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FEATURED NEWS

LAUNCHING IN JANUARY 2022 / AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE ON STRATEGIC THINKING

In a constantly changing legal information landscape, strategic thinking can result in greater resources, more recognition, and potential career advancement. It allows us to consider where we are now, where we want to go, and how we are going to get there. AALL is excited to announce the launch of its new self-paced course on strategic thinking, which will be available in early January 2022. This course will introduce you to the concepts of strategic thinking and how it permeates our day-to-day lives—professionally and personally.

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AALL UPDATES

2022 AALL AWARDS NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN / DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

Nominate yourself or someone you know for a [2022 AALL Award](#). The purpose of the AALL Awards program is to recognize the achievements of law librarians, institutions, and partners for significant contributions and innovation in the legal information profession. Recipients are selected by the committees/award juries and will be recognized during the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Denver.

The deadline to nominate a colleague or company, or to self-nominate, is March 1, 2022. Nominations and applications may be found on the individual award pages.

[LEARN MORE ABOUT AALL AWARDS](#)

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](#) and [Information Today](#).

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](#).

AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY JANUARY 7

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 January 7, 2022.**

ADVOCACY

2022 AALL CHAPTER ADVOCACY TRAINING / JANUARY 27

Many AALL chapters are faced with local issues that are important to their members. Chapters are well-positioned to advocate for law libraries and the legal information profession, including to support government law library funding and the enactment of the *Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act*. Join us on **Thursday, January 27 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** to learn a variety of advocacy strategies and resources that chapters can employ to ensure greater access to legal information and to promote continuous improvement in access to justice. Whether you are interested in starting a new advocacy program in your chapter or growing an existing program, you will come away with practical guidance and tools to support your chapter's advocacy efforts.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members and nonmembers

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS



AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: WORKING REMOTELY, PERMANENTLY / JANUARY 11

Remote work became the sudden, temporary norm for many during the pandemic, but some had been working remotely since long before then. Now, there are still others who are never going back to the office. Are you one of them? Join us on **Tuesday, January 11 from 3:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST)** to discuss working remotely on a permanent basis, whether you've been doing it for a while or are planning to take the plunge.

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

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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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GRANT FUNDING FOR LAW LIBRARIES / FEBRUARY 15

This program will provide tips and tools for how to identify, apply, and win grants to support your organization. Join us on **Tuesday, February 15 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (CST)** to hear inspiring success stories from law librarians and legal information professionals who have received grant funding and gain insight about how to get the funding you need. You will also learn how to find potential grant opportunities at the

federal, state, and local levels.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - \$60

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COMMUNITY CORNER

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: LIVE INTERVIEW SERIES: SO, YOU WANNA BE AALL PRESIDENT? / JANUARY 11

Sabrina A. Davis will interview current AALL President **Diane M. Rodriguez** as well as two past presidents of AALL to learn more about what's involved in assuming this leadership role. Join us **Tuesday, January 11 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST)** and learn about all aspects of the process, including the path to being asked, the nomination process, how to get your employer to say "yes," crafting a compelling candidate statement, responsibilities of the job, getting the most out of the experience, and what life is like as an AALL past president.

Open to all AALL members

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CHAPTER NEWS

The **Virginia Association of Law Libraries** (VALL) partnered with the **Law Librarians Society of Washington, DC** (LLSDC) for two Brown Bag discussion sessions this past fall. The Brown Bag sessions were held on Zoom and allowed the chapters to connect with each other and learn about news and new sources. Their November Brown Bag discussion "Law Library of Congress Online Resources" had 43 attendees, while their December Brown Bag discussed "Access to Justice in Virginia," had 28 attendees. VALL has also moved away from chapter newsletters and is creating blog posts instead. Below are their most recent posts:

- **Interested in public service? You may be eligible for loan forgiveness (eventually)** – November 4, 2021
- **Written Communication: Refining Email, at Work** – October 28, 2021
- **Visual Communications: Cues to Enhance Comprehension** – October 1, 2021

On December 2, the [San Diego Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries](#) (SANDALL) gathered at Anthony's Fish Grotto in La Mesa for a holiday party. SANDALL is thankful to Continuing Education of the Bar for sponsoring the event, and they look forward to more opportunities to gather for community and fun with members in 2022.



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