

President's Message by Brian Striman

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Our MAALL Treasurer, Rob Mead has accepted a position as the New Mexico State Law Librarian. Rob's last day at KU will be May 1st 2006. We wish Rob all the best and have appreciated his work as our Treasurer. Thank you Rob! A new interim Treasurer has stepped up and volunteered for the next year and half, until the next official election term for that office takes place. I am pleased to announce Darla Jackson (Oklahoma City University) will be on the MAALL Board working with us as Treasurer. I know it will be a pleasure to have Darla on "Board."

Our *MAALL Markings* editor, Stefanie Pearlman, will be at the end of her term as Newsletter Editor in a few months. Thank you so much Stefanie for all your contributions to MAALL. Beginning with the January 2007 issue, our new editor will be Matt Novak (University of Nebraska). Many thanks to Matt for taking on this

important position.

The Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF) is still gathering information from other AALL Chapters so we don't spend a lot time re-inventing the wheel. The SPTF is chaired by Carolyn Clark, with Kat Greene, Mary Kay Jung and Suzanne Morrison.

You may have noticed no entry in your AALL St. Louis preliminary brochure for our MAALL luncheon. There was some minor confusion about our MAALL and other MALL, and so after a few phone calls, we will be having our usual Tuesday from 11:45am – 1:00pm luncheon. It's on July 11th at the America's Center. Food selection hasn't been finalized yet, but it should be considerably better than a cheeseburger with fries; It depends on our budget and the cost of food choices. So, please mark your calendars for this important MAALL event!!

Annual Meeting preparations and planning are well underway. See John Christensen's column (on page two) for information about the conference theme and education programming. The AALL Executive Board VIP for our Tulsa meeting is Darcy Kirk. We are very excited to have Darcy come to our Annual Meeting! Our keynote speaker is William Bernhardt. Please check out our Tulsa website (created by Dan Bell) <http://www.law.utulsa.edu/library/maall/program> where there are links to information about the hotel, the Tulsa aquarium, our Thursday evening special event, and speakers. More information and web pages will be constructed as we get closer to our Annual Meeting dates, October 19th-21st.

Our 2006 MAALL An-

From the Vice-President: Celebrate - Educate - Collaborate...

...will be the theme of the October annual meeting in Tulsa. Your Education Committee has begun its work of putting together a solid educational program. But WE need YOUR help: your ideas for specific programs, your suggestions for presenters, your willingness to step up to the plate and be on a program.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MAALL MEMBERS TO STEP FORWARD!

The following outline is intended to be illustrative, not confining. Any solid suggestions YOU have will be gratefully considered. Here are some preliminary thoughts:

- Celebrate** Individual, staff, and institutional accomplishments
AALL's Centennial
Oklahoma's statehood
Diversity
- Educate** Ourselves - Professional issues, substantive law, best practices, research resources, technological tools
Patrons - Electronic resources, library finding aids, classroom or courtroom technologies
- Collaborate** - in an era of limited time, limited space, limited funding
Locally, state-wide, regionally (MALLCO)
Specific projects - proven and potential

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU - so the programs will meet your needs and your expectations of quality. Please get in touch with any member of the Education Committee!

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Meet MAALL Members

Meet...Dorie Bertram

By Stefanie Pearlman

I met Dorie Bertram at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio. As the chair of the AALL 2006 Annual Meeting Local Advisory Committee's Publicity Subcommittee, she worked tirelessly at the St. Louis booth promoting the 2006 AALL Annual Meeting. Since St. Louis is almost upon us, I thought it would be appropriate to profile Dorie this month.

Dorie is the Director of Public Services & Lecturer in Law at the Washington University Law Library. She has been a law librarian and member of AALL and MAALL since 1990. Dorie decided to become a librarian when she was an undergraduate work study student in a general academic library. As a senior, she worked in government documents and overheard the law library's government document librarian complaining that all of her students were graduating and her paraprofessional assistant just quit. Dorie joined the law library as the documents assistant and developed her interest in law librarianship.

Dorie received her M.S. from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and attended Washington University for both her undergraduate and law school degrees. In addition to her work publicizing AALL in St. Louis, Dorie has been the MAALL secretary, worked with many government documents related organizations, and is a member of SWALL. She also is involved with the St. Louis Area Law Librarians, an informal organization.

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Iowa

Drake University Law Library:

The newly released 2-volume set, *Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide* (Haworth Press, 2006; Chiorazzi & Most, eds.) contains a chapter entitled "Iowa Territory Legal Materials" by Information Technology/Reference Librarian David Hanson.

Reference Librarian Sue Lerdal's article "Evidence-Based Librarianship: Opportunity for Law Librarians?" was recently published in the *Law Library Journal* (Winter 2006).

The Drake Law Library celebrated National Library Week with a Legal Landmarks Quiz, the 5th Annual "Opperman Open: Putting for Prizes" golf game, and a daily e-mail trivia contest for Law School employees. By participating, students could earn chances to win prizes provided by our generous vendors. We also took the opportunity during National Library Week to publicize the library's new electronic databases, including: CCH Business and Finance, CCH Health and Human Resources, CCH OmniTax, CQ Supreme Court Collection, Constitutions of the Countries of the World, United Nations Treaty Collection, and Your Nation's Courts Online.

Kansas

Johnson County Law Library: In March we completed our annual registration of attorneys with a total of 2,684 attorneys registered. We also implemented use of our EOS International GLAS automated circulation module using bar codes on books. We circulate books to attorneys and judges only. At the end of last year we started using copy cards for our library/courthouse copiers. We no longer keep accounts or bill attorneys monthly for copies, prints or faxes. Last fall we also started accepting credit cards for payment for copies and other charges.

Wheat Law Library, University of Kansas: We have lots of news!

- Our ABA site visit was the end of March.
- National Library Week celebrations have included cake, VIP circ assistants (a/k/a law faculty and staff), and a Friends meeting.
- Rob Mead, Head of Public and Faculty Services, will be leaving May 1 for his new position as the State Law Librarian of New Mexico. We're excited for him, but he'll be greatly missed around here.
- Kat Greene and Carolyn Clark are presenting separate programs at SWALL.
- We'll be welcoming a new dean to the law school this summer.

Oklahoma

University of Tulsa Law Library: Twenty year law librarian Melanie Nelson graduates from the University of Tulsa College of Law on May 6, 2006. She has been attending part time since Fall 2001.

Do those of you involved with teaching legal research to students, new associates or clerks ever wonder how well the instruction methods you use translate into applicable skills? Librarians at the University of Tulsa College of Law have been involved in finding out the answer.

For the past 2 years, first year students at the University of Tulsa College of Law have been required to take skills assessment tests. These tests are administered by Mabee Legal Information Center (MLIC) librarians. These hands-on sessions, each scheduled for 1 hour and 20 minutes, evaluate how well students enrolled in the Introduction to Legal Research (ILR) use basic legal research tools. Each student is given a fact pattern, instructions that explain the content of their test, and a pre-test assignment to develop search terms they will use during their session. The students sign up from a posted list of appointments for an individual appointment with a librarian. On the day of their appointment, they are allowed to bring only the search terms that they have developed to their session.

Last Fall MLIC librarians scheduled 178 one-on-one skill tests. Students are required to pass all parts of the four part of the test or retake the part they fail. This part of the ILR class counts 15% of their final grade.

Skills tested are use of print and online American Law Reports (ALR), print Digests and State Statutes, and online Shepard's validation of a case. The test scripts are written for use in seven different state jurisdictions. Students begin research by using their search terms in the index of ALR to find an annotation that will supply them with a secondary source explanation and with citations to primary sources for further research in their assigned jurisdiction.

Digest skills are tested by asking the students to point out the various approaches to finding cases using the print digest for their specific jurisdiction. They are asked to use their terms in the Descriptive Word Index and find a useful topic and key number for further case research. The digest part ends with the student demonstrating the manual updating of case research through the regional reporter that includes their jurisdiction. This is often the part that must be repeated. The exercise is meant to emphasize the relationship between the digest and the reporters. This relationship is often missed by online case updating.

As students move to the third part, State Statutes, they again use their search terms in a different index to find the applicable statute that controls in their jurisdiction. The students are asked questions about their statute and its history, amendments, annotations and the updating process.

The last step is using online Shepard's to validate a case from their jurisdiction that they have discovered in their research. As the students complete each task, the librarian administering the test gives pointers, insights and connects the research sources so students begin to see the boundaries of their research and understand how to tell whether they have covered their topic completely.

Post-testing student evaluations of the experiences have been very positive and we are often thanked individually after a testing session. The librarians involved spend many hours in this testing of research skills. In spite of the extra work, it has been a very satisfying experience to share our knowledge of legal research with these aspiring lawyers.

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Getting the Job Done Together : OPAC Records for Westlaw And Lexis Treatises

Twenty-one law school libraries across the United States kicked off 2006 by banding together to fund the creation of full MARC21 catalog records for the treatise titles available in the Lexis and Westlaw databases. The catalog records will be created, maintained and updated by Cassidy Cataloguing Services, Inc. of Harrison, New Jersey. Cassidy has been in the business of providing high-quality contract cataloging to special libraries for more than twenty years.

Gordon Russell, Director of the Charleston School of Law Library, canvassed the law school community to measure interest in the project by posting a few exploratory messages to the Law Director's Listserv (lawlibdir@lists.washlaw.edu). At the same time, Joni Cassidy of Cassidy Cataloguing responded to questions from directors and technical services librarians and, later, developed a model for splitting the cost of labor amongst the participating institutions. Each law library will be contributing \$2,000 for approximately 2,000 first-generation MARC21 catalog records.

As of this writing, participating law schools are Yale, Wake Forest, University of St. Thomas-Minneapolis, University of San Diego, University of Pennsylvania, University of Oregon, University of New Mexico, University of Arkansas-Little Rock, Thomas Jefferson, Southern Illinois, Regent, Northeastern, New York Law, Marquette, Georgetown, Florida International, Charleston, Catholic, Brooklyn Law, Boston University, and American University.

Since January, two sets of sample catalog records have circulated to interested law school libraries. Several librarians suggested changes and the second set of records reflected the changes incorporated as "The new standard." To be sure that all participating institutions are satisfied with the final product, a short six-question survey has been distributed. The questions on the survey represent A-or-B choices for the use of particular MARC fields, or the exact wording in those fields, as suggested by different institutions. The majority vote will dictate the final choices.

Law librarians have been talking about a project of this kind for several years because of the obvious benefits to all concerned. By adding catalog records with full subject analysis, for e-treatises embedded in the mega-databases, the researcher (librarian, lawyer, professor or student) **automatically** retrieves those titles whenever he/she performs a search in the library's OPAC. The researcher does not have to remember to do a second search inside the mega-database to locate the title.

Placing records for e-treatises in the catalog also increases awareness of them, which increases usage. While increased usage does not increase revenue for Lexis or Westlaw in the law school environment, it certainly will when that student transports his or her awareness to the practicing law environment.

The most important element of this cataloging project, the one that will make it or break it, is *The Plan for Keeping The Records Current*. After the initial cataloging project has been completed, the Charleston School of Law Library staff will forward to Cassidy Cataloguing staff any update announcements regarding new titles added, deleted titles, or moved URLs that are received from Lexis or Westlaw.

This action will enable Cassidy catalogers to create new MARC21 records for new e-treatise titles, update records where URLs or other significant information has changed, or disseminate notice that records representing dropped titles should be deleted from each participating library's catalog. New records, updated records and delete notices will all be part of a monthly subscription service (pricing is not yet set) to be made available to all participating libraries.

"*The WLX E-Treatise Collection*," as it is known around the Cassidy Cataloguing offices, will be available for purchase to other law libraries once the initial cataloging project has been completed. Target date: Special Libraries Association Annual Meeting, June 11-14, 2006. For more information, e-mail joni@cassidycataloguing.com.

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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 great places to visit when you come to St. Louis in July for the centennial meeting of AALL!

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® rain forest conservatory, authentic Japanese garden, center for home gardening, and founder Henry Shaw's Victorian country home. www.mobot.org

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. stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark/

Delmar/U City – includes the **St. Louis Walk of Fame** (110 stars and informative plaques honoring famous St. Louisans 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 and 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.” www.ucityloop.com

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. It also offers many dining options. 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. www.plazafrontenac.com.

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. www.shopthehill.com

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. www.butterflyhouse.org

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 www.gatewayarch.com.

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AALL Annual Meeting: 10 + 1 Great Places, cont'd

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. 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. 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>

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. www.bowlingmuseum.com

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. www.traderjoes.com

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. www.teddrewes.com

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Gateway Arch/Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

While AALL celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2006 St. Louis's famed Gateway Arch (aka The Arch) celebrates its 41st anniversary. The 630 foot tall monument had its beginnings in 1933 when lawyer Luther Elm Smith came up with the idea for a memorial in St. Louis as a way to beautify the city's run-down waterfront – the first glimpse many visitors got of St. Louis. The memorial would mark Jefferson's role in the nation's westward expansion and the 19th century migration of hundreds of thousands of people to the West, at a time when St. Louis was the last major city before the frontier. Smith began raising \$225,000 for a national design competition and even went back to one large donor, who pointed out that he had already contributed!

While work was done to secure and clear 90 acres, the idea for a memorial was not revitalized until two years after World War II. In 1947-48 the design competition had 172 submissions – including ones from Eliel Saarinen as well as his 38 year old son Eero. The winner in the competition was architect Eero Saarinen whose idea of a giant stainless steel arch in the shape of an inverted catenary curve is a complex engineering feat. He constructed his first model of the arch out of pipe cleaners. In 1963, construction began on The Arch and was completed in 1965. Unfortunately, Eero Saarinen died in 1961.

The Gateway Arch, one of the newest monuments in the National Park system -- and its tallest -- is 75 feet taller than the Washington Monument and more than twice as tall as the Statue of Liberty. There are a Museum, two movie theatres and exhibits underneath the Arch, and also a 40-passenger tram system in each leg which delivers visitors to the top for stunning views of the city. The Arch and the nearby Old Courthouse make up the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

AALL Annual Meeting: St. Louis Trivia

- St. Louis' McDonnell Douglas Corporation, now Boeing, designed and built the space capsule that carried the first astronauts into space in the 1960's when the company was known as McDonnell Aircraft.
- The Eads Bridge, completed in 1874 over the Mississippi River, was the first arched steel truss bridge in the world. When it was first proposed, it was scoffed at as impossible to build.
- The St. Louis Zoo, considered one of the finest and largest in the world, is home to over 6,000 animals on 83 acres in Forest Park. The St. Louis Zoo was a pioneer in the use of open enclosures, placing animals in natural environments without bars. The zoo is again on the cutting edge of technology with the "The Living World" education center. "The Living World" is the first center to use live animals and high technology together to teach about the diversity of life. Admission to the Zoo is free.
- The 1904 World's Fair in St. Louis popularized a number of new foods: The hot dog... the hamburger... the ice cream cone... and iced tea. In 1904, the first Olympiad to be held in the U.S. was held in St. Louis at Washington University's Francis Field.
- The Climatron at the Missouri Botanical Garden houses a recreated rain forest filled with plants. The Climatron, built in 1960, was the world's first climate-controlled geodesic dome designed as a greenhouse. The Climatron now uses new E-feron glass to help it use solar energy more efficiently. The Garden also is the site of the largest Japanese Garden in North America.
- The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis (New Cathedral) features what is considered to be the finest and largest collection of mosaics in the world, with one hundred million pieces of stone and glass making up the art works that line its interior.
- The first cathedral west of the Mississippi River was built on the St. Louis riverfront. The Old Cathedral still stands there today.
- Many of the historic transportation pieces housed at the National Museum of Transport in St. Louis were experimental vehicles in their time, and several are the only examples remaining in existence.
- St. Louis is home of the nation's second oldest symphony, which has been touted by experts as one of the best in the country. The St. Louis Symphony celebrates its 127th season in 2006.
- Eighteen Nobel laureates have done research at Washington University in St. Louis, including five who received the Nobel Prize for research they conducted there.
- Noted St. Louis surgeon Dr. Evarts Graham performed the first lung cancer operation in St. Louis in 1933.
- The first United States kindergarten was started in 1873 by Susan Blow in St. Louis.
- In 1818, St. Louis University was the first university founded west of the Mississippi River.
- In 1856, St. Louis was the site of the first major horse show in the United States.
- The Old Courthouse in St. Louis features the first cast iron dome ever built. The historic building was the scene of Dred Scott's 1847 historic freedom trial, which focused national attention on the slavery issue.
- The first successful parachute jump from an airplane took place at St. Louis' Jefferson Barracks in 1912.

With museums dedicated to bowling, dogs and recycled materials, St. Louis just may be the offbeat attraction capital of America. You can decide for yourself during your next AALL conference. Bowling and baseball together? Yes, but only in St. Louis. Two of the country's most popular participatory sports share space at the **International Bowling Museum and Hall of Fame**, home of the **St. Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame Museum**. Galleries that recall St. Louis' proud baseball traditions and the history and heroes of professional bowling can be found in same building. Don't miss Ten Pin Alley area where you can trace the evolution of bowling from the time of cave men to today's computerized lanes and the bowling pin-shaped car.

See the world's only completely recycled museum when you visit the art-filled playground of **City Museum**—an intriguing mix of history, architecture and whimsy. Don't let the name fool you. This defiantly no-tech, hands-on warehouse of adventure, located in a former shoe manufacturing facility in downtown St. Louis' Washington Avenue loft district, has nothing to do with city history. An outdoor playground called MonstroCity, a walk-through whale, indoor performances by **everydaycircus**, the world's largest pair of underpants and a pint-size railroad are just some of the offbeat museum's treasures. The **World Aquarium** has set up shop inside City Museum with a please-touch attitude toward its tanks of baby sharks, stingrays, turtles and other assorted water-loving creatures.

One man's passion for collecting just about everything related to popular culture has created **Blueberry Hill** in The Loop neighborhood. In addition to its reputation for food and music, the restaurant is known as home to the world's best jukebox and eclectic collections that range from Chuck Berry's guitar to Howdy Doody items and vintage lunchboxes. Outside, along Delmar Boulevard, a changing window display at Blueberry Hill often includes performance art, and Loop merchants sell a variety of goods and services that will delight seekers of the offbeat.

Get your kicks on Route 66 by visiting St. Louis' **Museum of Transportation**. It's home to more than 300 moving vehicles including locomotives, streetcars, aircraft and automobiles. The passenger car collection includes the 1964 Bobby Darin "Dream Car" and a 1901 St. Louis car—a four-seat, single or two-cylinder engine vehicle with tiller steering. Another display features a portion of the Coral Court Motel—St. Louis' infamous Route 66 rendezvous spot that offered drive-in units.

The **American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog** may sound offbeat, but in reality its exhibits are dedicated to the history of the dog in art. You'll have plenty of fun learning all about man's best friend through the Dog Museum's permanent collection and special exhibits. Good attractions also come in small packages; The **Miniature Museum of Greater St. Louis** is where you'll find everything from cute dollhouses to an entire recreated western town on display.

AALL Annual Meeting: Top 12 Things To Do With Kids in St. Louis

St. Louis offers so much for kids that the Top 10 list of things to do with them on a vacation here has just become the Top 12. Everywhere you look, there's plenty to enthrall, entrance and excite kids -- and much of it is free. To help families get the most out of their visit, here's a list of favorite things to do with kids in St. Louis:

Ride to the top of the **Gateway Arch**. It's hard to tell what's more exciting -- the ride in a barrel-shaped capsule starting 50 feet underground and traveling up a leg of the Arch to 630 feet above St. Louis, or the spectacular panoramic view of both sides of the country's longest river. Here's a tip the kids will love: If you stand in the middle of the top of the Arch and look straight down through the window, you can see both legs of the Arch below you.

Bring plenty of dimes and feed the fish. Kids will find much to enjoy at the **Missouri Botanical Garden**. They'll love meandering through a tropical rainforest in the Climatron where bananas grow, talking to an orchid, walking under a waterfall and finding their way through a maze built just for them in the children's garden. But the perennial favorite for children of any age is feeding the exotic fish in the Japanese Garden's pond -- you will see dozens of brightly-colored fish pushing against each other at the water's surface as they vie--mouths gaping open above the water -- for fish food thrown by visitors.

"Ride" the turtles in **Turtle Park**. Young children love the baby turtles and their mamas in Turtle Park, a sliver of Forest Park across I-64 from the Zoo's south entrance. The "turtles" are sculpted from concrete and represent species native to Missouri.

Visit the **City Museum**, a one-of-a-kind experience not to be missed. Don't let the name "museum" fool you. This is no dark, dusty hall filled with mind-numbing exhibits. Better described as a combination hands-on art gallery and adventure playground, both kids and adults delight in the activities and exhibits that draw them into the action at the former shoe factory.

Feed a lorikeet. You'll find enough to see and do at the world famous **St. Louis Zoo** to fill more than a day, but save time to drop by the Children's Zoo for an encounter with the lorikeets, colorful, little parrots from Australia. Pick up a tiny cup of nectar available at their outdoor aviary and you'll have a lorikeet eating out of your hand -- literally -- in no time at all.

Absorb the rivers. Whether it's playing Tom Sawyer trying to skip pebbles across the water, watching barges float by or riding an authentic paddlewheeler, the rivers have special appeal to kids. Plan time to wander along the cobblestones, look at the boats on the **Mississippi Riverfront** downtown or ride a paddlewheel riverboat. Then, for a different river feel, journey to nearby historic **St. Charles**, site of Missouri's first state capitol, to watch the barges roll down the **Missouri River** at **Riverfront Park**.

Tackle a mystery. Every kid loves a mystery, and one of the biggest mysteries of all time is detailed at **Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site** just minutes from downtown St. Louis. Here the remnants of a prehistoric group of people living and working in the complex community known as the Land of the Sun can be viewed as the story of the Indian civilization which vanished after 1300 AD is told. And think of the energy the kids can burn off climbing 100-foot tall Monks Mound, the largest prehistoric earthen structure in the New World.

Dig it! Learn all about dinosaurs at "Dig Dinosaurs," a hands-on exhibit at the **Saint Louis Science Center** that lets kids excavate fossil models, reconstruct a dinosaur skeleton and learn how paleontologists unearth the past. You'll also want to check out *NASCAR: The IMAX Experience*. This giant-screen film puts you in the driver's seat with some of the industry's biggest drivers. Die-hard NASCAR fans and amateurs alike will experience the thrills of one of America's fastest growing sports. Go behind the scenes to build a car from the ground up. Then, hit the tracks with Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt, Jr., Tony Stewart, and many more. It's a film full of thrills and spills that will leave you breathless and make your daily commute seem like a bicycle ride.

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Make their hair stand on end. More than 70 unique, hands-on exhibits, including an electrostatically-charged ball that gives visitors a hair-raising experience, make the **Magic House** the fourth most visited children's museum in the country. Even the youngest visitors will have an exciting time at "For Baby and Me," an exhibit designed especially for children under 2.

Ride a carousel, chase a butterfly. **Faust County Park** is home to two of a kid's favorite St. Louis attractions -- the Butterfly House and an 80-year-old carousel. The Butterfly House, a glass flight enclosure visitors can walk through and observe dozens of species of butterflies in flight, is one of only 10 such attractions in the country. Be prepared for a butterfly or two to land on you during your visit. The carousel, a long-time St. Louis favorite, survived a fire that destroyed the St. Louis Highlands amusement park many years ago.

Take on "The Boss." **Six Flags St. Louis**, with more than 100 rides, shows and attractions, is always exciting but the word "excitement" takes on a whole new meaning with the park's 5,000-foot wooden roller coaster, "The Boss." Zooming at 65 miles per hour, "The Boss" plummets 150 feet before going through a 565-degree helix near the end of the ride. This is not one for the faint of heart.

Catch a wave. No, it's not the ocean but it's something better--a salt-free way to enjoy the surf. Whether it's **Raging Rivers**, a water park with eight ways to enjoy the water along the Great River Road on the Illinois side of the river; **Aquaport**, a four-acre aquatic center in suburban Maryland Heights or **Hurricane Harbor**, Six Flags - St. Louis' tropical paradise with an 80-foot volcano as a backdrop, there's a water attraction in St. Louis for every family.

With these exciting things to do with kids and lots more awaiting you, the hardest thing about planning a visit to St. Louis is trying to fit in everything you want to do.