

## A LOOK BACK AT WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED

As we start this new year, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for your membership and continued support of AALL. Although this past year required a lot of adjustments, we persevered and celebrated many accomplishments that continued to move the profession forward. Your commitment to AALL has enabled us to:

- launch the newest AALL self-paced course "[Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians](#)."
- create [Microlearning Videos](#), which are short, focused learning opportunities available on AALL eLearning.
- host a successful [Innovation Bootcamp](#) virtually, where attendees learned how to employ design concepts, pitch their ideas and solutions, and navigate innovation implementation.
- offer over 27 Virtual Coffee Chats (members-only, informal discussions) and 31 webinars on a range of topics, as well as educational courses on [AALL eLearning](#); which had **7,799 total registrations**.
- host a successful AALL Virtual Conference—Leading with Wisdom & Insight—with **1,639 attendees, 30 exhibitors, and over 45 sessions** at a reduced price for members. Recordings from the Virtual Conference are [now available](#) on AALL eLearning at no cost.
- host the [Executive Leadership Institute](#) (virtually), a program for law library directors.
- launch the [AALL Innovation Showcase](#), which highlighted members' innovative projects.
- host a successful [Virtual Competitive Intelligence Foundations](#) course, where participants learned how to establish, organize, and implement a CI function within their organizations.
- publish the [2021 AALL State of the Profession](#) report, designed to be a tool for organizational benchmarking, advocacy, and strategic planning. The report's release was covered by a range of external media sources, including an [exclusive interview](#) with *Legaltech News*, as well as [Dewey B Strategic](#), Bob Ambrogi's *LawSites*, *InfoDocket*, and *Information Today*.
- connect 22 mentees with mentors through the [AALL Mentor Program](#).
- release the [2021 AALL Biennial Salary Survey & Organizational Characteristics](#) report (AALL *Salary Survey*), the only comprehensive, comparative salary information for legal information professionals, available at no cost to members.
- update the [AALL Advocacy Toolkit](#) to help you advocate for legislative issues that have an impact on law libraries and the legal information profession, as well as host several trainings to prepare you to advocate on behalf of your own law libraries including the [AALL Virtual Legislative Advocacy Training](#).
- complete all the goals and strategies in the [2019-2022 AALL Strategic Plan](#).
- create a [column swap](#) with *Slaw* in *AALL Spectrum* to expand your reach.
- advance the profession in innovative ways with the work of the [IDEA](#) and [Advancing Access to Justice Special Committees](#).

**We will be sending membership renewals on March 1, 2022, for the membership year 2022-2023.** In the coming year, AALL will continue to focus on its mission to advance the profession of law librarianship and legal information, with exciting things to come including:

- the [2022 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference](#) in Denver with the theme "Advancing Justice for All."
- the upcoming [2022 Leadership Academy](#) to be held in Chicago March 31 to April 1.
- the [Competitive Intelligence Strategies & Analysis](#) program slated for spring, where attendees will master more advanced skills to take their CI game to the next level.
- an exclusive partnership with LegalWeek New York, where members will present [three educational sessions](#) tailored to legal information professionals on March 8.
- supporting a more inclusive and diverse AALL and legal information profession, with ongoing content in *AALL Spectrum's* [Voices Across the Spectrum](#) column, as well as through [webinars](#) and Annual Meeting programming.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to AALL. There is much to look forward to in 2022-2023, and we are excited that you are part of this strong AALL Community.

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