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Tranne Pearce, U.S. Courts Library - 8th
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No message this month

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MAALL homepage has moved!
The new URL will be:
www.aallnet.org/chapter/maall. In
behalf of the chapter, The Executive Board,
and the Internet Committee, we would like
to thank the people of Southern Illinois
University for hosting the web page for
many years.

We are *still* looking for a Member News
Liaison for Missouri. Contact Resa Kerns
(kernsr@missouri.edu) if you are interested
in this opportunity to serve your Chapter and
get your name on the masthead.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Illinois

Southern Illinois University School of Law Library

On October 18, 2001, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library Director **Frank Houdek** and **James Duggan**, Director of Information Technology and Professor, presented a program at the annual meeting of the Illinois Library Association entitled "Helping Non-Lawyers Help Themselves: Providing Legal Information (Without Giving Legal Advice). Houdek spoke about the unauthorized practice of law and legal reference vs. legal advice and Duggan described how to find legal information using the Internet.

Southern Illinois University School of Law Library Faculty Assistant Professor **Adria P. Olmi** is the author of "Family-Law Resources on the Internet for Illinois Lawyers," 89 Illinois Bar Journal 603-604(2001).

Iowa

Drake University

Susan Lerdal, Reference Librarian, was a panelist (presenting ten legal Web sites for librarians and the public) in a session entitled "50 Sites in 50 Minutes" at the Iowa Library Association annual conference in

Davenport on October 12, 2001. Sue has also been appointed to serve as the Iowa Library Association's liaison to the Iowa Freedom of Information Council for 2002 and to serve on the newsletter committee of the Iowa Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Kansas

University of Kansas Law Library

Barbara Ginzburg, Rob Mead and **Pamela Tull** were members of a Lyon County (KS) Task Force that recently finished and presented a report to the judges of Lyon County. The report contained a plan creating a state-of-the-art legal information service that provides web-based resources to Lyon County attorneys, judges, media, and the general public at any time of day.

Barbara Ginzburg, Pamela Tull and **Katherine Greene** recently gave presentations at the 28th Annual MAALL Meeting at St. Louis, Missouri. Barb and Kat gave a presentation on "Doing More With Less is Possible With a Good Training Plan". Pam was part of a four member panel presenting "Future-Driven Law Library Designing and Marketing".

Rob Mead and **Barbara Ginzburg** have been busy teaching one of the first classes offered in Legal Information Transfer this Fall. The 2 hour credit course is part of the new Master of Legal Information Management program involving collaboration between the KU School of Law and Law Library and the School of Library and Information Management at Emporia State University.

U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Library

Sharon L. Hom, Kansas Branch Librarian, reports that the U.S. Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals Library in Kansas City, KS has moved its office within the Robert J. Dole U.S. Courthouse. Please correct your address books and fax machines to reflect the following changes : the room number has changed from 532 U. S. Courthouse to 624 U.S. Courthouse and the fax number has changed from (913) 551-5648 to (913) 551-6694.

Missouri

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library

Cindy Shearrer has taken on an expanded role in the law library. As of November 1, 2001 Cindy's title is Research/Collection Management Librarian. Her new position was created to focus attention on the complex issues that arise in managing a diverse collection of print and electronic resources. Cindy will supervise the cataloging, shelving, filing, and related functions and plan and implement a variety of projects designed to make better use of library space. In addition, she will continue to participate in the library's instructional programs and to assist law faculty and students with research projects.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City University Law Library

John Perkins, Senior Reference Librarian, has accepted a position as Reference Librarian at Mercer Law School Library in Macon, Georgia beginning in December 2001.

The Law Library will be moving into the new addition of the Law School. The new addition will feature both a library and a courtroom/auditorium. The move is expected to be completed by mid-January.

AALL GRANTS COMMITTEE NEWS

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2002 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or library school 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 cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. Preference is given to newer, active members of AALL or of its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp. The deadline for applications is April 1, 2002.



NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

compiled by Mike McReynolds

Disaster Response in Libraries

Several members of the Houston Association of Law Libraries (HALL) attended a program presented by several local librarians and a representative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The librarians discussed the damage to their libraries caused by the flooding from Tropical Storm Allison. One of the presenters was from the University of Houston Law Library, which sustained extensive damage. The library speakers addressed the topics of how to prepare for such an emergency and what to do when it happens. The FEMA representative explained the process by which the federal government becomes involved in assisting victims of disasters. Berry, Elizabeth Black, "Allison's Aftermath: A Seminar to Remember," HALL Newsletter, Sept./Oct., 2000, pgs. 9-10. *and*, Lambert, Mark, "Rice University Seminar on Allison's Aftermath," Hall Newsletter, Sept./Oct., 2000, pgs. 10-12.

Afghanistan and Terrorism Information

A Utah law librarian compiled a short bibliography of government documents on the topics of Afghanistan and Terrorism. He concludes his list with several URL's for further research in these areas. Fletcher, Galen L., "Terrorism in Government Documents," WestPac News, Vol. 26, No. 1, Fall 2001, p. 13.

Reports on AALL Programs

Several chapter newsletters included reports

on programs at AALL. The group in Wisconsin did the most reports on their favorite programs. These included: "American Indian Law: The New Reality of Native Sovereignty," "Reflections of an Inveterate AALL Meeting-Goer," "Powersearch: Strategies for Successful Internet Searching," "Cataloging Reports from the AALL Annual Meeting," "David In, Goliath Out: Do We Need Larger Libraries to Accommodate More Books?" "Law of Cyberspace," and "Getting Published: A 'How to' Discussion for the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer," LLAW Newsletter, Vol. 19, No. 1, Fall 2001, pgs. 8-16.

Computerized & Text Based Research: Another View Point

In what appears to be a reaction to an article published last Spring in Law Library Journal, one California librarian prepared an article for his chapter's newsletter that takes issue with some of the points in the LLJ article. Ginsborg, Michael, "The Competing Roles of Books and Computers in Legal Research: Paradigm Shift or Ideology?" NOCALL NEWS, Vol. 22, No. 2, Nov./Dec. 2001, pgs. 8-10.

Legislative Awareness Site in Virginia

The Virginia Association of Law Libraries has long been active in lobbying their legislators and working with other state library and lawyer groups. Their members have created a "Legislative Awareness" section on the Chapter's Web site that includes these sections: Action Alerts, National and State Issues, Reports and Other Documents, Sample Letters to Elected Officials, Links to Elected Officials. URL as of 12/06/2001: <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/LegAwareness.htm>

Strategic Planning for Chapters

The Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association (GPLLA) has posted their long term strategic plan on their Web site. The plan, which was adopted back in 1999 includes a broad series of goals for the organization and sets dates by which certain projects should be completed. [GPLLA Strategic Plan 1999-2004](http://www.gplla.org/Strategy/index.htm). The URL for the plan as of 12/05/2001: <http://www.gplla.org/Strategy/index.htm>

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Have you been thinking about writing an article about law librarianship? Or are you already writing an article and just need an incentive to finish? If yes, read on! The AALL/LEXIS Publishing Call for Papers Committee eagerly solicits your articles for its annual competition. The objectives of the contest are threefold: 1) to promote scholarship among practicing law librarians and in areas of interest to the profession; 2) to provide a creative outlet for law librarians and a forum for their scholarly activities; and 3) to recognize the scholarly efforts of established members, new members, and potential members of AALL.

Up to three winning authors will receive a prize of \$750, generously donated by LEXIS Publishing. The recipients will be recognized during award ceremonies at the Association Luncheon of the AALL Annual Meeting. Winners also will present their papers in a program at the Annual Meeting and the paper will be considered for publication in the [Law Library Journal](#).

Visit AALLNET at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_fo

[r_papers.asp](#) for more information, including selection criteria and application procedures. Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2002. Good luck!

Questions? Contact a member of the Call for Papers Committee: Maria Protti (chair) at maria_protti@ci.sf.ca.us, Karen Beck at beckka@bc.edu, or Marie-Louise Bernal at mber@loc.gov.



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS

WHEREAS, the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) promotes law librarianship throughout the nine state Mid-America region, from Arkansas to North Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Association's members disseminate legal information to the public through public libraries and city and county law libraries; and

WHEREAS, the members support the work of the legal community through the administration of private law firms, court libraries and law school libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Association is actively examining ways in which the internet can be integrated into both MAALL and its member institutions to facilitate better access to legal information; and

WHEREAS, the Association continually explores and develops avenues for its members to provide pro bono services and to develop ways for member institutions to share information resources; and

WHEREAS, On October 25-27, 2001 the members of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries will gather in St. Louis to celebrate its 28th Anniversary and to conduct its 28th Annual Continuing Education Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to welcome the members of the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries to the City of St. Louis, and we congratulate them on the occasion of their 28th Anniversary, and we further thank them for their many contributions to our community and we direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the sponsor.

Introduced on the 26th day of October, 2001 by:

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2002 MAALL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal time is upon us again -- January 1 begins the dues year. Please complete the information below with the knowledge that it is used for membership records, the directory, and mailing labels. ***Return this form with your payment to me by Friday, January 25, 2002.***

Name:
Title:
Institution:
Address:

Phone:
Fax:
E-mail:
Membership type:

Dues structure, according MAALL By-Laws, Article III, Section

- a. The annual dues for individual membership and associate membership shall be \$10.
- b. The institutional member dues shall be at a minimum rate of \$20, entitling one member; additional members will be at a rate of \$10, with no library to pay annual dues in excess of \$100.

One form per member. Each institutional-designated member should complete a form, so that every person will receive a newsletter and her/his name will appear in the Membership directory. If you need a form for a new institutional-designated member or someone requesting a new individual membership, contact me **by phone at (573) 882-9675, by fax at (573)882-9676 or by e-mail at JacksonN@missouri.edu.**

Please let me know if you need an "invoice" for an institutional membership.

Make checks payable to: Mid-America Association of Law Libraries

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