Rise to the challenge

100th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference

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We are pleased to announce a wonderful array of programs to be presented at the 100th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in New Orleans in July. Our members have risen to the challenge and developed creative and original programs certain to interest, inspire and prepare you for another century of professional excellence.

The 66 programs and 4 workshops offered will appeal to law library professionals at all career stages, library types and professional specialties. The Annual Meeting is an unparalleled opportunity to garner current knowledge and insight in your own area of expertise. However, it also presents a unique opportunity to go beyond the boundaries of your position description and gain a broader perspective on the profession as a whole and trends for its future.

Take advantage of a chance to learn about something completely alien to your everyday work experience. Step outside your comfort zone. Return to your office with a fresh outlook, new ideas and renewed energy.

The Annual Meeting opens a wonderful window on our profession, now and for the future. Throw wide the sash and let the sun shine in. Let the summer breezes clear the cobwebs from your worldview. If you are an academic law librarian, attend a session designed expressly for the public or private law librarian, and vice versa. Public service librarians would be wise to attend sessions by and for technical services librarians. The opportunity to cross-pollinate makes each of us and our institutions more nimble in this time of great change and opportunity. Let’s do some stargazing, not navelgazing. Looking beyond what we see when we look in the mirror, we can focus on a variety of new perspectives and priorities.

We don’t plan to face the future sitting in our easy chairs. Stand with us in New Orleans and find your own way to rise to the challenge, side by side with your colleagues. Join in the “second line” with us, and seize the opportunity to do a little tooting of our own professional horns. We can’t wait to see you there!

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LexisNexis® is proud to sponsor the 2007 Opening Event at the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in New Orleans.

We invite you to join us after dinner for a Dessert Extravaganza, with an array of tasty selections almost as long as the Mississippi. This festive event will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans. Historic and rich with culture, New Orleans is the ideal city to reconnect, expand knowledge and rise to the challenge. Join us as we kick off the 100th Annual Meeting and Conference with a delectable dessert gala that will delight your taste buds.

We look forward to seeing you in New Orleans!
**COLLECTION CARE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Collection Analysis Made Easy: OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service**

*Level: Introductory*

This program gives an overview of OCLC's Collection Analysis subscription service. The WorldCat Collection Analysis service enables libraries with holdings in OCLC to analyze the age and subject content of their collections, and to compare their collections with one or more peer institutions' collections in chosen subject areas. A group of libraries can also use this service for cooperative evaluation of its collections to identify unique and overlapping resources. The panel will include librarians from the American University Law Library, University of Colorado Law Library, and Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), who will all share their experiences in implementing and using this service.

**A Friendly Game of Tag: Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) in Law Libraries**

*Level: Introductory*

Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology has been a major source of controversy for public libraries over the last five years. RFID provides libraries with substantial innovations in collection maintenance, circulation workflow and statistics gathering, but the costs associated with implementing the technology are substantial. With questions about patron privacy and technology standards still being debated, it's hardly surprising that few law libraries have yet implemented RFID systems of their own. This program will assess the implementation of RFID technology in a law library setting, demonstrating its many benefits while providing an honest assessment of the costs identified by the technology's many vocal opponents.

**The Future of Cataloging**

*Level: Intermediate*

Michael Gorman, internationally renowned author of the Anglo-American Cataloguing Code, 2nd ed., and many other publications on library education and cataloging, will offer his insightful views on the future of bibliographic control in a 21st century American context. Reviewing the historic role of libraries and catalogs as they evolved over the years. RFID provides libraries with substantial innovations in collection maintenance, circulation workflow and statistics gathering, but the costs associated with implementing the technology are substantial. With questions about patron privacy and technology standards still being debated, it's hardly surprising that few law libraries have yet implemented RFID systems of their own. This program will assess the implementation of RFID technology in a law library setting, demonstrating its many benefits while providing an honest assessment of the costs identified by the technology's many vocal opponents.

**OCLC's WorldCat: Our Collections at the World's Fingertips**

*Level: Introductory*

Making library resources more available to users has been a goal of OCLC for several years now. Starting with Open WorldCat in 2003, OCLC has moved forward in this venture with WorldCat.org. Instead of librarians having to always ask a search engine to “Find in a Library,” WorldCat.org uses its own Web page and search box to let all Web users discover the library resources they want from the materials that have been cataloged in the WorldCat database. Come learn about this tool and other new developments at OCLC that connect users to these collections.

**Turning Challenges into Opportunities: How Law Libraries Can Capture and Preserve Government Web Resources**

*Level: Intermediate*

Governments at all levels are increasingly using the Web as the preferred method of publishing vital materials, including primary legal information and government reports. Although libraries are accustomed to collecting print materials to support their users’ needs, librarians now must begin to develop methods to capture, preserve and make accessible “born digital” information. This presentation will compare the collection development processes in the print vs. digital environments and discuss the collection challenges in the Web environment, as explored in “The Web-at-Risk” research project. This project is sponsored by the Library of Congress’ National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) and undertaken by the California Digital Library, University of North Texas and New York University.

**The Ultimate Challenge: Starting a Library Consulting Business**

*Level: Introductory*

Joelle Gresham is a former Georgia State law librarian who left state employment to start her own consulting company, Info-2Go. During her first year in business, Ms. Gresham contracted to create county law libraries in Georgia where none existed, served as a consultant to the Law Library of Guam and performed contract research for an assortment of clients. In an informal and interactive format, listen as Ms. Gresham discusses her first year in business, including setting up her company, finding clients and her experiences as an independent researcher. Librarians who are looking for an alternative career or who would like ideas for part-time employment or volunteer work after retirement are encouraged to attend and benefit from Ms. Gresham's experience.
Access to Online Court Records and the Challenge to Privacy

**Level: Intermediate**

With the advent of electronic case filing in the state and federal courts, court records are becoming publicly accessible as never before. Internet access to federal and state court records provides wide dissemination of information and transparency of the judicial process for the public. However, such access to court records raises the issue of access to sensitive individual information and its possible misuse. And what are the challenges and opportunities for law librarians in ensuring public access to legal information in an era of evolving court technologies? Panelists will discuss the issues surrounding Internet access to state and federal court records and the development of access policies. A lawyer with experience in representing the media will discuss the media’s interest in preserving the public’s right to know.

Alumni: The Forgotten Patron Group

**Level: Intermediate**

The focus of most services and programs in academic law libraries is on the school’s faculty and students, with little attention being spent on alumni services. Yet these same schools are quite dependent on financial contributions from their alumni for various projects, such as capital campaigns and student scholarships. Hear a discussion about the services a library can provide to alumni with the intent of strengthening the relationship between these individuals and the school. The library’s role in raising funds for a library construction project will also be discussed.

Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update

**Level: Intermediate**

The Annual Legislative and Regulatory Update presents the AALL membership with an “annual report” on the work of AALL’s Washington Affairs Office and Government Relations Committee, explaining progress made (or not) during the year on information policy and legislative advocacy efforts. Panelists will include Washington Affairs Office representatives Bob Oakley and Mary Alice Baish, Keith Ann Stiverson, chair of the Government Relations Committee, and Alice Baish, chair of the Government Relations Committee.

Blogs, Working Papers, Electronic Publishing: Will Changes in Legal Scholarship Affect the Future Development of Library Collections?

**Level: Advanced**

Legal scholarship once consisted of treatises, monographs and law review articles. Today, scholarship finds its audience first on the Internet as working papers and then in open access law reviews; scholarly dialogue is carried on in blogs rather than in symposia. More law professors write for a larger audience—other academics and the public, as well as the law school tenure committee. How is this environment changing legal scholarship and the responsibilities of law libraries to make a permanent record of it? A law professor and a law librarian will address these issues from the perspectives of the writer, law school and library. Participants will be able to analyze changes in the production and publication of legal scholarship and assess needs for revision in collection development policies in response.

Bringing the Library to the User: The Theory

**Level: Intermediate**

Today’s library systems are at a crossroads—are they on the brink of transformational change or destined to be replaced by Google? Library systems have the potential to evolve into an essential tool for information seekers, making our data work harder than ever to help users negotiate the increasingly complex information landscape. OCLC is leading the way, by experimenting with innovative approaches to extending the reach of library catalogs and increasing the visibility of library collections on the open Web. James Michalko, Vice President of RLG Programs Development for OCLC, will share with the audience his vision of the future of information search and discovery, incorporating key “Web 2.0” strategies.

Citizens’ Rights of Privacy or Simply Collateral Damage in the War on Drugs and Terrorism

**Level: Intermediate**

In July 2005, the Montana Supreme Court ruled that the police could conduct a warrantless search of a person’s trash bags without violating the person’s right to privacy under Article II, Sections 10 and 11 of the Montana Constitution. Justice James C. Nelson concurred in the Court’s opinion, but he questioned whether government has gone too far: “We have correctly applied existing legal theory and constitutional jurisprudence to resolve this case on its facts,” but he continued, “I feel the pain of conflict, however. I fear that, eventually, we are all going to become collateral damage in the war on drugs, or terrorism, or whatever war is in vogue at the moment.” He concluded that he personally does not “like living in Orwell’s 1984, but I do.” Join Justice Nelson as he addresses the tension between our privacy rights and what appears by some to be the government’s increasing dismissal of privacy rights for political expediency.

Developing a Scholarly Agenda

**Level: Introductory**

Scholarly publication is required of many law librarians with faculty status, and is encouraged in many job settings. Sharing knowledge and expertise with others is a basic underpinning of a professional’s work life. Despite this, most law librarians do not know how to develop or carry out a scholarly agenda. This program will give guidance on finding topics and creating a series of proposed publications that should meet any job’s requirements or expectations.
Equal Opportunity and Diversity: The ABA Standard Under Fire

Level: Intermediate
American Bar Association (ABA) accrediting standards designed to promote diversity and equal opportunity within law schools and the legal profession are under fire from groups claiming that the standards violate federal and state laws. Those same groups, including the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the National Association of Scholars, have suggested that the ABA should lose its authority to accredit law schools unless it drops the standard designed to require law schools to take steps to improve diversity among their staff, faculty and students. How and why should the ABA encourage diversity will be discussed by the panel, along with the broader topics relating to diversity in the legal profession.

New Challenges Demand New Skills: Negotiation 101 for Librarians

Level: Introductory
Librarians are often called upon to conduct business and to advocate on behalf of themselves, their profession or their institutions, but often they lack any formal training in advocacy skills. Negotiation is a necessary part of almost any librarian’s desired skill set. Librarians negotiate with their employer when they’re hired, they negotiate with their co-workers during the day-to-day course of business, and they often find themselves negotiating with information providers and other vendors on behalf of their institutions. This program will help librarians identify and develop the skills needed to achieve win-win solutions in their professional—and perhaps even personal—lives.

Pleased to Meet You—Making Connections That Count

Level: Intermediate
Every day you work with people and make connections, but are there important ones you’re missing? Are you maximizing the most important connections you make? In this program, you will hear real-world tips from a public law library director, a solo firm librarian and an academic librarian on how to identify networking opportunities within your organization and the larger library profession. The speakers will talk about what has and hasn’t worked for them and illustrate how you can use connections beyond the librarian profession. The speakers will also discuss the key “clauses of concern” when evaluating a publisher’s license agreement for the use of electronic newsletters in the law firm setting.

Rise to the Challenge of Publishing

Level: Intermediate
Publishing in the professional literature is an expectation for academic law librarians. Scholarly articles and other promotion and tenure materials contribute to librarians’ professional development and their institutions’ ability to attract students. Librarians, especially those with supervisory and management responsibilities, are leaders within their libraries. The skills used to run the library transfer well within the larger organization. Two librarians who have assumed significant leadership roles within their organization—a large law firm and a major university—present case studies of their expanded responsibilities and how their training as librarians created and supported these new opportunities. They will demonstrate their decision-making processes that led to their accepting the new responsibilities, and critique the outcomes of their decisions.

They Rose to the Challenge: Public Librarians Take on the USA PATRIOT Act Through Doe v. Gonzales

Level: Advanced
Four Connecticut librarians were recipients of a National Security Letter (NSL) demanding library records. Such letters are accompanied by a perpetual gag order, preventing the librarians from talking about the impact of Section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act on library users. They became plaintiffs in Doe v. Gonzales, argued by the ACLU before Federal District Court Judge Janet C. Hall. The Department of Justice (DOJ) subsequently dropped the request for information. Participants in the legal battle will discuss the gag order, the case and the USA PATRIOT Act’s Section 505. What is the significance of the DOJ dropping the request for information?

Understanding Copyright Challenges in Licensing: What to Look for in Your Subscription Agreement

Level: Intermediate
Law librarians in a variety of settings are often called upon to rise to the challenge of understanding complex license agreements and their copyright implications. Our panel will discuss the key “clauses of concern” when evaluating a publisher’s license agreement for the use of electronic resources. For instance, what are possible restrictions regarding the routing of electronic newsletters in the law firm setting? In academic law libraries, what does the license agreement mean for e-reserves and ILL? When should a “blanket” license be considered? What constitutes authorized use? Panelists will also discuss the AALL Licensing Principles for Electronic Resources and the guidance these principles provide for librarians who work with electronic resources.

A Win-win Partnership: Legal Editors and Law Librarians

Level: Introductory
This roundtable question-and-answer program will feature pairs of editors and law librarians who have collaborated with each other to publish articles written by law librarians in state bar journals, local and national bar association publications, and law firm management publications. AALL members will hear firsthand from editors about the details of their publishing decisions, what they expect from aspiring authors and the constraints under which editors may work. Participants will also hear from librarians who have worked with

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the editors to build and sustain successful campaigns that reach audiences outside traditional librarians’ circles, such as the judiciary, practitioners, administrators, law professors and deans.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Bringing the Library to the User: The Practice

Level: Intermediate

Traditional library online catalog are being marginalized in an increasingly complex information landscape. The problem is not catalog data itself, but rather how the data is used. Better methods are needed for mining the wealth of information in library systems and presenting it clearly and concisely. Several libraries are not only thinking about such next-generation library systems, but are actually developing them, using commercial as well as open source solutions. In this session, three speakers will share cutting-edge solutions to the challenge of evolving the online catalog into a more effective resource discovery tool. These implementations are bringing the library to the user by improving the usability of catalog data and by allowing its integration with other library and Web resources.


Level: Intermediate

Electronic evidence and discovery is such a legal hot topic that it has spawned a new practice area for law firms. Many firms are making names for themselves by advising corporate clients on how to comply with the new rules governing discovery practice and how to carry out electronic data discovery (EDD). There is a place at the table for librarians who desire to be part of the interdepartmental team that supports litigators and their clients in firms and corporate legal departments. This program will outline the progression of a litigation case, from filing a complaint to trial, paying particular attention to the discovery phase. Additionally, it will examine the key players in the electronic discovery process, the roles they play and the tasks they perform.


Level: Intermediate

As space in law libraries shrinks, more law libraries will seriously consider using e-books to replace traditional paper collections. Many researchers will welcome e-books because they offer instant access and allow users to manipulate text. Yet, will e-books really lead to the paperless law library? This session will focus on the current selection of e-books available to law libraries, the technology behind e-books, and digital rights management issues raised by electronic texts.

Electronic Preservation: Does Losing the Past Challenge the Future?

Level: Intermediate

Electronic preservation presents the ultimate challenge: Law depends upon precedent as its compass; if precedent perishes, then the law loses its compass. This program will offer a debate between two authorities who advocate conflicting theories about electronic preservation. The first speaker will outline a purely digital approach that places its reliance upon open systems and mass storage devices. The second speaker will present a hybrid approach, including analog systems as archival insurance. Both options will be explored for their opportunities and risks. Hybrid preservation is safe, but it is redundant. Librarians can save data securely, but given limited resources, they can save less. Purely digital preservation allows librarians to save more, but its underlying assumptions are unproven. You risk awakening one morning to find that your computer screens are blank and that you have saved nothing at all. This discussion will help your profession rise to its most important challenge: preserving the human experience.

Step Away from the Podium! Tips, Tricks and Technologies for Energizing Training Sessions and Legal Research Classes

Level: Intermediate

Computer presentations can greatly enhance training sessions and research classes. Unfortunately, they can also shackle presenters to the podium, freezing them in place. New technologies such as wireless mice, Symposiaums and tablet PCs provide law librarians with new options—freeing them from their laptops and allowing them to engage their audience fully. Interactive presentation software can turn static slides into shared workspaces, allowing law students, new associates and other learners to practice new concepts or to illustrate their own ideas instantly. This session will highlight technology and applications that can enliven any presentation, training session or legal research class.

At the Top of the Rise: Government Web Sites That Have Met the Challenge

Level: Intermediate

You’ve seen Web site evaluation programs before—the always popular “60 Sites in 60 Minutes” for example—wherein researchers identify Web sites they like because the sites are interesting, reliable, helpful, funny or otherwise valuable. This program is a new twist on that theme: Which government Web sites provide users with up-to-date, reliable and trustworthy legal information? Which government Web sites have met the challenge of comprehensive content, excellent format, ease of use, robust navigation tools and more? Join Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) members for their analysis of Web sites that were effectively designed to meet user needs, according to AELIC criteria for excellent government Web sites. The focus will be on context (coverage, format, authority and more), organization, navigation and usability, and accessibility. Which government Web sites win the AALL stamp of approval? You won’t want to miss this fast-paced presentation of government Web sites that have risen to the challenge!
LIBRARY MANAGEMENT

AELIC’s Survey on Authentication of Government Information: A Year Later and Still Challenging

Level: Intermediate

Can law school students and professors, and members of the public rely on legal information posted at most government Web sites as official and authentic? During the past year, AALL President Sally Holtehoff convened an Advocacy Summit that focused on a follow-up to the authentication survey completed in 2005-06 by the Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC). An executive summary of the report was presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting, and the full report has since been published. Now you can hear more detailed survey information about how states and the federal government are dealing with authentication of legal information. Learn how AALL has proactively risen to the challenge to educate legislators about the need for digital information and how AALL is challenging all levels of government to implement standards to authenticate properly their electronic legal information.

Annual Reports: From Ho-hum to Hurrah in Five Easy Steps

Level: Advanced

The annual report is a management tool that keeps decision makers informed, as well as shows the alignment of operations with the organization’s goals. Annual reports for public companies are required by law and are often written in a ho-hum style. By contrast, annual reports submitted within a private law firm must be clear, concise and readable. The content must be quickly assembled as a by-product of daily operations, the format more graphic than narrative, and a variety of technologies used for distribution. Annual reports in private law firms will reflect the highly individual character the firm strives to attain. This session will provide participants with five easy steps to take their annual reports from ho-hum to hurrah.

The Autonomous Academic Law Library: Fact or Fiction?

Level: Intermediate

The vast majority of academic law libraries are administratively separate from their university library system, and the law library director reports only to the dean and faculty of the law school. Jim Milles, Associate Dean for Legal Information Services and Director of the Sears Law Library at the University at Buffalo Law School, wrote a provocative article published in Law Library Journal (v. 96, #3, 2004) about the so-called autonomy of academic law libraries within the larger university structure. The American Bar Association Standard 602 calls for an administrative structure in which the law school dean, faculty and law library director set law library policies. Have the changes in the information environment of the 21st century rendered this standard out of date? Does it encourage or inhibit cooperation and economies of scale? Has the traditional organizational structure compromised or enhanced services to members of the law school community? Listen to a lively exchange of ideas on this topic.

Building Credibility Across the Generations

Level: Intermediate

Librarians are not immune to the reality that wherever two or more people are gathered in one place conflict can—and does—occur. Each generation approaches work with a different mind-set in place, which helps to filter all experiences and attitudes. When varying expectations concerning work ethics collide, conflict is not far behind. Dr. Linda Gravett has spent 25 years as a management consultant and educator in the field of human resource management and organizational development, and is co-author of Bridging the Generation Gap: How to Get Radio Babies, Boomers, Gen Xers, and Gen Yrs to Work Together and Achieve More. Dr. Gravett will discuss the tools needed to turn conflicts into opportunities in order to strengthen the organization, as well as how professional credibility is created across the generations.

The Challenge of Rising (and Shrinking) Numbers—How to Write a Law Firm Library Budget

Level: Introductory

If you did not come to law librarianship via accounting, the annual budget can be, at best, a chore and, at worst, a nightmare. If you are new to librarianship, new to management or just new to the budget process, this program will help you make the most of this nerve-wracking process. Learn what law firm budget committees are really looking for (it’s not always the bottom line!), how to make the most of bad numbers, why those client numbers don’t always match the general ledger numbers (what is a ledger number, anyway?), and even some simple tips on how to make that spreadsheet look good.

Copyright Exemptions for Libraries in the Digital Age: Report of the Section 108 Study Group

Level: Intermediate

The Section 108 Study Group is comprised of copyright experts from academia, publishing and government. Section 108 (17 USC 108), also known as copyright law’s library exemption, permits libraries and archives to make copies without permission from the copyright owner for preservation, replacement and interlibrary loans. The Study Group was formed to prepare findings and make recommendations to the Librarian of Congress regarding possible revisions to the copyright law that will reflect the use of current technologies. In addition to their many private meetings, the Study Group conducted numerous public hearings across the nation, as they sought to strike the appropriate balance between copyright holders and libraries and archives in a manner that best serves the public interest. Three members of the Study Group will provide a summary of the issues involved in the current text of Section 108, as well as the recommended changes contained in their report. The panel will provide answers to your questions about possible changes to copyright law’s library exemption, including: Who will be covered under Section 108? Will a library be able to make a digital copy of a work no longer in print? Who will have access to electronic reserves? How will interlibrary loans be affected?
Legal Information: Globalization, Conglomerates and Competition—Monopoly or Free Market?

Level: Intermediate

In the past 20 years, the cost for legal materials has rapidly escalated. Law libraries face increasing demands for more legal materials at the same time law library budgets are shrinking. Even though you operate in a free market, you need accurate pricing information to make informed purchasing (and cancellation) decisions. Join this distinguished panel to learn how much costs have risen and why, and what you, the consumer, can do about it. The session will provide practical advice for monitoring and controlling the cost of legal materials.

Rise to the Challenge of the Ratings Game—U.S. News & World Report, Law Schools and Law Libraries

Level: Intermediate

The U.S. News & World Report ratings game, always a part of law school life, has expanded to include law libraries. Where do these ratings come from? How are they developed? Can anything be done to affect the ratings? Should the ratings game be ignored, or should librarians rise to the challenge and become active players in the rating process?

Situational Leadership: What Would “Andy of Mayberry” Do?

Level: Introductory

One of the greatest challenges to any workplace is the management of people. People decisions are often complex, and the manager’s ability to interpret the social situation and implement effective solutions to promote organizational harmony is critical. How well librarians, at all levels within the institution, rise to this challenge will determine how competitive they will be in future informational markets.

The early Andy Griffith shows, remembered affectionately by many for the parables within each episode, are priceless examples of situational leadership. Andy masterfully resolves conflicts because he understands the cast of characters in Mayberry and adapts solutions to their abilities. Clips from a number of TV episodes will be used to demonstrate the styles of situational leadership, and demonstrate how competitive they will be in future informational markets.

And Still I Rise: Resurrecting the Legal System in New Orleans … Tales from the Trenches

Level: Introductory

The crisis following Hurricane Katrina spawned the collapse of the legal infrastructure in New Orleans, an iconic American city. The crisis continues to impact all aspects of the lives of citizens of New Orleans: the ability of residents to pursue legal remedies to reclaim and rebuild their homes and lives; the safety of citizens and visitors to the city compromised by a chaotic criminal justice system; the ability of law schools to fulfill their mission to provide legal education; and the courts’ ability to provide fair and expedient justice. The challenges of rebuilding hold valuable lessons about building resilience into legal systems. A panel of members from New Orleans’ legal community (a judge, two attorneys, and a law school dean and/or law library director) will discuss the challenges and responses to the collapse of the New Orleans justice and legal education infrastructures. In addition, they will examine the barriers to recovery, lessons learned, present and future initiatives, and the nation-wide implications.

What to Count, What to Report: The Revised ABA Annual Questionnaire

Level: Intermediate

The American Bar Association (ABA) Annual Questionnaire has undergone a series of revisions during the past 10 years. The latest revision includes significant changes designed to enhance the ability of academic law libraries to report data that will better represent library collections and information resources. A panel with a member of the ABA Law Libraries Committee, a technical services librarian with expertise in collections statistics and a library director will discuss the latest revision to the ABA Annual Questionnaire. Their presentations will emphasize a review of the changes, implementation techniques, and the implications and impact of the ABA Annual Questionnaire revisions on library comparative statistics and collection management.

Who Really Sets Our Salaries? A Discussion Among Decision Makers and Librarians

Level: Introductory

Salaries are no longer the result of a simple discussion between the employee and the employer. More and more salaries are being set by HR-type entities to define the status of the librarians and the level of compensation. Program speakers will include a compensation consultant, two decision makers (either HR personnel, a CEO/CIO/CFO, HR department, legal administrator, dean, or a board of trustees) with little input from the librarians. Parent organizations have begun to adopt more traditional business models, using HR-type entities to define the status of the librarians and the level of compensation. Program speakers will include a compensation consultant, two decision makers (either HR personnel, a CEO/CIO/CFO, or a dean), and two law librarians not associated with the decision makers. While this program may not result in the decision makers altering librarians’ salaries and status at their respective institutions, the dialogue will instigate an open and honest appreciation of the value of law librarians and the challenges faced by the decision makers. Participants will better understand the decision makers’ perspective, and hopefully, be empowered to present a stronger case for improved status and compensation. A toolkit will be provided to enable law librarians to become better self-advocates.
A Closer Look: Uncovering the Latin Roots of the Louisiana Civil Code

Level: Advanced

It is widely accepted that the major historical influence behind the creation and evolution of the Louisiana Civil Code is the French civil law tradition, as evidenced by references to the Napoleonic Code as its code source. However, the Spanish civil law tradition had an enormous influence on the current Louisiana Civil Code, and some experts believe that the Spanish legacy is stronger and more evident than the French. In this panel, Vicenc Feliu, a law librarian from Louisiana State University, will present historical documents from local library collections (including the LSU Law Library) and other resources that demonstrate the particularly significant influence of Spanish civil law on the Louisiana Civil Code. Local law and legal history professors will trace these documents and resources through Louisiana history in order to explain how and why the Spanish civil code influence is so strong and continues to be evident in the Louisiana Civil Code.

Decoding Civil Codes: Appreciating Napoleon’s Code and Its Legacy

Level: Advanced

The Napoleonic Code of 1804 became the civil code of France and influenced codes in Latin America and Europe, as well as Africa and other areas of the world. The Louisiana and Quebec civil codes constitute the North American reception of this codification. To honor our host city and the unique legacy of the code, as well as to provide practical information about its contents and use as a template for civil law research, this program will benefit librarians assisting patrons with American, European, Canadian or Louisiana research.

The moderator/bibliographer and Louisiana native will provide bibliographic support to a scholarly roundtable.

Everything Old is New Again: Finding Government Document Collections Reborn Online

Level: Introductory

Digital document collections dot the legal research landscape. Federal documents published before the Internet-era are an especially fertile field for a variety of public and private providers. What’s online? What’s available free or by subscription? What new opportunities and challenges confront today’s legal researchers? Using the lively style of their 2005 program, “Finding Government Documents Today,” the session’s two guides will give a music-inspired tour of digital document collections reborn in the modern world.

Globalization Moved My Cheese: Or, How Do I Find International Law?

Level: Introductory

International law is an inescapable reality for law librarians in today’s global environment. Whether a professor needs the latest protocol or an attorney is seeking to obtain evidence abroad, law librarians need to have the tools and skills to rise to the challenge of this specialized research. This program will provide “triage” for questions dealing with many common areas of international law—treaties, international organizations, dispute settlement, jurisdiction, international economic and environmental law, etc. The first speaker will present a broad picture of how much international law is readily available and introduce a variety of electronic and print sources. The second speaker will take the participants through several information searches. Participants will receive a workbook with sample searches, hints, model answers and a bibliography.

Huey Long and the Press: Louisiana’s Contribution to Modern Constitutional Law

Level: Introductory

In 1934, Huey Long, then a U.S. Senator from Louisiana, used his local political machine to push through legislation in Louisiana, which taxed advertising in newspapers with weekly circulations of more than 20,000. Widely regarded as an attempt to control and destroy the vocal urban newspapers that were against him and his politics, Long’s action energized a unified press to fight back with a lawsuit. The case, Grosjean v. American Press Co., resulted in a unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision that ultimately led to a much-expanded concept of the constitutional protection of freedom of the press. The program will examine the unique situations and personalities that led to the legislation, as well as the Grosjean case and its influence on the modern development of freedom of the press in the United States.

Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons

Level: Intermediate

This program aims to educate law librarians on the present status and content of international law relating to the human rights of “internally displaced persons,” i.e., “persons or groups of persons who are obliged to flee or to leave their homes . . . to avoid the effects of armed conflict, situations of generalized violence . . . or natural or human-made disasters and who have not crossed an internationally recognized State border.” A substantive law lecture by a legal expert or experts will be followed by a presentation by a law librarian on how to research the law in this area. The human rights of people in such situations is particularly relevant at this time in light of the internal displacement of the residents of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina. More recently, citizens of Lebanon and Israel have been displaced within their own countries as a result of the conflict in the southern and northern borders of these two countries. This session will be of particular interest to law librarians who are called upon to assist their patrons in researching this area of international law.

Kurzban and Boswell on Immigration Law and Research—Keeping Up with the Very Latest, with Help from Two Experts

Level: Introductory

This program will teach participants about the current issues in immigration law—what they are and how to perform legal research on topics. Professors Kurzban and Boswell will discuss the current status of immigration law, including an analysis of trends and the
overlap with particular topics (e.g., employment, crime and family relationships). Additionally, they will explore tools and strategies for researching immigration law, including the best print and online materials to use in law school classes and must-have print and electronic sources for libraries that serve practitioners in the field.

Mr. Kurzban is a past-national President and former General Counsel of the American Immigration Lawyers Association as well as the author of Kurzban’s Immigration Law Sourcebook: A Comprehensive Outline and Reference Tool. Mr. Boswell is a frequent lecturer on immigration law in the United States and overseas and the author of Essentials of Immigration Law, Immigration and Nationality Law: Cases and Materials and co-author of Refugee Law: Cases and Materials.

Meeting the Challenges of E-life Cycle Management—
A Town Meeting with the New Public Printer and U.S. Archivist Allen Weinstein
Level: Intermediate
AALL has long been committed to holding the federal government responsible for ensuring the entire life cycle of electronic government information, including developing user-friendly and comprehensive finding tools, as well as the permanent public access, authentication and preservation of electronic publications and records. The roles, responsibilities and policies of the Government Printing Office (GPO) and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in the 21st century encompass a broad range of electronic services that are important to ensuring the full life cycle management of electronic government information.

This year, both GPO and NARA will begin to implement important new digital initiatives—the Future Digital System (FDsys) and the Electronic Records Archives (ERA)—that hold the promise of meeting these important goals. FDsys will support access, apply version control, and preserve authentic digital content, while enabling users to receive that content in the format or delivery channel they desire. The ERA solution encompasses a framework that will allow insertion of digital conversion adapters, certified by archivists, to ensure the new digital formats are both authentic and accessible.

The roles, responsibilities and policies of each agency, while different, are crucial to the success of federal E-government. Join the new Public Printer and U.S. Archivist Allen Weinstein for an assessment of their agency’s progress with these important initiatives, particularly in meeting the digital information needs of the federal E-government.

Networking to Serve Self-represented Litigants
Level: Intermediate
The Self-Represented Litigation Network (SRLN) is conducting research and collecting best practices from across the nation on serving self-represented litigants. Representatives from the SRLN will explain the network and demonstrate access to the resources of the network. Some sample self-help programs, including partnerships between different agencies, will be demonstrated. The chair of the AALL Pro Bono Partnerships Special Committee will discuss the committee’s recommendations for AALL cooperation with the SRLN and other recommendations regarding partnering at the local level.

Partnerships, Public Libraries and the Pro Se Litigant: Expanding County Law Library Services
Level: Intermediate
This program describes a successful grassroots project to reduce cost collectively through a cooperative resource sharing program between county law libraries and the public libraries in rural Minnesota.

This partnership has provided public librarians with the tools and confidence to provide legal research assistance. Librarians are now partnering with self-help providers to increase services to the pro se litigant. Based upon the success of the initial project, Minnesota is now exploring possible statewide application. The panel presentation will feature key players in the development of this ongoing partnership, offering firsthand experience into the political process and continuing developments.

Multitasking Millennials: Blessing or Curse?
Level: Intermediate
The Millennial Generation, those born between 1982 and 2000, are known for many things. One of their main characteristics, affecting both their school and work life, is their constant multitasking. This session will examine whether Millennials are better at multitasking than other generations, and if they actually benefit by being able to do so. Often, faculty, librarians, and attorneys think otherwise. Studies have shown that multitasking is often counterproductive and the chance of errors while doing so increases. The program intends to answer the following: How can the types of conflicts that multitasking creates in classrooms, law firms and libraries be minimized? How has multitasking affected Millennials’ communication skills? The discussion panel will include an educational psychologist, an academic law librarian and a law firm librarian.

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Public Services in the 21st Century: Beyond Traditional Reference Service

**Level:** Intermediate

As institutions strive to meet patron needs in innovative ways, the culture of the reference interview is changing from a face-to-face and one-on-one transaction to a quick I.M. or an impersonal query of reference bot. This panel discussion features librarians from academic, public and firm libraries who authored chapters exploring the future of reference service in the forthcoming book, *Public Services in the 21st Century: Evolution and Innovation.* Speakers will share their experiences providing high-quality reference service through novel means in different types of libraries. The balance between cutting edge technology and the preservation of important aspects of the traditional reference transaction in the electronic environment will be explored. The book’s co-editor will relate innovation in other aspects of public services to the 21st century reference interview.

Responding to Legal Process in the Library—

*a Post-PATRIOT Act Primer*

**Level:** Intermediate

For this session, two speakers will address the provisions of the reauthorized USA PATRIOT Act in terms of the impact on libraries. The discussion will cover the scope and effect of the revised or existing provisions for Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) orders, national security letters, and related legal process to secure library records. Recent cases involving libraries will be examined, and statistics on the use of legal process in libraries will be discussed.

Rising to the Challenge: Finding and Preserving Federal Judicial Information on PACER

**Level:** Intermediate

The E-Government Act of 2002 requires each federal court to provide online access to docket information, permit electronic filing and publish court opinions electronically in a “text searchable” fashion. The Administrative Office of the United States Courts (AO) manages PACER, the electronic docketing system for the federal judiciary. The cost of CourtLink or CourtExpress makes an affordable alternative such as PACER a key tool for providing trial proceedings and emergency government procedures. For this session, two speakers will address the provisions of the E-Government Act of 2002.

Taking Up the Gauntlet: The Duel in Southern Legal History

**Level:** Introductory

New Orleans was considered the most active dueling venue in 19th century America, where as many as 12 duels were fought under the Dueling Oaks in one day. Why did people engage in dueling, and what was the legal/social result? Why was dueling mostly confined to the South? How could an illegal activity continue unchecked by the law over the course of generations? The duel originally was a legal means of dispute resolution in early Europe; the judicial duel evolved into the duel of chivalry; and ultimately, to the duel of honor. Professor Bertram Wyatt-Brown, a leading historian of the American South, will discuss the history of the duel, how the duel of honor became entrenched in Southern culture, why it flourished, and how it died.

Teaching Legal Research to Digital Natives

**Level:** Intermediate

With the “digital native” (Prensky 2001) generation in law school, teaching research skills that matter poses new challenges. How do those from the “digital immigrants” to the more technologically savvy rise to meet this challenge? Are these new challenges problems or opportunities for change? The speakers will share their experiences teaching “Advanced Legal Research” at Stanford Law School, sharing student surveys and classroom data. An open dialogue about the audience’s experiences follows the presentation.

New Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32.1

**Level:** Introductory

With the enactment of new Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure Rule 32.1, unpublished opinions will have a new place in the research and writing of legal documents. As the foremost providers of information to patrons, law librarians need to understand the new rule, the status of unpublished opinions prior to January 1, 2007, and the future significance of these opinions. Additionally, librarians will learn how to explain the rule to patrons and students. This program will examine the value of unpublished opinions and how they can be used as of January 1, 2007. Attendees will come away with a working knowledge of the new status of unpublished opinions in the courts and how to best utilize these opinions.

Rome: The Power of Film to Teach Foundations of Roman and Civil Law

**Level:** Intermediate

Legal and historical scholars have long recognized Roman law foundations in European and other civil law systems, as well as the importance of the Roman Monarchy and Republic legal institutions and procedures in the development of classical Roman law. This program will demonstrate the educational opportunities afforded by audiovisual materials, as it draws upon the powerful images of the HBO series “Rome,” to explain key elements of Roman Law. It will review the relationship between, and government powers of, Senators, Consuls, Praetors, Magistrates, Tribunes and other officials, as well as law-making authority and procedures, election procedures, the court system, trial proceedings and emergency government procedures.

No library collection can support the research needs of all patrons. Whether an attorney needs an old brief for trial, a faculty member needs an obscure Japanese law, or an associate editor is tracking down a citation, patrons want what they need—and quickly. Librarians at
often challenged to locate materials not available in their collections in the quickest and most cost-efficient manner when traditional ILL resources haven't proved successful or are too slow to meet patrons' needs. This program will introduce members to the Document Delivery Caucus and the vast amount of vital information made available by the Caucus, including the Document Delivery Supplier list available on AALLNET. In preparation for this program, Caucus members will update and expand the Document Delivery Supplier list to include key information, such as collection strengths of law library document suppliers. In addition, the list will be expanded to include commercial suppliers of commonly needed materials. Access to international and nonlegal materials will be a strong focus of the list's expansion. Additionally, patrons are increasingly requesting materials be delivered to them via desktop delivery, either as e-mail attachments or via the Web. A mini-lesson in desktop delivery options will be the main focus of this brief, information-packed session.

When Nature Strikes: Weather Disasters and the Law

Level: Intermediate

Mark Twain is claimed to have said, "Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it." In reality, humans have been trying to affect the weather, or at least address its impact, for all of known history. This program will explore the intersection of weather and the law, including federal disaster relief and its development since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s; creation of the National Weather Service, warning systems, and the legal support for those systems; insurance coverage; regulation of businesses and agencies that depend on disasters; environmental concerns such as forest fires, global warming, and the Kyoto Protocol; as well as civil and criminal liability for everything from looting, to failure to keep sidewalks clear, to inaccurate forecasts, to murder.

Instructional Technology in Teaching Legal Research: Tricks of the Trade in the Real and Virtual Classroom

Level: Intermediate

Librarians are all teachers. The range of teaching activities extends from organized law school research courses to working with individual lawyers and students in mastering new databases and search techniques. Instructional technologies present many new formats and opportunities for meeting the research training needs of students and professionals. Such technologies can also help librarians address the problem of not having enough staff to do all the desired teaching. This session will feature the approaches taken by several librarians to implement new technologies in various instructional settings. The panelists will address and demonstrate asynchronous learning methods such as Web-based courses (TWEN or Blackboard) using techniques including CALI lessons, Captivate/Camtasia or similar presentations, alone or in combination with synchronous methods such as videoconferencing and virtual office hours. The panelists will also discuss the issues that arise in supervising and evaluating course work in distance education courses.

Librarians, Vendors or Both? Who Should Be Teaching Westlaw® and LexisNexis® to First-year Law Students?

Level: Intermediate

Law librarians who teach legal research are confronted with an important question: Who should teach first-year law students about Westlaw® and LexisNexis®? A recent informal survey suggests that law schools are almost evenly divided between using vendor representatives, relying on library staff or a combination of both. What are the factors that predispose a school toward one of these approaches? What works, what doesn't? How can librarians evaluate the effectiveness of the competing approaches? This program will address these critical questions.

Training: Are We Missing the Obvious?

Level: Advanced

When designing a training program for an online service, do you wonder whether you're missing some vital piece of information? Have you ever wondered what type of question a customer service representative is called upon to answer? A panel of customer service representatives will share the most popular or unusual questions they receive from end users. Armed with this "inside" information, trainers can modify their program to include these tidbits.

TEACHING

From Law School to Real Life: Preparing New Lawyers for the Challenge of Practice

Level: Intermediate

An often-heard professional lament is that better, more active dialogue needs to exist between law firm librarians who work daily with new attorneys and the law school librarians who teach legal research and resources to these potential attorneys. Now you will address the methods, restrictions, challenges and other issues faced by law school librarians as they prepare law students for future practice.
W-1: The Future Is Digital: Metadata Standards and Applications
Friday, July 13, 2007, and Saturday, July 14, 2007
Competency: Information Technology
Level: Advanced
1 ½ days
Developed by Diane Hillmann for the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) and the Library of Congress, this workshop is a unit of their series, "Cataloging for the 21st Century." This presentation will focus on specific metadata standards and applications, and include content storage and retrieval models, data creation and management models, relationship models, quality considerations, and metrics and monitoring.
Registration Fee: $230.00
AALL Member Rate: $185.00

W-2: Delivering the Goods: Effective and Efficient Acquisitions Processes
Saturday, July 14, 2007
Competency: Collection Care and Management
Level: Intermediate
Full day
This workshop will give law librarians who are responsible for acquiring legal resources an up-to-date review of the acquisitions process. Topics will include: different methods for ordering materials from a variety of publishers and vendors, fiscal management and budgeting, licensing of electronic resources, globalization and acquisition of foreign legal materials, and downsizing and deselecting/weeding of the print collections. The workshop will also review the guidelines for communicating and working with vendors. In addition, participants will discuss best practices in acquiring and licensing materials and in resolving problems with publishers and vendors. By attending this workshop, participants will be able to rise to the challenge of performing acquisitions processes more effectively and efficiently in today's complex world.
Registration Fee: $120.00
AALL Member Rate: $95.00

W-3: How (and What) to Podcast
Saturday, July 14, 2007
Competency: Teaching
Level: Intermediate
Full day
The Oxford American Dictionary chose “podcast” as the Word of the Year in 2005, but many librarians remain unfamiliar with podcasting and what it can do for them. For such an intensely text-based profession, that may not be surprising. But podcasting is continuing to grow, with tens of thousands of podcasts now available. Interest in podcasting is generating everything from conferences with thousands of attendees to informal “meetups” in dozens of cities across the country.
This will be a practical, hands-on workshop on the basic techniques of audio podcasting. The instructors will discuss and demonstrate a variety of hardware and software tools for producing podcasts. Topics will cover recording and editing audio, hosting services, syndication using RSS, and creative ways to use podcasting in library work. Participants will take part in a live, on-site recording of an episode of the Check This Out! podcast, as well as share ideas and critiques for developing their own library podcasts.
Registration Fee: $120.00
AALL Member Rate: $95.00

W-4: Riding the CI Wave: How to Hang Ten and Implement a Firm-wide CI Solution with Minimal Resources
Saturday, July 14, 2007
Competency: Reference, Research and Patron Services
Level: Introductory
Half day
The majority of formal, dedicated competitive intelligence (CI) positions within law firms have been created in the past couple of years, and frequently, librarians have been transitioned into this role for their firms. These positions largely have no dedicated budget or support staff in place. This workshop is aimed at librarians currently in a CI role within a law firm, and will provide the skills and insights necessary to best operate in this challenging role.
Registration Fee: $135.00
AALL Member Rate: $110.00
The fees listed here are for preregistration only. To qualify for the lower rate, registrations must be postmarked, fax-stamped or submitted online no later than June 1, 2007. Fees will increase by $100.00 beginning June 2. Persons wishing to register after June 28 (June 22 postmark) must plan to register on site.

Full Registration includes admission to programs* and the Exhibit Hall, and one ticket to each of the following: Opening Event and Closing Banquet.

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- **Per-day Registration** $175.00 per day
- **CONELL Registration** $100.00

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- **The Future Is Digital: Metadata Standards and Applications** $230.00 $185.00
- **Delivering the Goods: Effective and Efficient Acquisitions Processes** $120.00 $95.00
- **How (and What) to Podcast** $120.00 $95.00
- **Competitive Intelligence: How to Make the Best of What You Have** $135.00 $110.00

Special Events Tickets

- **Opening Event Tickets** $40.00 – Adults $20.00 – Children (3-12 years)
- **Closing Banquet Tickets** $80.00

Chapter VIP Registration includes admission to programs* and the Exhibit Hall, and one ticket to the Opening Event at no charge.

*Once again, the Educational Program Handout Materials Collection will be available online for attendees to download before the Annual Meeting and Conference. Now you can preview the materials before you get to New Orleans and bring only the materials for the programs you wish to attend. The Educational Program Handout Materials Book will not be included in your registration bag, so you will need to download these materials in advance to bring with you. If you wish, you may purchase the complete Educational Program Handout Materials Collection in print or on a CD for an additional fee on your registration form.