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FEATURED NEWS

CHAMPION YOUR PROFESSION ON #GIVINGTUESDAY

The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is once again participating in **#GivingTuesday**, a **global day dedicated to giving** that kicks off the charitable season. **We invite you to join this movement tomorrow, November 30 by making a contribution to support the legal information profession and AALL.**

Through the generosity of members, supporters, and friends who give to AALL each year, we continue to advocate on behalf of law libraries and legal information professionals, and provide financial support to students and new and experienced law librarians, through AALL's **grants** and **scholarships**. Your support helps **nurture the next generation of law librarians and legal information professionals** in education, continued professional development, and leadership opportunities.

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PRORATED MEMBERSHIP DUES STARTS DECEMBER 1

Prorated membership dues go into effect on Wednesday, December 1. If you know a colleague who would benefit from joining the Association, please **encourage them to join or renew** at the prorated rate. Pending verification, AALL offers discounted rates for students and retirees and special rates for those that are unemployed. For questions, please reach out to membership@aall.org.

2021 AALL SALARY SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

The **2021 AALL Biennial Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics** report (*AALL Salary Survey*) is now available. In its 15th iteration, the **survey** provides the only comprehensive, comparative salary information designed by and for legal information professionals in academic, law firm/corporate, and government settings. The release of the report was also covered on [InfoDocket](#).

The survey was distributed to 651 law libraries around the country with 308 surveys completed for a response rate of 47.3 percent. **The complete survey is available to AALL members as a complimentary digital edition.** Print copies may be purchased for \$250 by nonmembers and \$130 for members. Details are available on [AALLNET](#).

QUICK LINKS

AALL UPDATES

VOLUNTEER FOR AN AALL 2022-2023 COMMITTEE OR AWARD JURY / APPLY BY DECEMBER 15

Volunteer to serve on an AALL committee or award jury and contribute to your profession as well as to your Association. We encourage members from all library types and all levels of experience to volunteer. Please [review the committee and award jury charges](#) before applying. If you currently serve on an AALL Committee or Award Jury, you are only eligible to apply for a 2022-2023 committee or award jury if your term ends in July 2022. To confirm when your current appointment ends, please review the committee activity in your [AALL profile](#).

The call for [Annual Meeting Program Committee \(AMPC\) volunteers](#) is included in this call for volunteers. If you are interested in serving on AMPC, you will be asked to answer additional questions on the form. Please review the [AMPC charge](#) and [content area descriptions](#) before applying for this Committee.

WHY VOLUNTEER?

- See your work in action
- Impact the Association and the profession
- Build on your leadership experience
- Expand your professional network

SELECTION PROCESS

In January, the AALL Vice President, [Beth Adelman](#), and 2022-2023 AMPC Chair, [Jessica dePerio Wittman](#), will select volunteers to serve on the AMPC. All other volunteers (including those not selected for the AMPC) will be considered by the Appointments Committee to serve on a committee or award jury when the Committee meets in January/February 2022.

Take your involvement in AALL to the next level and complete the [volunteer application for the 2022-2023 leadership year](#). Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. (EST) on December 15, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact leadership@aall.org.

VOLUNTEER TODAY

2022 AALL AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPENS THIS WEDNESDAY

The 2022 AALL Awards nominations opens on Wednesday, December 1 and will be open through March 1, 2022. The [AALL Awards program](#) publicly recognizes the achievements of law librarians, institutions, companies, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Start thinking about who you would like to nominate now—it could even be yourself. Recipients are selected by committees/juries and will be recognized during the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Denver.

AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY DECEMBER 3

[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.

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 [Heather Haemker](#), director of marketing & communications, with the subject line "New Voices Project" by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on December 3, 2021.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

TOMORROW IS THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PROGRAM PROPOSALS FOR THE 2021 AALL ANNUAL MEETING

Contribute to and help advance the legal information profession while positioning yourself as a thought leader by [submitting a program or workshop proposal for the 2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—Advancing Justice for All—to be held July 16-19, 2022, in Denver, Colorado.](#)

We are currently planning an engaging, in-person Conference in Denver. Please go through the [quick guide for getting started](#), explore additional [resources for program proposers](#) (including the [must-have program topics](#) identified by AALL members), and use the online [Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site](#) to develop your proposal. AALL remains committed to ensuring a dynamic and diverse lineup of programs designed to meet your needs. We look forward to seeing your proposals. **Proposals are due tomorrow by 11:59 p.m. (EST).**

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LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE THIS WEDNESDAY

The [AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury](#) is accepting applications through this Wednesday, **December 1** for grants from the [AALL Research Fund \(An Endowment Established by LexisNexis\)](#). The jury may allocate \$5,000 between one or more applicants seeking funding for research that advances [AALL's Research Agenda](#), which seeks to stimulate "a diverse range of scholarship related to and supportive of the profession of law librarianship."

Established in July 2000, the grant funds research projects that create, disseminate, or use legal and library-related information. For inspiration, [review the list of topics awarded grants in past years](#) and explore the 16 broad research topics outlined in AALL's Research Agenda. If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, [review the complete guidelines](#) and [apply](#). As the guidelines state, the research should be completed within one year and the final product published. **Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of December.**

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UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: UNPACKING THE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR LAW LIBRARIES / NOVEMBER 30

In November, *U.S. News & World Report* will roll out the survey questions for its 2023 Best Law School rankings. A task force (including liaisons from SALLD, NELLCO, AALS, and AALL) worked with *U.S. News & World Report* representatives to provide guidance and recommendations for the questions relating to law school libraries. How will the 2023 questions impact your library? Join [Catherine Dunn](#), AALL's liaison to the U.S. News Joint Task Force, and [Todd Venie](#), who co-led the Data Testing & Education Working Group, **tomorrow, November 30 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)**, to learn more about this year's questions, the methodology of the rankings, and the recommendations of the Joint Task Force.

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

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: LEARN MORE ABOUT VOLUNTEERING FOR AALL / DECEMBER 7

Interested in [volunteering for an AALL committee or award jury](#)? This informal conversation on **Tuesday, December 7 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (CST)**, moderated by President [Diane Rodriguez](#) and AALL President-Elect [Elizabeth Adelman](#), is an opportunity for you to learn more about the volunteer process and how your contribution impacts AALL and the legal information profession. You are invited to submit questions in advance to leadership@aall.org.

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

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: WINNING THE AALL/LEXISNEXIS CALL FOR PAPERS / DECEMBER 14

The [AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers](#) is an annual scholarship competition that requests AALL members and students in related degree programs submit their recent scholarship on any subject relevant to law librarianship. Join the 2021 winners and [Nicole Downing](#), vice chair of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, on **Tuesday, December 14 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)**, for a discussion about award-winning scholarship and how you can prepare to enter the competition for yourself.

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

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THE MOTH, AALL LEADERSHIP EDITION: UNLEASH THE POWER OF STORYTELLING / DECEMBER 15

This program will give a brief introduction to storytelling technique basics, and then have panelists share true stories as they remember them. Similar to *The Moth* podcast, anyone wishing to tell their story will need to pitch their idea, and the pitched stories need to relate to the theme of Leadership. Join us on **Wednesday, December 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to watch masterful storytelling in action, share in the collective wisdom around leadership, and hone the essential leadership skill of telling compelling, meaningful stories.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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THE WAYFINDERS AMONG US: FIRST-GEN PROFESSIONALS IN AALL / JANUARY 19

First-generation professionals are the first in their families to cross a threshold into a professional career. Many face socioeconomic issues not experienced by their colleagues and can face a sense of isolation and a steep learning curve with regard to professional norms. Join us on **Wednesday, January 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear from panelists who are first-gen professionals from academic, government, and law firm settings, who will discuss their triumphs and challenges, and provide insights into navigating their unique career paths. They will also discuss establishment of the [First-Gen Professionals Caucus](#), which serves as a vehicle for professional development, mentorship, and coordination of recruitment efforts for first-gen law and library students.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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COMMUNITY CORNER

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA PRACTICE MINDFULNESS? / DECEMBER 8

With so much going on in the world, many of us are feeling burned out and exhausted. Can mindfulness be a tool to help us re-center? How is mindfulness different from meditation? Join [Savanna Nolan](#) on **Wednesday, December 8 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** as she discusses these questions with Mindfulness Caucus member and certified Koru Mindfulness teacher [Heather Simmons](#). What is a mindfulness practice and how is it different from meditation? What steps can we take today to live more mindfully?

Open to all AALL members.

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SHARE YOUR POSITIVE STORIES WITH AALL

AALL is looking for positive stories of how members are helping their communities and each other. Stories may be related to mentorship, workplace camaraderie, AALL friendships, changes at your law library, COVID-19, diversity and inclusion, etc. If you have a story to share or have received any feel-good responses or feedback, please email [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications, and tell us about it. Your story may appear in a future Weekly eNewsletter. **If you have any stories to share, please send them by 1:00 p.m. (CST) on Friday, December 3, 2021.**

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