Remembering and Forgetting

Don’t you hate it when you forget and leave something important at home? Eyeglasses, cell phone, flash drive, parking or bus pass (argh!) – each one is an essential part of your day. What happens on the days that you don’t have time to get back home to retrieve that essential item? In my experience, I make do and get creative. How do you react? My column this issue is a reflection on the acts of remembering and forgetting and the tension between the two.

In February 2016, the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Governing Board approved a statement on the “Right to be Forgotten” – that is, an individual’s ability to request that a search engine or other data provider remove links to information about him/herself from search results. In its statement, IFLA notes that this right (increasingly affirmed by courts and legislatures around the world) raises tough issues for libraries including “the integrity of and access to the historical record, freedom of access to information and freedom of expression, and individual privacy.” IFLA strongly encourages librarians to engage in policy discussions to bring these sometimes competing concerns to light. It also urges librarians to support researchers when they encounter difficulty in contexts where a right to be forgotten regime may be in force. You can find more information about the Right to be Forgotten at this website from the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC).

IFLA’s statement calls attention to a central tension in librarianship: how do we balance our role as keepers of information (remembering) with our role as protectors of individual privacy (forgetting)? As law librarians, our perspective on both roles is especially intense. Our legal system’s emphasis on precedent and strong orientation toward the historical record (legislative history anyone?) promote an intense focus on the act of remembering. Law librarians keep superseded legal information, we protect old books, we constantly monitor which historical documents have been digitized for access and which haven’t. As legal researchers we are also acutely aware of the importance of our Charters of Freedom and we are extremely sensitive to our patrons’ rights.
to privacy and the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information. We deliberately destroy circulation records from our integrated library systems and we wipe our public computer terminals clean each night so no activity record is preserved. We actively forget. Few other professions are confronted by a tension so existential. What is the right balance between remembering and forgetting? I don’t know, but I believe that acknowledging the tension has value and can help inform and guide the hard choices librarians have to make every day.

Back to my experiences of forgetting something essential: I use some of the same skills to make do and get creative when I forget my glasses that I use when confronted by a lack of access to information. Did the computer forget how to access an important database? Law librarians will hunt for (and usually find) a work-around. Did the library forget to preserve a particular volume of superseded statutes? Law librarians call on colleagues in another library to help fill that gap. Without my glasses I have to slow down and look a little more carefully to find the things I’m looking for. That doesn’t sound so bad! A much harder question: what about the information that no one knows has been forgotten? It’s never been possible to preserve every bit of every historical record. Hard choices have always been made. History has always been written by the victors and human remembering has always been imperfect. In a digital age where data storage is nearly ubiquitous and cheap, should our goal be to remember everything? I’m not sure, but I do know that some forgetting (intentional or not) is sometimes a good thing.

FROM THE EDITOR

Thanks, Jen, for that thought provoking piece. I remember going to an IFLA conference in the 1980’s in Brighton, England. But I do try to forget the nude beach. Is that what you’re talking about?

Having been born and raised in Dallas, I’m so excited that SWALL–SEAALL will be having their joint meeting in Big D in April. I always learn something from every session I attend, even if it is not in my area of interest. Please join me for this great line-up of programs. Hope to see you there!

Virginia

Also, thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of the Bulletin.
Big D: Data, Discovery, and Dicta

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SEAALL-SWALL in Dallas

LOTS DOIN’ IN BIG D

APRIL 14-16, 2016

SWALL/SEAALL MEETING APRIL 14, 3 PM TO APRIL 16, NOON, MARRIOTT

Registration is now open for the joint SWALL-SEAALL meeting “Big D: Data, Discovery, and Dicta” on Thursday to Saturday, 14-16 April 2016. Please check the [event website](#) for updates and more information!

Marriott Dallas City Center; 214-979-9000; 650 N Pearl St, Dallas, TX 75201

LISP WORKSHOP APRIL 14, 8-NOON, DENTON

Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP) will be presenting a half day workshop for public librarians. Denton County Technology Administration Building. Directions: (Take exit 463 (Loop 288) off of I-35 east going north. Stay on the access road and turn right on Loop 288. Continue on the loop about three miles to Karina Street (it’s just past Taco Casa). Turn right - and take a left at the stop sign. Technology Services' parking lot will be the first right.)

Topics to be covered include:

- Texas Courts and Primary Law
- Basic Federal Overview
- Legal Reference Interview
- Finding Answers Online

More information to follow soon.

DALL INSTITUTE APRIL 14, 9-3, MARRIOTT

Dallas Association of Law Librarians (DALL) will hold their 2016 Institute.

Topic: Technology Competency and the Practice of Law

Information available on the SWALL-SEAALL [event website](#).
We hope you are looking forward to your trip to Dallas for the Joint Meeting. We have created a Dallas: Local Information Tab on the SEAALL / SWALL Joint Annual Meeting 2016 LibGuide.

There are many fun things to do in Dallas. Some of these things include: the Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas World Aquarium, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden, catching a Texas Rangers Baseball game, Six Flags over Texas, Reunion Tower, taking a trip to Fort Worth to see the Kimbell Art Museum, and there are plenty more!
Dallas offers wide selections from steak houses, to Italian food, to even Tex-Mex food. Whether you are looking for some of the best restaurants to eat at with some critically acclaimed chefs, or simply trying to find quick bite to eat, the following selections will allow you to find just the place you’re looking for. All selections are located less than two miles from the Dallas Marriott City Center.

For a list of Dallas restaurants, please visit the Dallas tourist website: [http://www.visitdallas.com/](http://www.visitdallas.com/)

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**Dallas Chop House (Steakhouse)**

The Dallas Chop House is located in heart of Downtown Dallas on Main Street and a block away from UNT Dallas College of Law. The Chop House presents innovative approaches to many of the classic steakhouse recipes and includes a dynamic atmosphere. The restaurant uses regionally sourced beef and uses special dry aging techniques. The Chop House has a happy hour and an open patio for guests to sit in and enjoy the Dallas view. The price of a dinner entrée at the Dallas Chop House can range from $30-$60.

For more information: [http://www.dallaschophouse.com/index.php#about](http://www.dallaschophouse.com/index.php#about)

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**MesoMaya (Modern Mexican)**

MesoMaya is a modern Mexican food restaurant located in Downtown Dallas near the Dallas Museum of Art. The restaurant offers outdoor courtyard seating and is said to have some of the best queso in town. The chef of MesoMaya, Nico Sanchez, was declared *D Magazine’s Reader’s Choice award of Best Chef* in 2015. The restaurant offers brunch, lunch, and dinner, and is known for their famous margaritas. The price of a dinner entrée at MesoMaya can range from $12-$20.

For more information: [http://www.opentable.com/mesomaya-downtown-dallas](http://www.opentable.com/mesomaya-downtown-dallas)
Stampede 66 (Southwestern)

Stampede 66 is a modern Texas themed restaurant that features a variety of southern American classics with a twist. The restaurant strives to feature local ingredients and includes different local wines and beers. Stampede 66 is located in downtown Dallas in the Dallas Arts District and offers lunch, dinner, and a Sunday supper. The price of a dinner entrée at Stampede 66 can range from $20-31.

For more information: http://www.stampede66.com/

Corner Bakery Café (American)

Corner Bakery Café is chain that has one location located conveniently near the Dallas Marriott. It is a casual place to eat and is open for breakfast, lunch, or early dinner. The Corner Bakery Café’s menu includes traditional American food with a little twist. Options range from sandwiches, soup, salads, and desserts. The price range for Corner Bakery Café ranges from $7-$15.

For more information: http://www.cornerbakerycafe.com/locations/tx/dallas/plaza-of-the-americas

Jorges Tex-Mex Café (Tex-Mex)

Jorges Tex-Mex Café is conveniently located in the Arts District of Downtown Dallas and a half a mile from the Dallas Marriott City Center. Jorge’s Tex-Mex Café offers home style Tex-Mex food and is open for brunch, lunch, and dinner and even offers happy hour specials. The price of a dinner entrée at Jorge’s Tex-Mex Café can range from $11-$20.

For more information: http://www.jorgestexmex.com/index.html

Cane Rosso (Italian)

Cane Rosso is located about a mile away from the Dallas Marriott City Center in Deep Ellum. Cane Rosso offers different pizzas, sandwiches, and pasta and has several locations in the DFW area. The restaurant has also been featured on Food Network’s “Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. The price range for Cane Rosso ranges from $11-$16.

For more information: http://www.canerosso.com/#main
GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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The GLL Grants Committee wishes to remind our members that the following grant opportunities are presently available:

Three (3) grants of $1,500 each to attend the 2016 Equal Justice Conference to be held in Chicago, IL; May 12-14, 2016. **Application Deadline: 5 p.m. EST, Friday, March 11, 2016**

One (1) AALL Annual Meeting Registration Grant sponsored by Thomson Reuters. Chicago, IL; July 16-19, 2016. **Application Deadline: 5 p.m. EDT, Friday, April 8, 2016**

Three (3) grants of $1,500 each to attend the 2016 AALL Annual Meeting to be held in Chicago IL; July 16-19, 2016. **Application Deadline: 5 p.m. EDT, Friday, April 8, 2016**

To apply for any of these grants, please review the rules for applying for GLL Grants [http://www.aallnet.org/sections/sccll/meetings/Scholarships-and-Grants](http://www.aallnet.org/sections/sccll/meetings/Scholarships-and-Grants)

The GLL Grant Application Form can be found at: [http://www.aallnet.org/sections/sccll/meetings/Scholarships-and-Grants/GLLGrantForm.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/sections/sccll/meetings/Scholarships-and-Grants/GLLGrantForm.pdf)

SWALL Board Nominees

The following members are the nominees for the SWALL Board. Thanks to each of you for being willing to serve.

Laura McKinnon: Vice President/President-Elect

Cassie DuBay: Secretary

Katy Stein Badeaux: Treasurer
The following is a list of recent public relations activities reported by SWALL members.

In September, law librarians at The Texas Tech University Law School Library launched a new blog, The Reporter. The blog is focused on items that will be of interest to the law faculty and students. The library also recently introduced its “Peanut Butter and Jelly Bar…and a Demo” program. This program gives students a chance to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich and hear a quick demo. Demos can introduce new staff, new databases, or other items with which the students may not be familiar.

On October 15 of last year, the Harris County Law Library held its centennial celebration event, “A Century of Service: 1915-2015.” An estimated 300 guests, including dozens of judges and justices, attended the event. The keynote speaker was Chief Justice Nathan L. Hecht of the Supreme Court of Texas. Video of the speakers program is available on the library’s YouTube channel. There is also a digital exhibit commemorating the library’s 100 years of service.

Joseph Lawson, Deputy Director of the Harris County Law Library, appeared on KHOU’s “Great Day Houston” to discuss the library’s resources and public services.

The National Indian Law Library has updated its website and email news bulletins. Technical improvements make the site more mobile friendly and optimized for searching, as well as making it easier for users to sign up for the library’s weekly news bulletins. A new design and layout were created to reflect the library’s three pillars of service:

1. Provide research assistance relating to specific Indian law questions;
2. Provide Indian law updates via the Indian Law Bulletins; and
3. Provide access to tribal law via the Tribal Law Gateway.
Kathryn C. Fitzhugh, Special Collections Librarian-University of Arkansas Little Rock, gave a PowerPoint presentation on two black legislators and office-holders of the Reconstruction era at our Black Students Law School Association’s (BLSA) annual Black History Month Luncheon February 22, 2016. Legislator/Constitutional Convention Delegate William H. Grey and Magistrate/Planter Moses A. Clark were the main subjects of the presentation. Kathryn passed around dry-mounted replicas of the 1868 Arkansas Republican Party ticket, a copy of Mr. Grey’s handwritten 1869 law license, and historical rulers from the Arkansas History Commission showing photographs of all 83 black Arkansas legislators who served from 1868 through 1893 for attendees to keep.

Richard Guajardo, University of Houston Libraries, co-presented "The Next Step in Discovery Implementation: User-Centered Discovery System Redesign" at the 2015 Charleston Conference with Kelsey Brett and Frederick Young. He was recently appointed to the Library and Information Technology Association/OCLC & LITA/LSSI Minority Scholarship Committee and the Ex Libris Users of North America Nominating Committee.

A number of our colleagues have recently published new works. Please take a look!

Note: If you have a recent publication and you’re not included on this list, please share your information at swall@aallnet.org


Bintliff, Barbara. “Library Director as University Committee Chair,” in Law Library Director Perspectives: Case Studies and Insights 341-355 (Wm. S. Hein: Buffalo, NY 2015)


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Galeczka, Christopher M. *Criminality and Criminal Justice In Contemporary Poland*, DipLawMatic Dialogues, Sept. 9, 2015 (book review)


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**Eighth Annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition**

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The Legal History and Rare Books (LH&RB) Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), in cooperation with Cengage Learning, announces the Eighth Annual Morris L. Cohen Student Essay Competition. The competition is named in honor of Morris L. Cohen, late Professor Emeritus of Law at Yale Law School.

The competition is designed to encourage scholarship and to acquaint students with the AALL and law librarianship, and is open to students currently enrolled in accredited graduate programs in library science, law, history, and related fields. Essays may be on any topic related to legal history, rare law books, or legal archives. The winner will receive a $500.00 prize from Cengage Learning and up to $1,000 for expenses to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

The entry form and instructions are available at the LH&RB website: [http://www.aallnet.org/sections/lhrb/awards](http://www.aallnet.org/sections/lhrb/awards)
Dear Colleague,

We'd like to invite you to join the Chinese and American Forum on Legal Information and Law Libraries (CAFLL). Incorporated in the State of Pennsylvania on February 1, 2010, CAFLL strives to promote the accessibility of legal information and to foster the education of legal information professionals in China and the United States. The first CAFLL conference was held in Beijing in May 2009. Legal information professionals of the two countries since then have participated in a biennial conference held alternately in China and the United States. In 2011 it was held in Philadelphia, in 2013 in Shanghai, and most recently in October 2015 in Honolulu. The upcoming conference will be hosted by Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School, in May 2017, in Hangzhou, China.

The conference has provided participants – comprised of law librarians, law faculty, and legal information providers of the two countries – opportunities for professional exchange, networking and collaboration. In 2013, standing committees were formed within CAFLL to set up procedures and mechanisms for resource sharing and international exchanges.

Please consider joining CAFLL. If you already are a CAFLL member, please consider renewing your CAFLL membership. Membership year runs 7/1/16-6/30/17. Submission of membership application and renewal before July 1st will be greatly appreciated. Do not miss the opportunity to take part in this unique forum of exchange and collaboration among legal information professionals in China and the U.S. Corporate/institutional members receive such benefits as national recognition on the CAFLL website and in marketing materials; a discounted conference registration fee; and the opportunity to contribute to the development or expansion of CAFLL programs.

More information about CAFLL is available on our website at: http://cafllnet.org. Thank you for your consideration,

Bob Hu and Evelyn Ma
CAFLL Membership and Public Relations, Co-chairs
Headnotes: Texas State Law Library Update

Leslie Prather-Forbis
Assistant Director
Texas State Law Library

The Texas State Law Library is proud to now offer access to historical Texas statutes from 1879 through 1960! You can access these older Texas statutes online at our website: www.sll.texas.gov/library-resources/collections/... These volumes can be read online in your browser or downloaded in PDF format.

Previously we were only able to offer access to the statutes from 1879 through 1925, but with permission from copyright holders Thomson Reuters and a grant from the Austin Bar Foundation, we've now digitized the statutes from 1928 through 1960 as well.

This digitization project's goal is to help close the gap of missing historical Texas statutes available freely online. Prior to today, there was no free online source for Texas statutes published from 1925 through 2003 – 78 years of historical statutes missing from the web! We've now reduced that large gap by offering free access to an additional 35 years of statutes. And we hope to close that gap even more in the future.

If you have any questions, please contact the State Law Library.

Arturo Longoria
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Can’t get to a conference this year? Check out AALL’s current and archived Webinars.

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