FEATURED NEWS

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED

As we start planning for the **2022 Annual Meeting & Conference**, AALL is seeking input on your current situation. Please complete this **brief, anonymous survey** that should take approximately three minutes to complete, **by Friday, October 1**. We appreciate your feedback.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY

APPLY FOR AALL’S 2022 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY / DUE OCTOBER 29

Apply to be a fellow of the **2022 AALL Leadership Academy**, to take place March 31-April 1, 2022, in **Chicago**. The Academy fosters the professional growth of legal information professionals in the early stages of their careers. Participants will have the opportunity to develop, enhance, and hone their leadership skills and competencies.

- Cost: $699; if accepted
- All selected fellows are expected to attend in person
- Application deadline: Friday, October 29, 2021

ATTENDEE BENEFITS

- Participants will be subscribed to a private online community, be matched with a mentor (an AALL member) for one year to support continued growth, and receive ongoing leadership development opportunities. The application process is now open to current AALL members only.

If you know an AALL member who would be a great candidate for the Academy, please let them know about this opportunity.

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QUICK LINKS

AALL Events Calendar | AALL Career Center | AALL News | AALL COVID-19 Resources | AALL Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
AALL UPDATES

AALL’S 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTION / VOTING OPENS OCTOBER 1

Online voting for the AALL vice president/president-elect, treasurer, and Executive Board members opens on Friday, October 1 and runs through 11:59 p.m. (EDT) on Sunday, October 31. Voting instructions will be emailed out to all eligible voters the morning of October 1.

Members are encouraged to listen to the recordings from the vice president/president-elect and Executive Board member candidates’ forums. Femi Cadmus, chair of the Nominations Committee and AALL past president, will serve as moderator for the forums.

Candidates Forum for Treasurer
September 29, 2021
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)

Miriam Childs
Andrew Winston

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UPDATE YOUR AALLNET PROFILE

The AALL member directory is a key member benefit. Please take a few minutes to review your information and update it, if needed. When AALL goes through the Nominations process for Board candidates and the Appointments process for committee and jury members, we refer to members’ profiles to look at their expertise, library types, etc. We highly recommend adding your photo to your profile. Keeping your information up to date also ensures you continue to receive important AALL communications. Please log into your AALLNET profile and update your information today. Primary contacts may also update organization details. For assistance, please contact membership@aall.org.

AALL NEW VOICES

AALL’s New Voices gives you the opportunity to share your story and expertise. Whether you recently joined AALL or are a longtime member aiming to become more involved in the Association, AALL is looking for your insights on any aspect of law librarianship. This is a one-time commitment.

Possible subjects include a legal interest of your choice, favorite resource, go-to stressbusters, starting a new role, leadership tips and diversity, equity, and inclusion. Submissions should be about 100-600 words. Accepted posts will appear on 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. (CDT) on October 8, 2021.

READ THE SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER ISSUE OF AALL SPECTRUM

The September/October issue of AALL Spectrum is available online. The innovation issue invites all law librarians to learn how to facilitate innovation within their organizations and provides best practices for developing and adopting a culture of innovation. The issue also focuses on growing your skill sets by adding e-discovery to your legal tech toolbox and provides tips for dealing with the labor disruption tsunami created in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

AALL 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT / PURCHASE YOUR COPY
The 2021 AALL State of the Profession report provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. It is designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning—as well as your own personal professional development. Topics include the impact of COVID-19, diversity, budgets, user services, operations, collections, preservation, partnerships, technology, and an inventory of skills, expertise, professional planning, and job satisfaction. The complimentary AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages and includes full-color graphics and data tables, and is available in digital, print, and a digital + print bundle. Pricing starts at $149 for AALL members.

ADVOCACY UPDATES

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR TOMORROW’S 2021 AALL VIRTUAL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY TRAINING / SEPTEMBER 21

Congressman Hank Johnson (GA-4) will speak to AALL members tomorrow during AALL’s Virtual Legislative Advocacy Training from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT). Congressman Johnson has served in the U.S. House of Representatives since 2006. During his time in the U.S. Congress, he has led efforts to modernize access to court records through PACER, improve broadband access, and promote more balanced copyright laws. AALL President Diane M. Rodriguez will provide opening remarks.

Legislative advocacy is essential to making a difference for the legal information profession. Join us to learn skills to advocate for public policy issues, including broadband access and digital equity, balanced copyright laws, and greater access to official legal information. You will also learn how to build effective partnerships and influence lawmakers while contributing to solutions for current information policy issues.

Cost: Free and open to all AALL members.

AALL ADVOCACY TOOLKIT INCLUDES NEW RESOURCES FOR MEMBERS

AALL has updated the AALL Advocacy Toolkit to help members advocate for federal, state, and local legislative issues that have an impact on law libraries and the legal information profession. The updated Advocacy Toolkit includes links to AALL policies and resources on legislative and advocacy issues, along with new sections to help members build their advocacy skills and answer frequently asked questions. This information was compiled by the AALL Government Relations Committee (GRC). Please contact Amy Emerson, chair of the GRC with any questions.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

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 Friday, October 29, 2021.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS

REGISTER FOR TOMORROW’S AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: VIRTUAL INTERVIEWING AND ONBOARDING / SEPTEMBER 21
As a follow-up to recent AALL webinars on virtual interviewing from applicant and employer perspectives, as well as virtual onboarding, this coffee chat will focus on different strategies and approaches that have benefited or hindered law librarians when conducting remote interviews or onboarding. Join us tomorrow afternoon from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion on how to best conduct these vital functions of law libraries.

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

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THOMSON REUTERS PARTNER WEBINAR: CHANGE MANAGEMENT AND LEGAL USERS: DRIVING EFFICIENCY AND ADOPTING NEW TOOLS TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY / SEPTEMBER 22

With the proliferation of data comes the need to adapt and change the way we work to drive value and efficiency. In many ways, the market is responding to that need through the development of new tools and processes designed for legal researchers. Join us on Wednesday, September 22 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CDT) where a panel of experts will discuss not only how new tools and processes can be applied effectively to the tasks at hand, but also how to drive user adoption to get the most out of them.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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WHEN ILLIAD BECOMES AN ODYSSEY: OBTAINING AND USING COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES / SEPTEMBER 30

This program empowers librarians to obtain materials from around the world while ensuring that the sharing of content abides by U.S. and foreign copyright laws. Join us Thursday, September 30 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT) to learn about challenges faced by librarians in obtaining materials from other countries, including perspectives and advice from librarians based in the U.S., Europe, and Africa.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN INFORMATION SCIENCE, LAW SCHOOL, AND PRACTICE / OCTOBER 5

Those teaching in law schools, library and information programs, i-schools, etc., are always working on ways to bridge the gap between law school and law practice. Have you tried various methods, and want a new perspective? Are you wondering what others are teaching, and how they are achieving successes in their environments? Join us on Tuesday, October 5 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT) for an informal discussion on what classes are being taught, the topics of interest, and what it all means for the legal information profession.

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

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: CHECK IN WITH YOUR AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD / OCTOBER 19

As we start this new AALL leadership year, join us on **Tuesday, October 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CDT)** to catch up with your 2021-2022 AALL Executive Board. We want to hear how you are doing, what AALL can assist you with, and what issues AALL should focus on in the months ahead. Come prepared with your ideas and questions.

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

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YOUR CRISIS IS NOT MY EMERGENCY: MINDFULNESS TECHNIQUES TO MANAGE STRESS / OCTOBER 28

Many legal information professionals are busy with new students, attorneys, judges, and clerks. This is in addition to the regular stresses we encounter in our jobs, both internal and external. Join us **Thursday, October 28 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CDT)** to learn a variety of mindfulness strategies and techniques to manage your stress, including some optional chair yoga. The webinar will also discuss the amendments to ABA Standard 508 regarding law student well-being resources.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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LAW LIBRARIANS ARE TECH EXPERTS—WHETHER WE KNOW IT OR NOT / NOVEMBER 18

Law librarians are constantly adopting new technology skills and enhancing existing ones—but how often do they take stock of these skills? Join us **Thursday, November 18 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** and learn how to use the skills law librarians already have to boost teaching and reference services. In addition, learn how to improve current programs—from reference interviews to formal classroom instruction—and impress even the most tech-savvy administrator.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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CONFERENCE ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION: LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN (CAI:LAC) / SEPTEMBER 2-28

After more than a year, the reality is that COVID-19 is still ravaging Latin America and the Caribbean. The consequences and impact of the pandemic continue to create a domino effect impacting all groups and all areas in the region. Since March 2020, our project members have been monitoring the changes and responses to the crises. Join us **every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (CDT) from September 2 through September 28** to continue the conversation and further collaborate. *This program is made possible by a grant from the AALL/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant Program. Thank you to the University of Arizona Law School for their support in making this program possible.*

Open to all AALL members; registration is limited

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