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**CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
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FEATURED NEWS

NEW! RESPONSIVE eNEWSLETTER DESIGN

AALL is excited to share its new and improved design for its monthly and weekly eNewsletters. This new template has a clean design and is mobile friendly. For consistency, content will be organized under the same headings each month: Featured News, AALL Updates, Professional Growth, and Community Corner. We hope you love the new design and layout as much as we do! Please tell us what you think by sharing your feedback with [Heather Haemker](#), director of marketing & communications.

AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MEET THIS WEEK

The AALL Executive Board will hold its spring meeting virtually Thursday, April 8 and Friday, April 9. The agenda and board book for the spring meeting may be accessed on [AALLNET](#). Please make sure you attend the [AALL Connection](#) on April 15th to learn specifics from the Board meeting as well as other AALL updates.

U.S. NEWS RANKING AND LAW LIBRARIES

On Tuesday, March 30, [U.S. News & World Report](#) released the 2022 Best of Law School rankings, which also included a new set of questions and methodology for law libraries. As you may recall, AALL and other groups were part of a task force working with *U.S. News* on the law library questions, which were very dated. Although progress was shared on many communities, we know last year was unusual. The task force did not have control over what questions *U.S. News* would pick and how they would be weighted. We understand that more work needs to be done and have reached out to a few groups to seek input. We also welcome your ideas on how future law library questions should look as well as your thoughts on any future collaboration with *U.S. News*. We want to hear from you--please email leadership@aall.org.

QUICK LINKS

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AALL UPDATES

CONTINUE ENJOYING AALL BENEFITS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS / RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Your AALL community has remained dedicated to providing you with the support you need for continued success. [Renew your membership today](#) to continue receiving benefits including:

- access to an extensive network of peers, including multiple discussion groups on My Communities
- member discounts on valuable publications, including the [State of the Profession 2021](#) report and the [Salary Survey](#)
- Virtual Coffee Chats (members-only, informal discussions) and monthly webinars on a range of topics
- access to essential professional development (discounted and free) on AALL's new [eLearning platform](#)
- and [more great member benefits](#)

JOIN A SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION

Connect with others that share your professional interests through AALL's 15 [special interest sections](#) (SIS's). Joining an SIS provides you with the opportunity to participate in groups dedicated to specialized areas of law librarianship, maximizing your membership.

If you have any questions about your membership renewal, please contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.205.8022.

RENEW TODAY

AALL CONNECTION / REGISTER NOW

To stay informed on what's happening with the Association, please register for the next AALL Connection.

- **Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021
- **Time:** 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. (CDT)

This session will be recorded and made available to members on AALLNET.

We encourage you to submit questions ahead of time to leadership@aall.org. You will also have the opportunity to submit questions via live chat, if time permits.

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH



REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S AALL COFFEE CHAT / MENTORSHIP MATTERS

Could you benefit from the advice of a more experienced colleague as you consider your next career steps or face new workplace challenges? All you need to become a mentor is the eagerness to help someone else and the knowledge to be able to do so. **Join us**

tomorrow Tuesday, April 6 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion to learn more about this unique professional opportunity.

Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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REGISTER NOW FOR AALL 2021 / LEADING WITH WISDOM & INSIGHT

Registration is open for AALL's second Virtual Conference, to be held July 19-23. AALL 2021 will offer more than 45 educational sessions, as well as a virtual exhibit hall where conference participants and vendors can interact and discuss marketplace innovations--many of which were developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On-demand sessions will be released ahead of the Conference with opportunities for live Q&As with presenters during the week of July 19.

At only \$99 for members--retired members pay a reduced rate and student/unemployed members are free--the AALL Virtual Conference is an affordable way for you to enhance your professional skills and knowledge,

network with thought leaders, and connect with marketplace partners--all from the comfort of your home or office.

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REGISTER FOR AALL'S 2021 VIRTUAL INNOVATION BOOTCAMP / TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY-BIRD RATES

The disruptions of the past year continue to reveal new challenges and opportunities to rethink the way we work. **The 2021 Innovation Bootcamp, May 6-7** is the perfect event to attend if you are looking to innovate in your library.

This course is designed specifically for legal information professionals to create new value, gain momentum for ideas, and foster a culture of innovation--whether you're early in your career and ready to give your solutions wings or a decision maker committed to maximizing the talents of your team. We've assembled a dynamic lineup of presenters comprised of AALL members and other thought leaders to deliver a customized learning experience.

Cost: Members \$399 / Nonmembers \$598 (Price increases \$50 for members & \$77 for nonmembers **after April 15**)

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 23

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This continuing professional education opportunity is sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries in partnership with Thomson Reuters.



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RAISE YOUR BUDGETING IQ / REGISTER FOR AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE

AALL's new self-paced course, "**Introduction to Law Library Budgets**," provides fundamental skills that will help you address important issues such as identifying and managing competing priorities, explaining day-to-day operations, and connecting financial resources to meet goals.

Developed by subject matter experts who are your colleagues and fellow members, this course will provide you with the skills you need to become more confident when it comes to making and maintaining a budget within your organization. If you have any questions, please contact AALL at elarning@aall.org or 312.939.4764.

Cost: Members \$99 / Nonmembers \$149

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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



AALL COFFEE CHAT / UPDATES TO LEGAL RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY COMPETENCIES

The **Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency** were recently updated to include standards for technology competency. What does this mean for you and your library? Join us on **Tuesday, April 20 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** for an informal discussion to learn more about the updates, ask questions, and get tips for assessing technology competency.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members only; space is limited.

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AALL WEBINAR / RECOGNIZING AND RESOLVING DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE

It may be difficult to decipher microaggressions or other subtle yet harmful forms of racism or discrimination, or to effectively recognize and remedy these behaviors in ourselves and others. Join us **Thursday, April 29, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** where attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the personal, practical, and legal aspects of dealing with discriminatory practices in the workplace. *This webinar is being offered in collaboration with AALL's Diversity & Inclusion Committee and the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section (BLL-SIS).*

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR / SUCCESSFUL TACTICS TO DEMONSTRATE VALUE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION AMIDST COVID

Continuing the conversation from December's webinar, "[State of the Legal Market in 2021](#)," we dive deeper into the tactics your forward-thinking peers are using to drive additional value for their organizations. Join us **Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT)** and walk away with tips on how to get a seat at the decision-making table and proactively create a strategy to earn the seat. Learn the mechanics of how these leaders proactively communicate the continuous value they create.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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COMMUNITY CORNER

GLL-SIS WEBINAR: SYSTEMIC RACISM, IMPLICIT BIAS & PRIVILEGE: CULTIVATING CHANGE IN OUR WORKSPACES AND COMMUNITIES

Join the [Government Law Libraries SIS](#) (GLL-SIS) this **Thursday, April 8 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (CDT)** for a 90-minute webinar/training that will provide an overview of structural racism, implicit bias, and privilege, including how these themes affect working institutions and spaces. Gain insight on how participants can address and cultivate a positive difference around these challenges with colleagues/peers, stakeholders (i.e., patrons who come into respective library spaces), and also provide an opportunity to think about how awareness around implicit bias and privilege can affect the wider systems within which we work.

Cost: Open to all AALL members

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