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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Mary Ann Nelson, University of Iowa Law Library

I have truly enjoyed serving as the President of MAALL during the past year. Involvement at the regional level is an enriching experience and the contact with members in the chapter is both personally and professionally rewarding. I have had a wonderful time, and thank you all for the experience of participating as an officer in this organization.

The St. Louis meeting is fast approaching. The Program and Local Arrangements Committees have done a terrific job of putting together educational programs on a wide array of topics; and have arranged meals and social events that everyone will enjoy. If you are coming to St. Louis for the meeting you may want to stay an extra day to take in the sights and shopping that St. Louis offers. I know personally I am heading to the The Galleria and Plaza Frontenac.

At the meeting in Minneapolis the University of Illinois offered to host the Fall meeting of 2002 in Champaign, Illinois. CALL, the Chicago Chapter, expressed interest in making this a joint meeting. Joint meetings make the costs more manageable

and bring together a bigger pool of people for program ideas.

Best wishes to Tranne and the incoming officers for the new MAALL term. See you in St. Louis.

Mary Ann Nelson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to receive your newsletter by e-mail or in print, please contact the editors using the contact information on the next page.

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.

Mike McReynolds, who is already anchoring the *Placement Committee*, has generously stepped forward to assume the editorship of the *News From Other Chapters* segment of the newsletter. Mike's pro-active approach should make for interesting reading in this important column..

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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ARKANSAS

UALR/Pulaski County Law Library

The UALR/Pulaski County Law Library received a preservation grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in the amount of \$4,764.00 for a project to purchase supplies and equipment to preserve the Arkansas Supreme Court Briefs and Records, 1836-1926. Kathryn Fitzhugh serves as the project director.

Arkansas Supreme Court Library

The Arkansas Supreme Court Library this year observes the sesquicentennial (150th) anniversary of its enabling legislation. An historical exhibit honoring the library will be available for public viewing in the Justice Building, 625 Marshall Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, beginning Thursday, September 6, 2001. The exhibit will be introduced at a reception immediately following the Arkansas Supreme Court's proceedings on that date.

The Supreme Court Library also announces that (Mrs.) Shawn Pierce joined its staff this summer as Technical Services Librarian. This position is a new, full-time professional position created by the Arkansas General Assembly earlier this year. Mrs. Pierce was most recently employed as the Interim Director / Head of Technical Services of the Philander Smith College Library in Little Rock.

ILLINOIS

Southern Illinois University School of Law Library

Frank Houdek, Law Library Director and Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law, is the editor of a new book, *Best of Perspectives: Teaching Legal Research and Writing*, published in 2001 by West Group.

James Duggan, Director of Information Technology, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, is the author of "The New Reference Librarian: Using Technology to Deliver Reference Services," 19 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 195-202 (No. 3/4, 2001). He is also the author of "Patrons and the PC: What Problems Should Reference Librarians Solve?" 19 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 5-17 (No. 1/2, 2001).

Adria Olmi, Reference Librarian at Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, is the author of "Real-Estate Resources on the Internet for Illinois Lawyers," 89 *Illinois Bar Journal* 495-496 (2001). She is also the author of "Treasure Hunting at State Agency Websites," 89 *Illinois Bar Journal* 379-380, 378 (2001).

IOWA

Drake University

Law Students at Drake University may now connect their lap-top computers to Drake's wireless network from anywhere in the Law School or Legal Clinic. The Law School network or the internet can be accessed from the library, classrooms, or even from an

outside patio. Drake is using the industry standard IEEE 802.11b. For more information, see Drake's web page at <http://www.law.drake.edu/technology/>.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International

Barbara Fullerton, Electronic Resources Librarian at Pioneer Hi-Bred International and Brian Neale, IT Director with Meyers Nave, are presenting a seminar at this year's "Internet Librarian" in Pasenda, CA. Their presentation is titled, "Techno-Geeks: Gadgets, Gadgets, Gadgets." They will introduce new gadgets for the 21st century. Gadgets include: palm pilots, e-readers, blackberries, digital cameras, zip drives, handheld scanners, e-markers, and portable printers.

KANSAS

University of Kansas Law Library

Rob Mead, Faculty Services/Research Attorney at the KU Law Library, recently received the AALL-LexisNexis Call for Papers award. He presented his paper - "'Unpublished' Opinions as the Bulk of the Iceberg: Publication Patterns in the Eighth and Tenth Circuit United States Courts of Appeals" at AALL in Minneapolis in July.

MISSOURI

Jackson County Law Library

The Jackson County Law Library is celebrating its 130th Anniversary. The Library was founded September 6, 1871 as a subscription library with thirteen subscribing members. The Library currently serves the 16th Judicial Circuit Court and 300 member attorneys and firms in the metropolitan Kansas City area.

To commemorate the anniversary, the Library's Board of Directors will host an Open House at the Library on Thursday, October 18, 2001 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. MAALL members are cordially invited. RSVP by October 5, 2001 to Iroser@jcll.org or 816-221-2221.

Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP

Janet McKinney, Computer Services Librarian, was elected Treasurer of PLL-SIS for 2001-2003.

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law Library

Resa Kerns, formerly Access Services/Reference Librarian, has taken on the new role of Educational Technology Librarian. In this position, Resa is responsible for oversight of the computer lab and all computing in the law library. In addition, Resa will work with all law school departments to create and maintain web sites, and will consult with individual faculty members on web course design and classroom technology issues.

John Dethman will join the law library staff by October 1, 2001, as Access Services/Reference Librarian. John's responsibilities will include managing our circulation, reserve, and interlibrary loan functions, along with reference and instructional activities. John earned a B.S. from Northwestern University, a J.D. from the University of Denver, an LL.M. in Taxation from New York University, and an M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington's special program in law librarianship. John has had an interesting and varied career, including stints as a tax attorney in government and private practice, a law professor, and an accountant and business professor. Always eager for a new challenge, John is making a career change into librarianship.

CANDIDATES FOR MAALL ELECTIONS

I am pleased to announce the following members have agreed to stand as candidates for MAALL office:

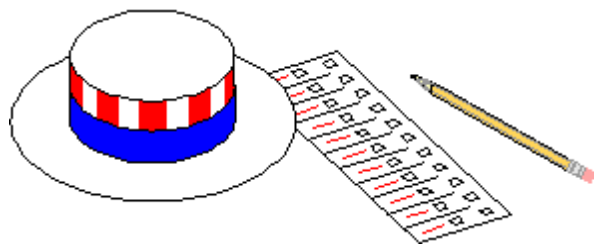
Vice President/President Elect: Barbara Fullerton, Electronic Resources Librarian, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Johnson, Iowa. Barbara has her M.L.I.S. from Emporia State University in Emporia, KS and her paralegal certificate from Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS. She previously worked in the libraries at Black & Veatch and Shook Hardy & Bacon in Kansas City. Her specialties include web technologies, gadgets, international research and marketing. She is a frequent speaker at MAALL meetings (including the October 2001 meeting), coordinated and spoke on the program on Gadgets at the AALL Meeting in Minneapolis this summer and will be presenting a seminar at this year's Internet Librarian in Pasadena, California. She served as Local Arrangements Chair for the 1999 MAALL meeting in Kansas City., MO.

Treasurer: Needra Jackson, Collection Development Librarian, University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library. Needra holds a B.S. and M.S. from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, and a J.D. from St. Louis University. She served as Access Services Librarian at the University of Missouri from 1984 to 1998, when she assumed her present position. Needra is an active member of MAALL, serving both as the Co-Editor of MAALL Markings and as the Chair of the Resource Sharing Committee. She has previously served on the Grants and Placement Committees.

MAALL is fortunate to have such excellent candidates in its membership.

Elections will be held at the MAALL Business Meeting during the annual meeting of the MidAmerica Association of Law Libraries, October 25-27. The bylaws allow additional nominations of candidates who have agreed to be nominated. Nominations must be made from the floor at the meeting or in writing to the President.

The Nominations Committee appreciates the willingness of these members to serve as candidates. Thanks also go to committee members Kathryn Fitzhugh and Suzanne Morrison for their work in developing the final slate of candidates.



PLACEMENT NEWS

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS - FAYETTEVILLE LAW LIBRARY

THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS ROBERT A. AND VIVIAN YOUNG LAW LIBRARY NEEDS TO FILL ITS HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICES POSITION.

THE HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICES REPORTS TO THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND MANAGES TRADITIONAL CIRCULATION, REFERENCE, AND OUTREACH FUNCTIONS. CANDIDATES SHOULD EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY AND WANT TO LEAD THE STAFF INTO THE FUTURE. THE PUBLIC SERVICES STAFF CURRENTLY INCLUDES THREE REFERENCE LIBRARIANS (INCLUDING THE HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICES), A CIRCULATION MANAGER, AND AN ARMY OF STUDENT ASSISTANTS.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE AN ALA ACCREDITED MASTER'S DEGREE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE AND THREE YEARS OF REFERENCE EXPERIENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL BE A TEAM PLAYER AND WILL POSSESS ENTHUSIASM, ENERGY, A POSITIVE ATTITUDE, A KNACK FOR JUGGLING PRIORITIES, COMMUNICATION AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS, AND A SENSE OF HUMOR. THE POSITION IS TENURE TRACK ON THE LAW LIBRARY FACULTY AND AN ABA ACCREDITED LAW DEGREE IS DESIRED.

THE YOUNG LAW LIBRARY HOUSES OVER ONE-QUARTER MILLION VOLUME EQUIVALENTS NURTURED BY FOURTEEN STAFF MEMBERS, INCLUDING SIX WITH LIBRARY DEGREES AND THREE WITH LAW DEGREES. BECAUSE THE LIBRARY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR LAW SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL COMPUTING, CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN FURTHERING A SEAMLESS UNION BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION DELIVERY ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. SALARY AND BENEFITS ARE COMMENSURATE WITH EXPERIENCE.

PLEASE SEND RESUMES AND THE NAMES AND

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THREE REFERENCES TO:

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

[HTTP://WWW.AALLNET.ORG/CHAPTER/MALL/MALLNEWS.HTM](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/mall/mallnews.htm) .

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

DISTANCE LEARNING IS A TOPIC WE HEAR A LOT ABOUT, BUT HOW IS DISTANCE LEARNING BEING APPLIED IN THE LIBRARY FIELD? ONE MEMBER OF THE LAW LIBRARIANS SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON, D.C. WROTE AN ARTICLE ON THE TOPIC WHICH DESCRIBES SOME DISTANCE PROGRAMS AND PROVIDES REFERENCES AND URLS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. WAESCHE, CAROLE, "DISTANCE LEARNING: LEAVING BOUNDARIES BEHIND," LAW LIBRARY LIGHTS, VOL. 44, NO. 5, MAY/JUNE, 2001, PGS. 1-5.

THE CHICAGO LIBRARY SYSTEM ANNOUNCED IT'S CONTINUING EDUCATION CALENDAR FOR THE FALL ON THE LISTSERV OF THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 24. DAVID R. BRYANT POSTED THE MESSAGE WITH A LINK TO THE CLS CONTINUING ED. CALENDAR. IT IS INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT OTHER GROUPS ARE DOING AND CAN PROVIDE IDEAS FOR FUTURE PROGRAMS. [HTTP://WWW.CHILIBSYS.ORG/CE/](http://www.chilibsys.org/ce/) .

BOB BERRING MAKING THE ROUNDS IN THE MIDWEST

MAALL IS NOT THE ONLY MIDWEST LIBRARY GROUP TO HAVE BOB BERRING AS A FEATURED SPEAKER. PROFESSOR BERRING VISITED MADISON, WISCONSIN ON AUGUST 17 AND ADDRESSED TWO GROUPS OF THE LAW LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN THROUGH A VIDEO CONFERENCE TO MILWAUKEE. THE PROGRAM WAS ANNOUNCED ON THE LLAW LISTSERV BY AMY BINGENHEIMER ON AUGUST 5, 2001.

THE MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES ANNOUNCED THAT PROFESSOR BERRING WOULD BE IN THE TWIN CITIES TO ADDRESS THEIR GROUP ON SEPTEMBER 10. THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY BARBARA MINOR WAS POSTED TO THE MALL LISTSERV ON AUGUST 13 ALONG WITH THE URL TO THE JULY/AUGUST ISSUE OF THEIR ONLINE NEWSLETTER:

DISASTER RECOVERY IN THE NEWS

A TOPIC FEW OF US LIKE TO THINK ABOUT IS DISASTER RECOVERY SHOULD SOMETHING HAPPEN TO OUR LIBRARIES. SEVERAL LIBRARIANS IN HOUSTON WORKED IN DARK, DAMP LIBRARIES THIS SUMMER AFTER FLOODS AND A VISIT FROM TROPICAL STORM ALLISON DRENCHED DOWNTOWN HOUSTON, LEAVING AREAS FLOODED AND POWER OUT. "MEMBER NEWS," HALL NEWSLETTER, VOL. 18, NO. 4, JULY/AUGUST, 2001, P. 8.

KUDOS FROM CALL FOR A MAALL MEMBER

IN THE FIRST PART OF A TWO-PART ARTICLE, KAY COLLINS OF THE CHICAGO ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES LAUDED THE WORK OF **JOE HEWITT**, LINUX SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR AT WASHBURN UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY. IN ADDITION TO HIS WORK FOR THE LAW SCHOOL, JOE MAINTAINS THE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR AALLNET.ORG AND ITS MANY LISTSERVS. COLLINS, KAY, "INTERNET MOMENT: JOE HEWITT: LIST SERVER EXTRAORDINAIRE," CALL BULLETIN, SPRING, 2001, P. 12.

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