As we continue to struggle as a nation and as a profession, I’ve been thinking about how law libraries need to change in order to thrive in the new millennium. Traditionally, law libraries were almost exclusively made up of large collections of books. People visited the law library to find information that was otherwise unavailable. Today, a large portion of that same information can be found on the Internet. Over the last fifteen years, we have seen a change in how information is made available and is processed. In most cases, information is free and readily accessible.

Books are no longer the draw for many patrons; however, I don’t think they should be forgotten. It is our duties as good stewards of information to act as archivists. Although the central role of the law library may be changing, law librarians should never abandon our mission of preserving the past with an eye toward to the future.

In 1455, Johann Gutenberg unveiled his printing press to the world. In 2009, Amazon announced the release of Kindle DX, an e-reader (a software and hardware platform for reading electronic books). This advance is just a small example of the profound changes that have occurred over the last 500 years. Technology is always changing – everything used today will be replaced with something new. Embrace these new technologies – be a leader in helping your patrons understand all the new products and services that they are bombarded with every day. By providing expert assistance in the new technologies, law libraries and law librarians will remain on the cutting edge of how to provide and push information to its constituency.

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Profile
ORALL is a 4-state chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries [Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan]. It was formed in 1949 "to further the development and usefulness of law libraries and to stimulate a spirit of mutual helpfulness among law libraries of this region." An annual conference is held each fall. ORALL publishes or sponsors the following publications: Core Legal Collection [bibliographies for Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan], ORALL Membership Directory, ORALL Newsletter, Ohio Legal Resources Annotated Bibliography & Guide 3rd.
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President’s Column continued

There are several dozen legal databases rich with information; however, patrons cannot use information if they are not aware that it is available . . . create awareness. The law librarian who becomes a cutting edge searcher will transition to the next level.

Librarians must also be ready to act globally. Business is being conducted not only nationally, but internationally. There is an opportunity for law libraries to act as repositories of foundational information. Libraries are a unique link to other countries and cultures – something that everyone, no matter where they live, can relate to, regardless of language or socioeconomic status.

Innovate! is the theme for the 102nd annual meeting of AALL in Washington, D.C. The meeting is set to celebrate and support the innovative spirit of law librarianship. Law libraries are bucking the trend of innovation at the expense of the old by showing that in many cases, innovation can bring opportunities too. I hope to see as many ORALL faces as possible in Washington D.C. It is a wonderful opportunity to refresh your knowledge and reconnect with colleagues. It is also a great chance to meet new people.

If you aren't able to make it to Washington, D.C., I hope that you have a restful and pleasant summer. Later this summer, look for information and registration materials for the 60th annual meeting of ORALL that will be held in Cleveland in October 2009.

Things are humming along . . . for now. The new ORALL website is almost complete, the ORALL committee members are working on their assigned duties, the annual meeting in Cleveland is shaping up nicely, and the AALL annual meeting is approaching quickly. With everything running along so smoothly, I’ve been wondering if I’m doing everything right. I’m probably not, but I’ve been smart enough to surround myself with bright and energetic people who do seem to know what they are doing. ☺ Thanks!

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Celebrating the Lincoln Lawyer
By Deborah Dennison
The Judge Ben C. Green Law Library
Case Western Reserve University

“… I thought that Lincoln was the greatest president… more than anyone else, I felt that Lincoln understood something about the soul of the country, unique in American history, that he was able to hurl
The Judge Ben C. Green Law Library, in honor of Abraham Lincoln’s birth centennial, presented a lively discussion on Lincoln’s legal career and his Ohio connections. Our presentation mirrored the American Bar Association’s 2009 Law Day theme, launching our local Law Day celebration.

For quite some time, our library has been trying to interact more with other University Circle’s diverse cultural institutions. As we planned this event, the time seemed ideal to collaborate. After meeting at the Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS), we learned they have one of the best collections of Lincoln memorabilia and noted local historians willing to speak at our event.

Library staff directly involved in organizing the event took this occasion to learn more about Lincoln the president as well as Lincoln the man. For example, prior to our event, we had the opportunity of hearing Lincoln expert Paul Finkelman, of Albany Law School, speak about the Emancipation Proclamation. Our understanding of Lincoln’s complexities became even more nuanced.

Despite the season’s last winter storm on April 6th, an appreciative audience of students, faculty, staff, and other community members attended our program. Professor Jonathan Entin (Case Law) moderated the panel consisting of Professors John Grabowski and John Vacha (WRHS and Case history).

Professor Entin, a constitutional law scholar, talked about Lincoln’s legal career that spanned twenty years and some 5000 cases. About 1000 of those cases went to full trial, some of which were appealed and have lasting legal significance.

Dr. Grabowski discussed some of the images that have helped to create the mythology of Lincoln. As a curator, Dr. Grabowski has examined hundreds of Lincoln artifacts at the WRHS; as a historian, however, he looks beyond the imagery to better understand Lincoln in the context of the conflict and times. Grabowski’s ardent talk included a slide show of Lincoln artifacts housed at the WRHS.

Professor Vacha concentrated on Lincoln in Ohio and with Ohio’s Civil War connections. Ohio’s Civil War effort included quartering 300,000 volunteer union soldiers in Camp Cleveland (Tremont), war generals (both Grant and Sherman had Ohio associations), industrialists and cabinet members (John Hay), and impassioned abolitionists. Professor Vacha’s slide show included images of Lincoln’s two visits to Cleveland – his 1861 campaign speech from the balcony of the Weddel House (then the city’s leading hotel at W. 6th and Superior), and his 1865 funeral train (on a Cleveland built locomotive) to Cleveland’s Public Square.
Although the library has hosted and participated in many law school events, this was the Law Library’s first major collaboration with a fellow University Circle institution. It was a resounding success – a fascinating subject, interesting speakers, and enthusiastic audience. Lincoln’s bicentennial has presented a myriad of opportunities to learn more about Lincoln; distinguishing myth from fact does not diminish Lincoln’s greatness, but rather grants us a deeper insight to his complexities.

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When You Can’t Telecommute: Working ‘Greener’ at Your Law Library
By Kathleen M. Sasala, Esq., Director
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Introduction: Even though I love my job, most days, I wish I could work from home. I could certainly work ‘greener’ at the office if I never drove downtown, turned on the lights, booted up my computer, used any books or journals, ate any foods, consumed any beverages, or, perhaps most importantly, hit the “print” button. Telecommuting would certainly be the ultimate way for our Law Library to conserve resources and energy, but at least in the short term, our staff functions well and serves our patrons best in a physical venue on the 4th floor of the Cuyahoga County Courthouse. Since we are not ready to create an entirely virtual library yet, we have tried to make our workplace more environmentally friendly, with the end result being that we have actually saved some “green,” i.e., money. Most of our programs are not that unique, but when we took the time to catalog them, we found that we did a lot more than we thought toward creating a sustainable environment. In fact, upon reading this article, you may find that your libraries are just as “green” as we have tried to make ours. Although we still
cannot claim to be saving redwoods for California, we are well on our way to saving more than a few saplings in Ohio.

"Green" Audit: Presumably like many other “green” initiatives in our industry and the companion firm, academic, and government environments in which we work, our path to working “greener” evolved over the course of many years. Although we have dramatically stepped up our conservation and recycling efforts in the last twelve (12) months, we have primarily adopted various recycling programs in vogue on an informal basis, without creating written Library policies. To ascertain the status of this ad hoc process and determine whether our efforts were celadon, olive drab, shamrock green, or forest green, I decided to conduct a formal “green” audit of our Library’s programs. After surveying print resources and the Internet landscape for helpful articles and information, I took a hard look at our structure, workflows, and equipment usage. Generally, this process involved: appraising our paper usage and waste; quantifying our non-paper wastes; identifying our e-wastes (computers and peripherals); and scrutinizing our energy consumption from equipment, lighting, and temperature control. I concluded this process by reaffirming existing policies and adding additional programs designed to reduce our Library’s carbon footprint.

Summary of Our Programs: As you can imagine, some of our most significant savings occur when we recycle old books. We have also substantially reduced our per capita paper use by decreasing the number of pages we print and reusing or recycling what we do generate. Because we are located in a County facility that provides only limited recycling for books and copy paper on-site, we take home our bottles, glass, and cans, and I bag up all the rest of our non-confidential paper and junk mail for the bins at my children’s schools. Our remaining programs commit us to recycling our computers, peripherals, and printer supplies, buying Energy Star equipment, and unplugging a growing list of appliances every night before we leave. Although our initiatives are technically voluntary, our staff members have demonstrated their ongoing commitment to the tripartite model of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Many of you may likewise employ some or all of the common sense strategies described below in greater detail.

Our Paper 3R’s: We reduce, reuse and recycle paper in a large variety of ways. For many years, Cuyahoga County maintenance staff have been able to recycle our old books, rather than sending them out with the trash. For at least ten years, our Library has been reusing non-confidential copy paper to create patron request forms, statistics sheets, sign-in sheets, forms, and scrap paper. For a similar period of time, we have been recycling all other non-confidential copy paper in blue recycling bins that the County maintenance staff empty on a periodic basis. In the Fall of 2004, we began shredding all confidential papers,

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1Two of the Internet sites that I found to be the most helpful were planetgreen.discovery.com and the ABA’s Section of Environment, Energy and Resources: <http://www.abanet.org/environ/climatechallenge/overview.shtml>
such as patron requests, and placing the shredded paper into the same recycling bins. At my specific request, the County has been collecting our old phone books for recycling for at least the last five years. Since the maintenance staff in our Courthouse do not recycle anything else for us besides books and copy paper, we reuse shipping boxes, and I take home all of the discarded loose-leafing, envelopes, catalogs, magazines, newspapers, and junk mail that we generate or receive and dump it into the recycling bins at my children’s schools. When we do have to print documents, we try to print in “draft” mode or on both sides of the paper. Coinciding with Earth Day in April, we redesigned our sign-in sheets and statistics forms to significantly reduce paper usage.

Email has both revolutionized the way we communicate with our patrons, Board members, and staff, and helped us to save a lot of paper. Beginning with the first newsletter I issued in the Spring of 2003, we have gradually converted all but about 175 of our 2,300 plus members to receiving our newsletters, postcards, and CLE notices by email. In addition, what we used to copy and fax to patrons, we now scan directly into our copier and attach to outgoing emails. Although we find that we get paid better and faster if we continue to send patrons traditional monthly invoices by regular email, we have converted our weekly overdue notices to email like many public libraries have done. In addition, for at least the last three years, I have been sending most of my traditional correspondence to Library Board members, including quarterly reports and extensive year-end budget documentation, by email. Coupled with our creation of an Intranet for office policies and forms, the ease of composing emails and hitting the “Send” button has also eliminated the need to issue written office Memos to staff members. Similarly, the availability of desktop publishing has enabled us to print letters and business cards on demand, i.e., only when they are needed, thus eliminating the need to order any stationery. Online banking and investing has likewise saved us from generating and retaining a lot of paper.

We have also encouraged our patrons to save paper in several ways. Specifically, we provide computers with USB ports for flash drives, circulate our own flash drives, sell floppy disks, and post instructions at each patron terminal for emailing and downloading from our Lexis and Westlaw plans. We also encourage our patrons to email us their reference and research requests or use KnowItNow24x7 to chat with us live online.

Although we save filing cabinets of paper by archiving documents and email messages directly on our computers, we have been slow to embrace Web 2.0 technologies that would enable us to work and collaborate online. Like lawyers who prepare documents for clients, we are reticent to expose confidential patron requests and research to the vagaries of third-party security on the Internet. However, the future holds great promise for collaboration on newsletter articles and other non-confidential documents that are often subject to multiple re-drafts.
Non-Paper Recycling Efforts: Since we are a small office, we do not generate much waste from plastic or glass bottles. As a result, I have asked our staff to take their own empties home and recycle them with their own trash. So far, that has worked very well. However, since we are serial pop-drinkers, we maintain a recycling bin for everyone’s cans, and one of our staff members has voluntarily offered to empty it periodically. Some of us bring our lunches in reusable containers and use silverware from home. When we supply bottled beverages at future Library events such as our Open House or CLE programs, I plan to recycle any wastes curbside at my home.

E-Waste Recycling: Until about a year ago, I had never heard the term “e-waste,” but I now apply it regularly in describing historical recycling efforts that started at our Library at least ten years ago, when we began participating in Hewlett Packard’s Cartridge Recycle Program for our networked printer, and continue today as we recycle the cartridges for the new Energy Star fax machine we purchased last September. As our largest e-waste initiative in the last five years, we have twice hired a sub-contractor to pick up and properly recycle our miscellaneous used computer equipment, including CPUs, servers, monitors, keyboards, and a printer. With our permission, this same sub-contractor first used some of the computers to teach his private students the mechanics of how computers operate. Last year, our Library also donated several old mini-towers to a local school’s technology club, where the students took the computers apart, rebuilt them, and successfully turned them on again.

Energy Conservation: In performing our “green” audit, I discovered that energy conservation can be achieved in many different ways. My innovative predecessor, Jan Novak, lead the charge to reduce exhaust emissions and keep our air cleaner over eleven years ago when she became a partner in our local Regional Transit Authority’s subsidy program. Our Library’s participation in that initiative has enabled three, and at one time enabled four, of the Library’s employees to take the bus/rapid to work on a daily basis. Like most of you, we have also been turning off our lights and computers every night before we go home and using power strips wherever possible. For at least the last ten years, the Library has also set all of its copy machines to power-down to sleep mode when not in use. Beginning with the purchase of a new fax machine last September, our Library instituted a new policy of buying only Energy Star machines. Last month, we realized how much phantom or vampire energy our appliances were consuming overnight so we instituted a new system of unplugging all of them2 before we leave each day.

Library Cost Savings: Collectively, all of these initiatives and programs have saved our Library some money. We not only buy substantially fewer reams

2These appliances include our letter folder, postal scale, postal meter, automatic stapler, electric pencil sharpener, shredder, adding machine, microwave, space heaters, fans, television, clock radio and coffee machine.
of paper, but we save on stationery costs and mailing expenses for postage and a bulk mailing permit. We also buy less toner and printer cartridges and have indirectly extended the lives of our printer and copiers by printing and copying less. Our County, which currently provides us with space, heating, and cooling, is the lucky beneficiary of our efforts to power down equipment, unplug appliances, and turn off lights.

**Other County Law Library Initiatives:** To benchmark our efforts against “green” initiatives at other Ohio county law libraries, I took a quick poll of my ORALL-C colleagues. Mary Jenkins from the Cincinnati Law Library reported that they “systematically recycle paper...and participate in the County’s efforts around energy use efficiencies involving lighting, HVAC, and computers/technologies.” Eileen Litchfield from the Darke County Law Library responded that although they do not have a formal policy, they have been recycling books, supplements and paper updates for years. Judith Gill from the Wood County Law Library recycles books, office paper, newspaper, and pop cans, and her Library uses the local adult workshop to recycle and reuse toner cartridges. They also achieve a big savings when they use their scanner to create digital documents that patrons can email to their offices or download to flash drives. In addition to donating some of their superseded books and periodicals, Judith reports that migrating a lot of her collection to electronic resources has figuratively saved the lives of countless trees.

Judy Maxwell from the Delaware County Law Library advised that, in addition to recycling paper, newspapers, and magazines on-site, they also rotate taking plastic and glass home. They have also switched from paper towels to feather dusters for cleaning their shelves. Her library encourages printing on both sides of the paper, and they send all used printer cartridges out for recycling. Judy’s Library donates a lot of used equipment like coffee machines and staplers to local charities, and they have created “an area for the denizens of the library to store their mugs.” Other comments Judy made caused me to realize that our plants, like all of the green plants she has added to her office and conference areas, also help the environment by creating oxygen.

**Future Plans:** Although we have already instituted many conservation and energy programs at our Library, we realize that we have plenty of room for improvement. As a result, we plan to conduct periodic “green” audits to identify other ways in which we may be able to conserve and save. At a minimum, we should probably revisit our decision not to purchase recycled paper and adopt some of the policies our sister libraries have identified above. We also plan to make a concerted effort to try and convince our County officials to save in ways beyond our control.³ For instance, our building maintenance staff could start recycling more types of wastes, convert to compact fluorescent bulbs, and become more efficient in turning off all non-essential lights in the Courthouse.

³Our County has already initiated efforts to save heating and cooling costs by installing new thermostats and HVAC units in our building.
before and after business hours. The sky is the limit, and I would welcome a reply to this article or an email message with other suggestions that you have employed to help you and your staff members work “greener.”

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**Politics & Prose Bookstore and Coffeehouse**

If you find yourself having some free time in D.C. during AALL and are searching for a worthwhile bookstore, be sure to check out Politics & Prose ([http://www.politics-prose.com/intro.htm](http://www.politics-prose.com/intro.htm)). Located at 5015 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. and established in 1984, the bookstore consists of approximately 10,000 square feet of sales space, and despite the name attempts to carry “unusual book choices” in all genres.
For those with children, Politics & Prose boasts a large selection of children’s literature. In 1999, Politics & Prose merged with Cheshire Cat, “the preeminent children’s bookstore in the United States”. The selection of children’s literature currently available is reported to be larger and outnumber the selection previously available at the Cheshire Cat store.

The store also provides many events for customers. Authors are regularly hosted throughout the week, along with other opportunities for entertainment and learning. A calendar of scheduled events can be found on the store’s Web site.

Directions can also be found on the Web site. According to a quick search through Yahoo! Maps (maps.yahoo.com), the bookstore is approximately 4.7 miles from the D.C. Convention Center. Obviously, many can walk such distance and it appears to be somewhat accessible through the metro. However, for those wishing to avoid the July heat of D.C., the bookstore is approximately an 11 minute car ride from the Convention Center.

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Incoming Executive Board Members

The ORALL Nominations Committee is very pleased to introduce the new members of the ORALL Executive Board who will assume their positions at the close of the annual meeting in Cleveland, Ohio, October 14-16, 2009. The Committee wishes to thank these members for their enthusiasm and willingness to serve.

Vice-President/President-Elect
Helane Davis
Director, University of Kentucky Law Library
Helane Davis is the Director of the Alvin E. Evans Law Library and Professor of Law at the University Of Kentucky College Of Law. She joined the law library faculty in February 2005 as the library’s Associate Director and Head of Public Services, and became the library’s director in July 2006. Prior to joining UK, she was affiliated with the libraries at Seattle University School of Law and Howard University School of Law. Professor Davis teaches basic and advanced legal research. In addition to UK, she has also taught at Howard University School of Law and University of Maryland University College. Her current research interests include legal research, law library management, and information behavior in the legal academy. Professor Davis has presented on legal research and online legal resources, and served on committees of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, and the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. She received her J.D. from the University of Iowa in 1985, and her M.L.I.S. from the University of Washington in 2004. She is an inactive member of the Minnesota state bar.

Treasurer
Rick Goheen
Director, University of Toledo College of Law Library

Rick Goheen has been director of the law library and assistant professor of law at the University of Toledo since 2007. Prof. Goheen received all three of his degrees from ORALL institutions, progressively further south along I-75: a bachelor’s in political science from Toledo, then a JD from Cincinnati, and finally his MSLS from Kentucky. He is an occasional contributor to Law Librarian Blog. While working at the UC law library, he served as treasurer for his local church and an elementary school PTO. In 2001 he temporarily left ORALL to become the first associate director for public services at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota, where he served as MALL’s co-webmaster and listserv manager and chaired the awards, grants and scholarships committee. He misses the Twin Cities, but is happy to be back in ORALL.

Executive Board Member
Paul Venard,
Reference Librarian, University of Dayton, Zimmerman Law Library

Paul Venard has been a Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Zimmerman Law Library since June, 2007. Prior to working with the University of Dayton, he worked with the Ohio State University’s Moritz Law Library as a part-time Reference Librarian and as a Web editor/researcher with the Election Law @ Moritz team. He has obtained his B.S. in Economics from John Carroll University, his J.D from the Cleveland Marshall College of Law and his M.L.I.S from Kent State University. Paul has recently taken over as Editor of the ORALL newsletter.
AALL Announcements

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You have the potential to become a leader in law librarianship. Learn how to maximize your unique skills and talents to get ahead in the profession by attending the 2009 AALL Leadership Academy, October 16-17, at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Train for leadership roles by acquiring both the self-awareness and strategies you need to emerge as a leader within your organization and the profession. Academy participants will use self assessment tools, group exercises, case studies, and skill practice to develop key signatures of leadership. Selected fellows will participate in pre-engagement exercises, be matched with a mentor, and receive ongoing leadership development opportunities.

Applications are due by June 30. For more information, visit www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_leadershipacademy.asp.

AALL Dues Help for Unemployed Members

To help in these tough times, AALL is offering a discounted membership rate for AALL members who are recently unemployed. The discounted membership appears online and in all public records simply as an “Active” membership, but is billed at the student/retired rate ($55 instead of $218). The discounted rate is good through May 31, 2010.

Unemployed AALL members should fill out the online form or contact AALL Membership Services Coordinator Hannah Phelps (hphelps@aall.org or 312-205-8022) to sign up.

AALL2go Coming to a Computer Near You in August 2009

AALL is proud to announce it is adopting a new, powerful, state-of-the-art learning technology, which will provide a new learning gateway to all AALL
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The online learning center will be available this August with audio recordings from the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., as well as archived webinars, video recordings, virtual programs, and accompanying handouts. Log on to AALL2go to expand your knowledge base and gain new skills to grow your career—whenever and wherever you need it.

New Advocacy Toolkit for the 111th Congress

The AALL Government Relations Office is pleased to announce an exciting new resource to help AALL members and chapters become effective advocates for law libraries. The *Advocacy Toolkit for the 111th Congress: 2009-2010* is designed to help you learn more about AALL’s ambitious legislative agenda. The purposes of the Advocacy Toolkit are to:

- illustrate the many ways in which you can get involved in advocacy;
- notify you of the latest action alert so that you can promote our legislative efforts;
- present you with a comprehensive look at the issues and legislation we are currently working on; and
- provide AALL members and chapters the tools you need to become effective advocates on both the federal and state levels.

The Advocacy Toolkit is available as a live document and as a PDF on the AALL Government Relations Office Web site. I encourage you to sign up for the RSS feed to receive valuable updates, learn about AALL’s latest action alert, and monitor our legislative priorities.

Help Review the AALL Competencies of Law Librarianship

The AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee is conducting online discussions about the AALL Competencies of Law Librarianship, approved by the AALL Executive Board in March 2001, to discover if the competencies are still relevant or whether modifications are needed. The CPE Committee offers AALL members the opportunity to comment and share their thoughts on the competencies through the Tools for Success in Today’s Economy wiki.

The core competencies and specialized competencies are listed one the wiki, which includes questions that will help you get started on thinking about the competencies. Please join in the discussions online!

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- **Twenty Essentials for the Effective Speaker**
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AALL now provides members free access to the full set of online lessons hosted by the [Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)](https://www.cali.org). With more than 600 lessons covering 32 legal subject areas, these online learning opportunities feature a variety of interactive formats that make for an engaging, effective user experience. They are particularly helpful for new law librarians with little or no exposure to legal research. Obtain the access code through the Members Only Section of AALLNET.