how do librarians keep up with the growing international and comparative legal information needs of today's increasingly transnational and multilingual legal professionals and law students? The [Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals \(IFLP\)](#), one of AALL's premier publications, can help meet the never-ending need for accurate and diverse information from around the globe. During this webinar, learn how to search *IFLP* effectively, how to utilize the *Index* when teaching and training others, and how to better understand *IFLP*'s potential as a low-cost/high-impact resource for your legal research toolkit. This webinar will be moderated by Kevin Durkin-Ortiz, *IFLP* managing editor at UC Berkeley. Speakers include [Charles Bjork](#), international and foreign law reference librarian at Georgetown University Law Library, [Marcy Hoffman](#), associate law library director and foreign and international law librarian at Berkeley Law, and [Kristen Rowlett](#), international law librarian at Texas A&M University School of Law.



## SUPPORTING STUDENTS' WELLNESS

- Tuesday, January 26, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Members only; space is limited

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The mental health vulnerabilities facing law students have been well documented, and law librarians are often uniquely positioned to help. For this informal discussion, moderated by [Katie Brown](#), Charleston School of Law, we welcome back Dr. Laura Sangeeta Biagi, a certified health and life coach, Inside Out Prison Exchange Program instructor, and educator with extensive experience working with students. This coffee chat is an opportunity to share experiences, pose questions, and hear ideas for supporting students' wellbeing in the library, the classroom, and beyond.



## INTERVIEWING WHEN YOU CAN'T SHAKE HANDS (PART II): THE EMPLOYER'S PERSPECTIVE

- Thursday, January 28, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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As follow-up to December's webinar, "Interviewing When You Can't Shake Hands", the presenters will discuss the topic from an employer's perspective. Topics include issues that arise from the format of the interview; scheduling the interview; technology; security; selling the organization; and assessing candidates. The panelists work in a variety of law library types and will provide practical ideas to make your next remote interview more successful. This webinar will be moderated by [Sarah Mauldin](#) from the DeKalb County Law Library. Speakers include [Michelle Hook Dewey](#) (BakerHostsetler), [TJ Striepe](#) (Alexander Campbell King Law Library), and Elizabeth Osbourne (Library of Congress).



## WASHINGTON UPDATE

### AALL'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FOIA FEE EXEMPTIONS FOR LIBRARIANS ACCEPTED BY OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [accepted](#) AALL's [recommendation](#) that federal agencies should consider librarians at educational institutions, including academic law librarians, as eligible for fee exemptions under the *Freedom of Information Act* (FOIA). The FOIA requires federal government agencies to disclose government information upon request unless it falls under a specific exemption, such as to protect national security. Federal agencies are [permitted to charge fees](#) for responding to FOIA requests, but there are several categories of requestors who

are exempted from fees. OMB's new [Uniform Freedom of Information Act Fee Schedule and Guidelines](#), which provides federal agencies with guidance on how to apply fees for processing FOIA requests, clarifies that students, faculty, and staff--including librarians--may be considered under the educational and non-commercial scientific institution requesters fee category as long as they can demonstrate that their request is being made in connection with their role at the institution.

For more information about FOIA, see AALL's [resources on legislative issues related to government transparency](#) and the U.S. Department of Justice's [FOIA.gov](#).

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## 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 May 13, 2021.**

AALL is happy to announce the most recent grant award winners. Congratulations to the following AALL chapters that have been awarded grants.

- Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA) Institute 2020: Work and Life during the Pandemic: Leadership Skills for Challenging Times
- Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) 2021 Spring Institute: Beyond the "L" Word REDUX: Expanding (& Challenging) the Boundaries of Legal Librarianship
- Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) County Law Library SIG Spring Conference

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## APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for your professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in [scholarships](#) to law school and library school students as well as to AALL members. The following scholarships are now open for applications:

- [Library School Scholarships \(for those with or without JDs\)](#)
- [Law School Scholarships \(for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS\)](#)
- [Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree](#)
- [LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship](#)
- [George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship](#)
- [Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship](#) for members to attend continuing education programs for state, court, or county law librarians

**The deadline for applications is May 1, 2021.** To learn more about the scholarships, instructions, and applications process, [contact AALL](#).

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## AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS

[AALL's New Voices](#) is seeking your expertise! Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your thoughts on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible subjects include: diversity, inclusion and equity, a legal topic of your choice, favorite resource(s), go-to stressbusters, leadership/culture tips, legal information competencies, and starting a new role. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on

the Members Open Forum, in the monthly eNewsletter, and on AALL's social media feeds (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn).

If you're interested in being involved in the next round, please share your post with [Megan Mall](#), director of content strategy, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by 5:00 p.m. CST on January 11, 2021.

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## COMMUNITY WEBINARS

### BLL-SIS & FCIL-SIS WEBINAR: THE ORIGINS AND PROGRESSION OF THE #ENDSARS2020 MOVEMENT IN NIGERIA

- Thursday, January 21, 2021 / 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Open to all AALL Members

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Please join the [Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section \(BLL-SIS\)](#) and the [Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section \(FCIL-SIS\)](#) for a webinar on the origins and development of Nigeria's #ENDSARS2020 movement, including information on government responses to the movement and background on police brutality in Nigeria. The webinar will feature panelists Hon. Abike Dabiri-Erewa (Chair, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission; Former member of the Nigerian House of Representatives) and [Femi Cadmus](#) (Associate Dean and Director of the J. Michael Goodson Law Library, Duke Law; Former AALL President).

### PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO YOU WANNA WRITE AN EFFECTIVE RECOMMENDATION

- Thursday, January 21, 2021 / 12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. (CST)
- [Register Now](#)
- Open to all AALL Members

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Whether you're looking for a new job, applying for leadership positions, scholarships, awards, or grants, or supporting others in those efforts, writing persuasive letters is unavoidable for law librarians. How can you make your writing stand out and make the best case? In this month's "So You Wanna...?" series, [Savanna Nolan](#) will sit down to discuss recommendation letters and personal statements with recent AALL Awards Committee Chair, [Cathy Lemann](#). What makes a winning letter? What are some common pitfalls? Is there a way we can make the process as pain-free as possible? This series is brought to you by the [Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS](#) and the AALL [Continuing Professional Education Committee](#).

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