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FEATURED**REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR AALL 2024 / JULY 20-23**

We are thrilled to announce [registration](#) for the 2024 AALL Annual Meeting & Conference—**Lead.Innovate.Transform—in Chicago is now open**. Register by **May 3rd** to take advantage of early bird pricing. AALL 2024 has an exciting lineup of [over 65 education programs](#), invaluable networking opportunities with peers and industry experts, and a [dynamic exhibit hall](#) featuring cutting-edge research tools and innovations from leading companies in the legal industry. This year's keynote speaker, [Cory Doctorow](#), will share his perspectives on leveraging technology to not only enhance efficiency but also to uphold the core values and ethics of our profession.

Before making your travel arrangements, be sure to check out the [transportation page](#) in the conference scheduler to take advantage of airline discount codes to save on your flights. Remember to also [book your accommodations](#) at the Hyatt Regency Chicago (AALL's Headquarters Hotel) at the discounted rate. Please note the [conference schedule](#) is still in process, and additional meetings, programs, and events will be posted in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, please contact us at annualmeeting@aall.org.

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2024 AALL MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESPONSES ARE DUE FRIDAY

As a reminder, responses for the [AALL Biennial Membership Survey](#) are due **this Friday, March 15**. Your candid responses will provide valuable insights, helping us tailor our services, events, and initiatives to better align with your preferences and priorities. Responses are confidential and will be reported in aggregate form only. To thank you for [completing the survey](#), all participants will receive a **20% off promotional code** to use toward one [self-paced course](#) on AALL eLearning! If you have any questions, please contact [Anna VanDeKerchove](#), AALL membership & engagement manager. We appreciate your time and dedication to making AALL an even more vibrant and inclusive association.

SHARE YOUR INSIGHTS ON GENERATIVE AI / DUE MARCH 27

[AALL's AI and Legal Information Special Committee](#) is charged with identifying ways to educate members about AI at all levels of expertise and investigating ways to integrate AI education into AALL's professional development goals. This [short, four-question survey](#) is designed to gauge your knowledge and experience with [Generative AI \(GenAI\)](#). Your candid responses will offer the special committee valuable insights for identifying and integrating AI-related educational opportunities into AALL's professional development initiatives.

Please [complete the survey](#) by **March 27 before 11:59 p.m. (CDT)**. If you have any questions, please contact [Chris Siwa](#), AALL director of information technology. Thank you for your participation!

QUICK LINKS

AALL UPDATES

AALL'S EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE MET IN CHICAGO LAST WEEK

AALL's [Executive Board Finance & Budget Committee](#) met March 7-8 in Chicago. The Committee heard from AALL's external auditors regarding the latest FY2023 audit and year-end financial statements. The Committee also discussed AALL's investment portfolio with the Association's investment advisor. The first step of the FY 2024-2025 budget planning process also began at this meeting with the approval of the budget guidelines. Keep an eye out for the May/June issue of *AALL Spectrum*, which will include the Treasurer's Report.



ELEVATE YOUR AALL MEMBERSHIP / BECOME A CHAMPION MEMBER

The [AALL Champion Upgrade](#) demonstrates your commitment to the legal information profession and the Association. As you look to [renew your 2024-2025 AALL membership](#), consider adding the \$75 Champion Upgrade.

- As a Champion member, you receive:
- Your name listed on the [AALL website](#) and in *AALL Spectrum* once a year
- A [My Communities](#) badge
- [AALL Annual Meeting](#) recognition: Listed in the Awards Brochure, recognized on signage and a slide during the Association Luncheon, a badge ribbon, and a complimentary ticket to the Association Luncheon (a \$75 value)

Learn more about the [Champion Upgrade](#) and consider adding it to your renewal. If you have any questions about your membership renewal, please contact AALL Headquarters at membership@aall.org or 312.939.4764.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE AALL SPECTRUM & LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS

Ensure your peers receive the perspective and insights necessary for ongoing career growth. AALL is seeking volunteers to serve on the [AALL Spectrum Editorial Board](#) and the [Law Library Journal Editorial Board](#) for 2024-2026. Please read through the [AALL Spectrum Editorial Board Member position responsibilities](#) and the [Law Library Journal Editorial Board Member position responsibilities](#) before applying. For more information, visit the [AALL Spectrum](#) and [Law Library Journal](#) Editorial Board charges on AALLNET.

Please consider lending your time and expertise to AALL—[applications are due by Friday, March 29, 2024](#).

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ADVANCE YOUR SKILLS WITH AALL'S SELF-PACED COURSES

Proficiency in legal research, strategic thinking, and budgeting are critical skills to possess, particularly as you advance into leadership roles. [AALL's self-paced courses](#) will help you master these fundamental competencies and elevate your career potential. For the more experienced professional, each course provides a fantastic refresher on these important topics. ***If you completed the [Membership Survey](#), remember to use your 20% off code!**

- [Introduction to Law Library Budgets](#) covers the concepts of managing a law library budget.
- [Strategic Thinking for Law Librarians](#) discusses the essentials of strategic thinking and project implementation success.
- [Foundations of Legal Research](#) provides you with the right tools to successfully approach legal research.

UPCOMING COFFEE CHAT & WEBINAR

AALL has exciting coffee chats and webinars planned this month, including the [AALL Webinar: Improving Belonging Through Inclusive Language](#), next Tuesday, March 19 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CDT). We also have the [Virtual Coffee Chat: Generative AI in Legal Research: Your Next Professional Obsession](#), Tuesday, March 19 from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. (CST). Visit [AALL eLearning](#) to stay up to date on future topics and to register.

Is there a topic you want covered in an AALL webinar? Please submit the [webinar proposal form](#) or email elarning@aall.org. If you have ideas or topics for future coffee chats, please share your ideas with Ashley Laverty at alaverty@aall.org by Friday, March 15, 2024.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLY FOR AN ANNUAL MEETING GRANT BY APRIL 1

The [2024 Annual Meeting & Conference](#), taking place July 20-23 in Chicago, is the *only* event of its kind that is specifically designed for law librarians and legal information professionals. To help get you there, AALL provides resources such as the [Annual Meeting Grant](#), which funds your registration for the Annual Meeting. Additionally, special interest sections and some chapters [provide grant opportunities](#) for their members. With Annual Meeting registration opening soon, now is the time to apply and secure your funding.

DEADLINE APPROACHING! APPLY FOR AN AALL SCHOLARSHIP OR SHARE WITH A COLLEAGUE OR STUDENT

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:

- AALL Scholarships
- LexisNexis John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarship
- George A. Strait Minority Scholarship & Fellowship
- Marcia J. Koslov Scholarship

The deadline for applications is April 1, 2024. For additional questions, please contact AALL at membership@aall.org.

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AALL NEW VOICES / SHARE YOUR POST BY MARCH 29

Contribute to [New Voices](#) and 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.

Submissions should be about 100-600 words. If you are 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. (CDT) on March 29, 2024.

COMMUNITY

CHAPTER & SIS NEWS

- Congratulations to [Chicago Association of Law Libraries \(CALL\)](#) member Clare Gaynor Willis and her co-author Tonja Jacobi on the publication of their article "[Pyrrhic Victories: The Mirage of Winning at the Supreme Court](#)," 109 IOWA L. REV. 661 (2024).
- Members of the [Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries \(SEAALL\)](#) may apply for funding from the SEAALL Scholarship Committee: Apply for the [Lucile Elliott Scholarship](#) for professional development or the [CONELL Grant](#)—**both deadlines are March 22** The Lucile Elliott Scholarship provides financial aid for any purpose reasonably designed to improve one's career in law librarianship. The CONELL Grant provides the cost of CONELL registration and the cost of staying in a hotel for one night to a SEAALL member.
- The [Technical Services Special Interest Section \(TS-SIS\)](#) Resource Management Committee in collaboration with OCLC are hosting a webinar titled [How OCLC Services Support Law Libraries](#) on **March 19 from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. (CDT)**. Join OCLC's Andy Bush, executive director of U.S. library services, and Valerie Chase, library services consultant, as they explain how OCLC's services work together using WorldCat data to help law libraries save time and money, connect to more users, and better serve

information seekers everywhere. Whether you are already familiar with OCLC or just want to know about what's "new and news," this webinar will get you up-to-speed in this overview of how any library—including yours—can benefit from global cooperation.

AALL wants to know what's happening within your specialized groups. If your caucus, chapter, or SIS has any news items, upcoming events, or would like to highlight members' accomplishments, please contact [Heather Haemker](#), AALL director of marketing & communications.

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