FEATURED NEWS

AALL HEADQUARTERS OFFICE HAS MOVED

We are pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2022, the AALL Headquarters office will be located at 230 West Monroe Street, Suite 2650, Chicago, IL 60606. This new space, although smaller, will be open and will allow for greater collaboration, while also giving us access to the building amenities such as conference and meeting rooms. Please update your records with our new address. All other contact info such as phone numbers and email addresses will remain the same. Please contact leadership@aall.org if you have any questions.

MAKE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT A PRIORITY IN 2022

The past two years have brought unique and shifting challenges to us all. We continued with virtual meetings and began the shift back to the office and in-person meetings. As we start the new year, it's important to set new goals. What professional development and/or leadership goals do you have? What new things, either personally or professionally, do you want to achieve? Whether you want to publish your first article, participate in a coffee chat or webinar, take one of AALL's new self-paced courses, or apply for a grant or scholarship, AALL is here to help you achieve your goals every step of the way.

LAUNCHING THIS WEDNESDAY / AALL'S NEW SELF-PACED COURSE "STRATEGIC THINKING FOR LAW LIBRARIANS"

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, "Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians," which will be available this Wednesday, January 5 on AALL eLearning. This 60-minute course will teach law library professionals how to employ strategic thinking for impactful decision-making. The cost of the course will be $99 for members and $149 for nonmembers.

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 AVAILABLE ON AALLNET

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

LEARN MORE & REGISTER

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 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.

Cost: Members - Free / Nonmembers - $60
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

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

AALL/BLOOMBERG LAW 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/Bloomberg Law Continuing Education Grant. Grant requests are accepted at various times throughout the year. The next deadline for grant applications is May 12, 2022.

AALL is excited to announce the most recent grant award winners. Congratulations to the following organizations that have been awarded grants.

- 2022 Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) Spring Institute
- Private Law Librarians & Information Professionals Special Interest Section (PLLIP-SIS) and Black Law Librarians SIS (BLL-SIS) 2022 Diversity Summit
- Customary and Religious Law Interest Group (CARLIG) Program: "Get Refusal & Domestic Violence in the Jewish Community: Culturally-Competent Services from Civil and Halachic Perspectives"

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 following scholarships are now open for applications:

- Library School Scholarships (for those with or without JDs)
- Law School Scholarships (for those with MLS/MLIS and those seeking dual JD/MLIS)
- Scholarships for Library School Graduates Seeking a Non-Law Degree
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship
- Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship for members to attend continuing education programs for state, court, or county law librarians

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

COMMUNITY CORNER

#WEAREAALL / GET TO KNOW ASHLEY AMES AHLBRAND

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 Ashley Ames Ahlbrand, assistant director for Public Services at the Jerome Hall Law Library at Indiana University Maurer School of Law. She has been an AALL member since 2011. Ahlbrand discusses the impact that professional service has had on her career as a legal information professional. For Ahlbrand, serving on AALL committees and award juries has been just as vital to her career. Volunteering provides networking opportunities with colleagues, allows you to step out of your comfort zone and gain new skills, including leadership skills. It’s also a great way to give back to the profession. 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: 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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