

*From  
the President...*

*Kim Serna, Jones Day*

Spring is here as is our full-day seminar. I hope all of you took advantage of the wonderful program that Susan Spillman put together for us. This is a cost effective opportunity to continue your professional development while networking with colleagues. The proceeds also go towards our scholarships and grants.

Speaking of seminars and professional development, I've heard from many of you that you will be attending the SWALL annual meeting in Austin. I'll look forward to reading those reports in the next newsletter as I will not be able to attend this event. Take lots of notes.

With Spring comes elections and almost the close of my term. Susan Yancey and her committee have presented a great slate of candidates to serve on the 2006-2007 executive board. (Look for more information within.) Thank you to all of you who have stepped up to volunteer your time and talent to our organization. Officer elections will be held at our May general business meeting. Please plan on attending. Also, remember we can take additional nominations from the floor.

As the end of our HALL year approaches take some time to reflect on this past year and begin thinking about nominations for our Volunteer of the Year award. Nominations can be submitted to any board member prior to April 20<sup>th</sup>. The board will review all nominations and announce our Volunteer of the Year at our May business meeting.

**Proposed Slate for HALL  
Board 2006-2007**

*Susan Yancey, Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.*

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the proposed slate for the 2006-2007 HALL Board:

President	Susan Spillman South Texas College of Law
Vice-President/ President-Elect	Mary Ann Wacker Bracewell & Giuliani LLP
Treasurer	Caren Luckie Jackson Walker L.L.P.
Secretary	Michele Lucero Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP
Member at Large (2006-2008)	Caralinn Cole Howrey LLP
Member at Large (2005-2007)	Peter Egler University of Houston

Nominations from the floor will be taken during the course of the annual business meeting. The membership will vote on the slate of candidates at the annual business meeting.

Thanks to committee members Paula Howe, Mariann Sears and Laura Tieken for helping to secure an excellent slate of candidates.

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## Member News...

**Bethany Bletsch**, Labor/Employment and Special Services Group, ExxonMobil, Houston, retired February 9, 2006, after completing more than 25 years of Company service. Bethany served as a Librarian, Information Specialist and as a Coordinator of Library Services, serving many of her years in the Law Department. She joined Exxon in 1980 after receiving her Masters Degree in Professional Education with the Learning Resources endorsement from University of Houston– Clear Lake. She was a high school librarian for 3 years prior to joining Exxon. We wish Bethany well in her well-deserved retirement!

**Michele Lucero**, Legal Information Manager, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP, just completed a term as member of the SWALL Grants Committee.

**Frances Thompson**, former Director of the South Texas College of Law Library, passed away January 17, 2006, at the age of 87. Mrs. Thompson earned her MLS from Louisiana State University, and was director of the law library at South Texas for 21 years, 1966-1987. She served as the library's sole employee for the first 7 years, and she ushered in the digital age with the first Westlaw terminal in 1980. The library's collection increased in size and depth, and the strength of the English law collection is especially due to acquisitions made during her tenure. Many of the current staff were hired by and served many years under Mrs. Thompson's leadership, and most of them attended her memorial service. The library acquired a 1673 edition of John Selden's *Uxor Ebraica* in Mrs. Thompson's memory.

## Continuing Education

*Susan Spillman, South Texas College of Law*

Our April 12th meeting will feature T. Gerald Treece, who wears many hats. He is Vice President, Associate Dean, Special Counsel to the President, Professor of Law, Director of Advocacy and the W. James Kronzer, Jr., Distinguished Professor of Advocacy at South Texas College of Law. His specialities include: civil rights, constitutional law, torts, and trial and appellate advocacy.

Professor Treece is also the Legal News Expert for KHOU Channel 11. He has been providing legal advice and sharing his knowledge of Texas law with KHOU viewers for the past seven years. Professor Treece's Legal Journal is a live question-and-answer segment featured weekly on 11News This Morning Saturday Edition. KHOU says ... "With skillful style and down-to-earth language, Treece helps viewers sort out complicated legal issues and rulings. In addition, Treece is often featured on other Channel 11 news programs offering legal perspective and insight into the news of the day."

Dean Treece is an extremely interesting and entertaining speaker and he will speak to us about current legal happenings. Check the webpage for all of the details about this meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

## 2006 HALL Dues...

It's time again to renew your membership in HALL. The 2006 membership form has been posted on the HALL website <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/dues06.pdf>. Please complete one form per member and send your 2006 dues payment in by June 1, 2006.

The *HALL Newsletter*, published 6 times a year by the HALL Publications Committee, is the official publication of the Houston Area Law Librarians. The purpose is to communicate information to its members. Send contributions, comments, news items or advertising queries to Barbara Szalkowski, Editor, The Fred Parks Law Library, South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002-7000; fax: (713) 659-2217; email: szalkow@stcl.edu; or call (713) 646-1724.

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Membership dues for HALL are \$25.00 a year. For membership information, contact Susan Spillman, Computer Instructional Services Librarian, The Fred Parks Law Library, South Texas College of Law, 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, TX 77002-7000.

HALL home page: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall>

## HALL Grants for AALL

*Judith Jackson, Harris County Law Library*

The HALL criteria for a travel grant to AALL this year in St. Louis is on the HALL website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/hall/grants.htm>

Please note you must be a current member of AALL and of HALL at the time the application is made and have been a member of HALL for at least two years at the time the application is made. Please review the criteria before applying.

If you receive a grant you will be required to write an article for the July-August issue of the *HALL Newsletter* recapping your experiences at the AALL meeting or institute and speak at the August HALL meeting following the meeting or institute attended.

The application itself is in the "Member's Only" section of the website. You will need the HALL login and password to access the form. Deadline for receipt of application is Monday, April 3.

## Vendor Relations

*Colleen Pincumbe, Thompson & Knight L.L.P.*

Mark your calendars for the following HALL Vendor Forums coming up in April and May:

On Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, Susan Skyzinski, Senior Library Relations Consultant, will be bringing to HALL members the "latest and greatest" on LexisNexis.

On Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jim Boss, National Account Executive, along with Dustin Whipple, our new Local Representative of CCH-Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, will be presenting to HALL Members for the first time.

Details on these forums are to follow so please plan ahead and try to attend both of these everyone!

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Vendor Forum presentations are provided for HALL Members to review products and learn about services of legal and business publishers we interact with today. The content of these presentations may or may not be specific to the needs of all of our libraries but these presentations help you evaluate just that. This platform is a valuable service of HALL as it not only gives you the opportunity to view a product or learn about a new trend in library research or library management, but it also helps you stay on top of the nuances of the on-line products and services we already utilize. More importantly it gets you connected with a network of product representatives and marketing individuals you might deem necessary to invite to do a presentation for your users or your library administration.

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## HALL Volunteer of the Year

In 2003, the HALL Board established the HALL Volunteer of the Year Award. The Award was established to recognize an individual member's contribution to HALL, including but not limited to HALL committee work, planning and preparations; someone who can be counted on to pitch in with HALL activities of any kind; someone who goes above and beyond in service to the group. Current HALL Board members are not eligible, but current committee chairs can be nominated. The Award consists of a framed Official Certificate and a \$50.00 gift certificate, which will be presented at the May business meeting.

The current HALL Board is continuing this tradition, but needs nominations! So, if you have in mind someone whom you think deserves the HALL Volunteer of the Year Award, please submit his or her name to any member of the Board (Kim Serna, Susan Spillman, Caren Luckie, Michele Lucero, Tracy Timmons, or Peter Egler) by Thursday, April 20. The Board will select the recipient at the May Board meeting.

## Harris County Court Move

With the relocation of the county courts to the new civil courts building, a number of closures and changes in schedules for the courts can be expected.

The main filing section of the District Clerk's Office is scheduled to be open in the new building on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The County Civil Courts, Probate Courts, and the County Clerk is scheduled to be open in the new building on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The best strategy is to call the individual courts for their particular schedules. The county court website [http://www.justex.net/civil/CivilCenter/civil\\_court\\_move\\_information.htm](http://www.justex.net/civil/CivilCenter/civil_court_move_information.htm) has a link to a pdf directory of the courts and their new locations.

## Internet Research Seminar

*Caren Luckie, Jackson Walker L.L.P.*

Do you (or your attorneys or paralegals) need a refresher course on Internet research? If so, "Internet Strategies for Legal Professionals" is for you (or them)! On Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Riva Laughlin, Holly Watson, and Caren Luckie will present a full day seminar designed to show the best legal research and case law sites, government websites, public records, and anything else we can think of that fits within the topic. In addition to research topics, we'll talk about making a website an effective marketing tool, and how to protect against phishing and pharming.

The seminar is sponsored by the National Business Institute, and will be held at the Houston Marriott West Loop by the Galleria from 8:30am-4:30pm. Registration is 8:30-9:00am; the program will begin at 9:00am and end at 4:30pm. Complimentary snacks and refreshments are provided. Lunch is on your own. The manual and CD is also available for purchase if you can't attend the seminar.

For more information or to get copies of the brochure, please contact Holly, Riva, or Caren.

## Houston Public Library Annual Book Sale

*Caren Luckie, Jackson Walker L.L.P.*

The Friends of the Houston Public Library will hold their Annual Bargain Book Sale on May 5, 6, and 7, 2006, at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The Sale hours are:

- Friday 4:30-9:00pm (preview sale for Friends members, memberships are available at the door)
- Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm (free and open to everyone)
- Sunday noon-4:00pm (free and open to everyone)

On Sunday, May 7, all regularly priced books are \$10/bag and the Friends will provide as many bags as you want! If you would like to volunteer to help at the Sale, please contact Caren Luckie (cluckie@jw.com, (713) 752-4479) or the Friends office (info@friendsofhppl.org, (832) 393-1387).

For more information, please see the Friends' website <http://www.friendsofhppl.org>. See you at the Sale!

### *Just a reminder!*

Publication deadlines for the HALL Newsletter are:

May/June	5/15/2006
July/August	8/1/2006
September/October	9/15/2006
November/December	11/15/2006
January/February	1/15/2007
March/April	3/15/2007

## Executive Board Meeting Houston Area Law Librarians November 2, 2005 Jones Day

Kim Serna called the meeting to order at 12:15pm. Those in attendance were Kim Serna, Trisha Fabugais, Caren Luckie, Susan Spillman, Tracy Timmons, Laura Edstrom, and Pamela Jenkins. Minutes from the April, May and August board meetings were approved.

### New Business

Kim Serna reviewed the HALL website and encouraged other members to do so to determine the currency of information provided. The Committee Guidelines need to be updated in many instances. The Board also reviewed the updated bylaws and recommended an additional change. The bylaws will be revised by Charles Gibson and then sent to AALL for approval. Upon approval they will be presented to the membership for final approval.

HALL has been asked by Kate Wilko to organize a Government Relations Committee. The Board discussed the need for such a position. It was decided that we would create a committee liaison to monitor legislation and correspond with Kate Wilko and Mary Alice Baish. Tracy Timmons has volunteered to serve in this capacity for the remainder of 2005 and 2006.

Kim announced that Jones McClure would again be sponsoring the joint HALL /DALL / SWALL reception at AALL.

Caren Luckie reported that our Liability Insurance premiums decreased. Instead of \$1.50/member it was reduced to \$1.00/member. HALL has paid our chapter Liability Insurance.

Susan Spillman announced that our HALLiday party would take place at Chesterfield's on Dec. 14th at 12:00pm. Members will be asked to pre-order their selection. She also announced that our January business meeting has been moved to Room 3038 at South Texas College of Law due to student orientation. The Spring seminar has been tentatively scheduled for March 22nd. Susan is eliciting topics of interest as well as potential speakers. Some of the suggested topics thus far are Women's Rights, Labor Laws, and Citation review.

Laura Edstrom reported that the membership directory is currently available in electronic format. All members should check their individual listing for accuracy.

### Old Business

Susan Spillman reported on the Fall half day seminar held at South Texas College of Law on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>. We had a good turnout and positive evaluations. All future continuing education programs have been set and are listed on HALL's website. Susan Spillman has submitted the AALL representative visit form to AALL. She requested Victoria Trotta, but has not heard back from headquarters.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

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## Executive Board Meeting

### Houston Area Law Librarians

#### February 1, 2006

#### Jackson Walker

#### Minutes Subject to Correction and Approval

Kim Serna called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Those in attendance were Kim Serna, Trisha Fabugais, Caren Luckie, Susan Spillman, Tracy Timmons, Laura Edstrom, Peter Egler, Michele Lucero, and Susan Yancey.

Minutes from the November board meeting were approved.

#### New Business

Kim reported the HALL bylaws are now available and inquired if anyone has heard anything about the changes. She will table it if there is any discussion at the next meeting.

Kim reported that if anyone has VIPs in mind to send to AALL for the St. Louis convention to let her know. Each chapter can send two guests. Kim will send an announcement to HALL-L with the highlights of this program. Caren reported that we should send someone and possible recommendations were Nancy Rapoport and Justice Ross A. Sears.

Kim reported AALL has created a calendar database which is up and running. Individuals can enter educational and professional development events. Further information will be sent to HALL-L. This is a great resource to generate ideas for our chapter. Raquel Ortiz will post items to the calendar database.

New this year, Kim reported AALL will be hosting online elections for chapters that want to participate. AALL is offering chapters to utilize their system for a \$250 set up fee. At this time, the Board decided against using the online election system.

Kim announced AALL Zoomerang is being offered to chapters free up to 100 individual surveys. Any chapter that wishes to conduct a survey of its members may use this service. HALL may utilize this in the future.

Judith Jackson reported the scholarship guidelines have been revised. The changes included the time frame of how long one must be a member and grammatical changes. Board approved and passed the following changes:

- The applicant must have been a member of HALL for at least two years at the time the application is made.
- Demonstrated commitment to HALL and law librarianship. This may be indicated by leadership or participation in committees, sections, and programs of professional law library associations.

Deadline is April 3 and free registration deadline is May 1.

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## General Meeting Minutes

### Houston Area Law Librarians

#### February 8, 2006

#### South Texas College of Law Library

#### Minutes Subject to Correction and Approval

Kim Serna called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. We welcomed visitor Dick Spinelli from Hein, Rosy Wilson from Texas Southern and Bill Combest from GSI. The January minutes were approved. Treasurer's report was distributed.

#### Committee Reports

*Archives:* Mark Lambert reported that we have archives. He passed around autographed copies as proof.

*Bylaws:* Bylaws were approved as is with small changes. Charles Gibson will send to AALL for approval.

*Continuing Education:* Seminar flyer will be available online and have been sent in the mail.

*Library School Liaison:* Catherine reported she has something in the works for May.

*Membership:* Laura Edstrom reported we have 138 members. Changes to the directory should be sent to Laura.

*Nominations:* Susan Yancey reported they now have a nominations committee comprised of Paula Howe, Mariann Sears, Laura Tieken and Susan Yancey. The slate is almost complete. They are still have a vacant position for a Member-at-Large.

*Placement:* Susan Yancey reported there is a current job opening for a library assistance at Vinson & Elkins. Kim reported there is an opening for Librarians in the Central Time zone for Greenberg.

*Publications:* Barbara Szalkowski reported the submission deadline for the newsletter is March 15.

*Scholarships:* Judith Jackson announced revisions have been made to the qualifications and have been posted to the website. The deadline is April 3, 2006 to apply.

*Vendor Relations:* No report.

#### Old Business

Bylaws approved and passed unanimously. They will be sent to AALL and be put up on our website.

**New Business** None.

**Announcements** None.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

# Are you sure nothing important slipped through?

## AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND REORGANIZATION

THIS AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND REORGANIZATION ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of April 17, 2005, by and among: [REDACTED] a Delaware corporation ("Parent"); [REDACTED] a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"); and MACROMEDIA, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"). Certain capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in EXHIBIT A.

### RECITALS

- A. Parent, Merger Sub and the Company intend to effect a merger of Merger Sub into the Company in accordance with this Agreement and the DGCL (the "Merger"). Upon consummation of the Merger, Merger Sub [REDACTED]
- B. It is intended that the Merger qualify as a reorganization within the meaning of Section [REDACTED] of the Code.
- C. The respective boards of directors of Parent, Merger Sub and the Company have approved this Agreement and the Merger.
- D. In order to induce Parent to enter into this Agreement and cause the Merger to be consummated, certain stockholders of the Company are executing voting agreements in favor of Parent concurrently with the execution of this Agreement (the "Company Stockholder Voting Agreements").
- E. [REDACTED]

### AGREEMENT

The parties to this Agreement, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

#### Section 1. DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

- 1.1 [REDACTED] into the Company. Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, at the Effective Time (as defined in Section 1.3), Merger Sub shall be merged with and into the Company. By virtue of the Merger, [REDACTED] the separate existence of Merger Sub shall cease and the Company shall continue as the surviving corporation in the Merger (the "Surviving Corporation").
- 1.2 Effects of the Merger. The Merger shall have the effects set forth in this Agreement and in the applicable provisions of the DGCL.
- 1.3 Closing; Effective Time. The consummation of the Merger (the "Closing") shall take place at the offices of [REDACTED] Palo Alto, California, on a date to be designated by Parent, which shall be no later than the second business day after the satisfaction or waiver of the last to be satisfied or waived of the conditions set forth in Sections 6 and 7 ( [REDACTED] ). The date on which the Closing actually takes place is referred to as the "Closing Date." Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, a certificate of merger that the parties shall agree satisfies the applicable requirements of the DGCL shall be duly executed by the Company and concurrently with or as soon as practicable following the Closing shall be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. The Merger shall become effective [REDACTED].

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## How Library Has Changed Lives Contest

*forwarded from an ALA posting*

*Woman's Day* magazine wants to learn how the library has changed lives. The magazine announced the editorial initiative in its March 7 issue. In the issue, the magazine declares that libraries are magical places and asks readers to submit their stories in 700 words or less. Stories can be sent to [womansday@ala.org](mailto:womansday@ala.org) from now until May 10, 2006, when the promotion closes. Four of the submissions will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Woman's Day*.

Librarians can promote the initiative in their library by downloading free promotional tools from the ALA @ your library(r) Web site, <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/sponsorship/wdchangelives.htm>. Tools include a sample press release, downloadable logos, sample newsletter copy and flyer.

The ALA partnership with *Woman's Day* began in 2002 with a series of workshops for aspiring writers led by writers from the magazine. It has developed into a multi-program partnership that has resulted in approximately \$4 million in library-related editorial coverage in five issues of the magazine, donated ad space and an online book club featuring ALA members.

The writing workshops will kick off again this year during National Library Week at 10 community college and public libraries throughout the country. Currently, the *Woman's Day* online book club features YALSA members book recommendations for young adults, and beginning this summer, the book club will highlight RUSA members. The book club is available by visiting <http://www.womansday.com/community>.

*Woman's Day* is a Founding Partner of The Campaign for Americas Libraries, the ALAs multi-year public awareness and advocacy campaign to promote the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century.

## SLA Solo Discussion List Revived

*Posted to SLA-LAW by the SLA Solo Division*

SOLOLIB-L has undergone a makeover! Now SLA-DSOL, the list has moved to a new host, but remains open to anyone and everyone who is interested in participating.

Although we got off to a bit of a rocky start, the new SLA-DSOL list is up and running and ready for discussion!

To subscribe to the list via email, please send an e-mail to [lyris@lists.sla.org](mailto:lyris@lists.sla.org) with the SUBSCRIBE command in the body of the message:

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To view the list activity via the web, please visit [http://lists.sla.org/cgi-bin2/admin\\_lyris.pl?enter=sla-dsol](http://lists.sla.org/cgi-bin2/admin_lyris.pl?enter=sla-dsol)

The Solo Division listserv has long been a rich source of ideas, discussion and debate; we hope that you will consider contributing, as well! For more information about the SLA Solo Division, see our website <http://www.sla.org/division/dsol/>

## AALL Grants from SWALL

*Michele Lucero, Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP and SWALL Grants Committee member*

Every now and then, AALL grants a free full-registration to SWALL to distribute to a SWALL member for attendance at the AALL annual meeting. This year we have been lucky enough to receive one of these free registrations! So the SWALL Grants Committee will be accepting applications for this as well. We have a new application for this on the SWALL website <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/swall/grants/index.html>.

Application for the regular SWALL grant to attend AALL is also available at the site. Deadline to send free-registration grant applications to Terri below is April 15, 2006. The deadline for regular SWALL grants for AALL is June 15, 2006.

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## Executive Board Minutes . . .

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Susan Yancey reported on the slate for upcoming nominations. There is still an opening for a member-at-large. This will be announced at meeting. Final slate will be approved by April 1.

Susan Spillman reported status of the full-day seminar on March 22. The seminar will be split between two floors: 6th and 3rd. Susan currently has 5 speakers and asked for suggestions of a sixth speaker. The brochure will be sent to HALL-L and the cost will remain the same as last year. Tory Trotta will be visiting on February 7. A happy hour and dinner will be set up.

Caren inquired if the free registration for a Harris County or Houston Public Library member to attend still existed. Also Caren will file if we decide to have CLE credit available for the seminar.

Kim asked for a volunteer to attend the February 15 HBA meeting. Susan will go in her place.

**Old Business** None.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.

### HALL Treasurer's Report February 8, 2006

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Balance forward 5/31/05		\$8,544.46
Dues	3,100.00	
Newsletter/meeting announcements		
Newsletter ads	1,445.00	
Postage		15.05
Luncheons/Meetings		
April 2005	178.50	50.25
May 2004	406.00	521.80
HALL/DALL/SWALL Reception '05		1,812.82
JMP sponsorship	1,000.00	
DALL/SWALL reimb.	541.88	
Aug. 2005	644.00	588.39
Sept. 2005	462.50	419.02
Oct. 2005 (seminar) postage	830.00	308.57 48.18
Nov. 2005	532.00	506.61
Dec. 2005	1,185.00*	1,000.00
Jan. 2006	450.00	506.83
Feb. 2006	98.00	
Administrative		
Office supplies		29.57
certificates/frames		48.76
liability insurance		113.00
scholarship contribution	26.00	

\* Scholarship contributions not yet calculated out of total.

**Balance 2/8/2006**

**\$13,474.49**

Caren Luckie, Treasurer  
Feb. 8, 2006



## Placement News...

**Reference/Electronic Services Librarian.** St. Mary's University School of Law Library, San Antonio, Texas, available on or after June 1, 2006. For more information about the library, <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/library/>, about the law school, <http://www.stmarytx.edu/law/>, about San Antonio, <http://www.sanantoniocvb.com/>

**Requirements:** JD and MLS from ABA/ALA accredited schools; a minimum of one year's work experience in a law library with sound knowledge of online resources and technologies; strong service orientation, ability to work well independently and with others, and excellent communication and interpersonal skills; strong public speaking and writing skills

**Preferred Qualifications:** Knowledge of traditional legal bibliography as well as electronic resources; experience in teaching, delivering legal reference service, and managing electronic products and resources; experience with website development.

**Responsibilities:** Provide reference, research and instructional services to students, the faculty, staff and other users; identify, evaluate, and recommend electronic products, audio/visual items and other electronic resources for purchase or subscription; organize and maintain electronic products and resources; contribute to and manage the contents of the library's website; develop and coordinate library publications; publicize library programs and services to users; participate in collection development and other projects. The position will report to the Director and may supervise student workers assigned.

**Status and rank:** This position is a tenure-track faculty position of St. Mary's University at the rank of Assistant Professor.

**Salary and benefits:** Salary is competitive depending on qualifications. Comprehensive benefits include medical and dental insurance, employer retirement contributions, partial or full tuition waiver for employee and dependents, vacation, free parking and admission to the University recreational facilities, and strong support for professional development.

**How to apply:** Send a cover letter, along with a current resume including three references, to: Robert Hu, Director, Sarita Kennedy East Law Library, St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, TX 78228

Applications will be accepted and reviewed immediately. The position will remain open until filled. Please contact Robert H. Hu ([rhu@stmarytx.edu](mailto:rhu@stmarytx.edu) ; (210) 431-2056) for any questions or information. St. Mary's University is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

## AALL Calendar of Professional Events Now Available

*Kim Serna, Jones Day*

The calendar is an initiative resulting from the 2005 AALL/BNA Education Summit. It is created by and for AALL members as a clearinghouse of continuing professional education events occurring locally, nationally and elsewhere throughout the year, especially events occurring outside the AALL Annual Meeting.

Calendar content is added by AALL member groups (caucuses, chapters, committees, the Executive Board, special interest sections, and individual members) and other entities.

The calendar embodies the education and leadership goals of AALL's Strategic Directions and builds in the "make it so" spirit of the Strategic Directions. AALL members are able to freely post and edit continuing professional educational events of interest to them directly to the calendar. The calendar is "member-owned" and "member-populated."

Here are some of the features of the calendar:

1. AALL members login to post and edit educational events. Non-members can submit educational events for posting to the Calendar Administrator, Raquel Ortiz.
2. The "Post/Edit Event" form has fields for event start and end times, time zones, sponsor types, group/sponsor, co-group/co-sponsor (you can input more than one name in this field), and for additional details (you can add related websites for more information in this field):  
<http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/eventlogin.asp>
3. The "Search" page enables searches by all states, no states (if you are searching for a city or country), more than one state. You can also search by sponsor type, event year, and keyword, and combine search fields.  
<http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/eventsearch.asp>
4. The "Contact Us" form is available to convey any problems or questions or comments re the calendar to Chris Siwa, AALL Web Administrator, and Raquel Ortiz, AALL Calendar Administrator and AALLNET Coordinator.  
<http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/contact.asp>

5. There is a disclaimer for the calendar at:

<http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/disclaimer.asp>

## AALL Scholarships Available

*Jenny Kanji, Chair, AALL Scholarship Committee*

The AALL Scholarship Committee is please to announce the availability of three scholarships to assist individuals in achieving their goal of becoming a law librarian. Applications for each scholarship are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/services/scholarships.asp>. These scholarships are designed to assist individuals studying to become law librarians with their educational expenses.

Application deadline is April 1st, 2006. A brief description of each category available is listed below.

### Library Degree for Law School Graduates

Awarded to a law school graduate working towards a degree in an accredited library school with the intention of having a career as a law librarian.

### Library School Graduates Attending Law School

Awarded to a library school graduate working toward a degree in an accredited law school with the intention of having a career as a law librarian.

### Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates

Awarded to a college graduate with meaningful law library experience who is a degree candidate in an accredited library school with the intention of having a career as a law librarian

### Library School Graduates Seeking A Non-Law Degree

Awarded to library school graduates who are degree candidates in an area, other than law, which will be beneficial to the development of a professional career in law librarianship and who intend to have a career as a law librarian.

### Law Librarians in Continuing Education Courses

Awarded to law librarians with a degree from an accredited library or law school who are registrants in continuing education courses related to law librarianship.

### AALL & Thomson West - George A. Strait Minority Scholarship Endowment

The George A. Strait Minority Scholarship is awarded to college graduates with law library experience who are members of a minority group as defined by current U.S. government guidelines and are degree candidates in accredited library or law schools and who intend to have a career in law librarianship.

### James F. Connolly LexisNexis™ Academic & Library Solutions Scholarship

The James F. Connolly LexisNexis™ Academic & Library Solutions Scholarship is awarded to library school graduates with law library experience who are presently attending an accredited law school with the intention of having a career as a law librarian.

For further information, please go to the website above or contact Jenny at [jenny.kanji@lexisnexis.com](mailto:jenny.kanji@lexisnexis.com).

## AALL Annual Meeting Grants

*Joan Stringfellow, Chair, AALL Grants Committee*

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members. Grants are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and active in AALL or one of its chapters.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp>

In 2001, an additional Grants Program, the Minority Leadership Development Award, was created to assure that AALL's leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association's diverse membership. The Award provides up to \$1,500.00 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient's mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Association's web site [http://www.aallnet.org/about/award\\_mlda.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp)

Applications for both AALL Grants Programs must be received at the Association's headquarters by April 1, 2006.

## Rex Libris Continues

The *HALL Newsletter* first reported this graphic novel series in the July/August 2005 issues. For those of you who may recall, *Rex Libris* is the story of a long-lived librarian by James Turner. The Comic Readers' website reports that the first issue of the series has been very popular with librarians. Currently, issues #2 and #3 are also now available as well. For a recent discussion of the new second issue, see <http://www.comicreaders.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1653>

## 14<sup>th</sup> National Legal Research Teach-in: 1993-2006

The 14<sup>th</sup> National Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past decade of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2006 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 2-8, 2006). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with West to prepare unique instructional materials. Thanks to generous donations from this company, the *kit will again be available at no charge*. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that West continues to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception thirteen years ago.

We regret to announce that vendor support for Teach-In promotional materials, such as note pads, was withdrawn this year. But please keep an eye out for these items to return in future years. We won't give up hope that another sponsor can be found.

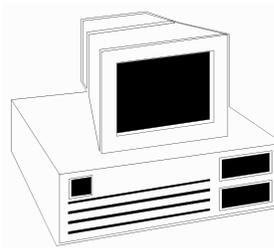
### Training Resource Kits

Our spiral bound Training Resource Kits topped the *bestseller* list last year! – West distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the country! This year's Teach-In Resource Kit tackles emerging topics for legal research instruction and includes full color slide presentations with speaker's notes to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. It also includes lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. To receive a kit contact Anita Carr at Thomson West by email: [anita.carr@thomson.com](mailto:anita.carr@thomson.com). Orders will be taken now through April 2, 2006. Be sure to provide your name, institution, and mailing address, along with your telephone number and, if available, your West account number. One kit per institution is available at no charge.

The Training Resource Kits will begin shipping the middle of March, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research this year. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it is easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, (312) 939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2006 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail A. Partin, Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, (717) 240-5294, [gap6@psu.edu](mailto:gap6@psu.edu); or Jennifer S. Murray, Librarian, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, (602) 445-8155, [murrayj@gtlaw.com](mailto:murrayj@gtlaw.com).



### Editor's Comments...

With the arrival of spring also comes the annual meeting and conference season. The HALL seminar will have passed by the time you read this – I hope those of you who attended will report to the rest of us on what looked like a smashing program. SWALL will follow shortly and I'll be looking for lots of reports and photos for all of us poor folks who will be holding down the forts here in Houston.

And, believe it or not, AALL registration is already open. The preliminary programs were sent out with the most recent issue of *Spectrum*, and both the venue and the program are quite appealing. The St. Louis Local Arrangements Committee is already hard at work to attract you to their home town. I had no less than 5 articles to choose from about various things to see and do in St. Louis. (If you're taking kids, I have a list of 12 things, but didn't have room for it in this issue – next issue, I promise!)

And, spring also heralds the annual HALL Business Meeting in May. Be sure you have on your calendars to attend the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting as you will want to vote for our slate of candidates and see who was selected as the HALL Volunteer of the Year. Be sure to give any nominations for the latter to any member of the HALL Board (Kim Serna, Susan Spillman, Caren Luckie, Michele Lucero, Tracy Timmons, Peter Egler) before April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Before the business meeting, we have one more continuing education program in April. Professor Gerald Treece of South Texas College of Law will be speaking, and I have to tell you, he is a captivating and entertaining speaker as well as a very knowledgeable one. I encourage everyone to RSVP for that meeting as soon as the announcement is posted. It's sure to be well-worth your time.

On a lighter note, I hope that you noticed the brief notice about *Rex Libris*, the graphic novel series, on [page 11](#). I think most of us librarians have a secret interest in our profession as portrayed in popular culture, and this is a stellar example, in my opinion.

It's hard to believe another "HALL" year is waning. Seems like just yesterday we were having our "AALL Recap" in August. I hope that everyone will take a moment to drop the newsletter a line or paragraph or two over the next few months and let everyone know what's going on with you and your library. I pick up a few tidbits here and there, but nothing is better than getting it directly. This is your newsletter, tell me what you'd like to see in it, or better yet, send me something you'd like to see in it!

Have a great spring!

—Barbara Szalkowski

## 10 + 1 Great Places to Visit in St. Louis

*Susan Tulis, Southern Illinois University Carbondale*

St. Louis is such a vibrant and interesting city that although my husband and I live 100 miles away, we frequently get into the car and drive those miles just to spend the day there. So based on many fun-filled day trips to St. Louis, here is a list of ten great places to visit when you come to St. Louis in July for the centennial meeting of AALL!

1. Missouri Botanical Garden (4344 Shaw Blvd.) – Founded in 1859, the country's oldest botanical park features 79 acres of gorgeous display gardens and historic structures, including the Climatron(r) rain forest conservatory, authentic Japanese garden, center for home gardening, and founder Henry Shaw's Victorian country home <http://www.mobot.org>

2. Forest Park (Bounded by I-64, Kingshighway, Lindell & Skinker) – One of the largest urban parks in the United States; at 1,371 acres, it is approximately 500 acres larger than Central Park in New York City. In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the greatest of the World's Fairs, drew more than 19 million visitors from around the world to Forest Park. Today it contains the Art Museum, Science Center, Zoo, Jewel Box greenhouse, History Museum, The Muny theatre, 7.5-mile biking, jogging and skating path, skating rink, and lakes. <http://stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark/>

3. Delmar/U City – includes the St. Louis Walk of Fame (110 stars and informative plaques honoring famous St. Louisians set in the sidewalks of The Loop) and Blueberry Hill restaurant (a St. Louis landmark filled with pop culture memorabilia, photo booth, and live music. Famous for hamburgers, jerk chicken, trout almondine, vegetarian specials, soups and salads. Creative window displays.) My husband's favorite place to visit is Vintage Vinyl – “America's largest collection of new/used CDs, LPs, DVDs.” Rolling Stone called it “one of America's 10 Best Record Stores.” <http://www.ucityloop.com>

4. Shopping – St. Louis Galleria (Brentwood Blvd. & Clayton Rd.) – Featuring 165 stores – more than 35 are exclusive in St. Louis – including Z Gallerie, MAC, Arden B and Kenneth Cole New York. Also offers many dining options. <http://www.saintlouisgalleria.com>

Plaza Frontenac (Lindbergh Blvd. & Clayton Rd.) – Premier fashion center. Elegant surroundings. St. Louis' only Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and the largest Talbot's stores; Tiffany & Co., J. Crew, Williams-Sonoma, and The Pottery Barn. Fine and casual dining, Plaza Frontenac Cinema and Stonewater Spa. <http://www.plazafrontenac.com>

5. The Hill (From downtown St. Louis, take I-64/40 west to Kingshighway south and turn west on Shaw) – Settled in the early 1900s by Italian immigrants, residents still carry on their traditions in this lively neighborhood just minutes from downtown. Even the neighborhood's fireplugs are painted green, white, and red in tribute to the tri-color of Italy. Baseball

personalities Yogi Berra, Joe Garagiola, and Jack Buck grew up on The Hill's Elizabeth Avenue, which now bears the name “Hall of Fame Place” in their honor. One of the top “Little Italy” neighborhoods in the country with exquisite Northern Italian cuisine. While you're visiting the neighborhood's restaurants, make sure to visit specialty stores that sell everything Italian or learn how to play a game of bocce-Italian lawn bowling. <http://www.shopthehill.com>

6. Butterfly House (Faust Park, 15193 Olive Blvd., Chesterfield) – A cultural and educational attraction, visitors can see thousands of butterflies in free flight and actually witness the mystery of metamorphosis. <http://www.butterflyhouse.org>

7. The Arch (St. Louis Riverfront) – The Gateway Arch Riverfront, highlighted by the majestic Gateway Arch, attracts more than four million guests each year. At 630 ft., our nation's tallest manmade monument has plenty of exciting activities. Take the tram ride to the top, see a documentary film, experience a giant screen movie, visit the Lewis & Clark exhibit in the museum and go shopping. <http://www.nps.gov/jeff/> and <http://www.gatewayarch.com>

8. Culture – Jazz at the Bistro (3536 Washington Ave.) – Listed by Downbeat in 2004 as one of the “100 Great Jazz Clubs,” a not-for-profit listening room located across from the Fox Theatre in the heart of the Grand Center arts and entertainment district. <http://www.jatb.org>

Fabulous Fox Theatre (527 N. Grand Blvd.) – Opened in 1929, today presents live entertainment with superstars, Broadway shows, family shows and concerts. Tours are available. <http://www.fabulousfox.com>

Tivoli Theatre (6350 Delmar in The Loop) – Magnificently restored to its 1924 splendor. Elegant display cases are filled with movie memorabilia, golden-age movie posters and more. Three screens feature the best new independent films plus a classic cinema series. <http://www.landmarktheatres.com/Market/St.Louis/TivoliTheatre.htm>

9. International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame, Home of the St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum (Across from Busch Stadium) – Two great sports museums in one place for one price. Five thousand years of bowling history, more than a century of St. Louis baseball and four free frames of bowling. <http://www.bowlingmuseum.com>

10. Trader Joe's (48 Brentwood Promenade Court) – Yes, those of you who know and love Trader Joe's won't miss a beat when you visit St. Louis with its 3 locations. <http://www.traderjoes.com>

11. Ted Drewes Frozen Custard (Old Rte. 66, 6726 Chippewa) – A St. Louis tradition on Old Route 66 since 1929. Known for specialty “concrete” shakes, so thick you can turn them upside down. <http://www.teddrewes.com>



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*Send us your news, please!*

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