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President's Column – People are Talking and Things are Happening!

This quarter's president's column is going to be short, because the members of the ORALL Survey Committee and I will be writing a longer article about the results of the ORALL survey. I wanted to list some of the things ORALL has been up to:

- Mike Whiteman and his awesome [Bylaws Committee](#) made proposed updates to the ORALL Handbook and Bylaws, last revised in 2001. The Board reviewed the proposed changes, and the membership will be given an opportunity to vote on the new Handbook and Bylaws at the annual meeting.
- In reviewing the Handbook and Bylaws, the Board noticed the old Bibliography Committee, which has not been active for several

years. We decided to revive this committee, which will create a list of Core Legal Collection Titles for Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, possibly a list of core titles for a general/federal collection, and whatever other publications the committee feels are needed. The committee was renamed the Publications Committee and Tom Heard will be the chair. Tom says he was on this committee, "in the old days when it was distributed as a stapled photocopy". Thanks to everyone who volunteered to be on this committee! I know your work product is going to be very useful to our libraries.

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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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- The Government Relations Committee reports that progress toward UELMA introduction continues. It seems unlikely that the OSBA will partner with advocates (but not due to opposition). Mary Jenkins, Jonathan Chagat, and Uniform Law Commissioner Jeffrey Ferriell are identifying potential sponsors and attempting to arrange a meeting with staff in the Attorney General's and Secretary of State's offices to generate support for UELMA. We will likely have another UELMA program at the October ORALL meeting to update everyone on what is happening.
- The Grants committee awarded four \$550 grants for AALL expenses to: Ron Vest, Columbiana County Law Library; Brian Cassidy, Cleveland-Marshall School of Law Library; Victoria Troemel, Indiana Tech Law School; and Tom Heard, Northern Kentucky Law School. ORALL offered a CONNELL grant, but we had no applicants this year. Keep watching the Listserv for an announcement about grants for the October ORALL meeting. Eight (yes, eight!) \$350 grants will be available.
- The Local Arrangements Committee (Ingrid Mattson, Chair) are working hard to put together a great meeting for October 2014 in Columbus, Ohio. They have a meeting venue, hotel and plans for Wednesday night entertainment. Check out the meeting information posted on the ORALL webpage: http://orall.org/?page_id=648. **Try to hotel reserve rooms early** this year because there is an OSU game and a marathon in Columbus the same weekend!
- The Education Committee selected a theme for the 2014 October ORALL meeting, "Meeting in the Middle". Shannon Kemen and her committee are currently putting together the educational program which will include a cool tools session and a poster session. Send program proposals to Shannon shannon.kemen@uc.edu by Friday, June 13, 2014.

Thanks to these and all the ORALL committees for all their hard work. I have really enjoyed working with everybody, and I hope you all have a happy and productive summer.

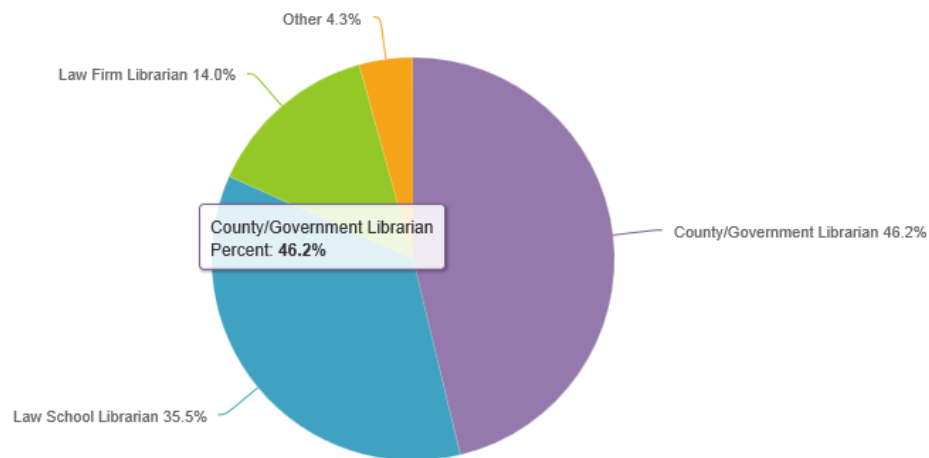
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Survey Says: Results of the 2014 ORALL Survey
by the ORALL Member Survey Committee: Sue Altmeyer, Kendel Croston and Jennifer Mart Rice

Thanks to everybody who answered the ORALL Survey. We discovered some things that ORALL can do to improve the annual meeting and make ORALL membership more valuable, thanks to your input. The survey results were distributed immediately to the Local Arrangements and Education Chairs, and

they were able to incorporate some of your suggestions and ideas into their planning.

There were ninety-three total responses to the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries (ORALL) 2014 survey, forty-three county/government librarians, thirty-three law school librarians, thirteen law firm librarians and four that did not fall into any of those categories. Only six of the respondents did not belong to ORALL.



Most of the respondents (forty-eight) work in smaller libraries with four or less people with half of those in one person libraries. Thirty-one indicated they work in libraries with ten or more employees.

ORALL members feel their membership is valuable because of the networking opportunities, educational opportunities, and opportunities for professional growth. Some of the comments identified the Listserv as particularly valuable, as well as the networking value for those in small libraries.

Suggestions for New Educational Opportunities or Services

There were many suggestions for educational opportunities that ORALL could provide, such as research tips, orientation for new librarians, how to appropriately assist *pro se* litigants, new product updates, sessions specifically for firm librarians, and several requests for instruction in the form of webinars.

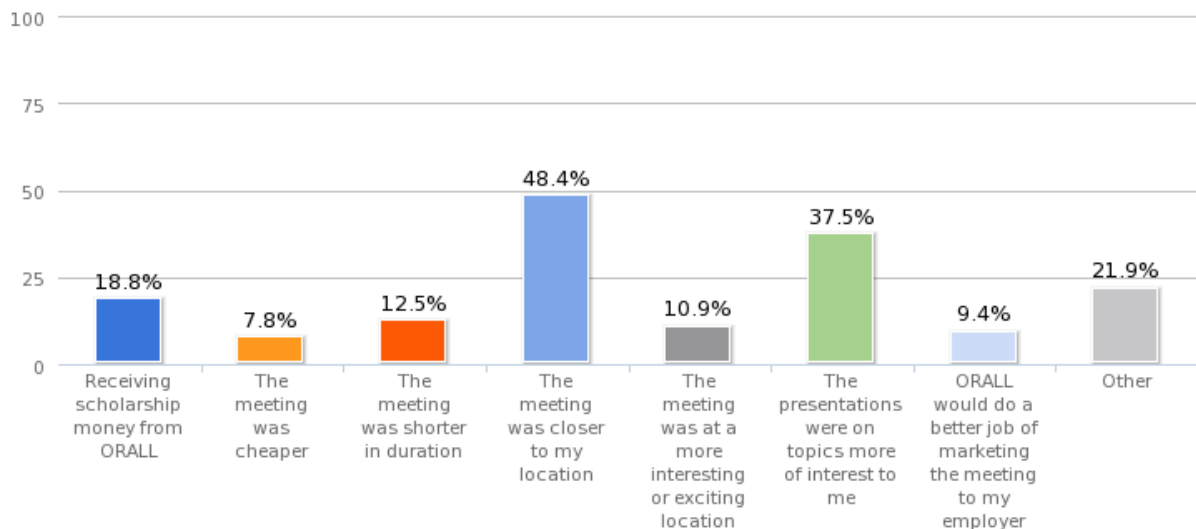
Suggestions for poster sessions at the annual meeting and mock vendor negotiations will likely be incorporated into the educational programming for the 2014 annual meeting (Per Shannon Kemen).

The Annual Meeting

Thirty-seven percent of the respondents attend ORALL every year. A majority of the respondents do not attend the ORALL meeting every year. Forty-two percent of the respondents attend either every other year or every three to five years and twenty-one percent never or seldom attend. The most common reason given for seldom or never attending was because the librarian is too busy (28%), the location is not amenable (19%) or the dates of the meeting are not convenient (19%). Fifteen percent do not attend because their organization will not pay meeting expenses. In the “other” category, many commented that they have a small library staff so someone is needed to stay and run the library. Several people commented that they need to receive the program information about the annual meeting earlier.

The two reasons given that would make respondents more likely to attend ORALL meetings were if they were closer to the respondents’ location (48%) or if the presentations were of more interest (38%). Respondents ranked as important marketing to their employer and presentations of interest to them, while receiving scholarship money and having the meeting closer to their location was less important.

8. Of the following what would make you more likely to attend the ORALL meeting?

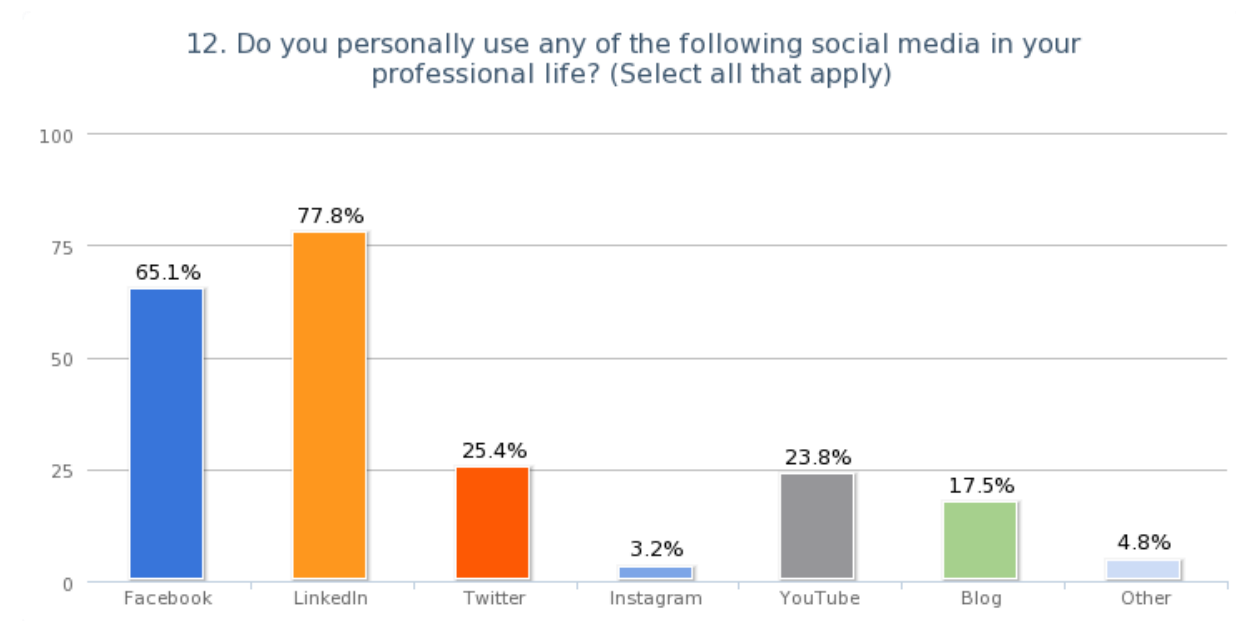


As far as meeting location, ORALL tries to vary the location between Indiana, Northern Ohio and Southern Ohio. Hopefully we can make the presentations of more interest to members by getting feedback via this survey! Please keep your comments and feedback coming, whether by answering ORALL surveys, completing the surveys handed out at the annual meeting or sending an email to the education chair or ORALL Board. ORALL is offering eight \$350 scholarships for the ORALL meeting this year, so that is an incentive for the 19% of respondents who would be more likely to attend if they receive a grant.

Librarians indicated that they would like to see fewer presentations on larger libraries, technical services, non-law topics, law firm issues and teaching. Topics that they would like to see discussed more included legal research in specific areas, library budgeting, new technology, ebooks, collection development, marketing, management, and teaching.

Social Media

We also asked a series of questions about social media, designed to help ORALL's Internet Committee focus on what social media would be of use to members. For use on the job, 78% use LinkedIn, 65% use Facebook and 25% use Twitter. 72% are using Facebook to promote their library, while 43% use Twitter, 43% have a blog, 20% use LinkedIn, 7.5% use Twitter and 28% use something else such as Pinterest or Yammer. Two-thirds of Respondents said they did not follow ORALL on Facebook. Most of these respondents said they were not aware ORALL had a Facebook page. (We do! It is at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Ohio-Regional-Association-of-Law-Librarians/176126835813059>.)



A complete copy of the survey results is available on the ORALL website on the [Announcements and Job Postings](#) page.

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Homegrown Intranets for Law Libraries

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Introduction

Organizations store and share internal, staff-only information using any number of applications and approaches, from three ring binders to SharePoint, Drupal, Google Drive, wikis, blogs, and content management systems. The options are wide-ranging and can offer many features, including integration with other systems that the workplace uses. The decision to choose a particular platform will be based on several factors, including your law library's available applications, ease of implementation (or the level of required IT support), the needed functionality, and, of course, cost. In this article, we will introduce the concept of an intranet, highlight our libraries' needs analysis, describe the approaches that our libraries took, and explain the reasons these platforms were attractive to us.

According to Merriam-Webster's online dictionary, an intranet is "a network operating like the World Wide Web but having access restricted to a limited group of authorized users (as employees of a company)."¹ More colloquially, Wikipedia defines an intranet as "a computer network that uses Internet Protocol technology to share information, operational systems, or computing services within an organization."² An easy way to understand an intranet is to think of it as an internal 'home page' where your law library can privately store its documents and policies. Intranets are distinguishable from web sites, which contain your law library's public information such as hours, services, staff, and the catalog. Depending on the type of intranet you create, you may even be able to use it to communicate among staff. In contrast, extranets take intranets one step further and allow you to collaborate and communicate with your members, clients, and other third parties. In this article, we will show you all of the types of information we host on our intranets to give you ideas for saving and sharing your own content.

A big name in the field of intranets includes Microsoft SharePoint, which anecdotal evidence shows a lot of law firms and law schools have been using for collaboration, internal communications, and document management. You may also have heard of Office 365, a relatively new cloud-based intranet solution from Microsoft, which also offers a lot of other products, such as OneDrive cloud storage, an email service, and online versions of Office.

As you can imagine, these products are rather pricey, and many law libraries may not be able to afford them. However, you can still enjoy the benefits an intranet provides for little or no cost with just a bit of 'sweat equity.' Although knowing a little html can be helpful, you can get by with simply knowing how to save documents to your private network at work and inserting links into documents. Once you invest the time to create intranets like we did, you will not

only be able to find important office information more quickly, but you will also be able to update it more easily. For law librarians, access to information is the key to our existence, and having all of your information in a central location can definitely be a time-saver for a busy law librarian.

The Hamilton County Law Library Intranet

Hamilton County Law Library is fortunate to be able to piggyback on the Hamilton County technology and support infrastructure. However, there is no county-wide knowledge base or content management system in place in which we could insert our library-specific content. I had prior experience with workplace and committee wikis (including Google Sites, Media Wiki, and Wikispaces). While that seemed like a logical solution to providing access to the information that staff need, the director and the systems librarian began by identifying our needs so that we could be sure to match them to the right low-cost solution.

Objectives

- Surface staff-only information that was kept at individual staff members' desks;
- Create a culture of teamwork and shared responsibility through shared access to information;
- Provide a resource that could be easily updated by all staff with no special training required;
- Put as much information as possible, including multiple document formats, into a single source;
- Offer access to internally created information and to externally created and stored web-based information;
- Access statistics about the site's activity, such as who is updating information and when the last update was;
- Deploy a free or low cost option;
- Provide a private, staff-only secure system accessible via the web both on- and off-site;
- Have the ability to structure the site in a way that meshed well with our workplace and tasks for intuitive use while also offering a good site search; and,
- Provide a space for both an information repository and a collaborative workspace.

Implementation

After reviewing a variety of options, we selected Wikispaces for our staff-only knowledgebase because it seemed to meet all of our requirements. As with any new system or workflow, implementation of a library intranet or knowledgebase requires changes to workplace culture and processes in addition to the technological set up. At the Hamilton County Law Library, we found these

approaches useful to a successful roll out and upkeep of our staff knowledgebase. First, the director provided the initial basic structure to the site, identifying the main topics and subtopics and creating the first and second tiers of pages. Second, early adopters on staff populated the site with quite a bit of content. Third, we provided basic training and asked staff with particular expertise or access to information to enter it on certain pages. Fourth, as significant new information is added to the wiki, we send out an email with a link, essentially forcing staff to look at the wiki to get the information. Fifth, we use it for fun information, like what we're bringing to staff potlucks and how to exercise at one's desk, in addition to the standard workplace documentation.

Organization and Use

Implemented in late 2007, we have collectively created 287 pages, made over 1,000 edits since January 2013, and viewed pages over 5,500 times just since January 2014. Those statistics demonstrate what a significant part of our workplace this wiki is; we turn to it for information daily instead of flipping through binders or yellowing notes in our desks or calling someone who has retired. Our main topics are Library Staff and Functions, Reference, Policies and Procedures, Projects and Priorities, Collection, Board and County Information, Future of Law Libraries and Strategic Direction, and a catch-all category for shared tips, notes from meetings, and other information.

While the most-viewed page in May 2014 was our page that provides details about our potluck lunches, the wiki is much more typically used for IT or systems how-to's, vendor contact information, progress tracking on projects, statistics gathering, and procedures of all types. As you might guess from the categories listed above, other content on the wiki includes notes from meetings and conference presentations, project management details, staff home contact information, a common data set, protocol for personnel and accounting matters, annual goals, login information for databases, and so much more.

Lessons Learned

1. The wiki environment permits access to all types of file formats, but we have found it easier to maintain current versions of forms, signs, and the like on our shared network drive rather than updating them in an application and then uploading them to the wiki.
2. While we use the wiki for reference information like database login information, protocol, and statistics, we made a recent decision to distinguish more clearly staff-facing and public-facing information. As a result, we pulled away from posting any content ultimately intended for patron help on our wiki, migrating that material instead to online research guides via LibGuides. What started out as basic staff pages on hot topics are becoming public guides instead.

3. Staff have varying comfort levels with writing content in a web-based application and changing work patterns to adapt to a new system of information retention and retrieval. It was helpful to create the structure, populate it to the extent we could, and demonstrate both support and expectation as wiki use began in earnest.
4. We are better off as individual employees and as a team for implementing this common knowledge base. The wiki is both a facilitator and a manifestation of a culture of sharing.

If a wiki sounds like an option you would like to consider, take a look at [WikiMatrix](#) for a comparison tool.

The Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Law Library Intranet

Creation

Although intranets have been around since 1993³, we did not create an intranet at our Law Library until about 7 years ago. When we did, we called it our “Staff Home Page” to eliminate the use of additional lingo that we as librarians and lawyers often favor. Our “Staff Home Page” is very simple and only includes information. However, that information takes several forms, including PDFs, Word and WordPerfect documents, and both internal and external hyperlinks. Our intranet does not include any communication tools, but we do not miss it or need it. That is because we have a very small staff, and keeping up with telephone calls, emails and chat sessions with patrons, the public, and each other keep us busy enough.

Our Reasons

Our intranet grew out of my frustration in having multiple locations for staff tools like policies, forms, manuals, and other documents. It was hard for me to keep track of where everything was located and ensure that everything was kept up-to-date as changes occurred at work. While some policies and documents pre-dated my tenure at the law library and only existed in print, others existed in the text of email messages I sent to staff. On top of that, I created and saved even more policies and documents in various places on our network, depending on the topic. As examples of our physical record-keeping system, our emergency policies were stored in a binder at the circulation desk, forms for reference requests and interlibrary loans were located on our copier’s document server, a chart of our copy and fax fees was posted on a staff bulletin board, and our lists of special collections were kept in plastic slip covers in a drawer at the front desk. It was clear that our law library and staff would benefit from a centralized clearinghouse for all of this information. Although today we still post a few key

documents in strategic locations throughout our staff offices, all official and current information is located on our intranet.

Tools

Although not every project requires software, we used a simple and free html editor called Microsoft Expression Web 4.⁴ Alternatively, we could have just used Notepad and hyperlinks to create our intranet. Our intranet took us the equivalent of about 2-3 days to create, and we are glad we spent the time to put all of our information in one place. Not only can we find what we need quickly when we need it, but updating is a breeze. Even if the Internet goes down, we can still access our documents because they are saved on our local network, or what many offices refer to as their "H" drive. Without getting technical, only our staff members can access this drive, and it is protected from outsiders who are surfing the Internet.

Organization

There is no one size fits all, but as part of the process of creating our intranet, we organized our content into the following areas that parallel our service structure:

- *Law Library*
- *CLEVNET Consortium*
- *KnowItNow Chat Reference*
- *InterLibrary Loans*

Law Library: Our Law Library category is naturally the largest so we sub-divided it into several groups. We started with categories for Policies, Manuals/Guides, Forms, and Miscellaneous, and we recently added a group for Banking. The Policies group contains separate divisions for General Policies and Collection Policies. Examples of documents included under General Policies are policies for responding to emergencies, reference policies, our staff handbook, and partnership agreements with local law-related institutions. Collection Policies include basic guidelines for using certain databases and our special collections lists. The Manuals and Guides group includes a lot of different types of documents, including: instructions for our back-up tapes and cash register; trouble-shooting steps for rebooting the servers and solving printer problems; and cheat sheets for using our phone system, capturing screen shots, and using the scanner on our copier. Our Miscellaneous category includes technical and building specifications. Finally, our Banking group contains manuals for accepting credit cards and depositing checks electronically.

Our Forms section often comes in very handy and contains too many documents to list in this article. However, key examples include Word and WordPerfect versions of our digital letterhead, our reference request form, multiple statistics collection forms, time sheets, invoices, our agreement for laptop use, our fax

cover sheet, and forms unique to statutory roles our Law Library plays in approving county legal research purchases.

CLEVNET Consortium: Since 1989, our Law Library has been a member of a public library consortium in Northeast Ohio called CLEVNET. Although CLEVNET maintains a password protected web site for members, we also benefit from many joint services, including an email service, a cloud-based statistics platform, and a trouble-ticket reporting system. As a result, our intranet page provides information about these services, how to access them, Internet links, and contact information for help and assistance.

KnowItNow Chat Reference: Every weekday, our Law Library staffs the law queue for KnowItNow (“KIN”), a state-wide chat reference service that is funded in part by the State Library of Ohio. As a result, we post tutorials, policies, links and other information related to KIN in a separate category on our intranet page.

InterLibrary Loan: We are just like every other law library that cannot afford to buy everything our patrons need. As a result, we rely on several ILL systems, including OCLC, the Ohio Law Library Consortium’s ILL system, and a Pocket Part Exchange in which various law libraries share their pocket parts as part of a cost-effective ‘hand-me-down’ system. Since OCLC hosts a self-contained online platform now called WorldShare ILL, we have only posted our ILL forms, lists of participating members, and policies related to the last two (2) groups on our intranet. The advent of a new web site for the statutory consortium covering county law libraries in Ohio has recently alleviated the need to maintain most of these documents internally, but we will continue to post them on our intranet just in case of an Internet outage.

Utility

Having all of the aforementioned information on our intranet does not mean anything if we do not use it regularly. Believe me, we do. Just last month, an Ohio colleague needed a copy of my job description from the Staff Handbook we house in our *Law Library* Policies section. When I ran out of sign in sheets the other day, I just printed more from our *Law Library* Forms section. I went to the same place last week for a template to write a letter to a patron who owed our Law Library significantly overdue books. The list of uses goes on and on, but these examples show how we have streamlined our work with just a basic intranet.

Tips

- Create an outline of your proposed content before you start to create your intranet
- Create a desktop icon for your intranet for ease of access
- Train staff how to use your intranet

- Review and update the content of your intranet quarterly

The Future

Our basic intranet has served us very well over the past several years, but the CLEVNET Consortium in which our Law Library participates is migrating to Microsoft Office 365 later this year. However, because there are so many libraries involved, CLEVNET is rolling out the product in phases, and the intranet components of staff collaboration, communication, and document management will be part of a much later phase. When we move to the new product in a year or so, I will plan to report back in this forum on the advantages and disadvantages for law libraries.

¹<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/intranet>(accessed 5/29/14)

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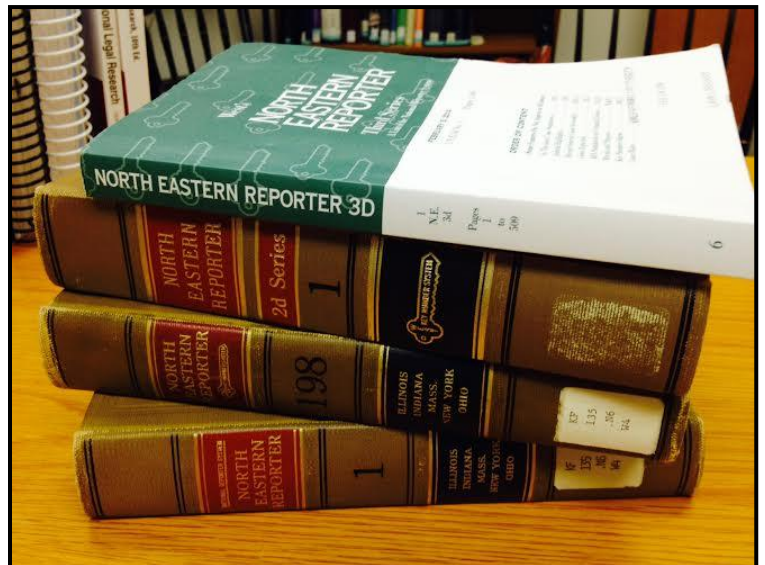
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End of an Era

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If you work in a library in Indiana or Ohio, a clock is ticking in your library and the end of an era is approaching. Not to be overly dramatic, but truly, a milepost in legal research looms on the horizon, drawing nearer every day. Have you sensed it? Do you know what it is? How about a hint: the sound of this ticking clock can be heard in all law libraries in Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, New York, and Massachusetts (if not nationwide). By now, since most readers of this publication are law librarians, you've likely deduced that this development must involve *West's North Eastern Reporter*. If so, you're correct.

Keeping with tradition, on February 5th of this year, rather than publishing the 1000th volume of the *North Eastern Reporter, Second Series*, Thompson Reuters released the first advance sheet of the *North Eastern Reporter, Third Series*. The first hardcover volume will arrive in our library any day now.



Although it helps, you needn't be a law librarian to appreciate the magnitude of this development. The first volume of the *North Eastern Reporter, Second Series* was published in January 1936. To put that into perspective, perhaps a little reminder of how long ago that was is in order.

1936 was a year of many notable events. For instance the United States Army adopted its first semi-automatic rifle and the Hoover Dam (then called the Boulder Dam) was completed. Later that year Jesse Owens won four gold medals in track and field at the 11th (modern) Olympic Games in Berlin, Germany that were opened by Adolph Hitler. Hitler was busy that year, sending troops into the Rhineland and announcing the building of the "Volkswagen" (thus officially also beginning the slug bug game enjoyed by generations of child travelers). In 1936, Edward VIII succeeded British King George V, only to abdicate the throne later that same year in order to marry American divorcée Wallis Simpson. Back in the United States, New York Yankee Joe DiMaggio made his major league debut, and the very first players were elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame (Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson, and Walter Johnson). Among many other noteworthy events that year the first parking meter was invented, *Gone with the Wind*, by Margaret Mitchell was published, and the eight hour workday became law (with the passage of the Walsh-Healy Public Contracts Act, just to bring this all back around to legal research).

In other words, the beginning of a new series of the *North Eastern Reporter* is something that does not happen every day. The question is, will it ever happen again?

The first series of the *North Eastern Reporter* began publication in 1885 and ran for 51 years. During that time, only 198 volumes were published before the second series succeeded it (why only 198 volumes instead of 999 seems to be a mystery). By the end of the first series, there were only two volumes of the *North Eastern Reporter* being published per year. By contrast, the *North Eastern Reporter, Second Series* spanned 78 years (just 27 years longer), but consisted of 999 volumes. These volumes are currently being published at a rate of nineteen per year, illustrating the increase of activity on court dockets over the past century (despite fact that most New York cases do not appear in the *North Eastern Reporter*).

If this rate of publication continues, the first volumes of the *North Eastern Reporter 4th Series* would be expected to appear in our libraries around the year 2066. However, there are at least a few good reasons to question whether a fourth series will ever be published. One of these reasons is the rate at which libraries are canceling print reporters. While our library still maintain a collection of all federal and regional reporters, many law schools and law firms have given up their acquisition in print due to their steadily increasing cost and their ready availability online.

This online availability has also produced a move toward universal citation since it makes little sense in this new environment to presuppose that a single vendor's print product should continue to be the standard for the citation of cases.

Between the cost of reporters, the rate at which many if not most practitioners are accessing them exclusively online, and the move toward vendor-neutral citation, the print reporter could become a thing of the past during the span of our careers, or at least before the appearance of *N.E.4th*. This is even more reason for you to celebrate the arrival of the first volume of *N.E.3d* in your library; not only has it been a long time since this has happened – it may never happen again.

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ORALL Meeting 2014 Preview: Delicious Treats of Columbus
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While in Columbus for the ORALL Meeting in October, you might want to take a break and experience some of the taste treats of our town. Below are a few of my favorites, some within walking distance of the conference location, some a little farther out.

Beer

Columbus Brewing Company—Less than a mile walk from the conference hotel, in the Brewery District, Columbus Brewing Company has American-style food, plus a rotating selection of draft beers from small, craft breweries, including their own IPA and pale ale, plus seasonal selections.

Elevator Brewery and Draught Haus—With its fun and fancy Deco décor, Elevator has a great atmosphere to enjoy such beers as Bleeding Buckeye Red Ale (my favorite) as well as Big Vic Imperial IPA (named after their brewmaster) and Horny Goat, for those who enjoy all things barrel-aged.

Barley's Brewing Company—Another nice pub with their own brews on tap. And every Friday is "Firkin Fridays," at which a new firkin (a five-gallon cask) is tapped. Conveniently located within a stone's throw of the North Market.

Seventh Son Brewing Co.—A newcomer to the Columbus beer scene, in another classic building—this one a repurposed auto garage (the glass garage doors are still there!). Seventh Son doesn't have a food menu in-house, but instead hosts a variety of food trucks, serving up Jewish deli fare or Korean street food, to name just two. IPA fans will be especially happy here, though I'm a fan of their Ouiblette Imperial Stout.

Wine

Brothers Drake—A meadery in Columbus! Made from local honey and only sold in Central Ohio, this is some interesting stuff. They have a new location on 5th Street with a full cocktail menu and mead on tap. If you're interested in a meadery tour, they do them on Saturday afternoons. My favorite is the Bergamot Blue, as I've always been a fan of Earl Grey tea.

Camelot Cellars—A boutique winery on High Street, they offer tastings, a wide variety of wines for sale, and the opportunity to craft and bottle your own wine (if you can come back in a few weeks to complete the process).

If you feel like branching out a bit from downtown, some of the local wineries might be of interest:

Eldchrist Winery—Due west of Dublin in Plain City is Eldchrist, where wine is made in a converted pole barn. This is a favorite whenever I have family come to town, and the universal recommendation is the Cabernet Franc.

Soine Vineyards—Located north of Columbus, this is one of the first wineries I visited when I moved here. Being used to the sweet white wines of Northern Michigan, I discovered that grapes grown in Central Ohio make excellent reds. Try their Chambourcin!

Wyandotte Winery—Located on the east side of the city, Wyandotte is the oldest winery in Central Ohio. They have live music on Fridays, tours on Saturdays, and small plate appetizers to enjoy with your wine.

Wine and Beer Tastings

There are two **Whole Foods** in the Columbus area, serving up weekly beer and wine tastings for a mere five dollars (and the wine tasting is discounted one dollar if you bring your own glass!). Tastings include food samples from different areas of the store, and are often grouped thematically or by brewery.

Ice Cream

Jeni's Splendid Ice Creams—Columbus is synonymous with the name Jeni's, which has been serving up unique ice cream, frozen yogurt, and sorbet flavors for over a decade. You can try as many spoonful samples as you like before buying. Personal favorites include Riesling Poached Pear sorbet and Queen City Cayenne ice cream. There are several Jeni's around town, including on High Street, up in Dublin, and inside the North Market.

[Graeter's Ice Cream](#)—Graeter's originated in the Cincinnati area, but has a strong presence in Columbus, as well. There are a number of locations in town, including on Lane Avenue, not far from the OSU campus.

We so look forward to showing our fellow ORALLians the delicious delights of Columbus—see you in October!

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Nominations Committee Announces Slate of Candidates

In January, ORALL's Nominations Committee requested nominations and volunteers willing to serve as officers or board members of ORALL beginning with the close of this year's annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The committee received the following nominations and volunteers. This slate of candidates was approved by ORALL's Executive Board and will be presented to the membership for election to these offices at ORALL's general business meeting in October.

The Nominations Committee would like to thank these members for their enthusiasm and willingness to serve our organization.

Candidate for Vice-President / President-Elect

Rob Myers

Associate Director for Library Operations, Judge Ben C. Green Law Library, Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Rob is a life-long Clevelander who began his career as a Library Assistant with the law firm of Arter & Hadden LLP in 1987. Subsequently he served as Associate Law Librarian at Squire, Sanders & Dempsey and as a solo librarian with Weston, Hurd, Fallon, Paisley & Howley before returning to Arter & Hadden as the Director of Firm Libraries in 1996. In 2002, Rob left the law firm world to become an academic librarian assuming the position of Manager of Serials and Collections Access at Case School of Law. Rob holds a B.A. in Communication from Cleveland State University, a J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, and an MLS from Kent State University.

Rob has been an active member of both AALL and ORALL. He served on AALL's Vendor Colloquium Planning Committee from 2010-2011 and on the Committee on Relations with Information Vendors (CRIV) from 2007 to 2011, serving as its chair from 2010 – 2011. He has also given presentations at two AALL Annual Meetings. Rob has been a member of ORALL since 1995 and served on ORALL's Executive Board from 2012-2014. He has presented on four separate occasions at past ORALL meetings.

Candidate for Secretary

Jane Underwood

Assistant Professor of Law Library Services, Assistant Dean for Students, Assistant Director for Research and Online Services, Northern Kentucky University, Chase College of Law Library.

Jane wears a few different hats at NKU's Chase College of Law, serving as its Assistant Dean for Students and Director of their Pro Bono Service Project in addition to her role in the library as Assistant Director for Research and Online Services. Jane came to NKU in 2012 from the law library at Capital University Law School where she had worked as a reference librarian since 1990. She began her career as a reference librarian for the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library in 1982, specializing in grantsmanship and community information.

Jane is a member of the Ohio Bar, the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association in addition to her memberships in both ORALL and AALL. She received her Bachelor of Arts summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Ohio University, her Master's of Library Science from Kent State University, and her Juris Doctor from the University of Akron. She has been active in presenting to local bar associations throughout her career and looks forward to increased opportunities for professional development in ORALL.

Candidate for At-Large Board Member

Laura Dixon-Caldwell

Reference Librarian, Hamilton County Law Library

Laura Dixon-Caldwell is currently the Reference Librarian at the Hamilton County Law Library. She offers reference service there and edits the monthly HCLL newsletter. Prior to joining HCLL, she was a Reference and Information Services Professional at Keating, Muething, & Klekamp PLL in Cincinnati. She has also held positions in the Campbell County, Hamilton County, and Kenton County public libraries. She has presented at the Cincinnati Bar Association, the Northern Kentucky Bar Association, the University of Cincinnati and the ORALL (Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries) conference. From 2011-2013 she was the Chair of the Cincinnati Bar Association LRIR (Legal Research & Information Resources) committee. She also served on the ORALL Grants committee in 2012. She received her B.A. from Xavier University and her M.L.S. from the University of Kentucky.

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ORALL Executive Board Minutes of the 12/04/2013 Teleconference

On the conference call: Sue Altmeyer, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Mike Whiteman, Shannon Kemen, Rob Myers, Rick Goheen and Judy Maxwell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by Sue Altmeyer. Shannon Kemen was welcomed as Vice-President, and Mike Whiteman was welcomed as an At-Large member.
2. Minutes of the 10/16/13 Executive Board meeting were reviewed. The spelling of Miriam Murphy is to be corrected. Minutes of the 5/8/13 Executive Board meeting were reviewed. The ending time shall be noted as noon. Sue Altmeyer moved that with these changes the minutes be approved. Emily Janoski-Haehlen seconded. All say aye.
3. Treasurer's Report: Please see the handout from Rick Goheen; emailed to all prior to the meeting. There is currently a balance of over \$33,000.00. At the end of 2012 we had about \$29,000.00. With the conclusion of the ORALL conference, we are ahead from 2012.
4. Rick Goheen moved that Sue Altmeyer and Shannon Kemen be additional authorized signers on the checking account. The motion was seconded by Sue Altmeyer. All say aye.
5. The 2014 ORALL conference will be held in Columbus, October 15th, 16th and 17th. The Chairs of the Planning Committee are Ingrid Mattson and Angela Baldree. The meetings will be held at the Supreme Court of Ohio, the hotel will be the downtown Doubletree, and the Wednesday reception will be held at the Statehouse atrium. Shannon Kemen will chair the Education program; meetings will begin in January. Less expense is anticipated for 2014, and there should be more sponsors from Law firms as well as from vendors. Information will be posted at www.ORALL.org.
6. The 2015 ORALL conference will be held in Ft. Wayne, IN at the Indiana Tech Law School. Professor Phebe Poydras has agreed to chair the Planning Committee. The dates in October of 2015 will be announced later.
7. Sue Altmeyer reported that two special committees have been created. The AALL Table and the Member Survey committees. The AALL Table committee will put out information on ORALL during the AALL conference. They will consult and possibly consolidate with the Local Arrangements committee. The Membership Survey committee will work on increasing membership. Mike Whiteman agreed to work on the committee to review

the Bylaws. The Bylaws should be updated to reflect the existing work of ORALL. Discussion followed as to working committees and the need for a Board liaison to each committee.

- a. Grants Committee – Discussion of adding more grants for AALL and/or ORALL conference. Judy Maxwell moved that we allocate 8 grants at \$350.00 each to ORALL (total of \$2,800.00). Rick Goheen seconded. All say aye.

Also there was discussion of offering non-members a onetime one year membership at the time of conference registration; to be some kind of package. This was tabled.

Emily Janoski-Haehlen noted that the committee is working on revising the “special policies”.

- b. County Law Library Special Interest Group – Judy Maxwell will send Sue Altmeyer the information on the SIG officers and creating a link to the Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries (www.COCLL.ohio.gov) Discussed ways to recruit more County Law Librarians for ORALL. Judy Maxwell will create a list for Mike Whiteman of the Ohio counties that are not currently members.
 - c. Private Law Library Special Interest Group – At the last meeting less than a dozen people attended. We will attempt to invite and encourage more to attend at the Columbus ORALL conference.
8. There was discussion throughout the meeting about the need to ratify email votes on the record and then report those actions on the website.
 9. We will meet again via a telephone conference in April or May.
 10. Sue Altmeyer moved to adjourn at about 2:45 p.m. Rob Myers seconded. All say Aye.

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ORALL Executive Board Minutes of the 5/01/2014 WebEx conference

On the conference call: Sue Altmeyer, Emily Janoski-Haehlen, Mike Whiteman, Shannon Kemen, Rick Goheen and Judy Maxwell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Sue Altmeyer.

2. Minutes of the 12/04/13 Executive Board teleconference were tabled.
3. Discussion followed on paying to send officers to AALL. Mike Whiteman moved that we spend up to and including Seven hundred and Fifty dollars (\$750.00) each for the President and Vice-President of ORALL to attend AALL annually. Sue Altmeyer seconded the motion, all say aye.
4. It is to be noted in the minutes that the Executive Board had previously approved by email vote, and it is officially approved here, that four (4) grants to AALL at Five Hundred and Fifty dollars (\$550.00) and one (1) grant to CONNELL at Three Hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be granted annually.
5. After discussion it was moved by Rick Goheen, and seconded by Sue Altmeyer, that (non-member of ORALL) speakers at ORALL's annual conference may be granted Honorarium of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), in addition to their registration, travel and hotel room being paid by ORALL. All say aye.
6. Emily Janoski-Haehlen moved that the Education Chair be granted free registration to the annual ORALL conference; but not reimbursed for other expenses. Sue Altmeyer seconded. All say aye.
7. It was further discussed that minutes of committees may be posted online as this will help keep members informed of activities.
8. It appears that the Activities committee has been inactive for several years. Accordingly it will be deleted from the list of committees.
9. Discussion followed on SIG operations. It was discussed that each SIG chair should provide the President and the Web-manager with their name and contact information; and if possible that minutes of SIG meetings be put on the ORALL website. Sue Altmeyer moved, Judy Maxwell seconded, and all say aye.
10. Discussion on use of the new LOGO followed. The new LOGO should be used on the membership application, the website, and etc. The official colors are blue and white.
11. The By-laws Committee moves that website policies be listed with special policies in the handbook, and not under Bylaws. All say aye.
12. The meeting participants agreed to take a break at approximately 10:50 a.m.

13. The meeting resumed at approximately 11 a.m.
14. The By-laws committee suggests that the proposed changes to the Bylaws be presented to the membership as a single motion of the whole.
15. Discussion then began working through the draft of the proposed changes. Mike Whiteman noted the final language on the working draft and said completed draft shall be the official minutes of that discussion.
16. Of particular note, however, it was agreed that the statutory agent, who must be an Ohio resident, would be the Treasurer. Rick Goheen has verified that ORALL is currently in good standing with the Secretary of State for Ohio.
17. Discussion of a next meeting date occurred. It was concluded that another WebEx conference to continue discussion of the Bylaws would be a good idea. The next meeting will be added to the previously scheduled Executive Board meeting on Monday, 5/12/14, at 2 p.m.
18. By unanimous approval the meeting was ended at about 11:50 a.m.

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**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
County SIG Meeting
October 16, 2013
Perrysburg, Ohio**

The meeting of the ORALL County SIG was held in Parlor B of the Hilton Garden Inn at Levis Commons, Perrysburg, Ohio. Chair Juanita Henniger called the meeting to order. She spoke briefly about the Spring meeting in Marietta, Ohio, and stated that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

Members present at today's meeting were Galen Avery, George Baker, Angela Baldree, Amber Barnhart, Erin Bartle, Kendel Croston, Kathleen Dugan, Judith Gill, Joe Hodnicki, Mary Jenkins, Judy Maxwell, Susan McGrew, Sandra Murphy, Monica Overly, Munevver Ozbeytemur, Ardis Stein, Carol Suhre, Ron Vest, Debra Ward and Melinda Worthen.

The minutes from the Spring meeting were reviewed by the membership and Mary Jenkins moved to approve the minutes. Deb Ward seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Angela Baldree informed the group that the website for the Consortium was now completed and Judy Maxwell stated that Consortium minutes have been

moved from the wikispaces website and posted to the Consortium website at www.cocll.ohio.gov along with all other Consortium information.

Mary Jenkins gave a brief summary of the recent Biennial County Law Libraries Survey. She reported that there had been a good response rate and thanked everyone on the survey committee for their hard work. She stated that the results were not final but would be posted to the Consortium website when completed.

Discussion was held in regard to holding a membership drive. It was suggested that joining ORALL should be optional but belonging to the Consortium should be mandatory. Angela Baldree will put a link on the Consortium website for people who may want to join. Several people volunteered to form a small committee to look into what could be done to entice new members. Those who volunteered for the committee were Judith Gill, Juanita Henniger, Judy Maxwell, Susan McGrew and Deb Ward.

Under the next order of business, Juanita asked for nominations for Vice Chair for the year 2013-2014. Juanita stated that after asking for volunteers via email, Sandra Murphy from Lake County offered her services. Juanita asked for any other nominations. No other nominations were suggested. Kathy Dugan moved to elect Sandra Murphy for Vice Chair. Ron Vest seconded. Motion carried.

Juanita then turned the meeting over to income Chair, Melinda Worthen. After a brief comment, Melinda asked if there was any further business and there being none, the meeting was adjourned.