Summer greetings to All!

It was wonderful to see many of you at the Spring Institute held on May 17th. Thanks again to our Vice President/Education Chair Colleen Ostiguy, the speakers, the stalwart crew (headed by Tom French) at the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library at Syracuse University School of Law, and the ALLUNY Public Relations Committee for giving us a stellar educational seminar on ‘Forensics and the Law’. The blood spatter program is still fresh in my mind.

I will be in Seattle July 13-16, attending the AALL Annual Meeting; it’s my first trip to Washington state. I’ve been told that Seattle is a wonderful port city (and Vancouver is only 2½ hours away), so I’m looking forward to the trip. Of course there will be the customary round of meetings, programs and receptions. We are happy to welcome the Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA), who are joining the ALLUNY/LLAGNY/NJLLA joint reception. Many thanks to LLAGNY for hosting this year. By the way, LLAGNY’s 75th anniversary year begins July 1, 2013. Congratulations to our fellow chapter.

I’m not wishing the summer away, but a crisp, cool autumn will hopefully replace a sunny, hot summer - and with those cool days we welcome another opportunity to enjoy a weekend of stimulating programs, networking with colleagues, and enjoying a city some of us rarely get to visit. This fall, ALLUNY’s Annual Meeting will be held in Albany on October 18-20 at the Hilton Garden Inn, located across the street from Albany Law School. As you read this, Colleen and her team are working diligently to bring us a stimulating and memorable meeting. You’ve got to come!

So long for now,

Joan Hoolihan
ALLUNY President
Spring means performance reviews at my firm, and reviews make me think about how we demonstrate our value as librarians. My earliest columns looked at reference and usage statistics as a means of tracking our services, but these numbers seem to only address what we do, not how well we do.

That is a question only our users - clients, guests, patrons and pests - can answer, and each might well give a different response. None of them see the three hours digging it takes to find their answers - or the thirty seconds needed to navigate the correct database - but each has come to us with a problem, and each will leave with an impression of our skill, whether or not he/she leaves with the desired answer. In fact, chances are good he/she won’t have the desired answer; some studies suggest that reference librarians ‘succeed’ only about half the time. That feels like a lot of failure, even when the client understands that answers may not exist (if we’re lucky enough to have an understanding client).

How can we find success amid all the wrong answers? Joan Durrance, one of my professors in library school, suggested a metric called ‘willingness to return’. This is as simple as it sounds - is a client, upon completion of a reference interaction (‘successful’ or not), willing to come back to the same librarian with another request?

This question goes to the heart of our profession. We act as information Sherpas, helping our clients navigate an otherwise unmanageable environment en route to a goal. The desired path may be blocked; all routes to the summit might even be closed. Our task is not to carry the client to the summit, but to show the path (and do most of the heavy lifting). We cannot control the trip’s ultimate success, but we make our client’s success more likely, and our own success is a reflection of our client’s success - as we tell every new hire, we’re here to make you look good. If the client sees our efforts as a valuable contribution, he/she will likely ask us for help again - whether or not we were able to find what they wanted last time. The return question, then, is our true measure of success, even if it doesn’t show up well on a performance review.

Further reading:

The Spring Institute’s theme this year was “Forensics and the Law”, and it was again graciously hosted by the H. Douglas Barclay Law Library at Syracuse University’s College of Law. Approximately 35 individuals attended the all-day institute and enjoyed a continental breakfast buffet and lunch.

Past President Jean-Paul Vivian opened the meeting with a call for nominations for Board members; he also displayed the recently completed ‘President’s Plaque’. Jan Fleckenstein followed with a welcome on behalf of the law school library, and President-Elect Colleen Ostiguy (who organized the meeting) thanked the speakers, the law school library staff who provided on-site support, and the Public Relations Committee before introducing the first speaker.

The first presentation, entitled *From Entomology to Pathology: Supporting Forensic Sciences at Syracuse University*, explored the many services the Syracuse University library offers to the Forensic and National Security Science Institute. Presenting was Linda Galloway, Syracuse University's chemistry, biology and forensics science librarian. The university currently offers an undergraduate minor as well as several graduate degrees. Ms. Galloway started out by showing the audience the homepage of the Syracuse University Library (http://library.syr.edu) and explained the rationale associated with its organization. She then turned her attention towards the various databases and other electronic resources to which the library subscribes. In particular, Ms. Galloway showed us the forensic science research guides that were created using LibGuides. The forensic science research guides included information on forensic science organizations, forensic science e-books, and journals and current research in the field. Ms. Galloway also talked about her experience co-teaching a research class in the Forensic and National Security Science Institute.

The second presentation, entitled *Hot Blood and Cold Cases: Helping Set the Record Straight Through Scientific Analysis*, delved into the science of bloodstain pattern analysis. This session was presented by Anita Zannin, a bloodstain pattern expert and instructor in the Forensic and National Security Science Institute. Ms. Zannin began her presentation with a brief history of bloodstain pattern analysis, and thereafter explained how bloodstains can help reconstruct a crime scene by showing actual crime scene images to demonstrate. The presentation focus then shifted to the case of Cleve Foster, a now deceased Texas death row inmate. In 2004, Foster and another man, Sheldon Ward, were convicted of murdering Mary Pal. At trial, the prosecution submitted evidence that Ms. Pal was killed but moved to another location by both Foster and Ward. After numerous appeals by Foster, Ms. Zannin was asked to review the case, and her expert opinion was included in the petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. In the petition, Ms. Zannin opined that the bloodstain evidence did not support the prosecution’s theory of the victim being moved after she was killed. The audience was able to review the crime scene photographs to determine whether they believed that the victim was moved; the majority of the audience agreed with Ms. Zannin’s expert opinion. This presentation provided an interesting transition to lunch.

The third and final presentation, entitled *The Promise of Libraries: Now and in the Future*, was presented by Barbara Stripling (an Assistant Professor of Practice at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies and incoming President of the American Library Association). Ms. Stripling focused specifically on three ways in which libraries change lives - literacy, innovation and community engagement. Through Ms. Stripling’s ALA presidential initiatives and goals, she hopes that the association will be able to tackle many of the issues raised via this Spring Institute - e-books, vendor relations, and the conversion of books to digital formats to name a few. This was an inspirational, forward-looking way to end the Institute.

The Board of Directors met after the final session and minutes of this session can be found on page 10.

The Spring Institute is the first of many exciting things ALLUNY will host this year. Please join us for the ALLUNY Annual Meeting in Albany, NY on October 18-20. More details about the Annual Meeting will be sent out in early August.
Spring Institute Photos
Oh, What a (Lobby) Day!

(Joan Hoolihan)

I participated in AALL’s inaugural Local Advocate Lobby Day in Washington, DC on April 18th. It was a good experience, a day well orchestrated by AALL’s Government Relations staff Elizabeth Holland and Emily Feltren. They did a great job of preparing even newbies like me for an afternoon participating in the legislative process.

I awoke at 4:15 am to be at the airport at 5:00 am for the 6:00 am flight from Rochester to DC. Thankfully, the flight was uneventful and I arrived in DC on schedule. I successfully boarded the yellow line (subway, aka DC Metro) to L’Enfant Plaza. I transferred to the blue line only to realize I took the right train going in the wrong direction; I corrected my error, and made it to the 8:30 - 9:00 breakfast at 8:40.

We (about 12 of us, though I was the lone person from New York State) were greeted by AALL executive board member Susan Lewis (American University-Washington, DC). An information packed morning began with helpful tips on speaking with Congresspersons and their staff by Robyn Russell, legislative director for Illinois Congressman Mike Quigley. This was followed by a review of AALL’s public policy goals and more tips for delivering our message and role-playing games. Also included was a review of the “Capitol Hill packets”, which contained meeting schedules, bios and other information about each legislator, priorities and legislative “asks”, map, etc.

I’m off in the direction of the Hill, map in hand. I turned right after exiting the Lutheran Church of the Reformation (Lobby Day HQ); the Capitol is straight ahead but in the distance, and the scaffolded and eerily shrouded Supreme Court is on the first corner. I passed by the high court several times that day. The walk to the two congressional office buildings was farther than it looked; thankfully, it was a nice day and I was wearing comfortable shoes.

My meetings were scheduled for noon (Schumer), 1:00 pm (Gillibrand) and 3:00 pm (Slaughter). All were with congressional aides. I got through building security in reasonable time and had 15 to 30 minutes before each meeting to compose myself and review the talking points. The aides were prompt, gracious, affable and young. I spent 15 minutes with Senator Charles Schumer’s legislative aide Dan Rudofsky, and also 15 minutes with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand’s legislative correspondent Val Delp. To my surprise I spent 30 minutes speaking with Dan Carroll, legislative assistant to Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (25th District of NY) in her spacious and inviting chambers. Mrs. Slaughter drove home that morning and the custom (I was told) is that aides meet “guests” there in her absence.

I headed back to the church through the grounds of the Capitol exhausted but happy. I did it! I appealed to my legislators about matters of importance to me and the law library profession and they listened. The last hour of Lobby Day was spent sharing stories and writing thank you notes. Plans were confirmed with my niece to meet her on the green line platform at L’Enfant Plaza for a short ride to the Smithsonian followed by alfresco dining.

I got back to gate 34 at Reagan National at 9:30 pm for the 10:30 pm flight home. There were a dozen flights leaving from gate 34 at that hour. Rochester was finally called. We were bused to our plane which was sitting on the runway. Twenty minutes passed; we were still on the bus. Two people were spotted looking at the wheels on our plane. We were finally told that the flight was delayed due to mechanical problems. Back at the gate we hear that it’s a flat tire and we’d get status updates every 15 minutes. In my mind a late night flight delay is a flight cancellation, and I steel myself for an unplanned overnight stay in the airport.

Unbelievably, it’s announced that the flight will leave at midnight - and it did! We arrive in Rochester at 12:45 am. I got to work on time later that morning (amazing) and survived Friday with the help of lots of coffee.

Many thanks to Emily and Elizabeth for planning and executing an excellent Lobby Day.

For more information about AALL Government Relations, go to:
http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/aallwash

The above information will be placed in the ALLUNY archives.
Another summer and we’re getting ready for back to school again... only this time we are packing up our daughter and moving her to Philadelphia (for at least five years) to study for a PhD at Temple University. But our son will still be home attending OCM BOCES, studying welding (with the goal of underwater certification). No ‘empty nest’ syndrome for a little while.

And with my 40th (yes, 40th) reunion coming in September in NJ, I thought I’d share...

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**Top Ten Reasons ... to still use books:**

10) You can't curl up with a computer on the couch with your dog, under a blanket.
9) Someone needs to check out the canvas book bags libraries have now.
8) You'll miss the wonderful touch, the warm smell of leather and new books.
7) You can't dog-ear the pages of an electronic book. It makes it your personal book.
6) You don't have to turn off your paperback during takeoffs and landings.
5) We need to keep the bookstores in business.
4) They look a lot better on your bookshelves than CDs, etc.
3) You need them for doorstops.
2) You can't put e-readers on dining room chairs as booster seats at your grandparents' house.
1) You need a place for the bookmark your niece made in the 4th grade.

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**Upcoming Issues and Deadlines:**

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**Editor's Corner** (by Barb Briggs, Law Librarian, Syracuse Supreme Court Law Library)

Cranford, NJ (1973) to Baldwinsville, NY (2013)
Serendipity means a “happy accident” or “pleasant surprise”; specifically, the accident of finding something good or useful while not exactly searching for it. This is the Wikipedia definition. For reference purists, Webster’s New International Dictionary (2nd Edition) defines it as “the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for”. The concept always comes up when librarians start reminiscing about searching in the stacks, finding the resource you want and then, serendipitously, pulling out something nearby that turns out to be equally, if not more, useful. Some of us came to our careers in law librarianship along a serendipitous route.

It’s also a great mindset to maintain when on vacation, and may lead to a lot of fun and many interesting experiences. Of course, you have to have an outline, and if it’s a big vacation - say, two weeks in Ireland - then airfare, hotels and car rentals ought to be organized ahead of time. As a person who likes to nail down the details, I am lucky to have a traveling companion who repeatedly reminds me NOT to over-schedule. “Leave plenty of time,” he says, “for wandering and resting and discovering.”

Arriving too early to check in to our hotel, we dropped our bags, grabbed a coffee, and started wandering. We wandered in the general direction of a pub near St. Stephen’s Green that had been recommended by one of our attorneys. After finding O’Donoghue’s Pub, we had the pleasant surprise, the happy accident, of finding The Little Museum of Dublin. (Aside -we love unusual little museums. We are probably the only people you know who have ever visited the Cookie Cutter Museum in Poland, NY. And I’m glad we did when we had the chance, as a website reports the death of the owner and the closing of the museum in 2010.)

The Book of Kells was a must-see, even though we had seen it in 2012. Several times each year, the pages of the medieval manuscripts that are displayed at Trinity College are turned, so we were sure to see something different. Aside from the many great pubs and a brief visit to the Irish National Library, the most interesting place we visited was the Chester Beatty Library. Ireland for Dummies recommends spending an hour in this library, if you’ve already seen all the major tourist attractions in Dublin. On the other hand, The Lonely Planet travel guide calls it the best museum in Europe. (Well, the Louvre is pretty great...). We were more than pleasantly surprised to while away nearly an entire afternoon among the manuscripts, miniature paintings, prints, drawings, rare books and decorative arts collected by mining magnate Sir Alfred Chester Beatty, who was born in the United States, became a British citizen, and was an honorary citizen of Ireland.

Seeing the Rock of Cashel (a bit more than halfway between Dublin and Cork) was part of the plan, but eating at Café Hans was a happy accident. Although we like Guinness Stew and hearty brown bread as much as the next guy, the New Irish Cuisine that we enjoyed at Café Hans, as well as a number of other times during our stay, is delightful. Traditional ingredients (cabbage and potatoes, of course, as well as goat cheese, greens and beets) are given contemporary treatments and the results are delicious!

The Gallarus Oratory was part of the original plan, but thanks to traveling companion’s advice we had enough time to stop at Kilmalkedar, just down the road a piece, as well as TWO sites with well-preserved 12th century beehive huts as we made our way around the Dingle Peninsula.

Have you seen the movie "The Princess Bride"? Remember when Wallace Shawn (William Shawn’s son) and Mandy Patinkin sail up to the vertical “CLIFFS OF INSANITY!!”? The Cliffs of Moher weren’t on the list, but it would have been a crime to pass up the opportunity to be two of the one million visitors who see this amazing natural wonder every year.

Additional wandering in the city of limerick took us to the Hunt Museum (also, it was misting a bit and we needed someplace dry to spend the afternoon), where we experienced one of Ireland’s greatest private collections of art and antiques, dating from the Neolithic period to the 20th Century, including works by Renoir, Picasso and Yeats. We also had a delicious variety of quiches and salads (again with beets, greens and Wensleydale cheese this time) in the Shannon Riverside Café.

A gray day in Galway made us take advantage of the Galway City Museum, where we enjoyed an exhibit of paintings by Jack Yeats, brother of WB. Back in Dublin, at the Long Library of Trinity College, we had seen some etchings that Jack had done for several early 20th Century Irish authors’ publications. The Galway City Museum wasn’t on “The List”, but we would not have missed it for lack of built-in “free” time.

I still like to plan. Tomorrow I need to finish the outline for a presentation I’m giving at the end of the week. However, the results of serendipity are so enjoyable that I think I should try to arrange for it to happen more often.
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"The traditional view of legislative history must now be modified to accommodate the practices of ad hoc lawmaking so that researchers will know what legislative history information is available and where it can be found." - p.133


"Between uploading a working paper and finalizing the manuscript for publication, the library should shift to a marketing role." - p.189


“Blogging in One Hour for Lawyers is a practical guide for a lawyer considering blogging - just don't pay the ABA's ridiculous price.”

See: http://lawyerist.com/blogging-in-one-hour-for-lawyers-review/


"Buying this app saves you from having to create (and update) contact entries in your address book for every single court that you might want to contact, not to mention the time that you would have to take to look up the information."

See: http://www.iphonejd.com/iphone_jd/2013/05/review-court-directory-by-bloomberg-bna.html

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“Providing access to PACER and other dockets like the Delaware Court of Chancery are a game changer for teaching incredibly important aspects of how to research and practice like a lawyer.”

See: http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Publications/spectrum/Archives/vol-17/No-6/bloomberg-law.html


"Like we have with some of our Beginner's Guides, we will provide information about the paper-based secondary and primary sources in the area, and then refer to some internet-based sources that may be of some assistance.”

See: http://blogs.loc.gov/law/category/research-guide-2/

Present: President Joan Hoolihan; Vice-President Colleen Ostiguy; Secretary Judy Lauer; Treasurer Andrea Rabbia; Past President Jean-Paul Vivian; Board Members Cindy Kesler and Everett Wiggins; and Newsletter Editor Barbara Briggs.

Absent: Board Member Robert Cunningham.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm. Due to their publication in the newsletter, it was agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous board meeting (Kesler, Vivian).

Treasurer's Report: Rabbia presented a written report (page 12) through May 15, 2013, which was approved by the Board (Wiggins, Vivian).

Committee Reports:
- Archives: Hoolihan reported that the sorting of the Archives is moving steadily along. There appears to be a lack of materials for 2009-2011; officers will purge files from their work offices. The President's Plaque has been purchased, inscribed, and is up-to-date (see photo on page 4).
- Constitution & Bylaws: No report.
- Education: Ostiguy reported that the Spring Institute had 33 registrants. The Board approved reimbursing her for the speakers’ dinner the previous evening (Vivian, Wiggins). Letters have gone out to potential vendors for the Annual Meeting in October. Speakers have been selected for the programs and there will be tours of the New York State Court of Appeals and the New York State Library.
- Government Relations: No report.
- Grants: Vivian reported that as of May 17 there had been no applications for ALLUNY’s AALL registration grant.
- Listserv: No report.
- Membership: Nancy Babb provided a written report (page 13) indicating we have 122 members. She is working with the Public Relations committee to create a new “Welcome” packet for new members.
- Newsletter: Briggs reminded all that the newsletter deadline is June.
- Nominations: No report.
- Public Relations: No report. Ostiguy expressed her appreciation for the Public Relations Committee’s assistance in the preparation of the Spring Institute brochure.
- Vendors: No report.
- Webpage: No report.

Old Business: Rabbia provided a draft revision of the Operating Manual and is requesting all officers and board members to review and comment by August 15, 2013.

New Business:
- Ostiguy requested permission to look into purchasing an ALLUNY banner to be used at Annual Meetings and other ALLUNY functions. The Board approved (Hoolihan, Vivian).
- Discussion ensued regarding the location for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Proposed locations are Ithaca (Lauer to explore), and Syracuse or Fayetteville (Kesler).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm (Ostiguy, Rabbia).

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lauer, Secretary
Archives Committee Report

Co-Chairs
Robert Cunningham
Joan Hoolihan

Shortly after the annual meeting in Buffalo (2012) Rob cleaned up the Archives room when Joan wasn’t looking - thanks a lot, Rob!

We continue to make noticeable progress processing papers. 1990 - 2012 is done, including directories and newsletters, with the notable exception of 2009 - 2011. If you have material from those years we would love to have it. By the way, just today (5/15) the Archives acquired two used filing cabinets from the AD 4th Department’s Clerk’s office, which match the two existing ones.

Dave Voisinet’s office ‘clean-out’, in anticipation of his retirement netted us a lot of directories and newsletters in good condition. We also got the 2008 papers when he was Local Arrangements Chair for the annual meeting in Rochester. Also from Dave’s office - a glass bud vase with “ALLUNY’s 50th Anniversary 1954-2004” in gold lettering with Governor Pataki’s proclamation inside. Thanks, Dave!

The other big effort since November, 2012 has been the president’s plaque. It was made by Lang Trophies in Rochester, NY, in time for the 2013 Spring Institute, at the cost of $688.50. The estimated cost was $616.00, which excluded the cost of engraving the ALLUNY logo.

One can imagine what’s involved in producing something with information dating back 59 years. Names and dates were checked, checked again, and rechecked. Rob compared names on lists with names in directories and caught misspellings, used the fullest form of the name, or simply contacted people. Nancy Babb provided us with all the logos in her arsenal. Lou Pena (AD 4th Law Library) and Rob tweaked and readied the logo in current use. A final list of names and dates was printed and placed on a flash drive along with the logo. The walk over to Lang and back, along with transacting business, took 40 minutes. Lang did a fine job!

Respectfully submitted,

Joan and Rob
Treasurer’s Report: 1/2013 – 05/2013
Prepared for the
ALLUNY Board Meeting
May 17, 2013
Spring Institute
Syracuse University College of Law, Barclay Law Library

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Submitted by Andrea Rabbia, ALLUNY Treasurer

05/15/2013
TO:  ALLUNY Board of Directors
FROM:  Nancy Bobb, Membership Chair
DATE:  May 15, 2013
RE:  ALLUNY Membership Report for Spring 2013

Past membership chair Lynn Follshire retired from the position as of March 1st. As new chair, I would like to recognize Lynn’s years of outstanding service; I am very grateful!

Our membership figures have risen since last year; the full report is attached.

I am working out procedures for follow up with members, including notification of receipt at the time of renewal. Our notifications to both renewing and new members are via email only and the Public Relations Committee and I are considering print distribution of “Welcome” materials to new members. The PR Committee has revised the membership brochure and is currently working on a new “Welcome” package of materials for new members. The Committee is also investigating possibilities for ALLUNY promotional materials.

We hope to increase ALLUNY membership outreach activities in the coming year.

In addition to the PR Committee, Treasurer Andrea Rabbia and Listserv Manager Bob Weiner have been coordinating with Membership activities. I am maintaining a single membership database (Microsoft Access), which serves as basis for the ALLUNY Online Directory; the current membership table from the database is shared with Andrea and Bob in Excel format, with regular updates.

I would welcome any comments and suggestions from ALLUNY members.

Did You Know?

... that ALLUNY membership includes the benefits of networking with others in the community of law librarianship as well as many educational opportunities

... that there is a special rate for student members, and that dues are waived for unemployed and life members?

For more info and links to ALLUNY resources visit:
http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/members.asp

ALLUNY Membership Report: Spring 2013 (as of 5/15/2013)

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** “Other” includes life members, retired and unaffiliated

Membership as of September 2012 report: 107 (80 paid)
Current membership: 122 (95 paid)

Submitted by Nancy Bobb, Membership Chair
May 15, 2013
The Idea

It all started because of Chunk from *The Goonies*. In real life, actor Jeff Cohen grew up to be a lawyer, and back in July 2012, he posted his “5 Greatest Lawyers in Movie History” on Lawyerist.com. Chunk had the audacity to put Tom Hagen from *The Godfather* at the top of the list and Atticus Finch from *To Kill a Mockingbird* as runner up. All those who know me know that my love of Atticus knows no bounds. In my mind, I needed to pull a Swayze to prevent anyone from putting Atticus in the corner. But how?

One of my responsibilities at the Charles B. Sears Law Library is to maintain the display cases. As I was brainstorming display ideas, I kept circling back to another one of my favorite things, the Oscars. I wanted to do some sort of a tribute to the most glamorous of awards shows, but wasn’t sure how to frame it. Then, as if Gregory Peck himself was sitting next to me, explaining life’s tough lessons, it hit me. An Oscars for law in film! At that moment, logistics didn’t matter. All that mattered was that there was going to be a ‘Favorite Lawyer’ category so that Atticus could be vindicated.

The Plan

Knowing that this sort of project could potentially get out of hand - my adoration of both Atticus and the Oscars assured that - I decided to try to keep it as simple as possible. As far as logistics went, I knew that I would have a physical display, and, as I puzzled out how to conduct voting, I realized I would need an online component. I decided that for voting, the easiest thing would be to set up a ballot on Surveymonkey (which I chose above all others because I had used it before). That way, when I announced the nominees, I could include a link to the ballot. A colleague suggested also including YouTube clips of the movies on the blog post. For each of the categories, I decided that I would set up the display on Monday and open voting with a blog post; then, on Friday afternoon, I would shut down the ballot and announce the winner on the blog. I also rearranged the physical display on Friday to indicate the winner.

Figuring out the categories and nominees took a bit more time. I made a list of all the notable lawyers I could think of from the movies. From that I tried to figure out different categories. Once I had that, I distributed it to colleagues, friends and family to get input. (My movie viewing isn’t nearly as robust as it should be, and I wanted to make sure that there was a good showing.) Once it was suggested to limit nominees to those who had available clips on YouTube, picking nominees and categories became super easy. Pretty soon I had four categories - Best Mediation/Negotiation, Favorite Courtroom Scene, Most Promising Law/Pre-Law Student, and Favorite Lawyer - and each category had four nominees. Well, except for Favorite Courtroom Scene which had five because I enjoyed all five clips, and since I made up the rules, I decided to make up an exception, too.

I decided to call the awards the Millies in honor of the Law Library’s first director, Mildred Miles (later Jaffe). I’ve been a bit fascinated with Mildred since last November, when I found out about her background while doing some research on the Law Library’s history. Before becoming the Law Library Director, Mildred taught at a Chinese university for a year and studied law at one of the Inns of Court in England. During her short tenure (she was only here for three years), the Law Library took in thousands of volumes and was transformed. Since I like to extoll Mildred whenever possible - and have a pretty awesome picture of her in a barristers wig - naming the awards after her was the obvious choice.

The Result

Atticus won! (Because, really, isn’t that all that matters?) It was a relief since I have a sneaking suspicion that more than a few people voted for a certain consigliere because I was so firmly Team Atticus. To find out the full list of winners, skip to the end of the article.
My opinion may be completely biased, but I thought that the Millies had a decent showing for its first year. There were between twenty and twenty-four votes in each category, which was more than I had expected. One unfortunate thing is that, for the most part, I’m not sure where the votes came from. Voting was open to everyone and people could access the ballot through the blog, Facebook posts and tweets. (I say for the most part, because I put QR codes up on the display to the ballots each week and tracked them through Google Analytics. (No one used them.) Of course, I found out that even though I tried to emphasize it whenever promoting the Millies, many thought that voting was limited to law students.

Looking forward to next year - because, why stop when there’s a chance Atticus could take Favorite Lawyer two years running - I am hoping that word of mouth (and perhaps newsletter articles) will help the Millies get some more voters. Well...unless you’re going to vote for Tom Hagen. I think I’ve made it clear how I feel about that.

**Week 1: Best Mediation/Negotiation**

**John Beckwith & Jeremy Grey, *Wedding Crashers* [Winner]**

Jan Schlichtmann, *A Civil Action*
Tom Hagen, *The Godfather*
Reggie Love, *The Client*

**Week 2: Best Courtroom Scene**

**Vincent Gambini, *My Cousin Vinny* [Winner]**

Lt. Daniel Kaffee, *A Few Good Men*
Billy Flynn, *Chicago*
Fletcher Reede, *Liar, Liar*
Arthur Kirkland, *...And Justice for All*

**Week 3: Most Promising Law/Pre-Law Student**

**Eric Stratton, *Animal House* [Winner]**

Elle Woods, *Legally Blonde*
James T. Hart, *The Paper Chase*
Darby Shaw, *The Pelican Brief*

**Week 4: Favorite Lawyer**

**Atticus Finch, *To Kill a Mockingbird* [Winner]**

Vincent Gambini, *My Cousin Vinny*
Tom Hagen, *The Godfather*
Lt. Daniel Kaffee, *A Few Good Men*
This is an example of what the physical display looked like. Each week the category and nominees were swapped out.

The Millies: Favorite Lawyer
(Posted on: February 18th, 2013 by Christine Anne George|3 comments)

Oh what a long, strange journey it’s been. First you called the Best Mediation/Negotiation. Then you called Best Courtroom Scene. Last week you decided that Eric Stratton’s future as a lawyer was shiny and bright. Now, as we enter our final week, it’s time to consider the other end of the spectrum, and one of the most contested categories - who is the best of the best?

Many in the legal profession can point to a particular character on the silver screen and say, “That’s why I became a lawyer.” [Or, those outside the profession can say, “This character gives me hope that not all lawyers are awful.”] Inquiring minds want to know - which lawyer is the one that does it for you? If you would like to see an example of the nominees' work, please click on their names. Please note: these clips may contain NSFW language.

The photo above is one of the only pictures we have of Mildred but also happens to be my favorite. It is of her decked out as a barrister.

All of the blog posts followed the same format, with a bit of an introduction and then a list of the nominees. You could click on each nominee’s name to see their YouTube clip.

1. **Best Courtroom Scene [Please select one]:**
   - O Lt. Daniel Kaffee, A Few Good Men
   - O Vincent Gambini, My Cousin Vinny
   - O Tom Hagen, The Godfather
   - O Fletcher Reed, Liar Liar
   - O Arthur Kirkland, ...And Justice for All

Each of the ballots allowed for a write-in option in case the voter disagreed with all of the nominees.
The Supreme Court Library at Buffalo celebrated its 150th Anniversary on May 22, 2013. The library was established in 1863 pursuant to Chapter 401 of the Laws of New York, and the staff hosted an open house in recognition of this notable occasion.

Arrangements were coordinated by Principal Law Librarian Jeannine Lee and Senior Law Librarian Angela Patti, with assistance from staff members William Brady, Marykathryn Loveless, Jo-Ann Mattingly and Michael Morrissey.

Approximately 100 attendees enjoyed light refreshments while listening to the music of the 'Sweet Home Senior High School Jazz Combo'. A slide show, created by Katie Loveless, chronicled the history of the library while capturing a "day in the life" of the staff as well as promoting library services and resources.

Angela Patti surprised the staff by ordering an ice sculpture featuring the NYS Unified Court System seal. It quickly became the focal point of the event. Commemorative programs, which included a timeline of the library's history, were available.

The Hon. Sharon Townsend (Supreme Court Justice and Chair of the Library Board of Trustees) served as Mistress of Ceremonies. Speakers included Jeannine Lee; the Hon. Eugene F. Pigott, Jr. (Associate Judge, NYS Court of Appeals); and Kathleen Sweet (President, Bar Association of Erie County). Ms. Lee's comments focused on the dedication of the library staff and their tradition of excellent service to patrons.

Several library alumni were in attendance, including: Kathy Strack Finnerty; Eleanor Molnar; James Sahlem; and Elaine Swaine. Also attending were David Voisinet (former Library Director of the Appellate Division 4th Department Library) and Andrew Kloc (Law Librarian at the Appellate Division 4th Department Library). Also joining in the celebration were members of the local bar and 8th Judicial District administrators and judiciary, including the Hon. Paula Feroleto (Administrative Judge), Andrew Isenberg (District Executive), and judges from Supreme, County and Family Courts.

In honor of the occasion, the NYS Assembly (Michael Kearns, sponsor) and NYS Senate (Michael Ranzenhofer, sponsor) issued proclamations while Congressman Chris Collins issued a commendation on behalf of the United States House of Representatives.

(see pictures on following page)
1: L to R: Angela Patti; Jeannine Lee; Michael Morrissey; Bill Brady; Marykathryn (Katie) Loveless; Jo0Ann Mattingly

2. Cake

3. Ice Sculpture

4. Centerpiece

5. Sweet Home Senior High School Jazz Combo
Membership is open to all individuals employed within a law library or law section of a general library (active membership), as well as those expressing interest in law libraries (associate membership). Students enrolled in a Graduate School of Library Science are most welcome to join (student membership). Membership includes the newsletter subscription and access to members-only online resources. Questions about membership may be addressed to Nancy Babb, Membership Chair, e-mail: babb@buffalo.edu

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Please return this form with remittance to the ALLUNY treasurer:

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Syracuse, NY 13244-1030  
(315) 443-9562
• From the NYS Librarian's update -

http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/about/updates/20130327.htm

On time New York State budget restored 4 million dollars to state library aid funds in addition to the previously funded 82 million dollars. This budget news is a very welcome development, but state library aid funds are still below the statutory funding target of 102 million dollars.

• Andrew Kloc, President, NYS Unified Court Law Libraries Association (ProSe), submitted a written statement about the court public access libraries and the services, information, resources and tools they provide to Chief Judge Lippman’s Civil Legal Services 4th Judicial Department hearings in October, 2012. The statement is incorporated in Appendix 12 of the November 2012 Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services report, pages 794 through 800. See:

http://www.nycourts.gov/ip/access-civil-legal-services/PDF/CLS2012-APPENDICES.pdf

• Continuing to track NYS legislative activity regarding the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) with Deb Melnick (Principal Law Librarian, Unified Court System) and William Hooks (NYS Reporter, Law Reporting Bureau). No known introduced NYS legislation; will continue to monitor. See AALL’s Bill Tracking Chart, revised 5/10/2013, at:


• NYS Corrections proposed a rule to eliminate law libraries in local (county) correctional facilities (NYS Register, 4/3/2013) - see:


Comments will be received until 45 days after notice publication, final rule expected to take effect 5/18/2013. LLAGNY submitted comments - see: