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Here in Indianapolis, autumn has slid into winter, and I am tending to the many items on my ORALL to-do list following the Cincinnati meeting. I feel previous ORALL presidents have followed the same route by this time of year. Cincinnati was a great meeting! We didn't have the NFL Hall of Fame opening as Canton like the year before. But I felt we had something very enduring in exploring our history as we spoke about navigating the rapids of change. The opening reception at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center was a moving experience as we experienced a significant period in American history in a region of the country, where many ORALL members have studied, lived, worked, and visited.

The annual meeting in Cincinnati exhibited history, innovation, and perspective to a library profession promoting its position in a changing economy, culture, and world. The planning of the ORALL meeting was

simply superb. We were blessed with an all-star local arrangements committee that had vetted every last detail. The meeting went on without a glitch. I must thank the Local Arrangements Committee for all of their hard work. I also must thank the Education Committee for proposing great programs and inviting such fine speakers. Additionally, I would like to thank those who volunteered to serve on ORALL committees this past year or for the coming year. ORALL simply would not be the great organization that it is without your enthusiasm, involvement, and support.

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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*

As I applaud the successes of the Cincinnati meeting and turn to other tasks before me, I cannot help but notice a consistent theme running through many of the programs and projects. I have been asking board members to embrace change and the new opportunities they signify. Promoting our organization more widely, recruiting new members, and increasing attendance at our next annual meeting are just a few of the important items on this agenda. We already have put our organization on Facebook and LinkedIn and have made enhancements to the ORALL website. Other social media and enhancements will be forthcoming including Twitter. Additionally, other initiatives are being considered to increase membership and to renew membership through PayPal.

Having the annual meeting on the scenic Valparaiso University campus during their spring break will be a great attraction for ORALL members in October 2012. Meeting attendees will have access to state-of-the-art facilities and technology at Valparaiso University and can visit Chicago after the annual meeting. Chicago is only about an hour away from Valparaiso. The cost of lodging and dining also will be less expensive at next year's annual meeting, which makes Valparaiso a very attractive place for the meeting. Beautiful downtown Valparaiso and scenic Porter County, Indiana is a lovely venue for next year's meeting.

Planning for the spring semester of legal research here at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, with our emphasis on analysis and application, is currently causing me to consider how to best incorporate many elements of instructional design, content, and research assignment questions into the online legal research course next semester. Each year, my colleagues across the country tell me they seem to be teaching to more law students who have rarely encountered print indexes, rarely have researched beyond Google, or rarely have been required to synthesize, compare, and analyze their readings with much rigor. This is a universal phenomenon discussed at every local, regional and national conference I have attended over the past ten years. This has led my colleagues to restructure and reinvent their reference and instructional materials and services they provide in person and online.

Since law students today will eventually become lawyers, libraries and publishers alike need to better meet their needs. Refocusing our perceptions to help student shortcomings may help to resolve the problem more readily and better prepare them to succeed in the legal profession. We can make a better effort to teach law students research skills that others have not required of them in the past. It is up to us who now teach and assist them to adapt our approach to

harness their strengths. Often, if we look at situations in a different light, we can resolve issues more easily.

As we reach out to new, newer, and younger members of our library profession and organization, we are faced with many of the same issues with which our law students, interns, and clerks are faced. We are navigating the rapids of change and must remain open to the new issues and ideas of all ORALL members and potential members if we are to remain flexible to their needs and build an even greater law library organization. So I ask all of you today for your issues, for your ideas, and for greater committee involvement in our organization. It's your library organization, and together we can make it the greatest!

That's all from me for December – I wish all of you a peaceful and happy holiday and a new year filled with many possibilities, new perspectives, and new opportunities.

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A Visit to Senator Brown's Office: The Power of Constituent Stories in Advocacy

by Melanie Oberlin, George Mason University

I recently observed first-hand the value of constituent stories in advocating on behalf of libraries. In October, I accompanied Emily Feltren of the AALL Government Relations Office to a meeting at the office of Sherrod Brown. We were there on behalf of AALL libraries to ask for the senator's support for funding of the Government Printing Office (GPO) and, especially, the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) and FDSys, GPO's new system for archiving and making accessible, authentic government information.

My connections to Ohio were valuable and made an impression. I was able to take a one page collection of "stories" from Ohio libraries showing how important free, reliable access to government information is to the patrons of Ohio law libraries. These stories were compelling; these stories take a debate from the theoretical to the practical, showing how congressional decisions impact constituents back home. I was able to provide stories from my time working at the Ohio State University. Once, for example, we were able to quickly obtain a copy of a congressional hearing from the Ohio State Library for a professor visiting from Europe. He was incredibly impressed. I later found out that he used the information to write a book about international law and war. Julie Koehne at the Hamilton County Law Library gave me a story to share about helping a patron use FDSys to find a House bill. In describing our visit, Emily Feltren said, "Our visit demonstrated the power of the "Advocacy Dream Team" – the effective combination of a professional lobbyist and a constituent expert – to get our message heard." In the office, Senator Brown's aids chatted with me about where I'm from (Cleveland) and Buckeye football and asked me to place a pin on

the senator's map showing where I'm from. The personal connection helped both Emily and I get our advocacy job done.

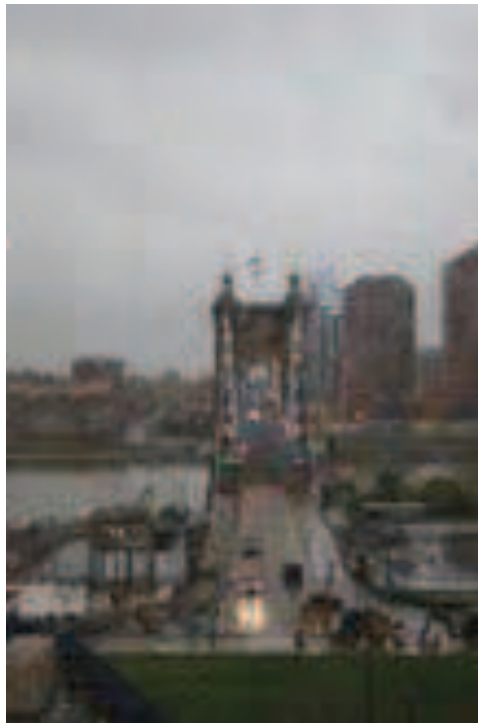
We, as librarians, can help our GRO by acting in an Advocacy Dream Team. If ever Ohio law libraries are facing legislative action that impacts all Ohio law libraries, our AALL GRO can probably help. When you are affected by an information policy decision, you can team up with Emily to tell your representative how important the decision is to you and other constituents. Our GRO is always looking for stories related to current bills in Congress or other information policy matters affecting law libraries. If you have a story, contact Emily. If you want to be included on an advocacy listserv to stay abreast of state and federal action about government information policy, Emily can add you to her listserv. If you are interested in advocacy, the GRO's webpage is a great resource, especially the section called Advocacy Toolkit (see <http://www.aallnet.org/main-menu/Advocacy/aallwash>).

Over the next few months two big information issues will be impacting all of us. First, the GPO will be surveying libraries in the FDLP to learn what these libraries need to make the program as valuable as possible. Second, AALL will be working with the states to push the new model law on authentication of state government information – UELMA (Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act) – for state adoption. Stay tuned, stay informed, and stay involved!

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Snapshots From ORALL 2011

by Thomas E. Heard, Chase College of Law Library, Northern Kentucky University







Networking Ideas to Promote Yourself and to Showcase Your Library; Panel Discussion: Mary Jenkins, County Law Library; Mary Lynn Wagner, Law Firm Libraries; Mike Whiteman, Academic Law Libraries

by Maureen Anderson, University of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library

As law librarians, we need to network. It not only helps to promote ourselves, but it also is an opportunity to showcase our libraries. There are a variety of networking options available, but before you choose, consider the suggestions provided by fellow law librarians, Mary Jenkins, Mary Lynn Wagner, and Mike Whiteman.

Mary Jenkins is a County Law Library who understands the need for marketing and public outreach. It is a critical component of her position at the Hamilton County Law Library in Cincinnati, Ohio. County Law Libraries currently operate under an unfunded state mandate. Consequently, Mary knows that support from subscribers and stakeholders is critical to the success of her law library. She suggests using Web 2.0 technology, including Twitter, Facebook, blogs, and LinkedIn in order to reach patrons. Do whatever is necessary to stay in contact. Over 40% of reference questions to the Hamilton County Law Library come from off site. Mary and her staff have instituted a blog, Hamilton County Law Library, as well as a Twitter account. She has also seen great success with video and web conferencing services, and CLEs.

Mary Lynn Wagner is a Law Firm Librarian at Keating Muething & Klekamp. From her perspective, exceeding expectations is the key to internal marketing. She has made it her mission to act as mentor and liaison to new associates, and has her fellow librarians certify CLE credits and arrange for classes. Another way that Mary Lynn stays connected to the attorneys and support staff within the law firm is to celebrate National Library Week each year by having a party, contests, CLEs, and seminars. She has also created an Internet booklet for the firm. A monthly newsletter, "You and the Legal System," is also published in order to keep the firm up-to-date on current legal issues.

Mike Whiteman is the Associate Dean for Law Library Services & Information Technology at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law, Northern Kentucky University. Mike believes that it is his job to facilitate the success of the law students. He is committed to this mission. Legal Research Boot Camps are offered, as well as a summer clerkship program. Mike and his staff reach out to the law library community, and recently they embarked on Law Library Palooza, visiting law firm libraries in the Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area in order to make connections. They talked with fellow law librarians to see how research is being done in order to create networking opportunities and increase street credibility with the law students. Mike wants patrons to feel comfortable in the law library, so toward that end, there are "lunch and learn" opportunities for law faculty, alumni services, and legal trivia games throughout the year.

Thank you to the ORALL Grants Committee for awarding me a scholarship to attend the annual meeting. The speakers were wonderful, and it is always great to visit Cincinnati, Ohio!

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Best Practices for Evaluating a New Electronic Resource: Judith Kaul and Rob Myers

by Paul D. Venard, University of Dayton Zimmerman Law Library

Throughout library school, I remember being taught how to evaluate Web sites and databases for accuracy, authority and other relevant qualities. However, I also remember quite a bit of that being very subjective based on the evaluator. While any evaluation will have a subjective aspect to it, Judith Kaul and Rob Myers presented ways to include more concrete and objective ways in which to evaluate electronic resources.

One of the best suggestions received from this presentation was the implementation of a "toolkit" which often includes a checklist which can be applied to any reviewed electronic resource. Some of the questions they suggest in their sample checklist are: what types of user statistics are available; billing method; and, the type of license agreement. Subjective questions are also suggested, such as: trial focus group results; and, arguments for purchasing/not

purchasing. Not only does this provide a standard method in which to evaluate the product, but these checklists also provide information for easy review should it be needed at a later date.

The presentation also stressed the need to include stakeholders in the selection process; while librarians are an important party to any decision, when possible, it is also important to have your patrons and/or IT staff submit their evaluations. Judith and Rob also provided sample questions to present to any parties participating in the evaluation. Their sample provides simple questions with a variety of answers to choose from; in their sample they provide no open-ended questions, although they could be included based on one's preferences. Also, these questionnaires can be attached to any evaluation checklist to aid in future reference and comparison.

Judith and Rob provide a great outline on how to set up an evaluation procedure. It provides uniformity, and ease for future reference. They maintain a level of subjectivity in their questions, but ensure that there are concrete objective elements that are being evaluated. Everything they presented can be modified to better suit your individual library, or used as they present in their examples. The ideas presented are certainly useful, effective and easy to implement.

I would like to thank ORALL for aiding in my ability to attend this meeting and being able to attend these valuable and educational sessions.

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ORALL Announcements

AALL OBS-SIS and TS-SIS 2012 Joint Research Grant

The AALL OBS-SIS and TS-SIS Joint Research Grant Committee is now accepting applications for the 2012 Grant!

The purpose of the Online Bibliographic Services and Technical Services Special Interest Sections' Joint Research Grant is to provide support to American Association of Law Libraries members conducting research specific to technical services law librarianship that will enhance law librarianship service to our clients.

Qualifications: AALL membership is required. Preference will be given to applicants who are members of the OBS and/or TS SISs at the time of application. Evidence that the research and publication will directly or indirectly benefit technical services law librarianship must be shown.

Grant Awards: JRGC awards grants in a single year ranging in amount of no more than \$1,000 at the discretion of JRGC, --and-- pending approval of each grant amount each year as authorized by OBS and TS Executive Boards.

Deadlines: Complete applications are due to the JRGC Chair **no later than March 31, 2012**. Grant recipients will be announced at the annual AALL meeting. Award amounts will be mailed to successful grant recipients as soon as final approval is received by the JRGC Chair.

For more information on the grant and the application process, please visit: <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/obssis/research/researchinfo.htm>

If you have any further questions, please email the JRGC Chair, Hollie White at hollie.white@law.duke.edu

ORALL Now Available on Your Favorite Social Networking Site!

For those that have not seen the post to the ORALL ListServ, ORALL now has a presence on Facebook!

You can get there by following this link: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Regional-Association-of-Law-Librarians/176126835813059>, or by following the link on the ORALL homepage.

Additions and Changes to the 2011-2012 ORALL Directory

p. 4 Remove listing for Roger Jacobs as the first listing under Indiana

p. 6 Add under city of Notre Dame before the listing for Notre Dame Law Library:
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p. 7 Add under Kentucky between Campbellsville and Highland Heights:
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p. 7 Add under listing for Northern Kentucky University after listing for Emily Janoski-Haehlen:

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p. 8 Add under Michigan:

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p. 11 Add under listing for Dinsmore & Shohl after Mary Jo Merkowitz:

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p. 11 Add under listing for Hamilton County Law Library after Mary Jenkins:

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p. 11 Add under listing for Keating Muething & Klekamp after Mary Lynn Wagner:

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P. 12 Add under listing for University of Cincinnati College of Law after Lisa Wernke:

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p. 14 Under listing for Cleveland State University, change job title for Laura Ray from Educational Programming Librarian to Instructional Services Librarian

p. 14 Change suite number for U.S. Courts Library from 20 to 20-100

p. 15 Add Under Columbus before listing for Bricker & Eckler:
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p. 15 Remove listing for Joycelyn N. Latham under listing for Bricker & Eckler LLP

p. 16 Add under listing for Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease:
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p. 17 Remove (800) phone number under Thomas Reuters (Westlaw) listed under Grove City

p. 21 Change phone number for Kathy L. Moreland under Tuscarawas County Law Library from (330) 343-3703 to (330) 365-3224

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- p. 51 Add between Notre Dame Law Library and Office of the Ohio Public
Defender:
Notre Dame Law School Notre Dame, IN 6
- p.53 Add between Wayne County Law Library and William Ammer Memorial Law
Library Association:
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AALL Announcements

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AALL member Marci Hoffman, associate director and international and foreign law librarian at Berkeley Law Library, University of California School of Law, serves as the general editor of the index. The index is the preeminent multilingual index to articles and book reviews appearing in more than 500 legal journals published worldwide.

Effective January 1, 2012, William S. Hein & Co. will become the publisher of both the electronic and print versions of the index. To learn more about subscribing to the index, contact [Hein](#).

2011 AALL Salary Survey Now Available

The AALL 2011 Biennial Salary Survey and Organizational Characteristics is now available online free for AALL members.

This new edition is the only source for up-to-date information about salaries for law librarians and other law library employees who work in academic libraries; private firms and corporate libraries; and state, court, and county law libraries. The survey was carried out this summer in complete confidentiality by Association Research, Inc., a professional research firm in Rockville, Maryland, that works exclusively with nonprofit organizations.

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For example, if you select "library management" as one of your interests, you are automatically connected to all of the other members also interested in library management. Also, if a member performs an advanced search looking for someone interested in or who has experience in library management, you would show up in the search results.

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