FEATURED NEWS

NEW! STRATEGIC THINKING COURSE FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

AALL’s new self-paced course, "Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians," is now available on AALL’s eLearning platform. This 60-minute course will teach law library professionals—at any level—how to employ strategic thinking for impactful decision-making. Further, this course will introduce the concepts of strategic thinking and how to leverage them, regardless of the situation, for superior results and successful outcomes.

$99 for members and $149 for nonmembers.

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2022 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL READERSHIP SURVEY DUE TODAY

The Law Library Journal Editorial Board is seeking feedback on Law Library Journal content. The data provided will be used to inform future volumes of the Journal. Survey responses are due today; all responses will be kept confidential.

If you have questions, please reach out to Heather Haemker, AALL's director of marketing & communications, for assistance.

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AALL UPDATES

NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD / APPLY BY FEBRUARY 11

The AALL Nominations Committee is seeking candidates for the upcoming 2022 Executive Board election. The AALL Executive Board establishes the Association's mission, vision, and strategic plan, while ensuring the long-term financial stability and strength of the Association.

To nominate yourself or an AALL colleague, access the nomination form on AALLNET. Nominations are due Friday, February 11, 2022, by 11:59 p.m. (EST).

Do you have questions about the nominations process? Register for the "AALL Virtual Coffee Chat: The AALL Executive Board Candidate Nominations Process," on Tuesday, February 8 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST).
NOMINATE YOURSELF OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW FOR A 2022 AALL AWARD / DEADLINE IS MARCH 1

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 information and applications may be found on the individual award pages.

LEARN MORE ABOUT AALL AWARDS

AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY JANUARY 28

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.

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 28, 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 this 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.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members and nonmembers

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PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

NEW MICROLEARNING VIDEO / A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A LAW LIBRARY FELLOW IS NOW AVAILABLE ON AALL eLEARNING

The Continuing Professional Education Committee has created a series of short videos on specific subjects of law. In the first "A Day in the Life . . ." video series, Aamir Abdullah, student services & outreach law librarian at the William A. Wise Law Library interviews Cody James, a law library fellow also at the William A. Wise Law Library about his life as a fellow. James discusses his daily life working as a librarian and describes the purpose and benefit of the fellowship program and how it is helped him grow as a professional.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHATS & WEBINARS
REGISTER FOR TOMORROW’S AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: SUPPORTING FEDERAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS / JANUARY 25

Law librarians can provide vital skills, tools, and strategies to both those seeking a federal clerkship position and those currently serving in a clerkship. The application process for these coveted positions can be opaque, and students need to be prepared with both practical and personal skills. Join us tomorrow from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST) to learn and share ideas to better support the federal judicial clerkship process.

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

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AALL VIRTUAL COFFEE CHAT: THE AALL EXECUTIVE BOARD CANDIDATE NOMINATIONS PROCESS / FEBRUARY 8

Do you know a fellow AALL member who would make an outstanding candidate for the upcoming 2022 Executive Board election? Or perhaps you are considering throwing your own hat into the ring. Join us Tuesday, February 8 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST) to learn more about the nominations process.

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

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GRANT FUNDING FOR LAW LIBRARIES / FEBRUARY 15

This program will provide tips and tools for how to identify, apply for, 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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GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY FOR A LEXISNEXIS RESEARCH GRANT BY MAY 1

The AALL LexisNexis Research Grant Jury is accepting applications through May 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."

If you have a research project that may benefit from this grant, review the complete guidelines and apply. Grants will be awarded and announced by the end of May.

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AALL CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT / DUE MAY 12

Does your chapter, special interest section, committee, or caucus have an educational event that needs funding? If so, consider applying for an AALL Continuing Education Grant. Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. The next deadline for grant applications is May 12, 2022.

APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP AND/OR SHARE WITH A FRIEND OR COLLEAGUE

AALL is committed to providing opportunities for your professional growth. Each year, the Association awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to law school and library school students as well as to AALL members. The available scholarships are listed on AALLNET.

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2022. For additional questions, please contact AALL at scholarships@aall.org.

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MEMBER NEWS

- Congratulations to Taryn Agati (Law Librarian at the Connecticut Judicial Branch Law Library in Torrington, Connecticut) who was a contestant on the January 18 episode of Jeopardy!

- Jennifer Wondracek has been appointed to the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Board of Directors. (Kristina L Niedringhaus and Amy Emerson are continuing members of the CALI Board).

AALL seeks more news about members' achievements, job changes, and connections with the legal information community. Please send your news to Heather Haemker, AALL director of marketing & communications.

MEMORIALS

Thomas Heard was the associate professor of law library sciences and associate director for information technology at Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University in Highland Heights, Kentucky until his death. Heard was a longtime member of the Chase faculty since joining the college in 1986 as the assistant professor of library services. He earned his JD from Chase, graduating in 1990. Heard was a longtime member of AALL, having joined in 1995, and a member of the Legal History & Rare Books Special Interest Section (SIS) and the Academic Law Libraries SIS, in addition to serving on the Digital Access to Legal Information Committee from 2013-2016. Heard passed away in August 2021.

Thomas Reynolds (TR) worked in the law library for 43 years, from 1958-2001. He specialized in foreign and international legal materials, becoming one of the world’s most respected experts in foreign and comparative research. He served as foreign and comparative law librarian emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. A longtime member of AALL, he served as an Executive Board member from 1993-1996. He also served as editor of AALL’s Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, which he ushered into the digital world. He was presented with an AALL Presidential Citation for his work and was inducted into the AALL Hall of Fame in 2010. He passed away on December 23, 2021.
Linda Russo served as assistant director for technical services at Hofstra Law Library since November 1992. After 24 years at Hofstra, she retired in 2016. She graduated from Queens College, CUNY in New York with a master's in library science. Russo joined AALL in 1993 and was a member of the Technical Services Special Interest Section as well as the Law Library Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY). She also was an active member of the Long Island Libraries Research Council (LILRC) and the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA), serving on LIPA's Education Committee for two years. She passed away December 4, 2021.

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

#WEAREAALL / GET TO KNOW CAS LASKOWSKI

AALL has created a fun video campaign to get to know our members. These video spotlights provide an opportunity for members to share a little something about themselves, what they love about AALL, and their hopes for the profession.

Watch the latest video featuring Cas Laskowski, head of research, data & instruction at the University of Arizona. She has been an AALL member since 2015. Laskowski discusses why she joined the law library profession and AALL, stressing the important ways the profession contributes to the larger legal community in areas such as AI, access to justice, and cutting-edge legal services.

If you’d like to participate in this project, please contact Heather Haemker, AALL’s director of marketing & communications with the subject line “#WeAreAALL.”

PEGA-SIS WEBINAR: SO, YOU WANNA CREATE AN INCLUSIVE WORKPLACE? PART 1: CULTURAL DIVERSITY / FEBRUARY 23

This interview will explore how managers, supervisors, and employees can make the workplace more welcoming for all. Join us on Wednesday, February 23 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST) for an engaging discussion with topics that include: (1) defining diversity, inclusion, and culture; (2) the power of assumptions and curiosity; and (3) unspoken cultural cues. This series is brought to you by the Professional Engagement, Growth & Advancement SIS and the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60

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BLL-SIS WEBINAR: WHAT IS CRITICAL RACE THEORY / FEBRUARY 14

Join us on Monday, February 14 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CST) for a discussion on critical race theory—what is it, why so many people talking about it, and why the answers to both are so important.

Cost: Free and open to AALL members

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