FEATURED NEWS

YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED / SURVEY RESPONSES DUE MONDAY

AALL is seeking input on your current situation as we plan the 2022 Annual Meeting & Conference. We invite you to participate in a brief, anonymous survey that should take approximately one minute to complete. We appreciate your feedback and ask that you complete the survey by next Monday, December 20 at 11:59 p.m. (CST).

COMPLETE THE SURVEY

The AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee launched the Microlearning Video series this year to provide short, focused learning opportunities for members. The Committee would like to hear your feedback regarding your experiences with these videos and to get your opinion on the direction as well as future topics for this video series. If you have watched any of these videos, please complete this brief, anonymous survey by next Monday, December 20. We appreciate your feedback.

BEGIN SURVEY

QUICK LINKS

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

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.

**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 covered by [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.

**ORDER YOUR COPY OF AALL’S 2021 STATE OF THE PROFESSION REPORT**

Designed to be used as a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning, the [2021 AALL State of the Profession](#) report provides a data-rich overview of law libraries and the legal information profession. The complimentary [AALL State of the Profession 2021 Executive Summary](#) provides an introduction to the full report. The report is 280 pages, 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.

**AALL STAFF NEWS**

We are excited to share with you that [Fiore Barbini](#) joined the AALL staff as director of education and learning on December 6, 2021. His responsibilities include overseeing the strategy and development of AALL’s educational programs and activities. Fiore holds a BFA in music theatre performance from Roosevelt University and a BS in legal studies from Kaplan University. He has over 13 years’ experience working in education development for professional membership associations. His most recent position was director of continuing education with the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), where he redesigned their education program, rebuilding their education committee and developing their first-ever education conference. In his current role at AALL, Fiore looks forward to taking a holistic view of the education currently offered and working with members to develop new products and programs to better serve the membership and the profession. His AALL email address is [fbarbini@aall.org](mailto:fbarbini@aall.org); please join us in welcoming him to the association.

**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
PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

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.

AALL 2021 CONFERENCE RECORDINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON AALL eLEARNING

At this summer’s AALL Virtual Conference, attendees gathered to learn and share knowledge. As an AALL member, you can now access recordings of the livestreamed and on-demand programs, whether you registered for the virtual conference or not. Easily watch sessions from your desktop or on the go—take advantage of this complimentary member benefit, just a few clicks away.

Find this and many more continuing education programs and webinars on AALL eLearning.

UP YOUR BUDGETING GAME IN 2022 / REGISTER FOR AALL’S SELF-PACED COURSE

Many of your colleagues have already registered for and completed AALL’s self-paced course, "Introduction to Law Library Budgets." Don't miss out—learn the 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.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SAYING

“I am new to the legal information field and this course was an excellent introduction on how to evaluate yearly costs and what questions to ask of management for future budgeting." – Candy Good-Graupera; Librarian; Barley Snyder, LLC

Cost: Members $99 / Nonmembers $149

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 p.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.
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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AALL NEW VOICES

Member Havilah Bakken discusses making the switch from paralegal to law librarian during the pandemic.

AALL’s New Voices is a place 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 Heather Haemker, director of marketing & communications, with the subject line “New Voices Project” by 5:00 p.m. (CST) on January 7, 2022.

KNOWITAALL HIGHLIGHTS

MEMBER POSTS

Members shared innovative content and started important conversations, including:

- Michelle Buhalo discussed how to find CRS reports.
- David Whelan discussed workflow breakdown and what to do.
- Andre Davison reflected on Dr. Yvonne Chandler’s legacy.
- Tim Blackburn highlighted mental health for wellness week.

OTHER LEGAL & GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UPDATES

- MIT Computational Law Report reported on a tutorial that provides an insight into the functionality of the Caselaw Access Project API and demonstrates how to make custom queries to provide deeper and richer understanding of legal phenomena.
The BBC pondered the idea of the "Great Flirtation," where workers are continuously seeking new jobs and opportunities. Pew Research Center looked at the future of digital spaces and their role in democracy. CNN covered the ALA's efforts to provide legal guidance and support to a number of libraries impacted by the "dramatic uptick" of attempts to remove books concerning LGBTQ issues and people of color.

ABOUT KNOWITALL

KnowItAALL is a member benefit sent Monday through Friday. Subscriptions are available for nonmember individuals and institutions. Please email Heather Haemker, director of marketing & communications, with your article and resource recommendations.

RECOGNIZING TOP CONTRIBUTORS

AALL highlights Top Contributors on My Communities in its monthly eNewsletter. Over the last month, these active members helped keep our community vibrant by earning points through their posts and connections. Points are earned by posting messages, responding to discussions, and by making connections with other members. The contributions these members have made to the community are outstanding. Below are our Top Contributors from November.

- Nicole Dyszlewski
- Sabrina Davis

Thank you for all that you do—we appreciate your contribution.

AALLNET MONTHLY MEMBER PROFILE

In this month's member profile, Anna Russell, the branch librarian at the U.S. Courts Library in Anchorage, Alaska, discusses the member benefit she values most and shares her favorite AALL memory.

See more AALLNET Monthly Member Profiles and view AALL Spectrum Member and Leader Profiles on AALLNET.

MEMORIALS

Linda Spath served as library director for Lillick & Charles beginning in 1978. In 2001, Lillick & Charles merged with Nixon Peabody where she served as department head. After 36 years at the firm, she retired in 2014. In addition to being an active member of the Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) and AALL (where she served on the Advocacy Committee), Spath taught legal research at the University of California, Berkeley. She was a member of the Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section and was a member of the American Bar Association as well as her state and local bar association. She was also an active member of the Kensington (CA) community and served on the board of the Kensington Improvement Club. She passed away on October 28 at the age of 74 after a courageous two-year battle with cancer.

Nancy Strohmeyer worked as a law librarian at the SIU Carbondale Law School and several other universities before retiring. She graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor’s degree in Liberal Arts and a Masters of Library Science. She also graduated from SIU Carbondale School of Law. Strohmeyer joined AALL in September 1985 and served on several committees including the LexisNexis Research Grant Jury, Scholarship Awards Jury, Placement Committee, and Bylaws Committee, to name a few. She was a member of the Academic Law Libraries SIS, Legal Information Services to the Public SIS, and Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS, and a member of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries. She passed away December 5, 2021, at the age of 62.

The AALL eNewsletter lists brief announcements of members' deaths. Traditional memorials should be submitted to Tom Gaylord, Law Library Journal editor.
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

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

CHAPTER & CAUCUS NEWS

- The Asian American Law Librarians Caucus will be hosting a get-together in January or February to celebrate the new year and to get to know one another. Additional details will be available in the coming weeks. If you have questions, please contact chair Mandy Lee.

- The Latino Caucus effectively is now the Latinx Caucus. This change came about in an effort to ensure inclusivity to all caucus members. The Caucus website and bylaws have been updated to incorporate the name change.

AALL seeks more news and announcements from chapters, caucuses, and special interest sections that may be of interest to all members. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications.

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