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President's Column – Get Ready to Meet in the Middle!

The [ORALL Meeting](#) in Columbus is just around the corner! Join us October 15, 16, and 17 for networking, socializing and learning. Shannon Kemen and the Education Committee put together a very intriguing program. In keeping with the Meeting in the Middle theme, there are sessions on negotiating, including a mock negotiation exercise, as well as a session on resolving conflict in the workplace. The Cool tools session is back by popular demand, and a new poster session is included to “learn a little about a lot.” We will have a UELMA update, and there are useful sessions on serving the public, consulting, teaching legal technology courses, access issues in online learning, and legislative research at the Ohio History Connection (fka Ohio Historical Society).

The opening reception at the Ohio State House features guest speaker Judge Charles A. Schneider of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. You may remember Judge Schneider from his service as Chair of the Task Force on Law Library Associations.



The Task Force made suggestions to the Ohio General Assembly to mitigate legislation that would have had a devastating effect on County Law Libraries in Ohio. (For more on this, see [AALL Case Study: ORALL Protects Future of County Law 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.

President's Column *continued*

Besides the opening reception Wednesday night, we will also have the traditional Thursday dine-arounds and game night. Ingrid Mattson, Local Arrangements Committee Chair, says, "Library tours are still being planned, but recently we've posted the dine-around restaurants if registrants want to take a look at those (at http://orall.org/?page_id=648). It will be loads of fun and educational, so I hope to see everyone in Columbus!"

A huge thank you to Ingrid Mattson, Shannon Kemen and all their committee members for putting together what promises to be a fantastic meeting! This is my last column as ORALL president, so I wanted to say how much I enjoyed working with everybody and I look forward to continued involvement in ORALL!

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ORALL Meeting 2014 Preview: Shopping in Columbus **By Stephanie Ziegler, The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law**

In the last issue, I listed a few of the unique taste treats available in Columbus. This time, I'd like to mention a few of my favorite shopping spots, great for taking a break during the meeting.

North Market

Less than a mile walk from the conference hotel is the [North Market](#). It is the home not only of purveyors of freshly-prepared food (everything from Thai and sushi to Indian and Italian), but also baked goods, wine and beer, spices, baking and cooking supplies, and gifts.

German Village

A charming historic neighborhood, filled with restored homes, [German Village](#) is a beautiful place for a stroll, and for dining and shopping. Favorite shopping spots include the [Book Loft](#), containing 32 rooms of bargain books (there are coupons online, but you must print them out before visiting!); [Schmidt's Fudge Haus](#), featuring fudge (of course!), candy, and gifts; [Mary B's](#), showcasing the work of dozens of local artists, and [Caterina Ltd.](#), which imports beautiful European housewares and art.

German Village is a healthy walk from the conference hotel, or you can take advantage of COTA's new, free circulator [bus](#).

Short North

Heading northward from the conference hotel, you will find the [Short North](#), an arts district filled with galleries and specialty shops. You can find a suggested

walking tour [here](#). A few of my favorites are [Grandview Mercantile](#), where you can browse antiques and vintage goods for hours; [On Paper](#), a beautiful stationery store; and [Tomorrow's Antiques](#), featuring unique pieces made from repurposed antiques and architectural salvage.

Dublin

If you feel like traveling a little farther out, you could try [Dublin](#), which prides itself on being a little piece of Ireland in the middle of Ohio. "Irish Approved" business [Ha'penny Bridge Imports of Ireland](#) features Celtic jewelry, clothing, books, music, and housewares. [TehKu Tea Company](#) has Irish tea blends and tea accessories. [Boho 72](#) has eclectic clothing, jewelry, and art. And anyone who loves yarn will want to visit [Knitting Temptations](#).

And right down the road is the [Mall at Tuttle Crossing](#).

We hope you enjoy experiencing a bit of Columbus! See you in October!

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Ohio County Law Libraries

**by Judy Maxwell, Delaware County Law Library and Executive Director
Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries**

In 2009 County Law Libraries in Ohio began the transformation from private associations to county departments; (H.B. 420 eff. January 1, 2009). And in January of 2010 the County Law Libraries opened, after the New Year holiday, as county departments. Today all 88 counties have a County Law Library. It may be only a few shelves of books in an out of the way room, or it may be a large multi-floor operation with computers, CDROMS, and E-books, as well as the traditional print books. The contact information for each County Law Library may be found at www.COCLL.ohio.gov .

Each County Law Library is governed by a Law Library Resources Board (LLRB) whose members are appointed by the County Commissioners, the County Prosecutor, the Judges of the Common Pleas Court and the Judges of the Municipal Court (O.R.C. sections 307.51 and 307.511). The LLRB employs the Librarian(s), creates an operating budget, and adopts rules for operating the County Law Library. Although County Law Libraries are not public lending libraries, many are open to the public for research. Please call your local County Law Library to ask about its policy. Additionally the LLRB reviews requests from other county departments to purchase, lease, rent, etc. legal research or reference materials available in print, audio, visual or other medium or equipment necessary to utilize the materials. If a request is approved the LLRB may act as the purchasing agent, and may pay in part or in whole for the materials from the LLRB funds. If the LLRB denies the request the county department may proceed to purchase the material with its own general revenue or other funds. The hope is that by grouping orders for multiple copies of a book or multiple passwords for an

online research source the county departments will benefit from discounts and coordinated service.

The 88 County Law Libraries are supported by the Consortium of Ohio County Law Libraries (COCLL). The COCLL is governed by a Board, whose members include the Librarian of the Supreme Court of Ohio, an Ohio Judicial Conference appointee, two County Commissioners Association appointees, and an Ohio State Bar Association appointee (O.R.C. section 3375.481). The COCLL Board began working in July of 2010. The COCLL negotiates contracts that the County Law Libraries may use for purchasing legal research and reference materials and services, catalogues existing County Law Library holdings, facilitates the sharing of resources among the County Law Libraries, creates guidelines for the collection of or access to legal resources that ought to be available in each County Law Library, provides consultation and assistance to LLRBs, and issues an annual report. For information on what the COCLL has done since its inception, please visit www.COCLL.ohio.gov.

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AALL 2014 Program Reviews

Review of "Accidental Archivist: Creating Archives on a Shoestring Budget" AALL Program by Victoria Troemel, Indiana Tech Law Library

This 2014 AALL annual meeting program was created by Alissa Black-Dorward, Fordham Law Library, Jennifer Murray, Maricopa County Superior Court, Bess Reynolds, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, and Sabrina Sondhi, Diamond Law Library, Columbia University. The program sought to educate people on how these libraries created their archives on little to no budget.

Fordham Law Library:

Prior to 2008, Fordham Law Library archives were kept in offices of people who wanted to keep it. After 2008, the material was consolidated into the library. A committee was created to make decisions on the archival material. Fordham Law Library was lucky because they started with a budget which allowed them to contract with an archivist. The archivist was able to create a database and exhibits before the money ran out. The library also subscribed to Bpress for law journals and eventually faculty writing. When the money ran out, they reworked job descriptions to include a fulltime person who worked part time as an archivist and part time on reference; when this person left, the position was frozen. They also moved into a new building with space set aside for archives. There are drawbacks to this space, such as the room is not temperature controlled. Also, it

isn't where a librarian sits so when people are interested in research they are directed to the room and left on their own. The archives are no longer funded through the university; this leads the library to fund raise for money. They use special events to find donors. In addition to the fundraising, they write grant proposals. This piecemeal way of funding has led to an adjustment of priorities of what needs to be done verses what they want to do.

Maricopa County Superior Court:

The Maricopa County Superior Court Library had a room full of vertical file cabinets. They wanted to digitize all of the clippings in the files but there was no money for them to do this. The librarians decided to work within the system they currently use to digitize and store the documents. It required only time from the librarians and no additional support from IT. They went with a freeware wiki platform which meant they only needed to scan the documents into a PDF, added a table of contents, and metadata for ease of searching. They were able to complete the project in a year's time by keeping it simple.

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP:

With Debevoise & Plimpton LLP the archival material was stored in the Marketing Department. This practice was reevaluated in 2006 as the law firm's 75th anniversary approached. The partners of the firm formed a committee made up of mostly lawyers to decide how they wanted to proceed in making the archives accessible to everyone. The items the law firm wanted archived were not just books but correspondence from the founding partners, photos, awards, programs, realia, plaques, DVDs, and CDs. These could be cataloged but it would take too much time to catalog the unique items in the traditional way. The committee had a number of consultants come in and give suggestions. What was decided was to use the existing ILS (EOS) which allows free-form records. The librarians were able to create templates in non-MARC which had whatever fields the item needed. By doing the archives this way the items could be found in their ILS. Since they were using an existing system the only funds they had to spend were to get a nice scanner and a copy of Photoshop.

Diamond Law Library, Columbia University:

Columbia University had collected paperwork from anyone who wanted to donate for decades. At one point they had a fulltime archivist but no one had held the position since 2001. They had hundreds of cartons of paperwork stashed everywhere. There was no master list of what was in the boxes so the Special Collections Librarian had to sort through each box. She had no training and had to rely on interns to help her sort. The boxes were identified, labeled, and handed off to the correct departments. Once they had sorted through everything they created a policy for the future to limit how much they take in.

A trend heard from each library was the limited budget, experience, and time each had to put together an archive collection. They each dealt with the budget differently but made their choices work for their library. The librarians put in charge of the archives worked hard collecting and sorting through the material to make it available to their patrons.

The take away is that no matter the budget, librarians are able to put together and maintain archives. Librarians can learn how to assess and evaluate material held by the library and take this knowledge to managers and supervisors to explain the value of archives. The presenters and their libraries learned how to utilize students, interns, and volunteers to supplement librarians and to plan and prioritize projects.

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Libguide Guidance: Innovative Uses for Libguides
by Brian E. Cassidy, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

It was a blistering hot day in San Antonio...That is the way every article about this summer's AALL Annual Conference should begin. Ok well at least the air conditioning was working at the Convention Center.

The session from the conference I am writing about is **Libguide Guidance: Innovative Uses for Libguides.** Amy Taylor and Shannon Roddy from American University Washington College of Law lead this session. Taylor and Roddy made the session materials into an innovative libguide themselves which set the tone for the session. Their libguide on innovative uses for libguides can be found at <http://wcl.american.libguides.com/content.php?pid=603398&sid=4979205>.

As a librarian already using and familiar with libguides, I didn't find much in the way of new information during the presentation parts of the sessions. That being said, the libguide of the session would be invaluable to librarians not familiar with libguides or even library science students. I encourage anyone not familiar with libguides to review the presenters' "What are Libguides" tab for more information. I believe we at CM Law have used libguides in several unique ways in the past including our guides on "Where to Go For Legal Advice in Cleveland", guides linked to specific school events and a guide on our resources for our new solo practice incubator tenants. As such, I was interested to hear some interesting and new uses for libguides from the audience. I was not disappointed in what I heard in the later part of the session.

These ideas are listed in the tab "Other Ideas". Some of the noteworthy ideas in my opinion were: "how to use a docket", "wellness guide", and "Step-by-step guides on how to use (and not use) technology in classrooms/conference rooms/etc."

I think one of the best things to take from this session no matter what kind of law library you work in is: there are no rules as to what can be in a libguide and they can be used to suit your library's and organizations' purposes.

Do you have innovative/interesting use of a libguide in your library? Let me know at b.e.cassidy@csuohio.edu. I would love to continue this discussion with ORALL members.

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A First-Time Attendee's Impressions of AALL 2014
by Ron Vest, Columbiana County Law Library

I have often seen information from AALL regarding their annual conferences and wanted to experience this event, but being a smaller library, I could not justify cost. However over the last few years I have been applying for grants for technology upgrades and training and getting comfortable with the process. I knew if I could secure grants to offset these costs, I might be able to attend. In the end, I was very grateful to apply and receive grants from ORALL and Ohio's Statewide Consortium of County Law Libraries.

This year's annual conference was in the lovely city of San Antonio Texas. San Antonio is a vibrant modern city with an amazing history. I really enjoyed the River Walk, the local Tex-Mex food and my visit to the Alamo. My hotel was right next to the River Walk and the Henry Gonzales Convention Center, where all the AALL events took place.

I was immediately impressed with the number of vendor tables/displays and the opportunity to meet vendor representatives to discuss new products and get assistance with current ones. Also, I was able to meet members of the various chapters of AALL. This helped to give me a broader understanding of function of local chapters and AALL special interest committees and the work they perform. It was very enjoyable meeting law librarians from all over the country. On my badge, I was given a ribbon for "first-time attendee" status. As such, many people approached me and welcomed me to my first conference.

Our conference officially started with keynote speaker Andrew Keen. Mr. Keen provided a very informative history lesson regarding the rise of the Information Age and contrasted it to other cultural changes in human history like the printing press and the Industrial Revolution. He also discussed the cultural shift of people seeking legal knowledge away from traditional institutional experts, to an over reliance the web and Google. He made recommendations and predictions for the future of information managers. Several attendees remarked that they welcomed his thoughts, but felt that law librarians have been adapting to these challenges

for some time. However, I think it is always a good reminder that the only constant in our professional lives is change.

For the next few days I attended as many seminars as I could. These programs covered, Information Technology, Collection Development and Cataloging, Teaching, Reference Research, Library Management and General Programs. I especially enjoyed those that focused on leadership, professional development and technology. I listened with great interest to law firm librarians who discussed the changing law firm dynamics and how to better integrate library services with the work that lawyers are doing in these firms. This helped as I see much opportunity for my law library to work closely with the bench and bar to provide the best legal resources in a convenient and cost effective manner. Good communication and understanding of our patrons' needs was stressed often by these lecturers.

While I enjoyed meeting new people, it was so nice to see so many ORALL members at this conference and have an opportunity to share these experiences with them. We also had a wonderful ORALL Chapter dinner at a local Latino/South American restaurant.

Finally, I would strongly recommend your consideration to attend an AALL annual conference in the future. Firstly, you will get to see just how broad and vibrant our profession is. Second, you will not feel alone. Many members from ORALL are more than willing to partner with you to attend the numerous educational, social and networking opportunities available. Lastly, there are sufficient grant funds from ORALL and AALL that can offset a significant portion of these expenses. You will not be disappointed.

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A review of the AALL 2013 Deep Dive program: "Inventing the New Classroom"

by Tom Heard, Chase College of Law Library

I would like to thank the Association for its generous grant to attend the 2014 AALL convention in San Antonio. For those of you who were unable to attend this year, I hope I am not belaboring the obvious by telling you San Antonio was really very hot. The Brisket was ethereal and the climate purgatorial. Ken Hirsh's Karaoke Party was quite an education, though not of the variety one would be wise to share with your Dean, Managing Partner, etc.

Of the various programs I attended this year, "Inventing the New Classroom", was one of the highlights and I wanted to share some of the ideas I took away. Since I was already thinking about the legal research class I would be teaching in the autumn, this program proved a great source of ideas as to how to continue to

make my classes less about me talking over a PowerPoint and more about hands-on legal research.

Susan Boland, from the University of Cincinnati, began the session with an overview of the “flipped Classroom” concept. Basically this boils down to doing as much of the didactic transmission of information outside of class time and concentrating instead on practical exercise and student collaboration during class.

Jennifer Mart-Rice, my Chase colleague, gave a brief and useful outline on creating questions that do more than test if the students did the reading, but are structured in a way that reinforces the concepts being taught and deepens the students’ grasp of the topic by building and layering those concepts throughout the question set.

Lastly, Jesse Bowman, of Valparaiso University, almost persuaded me to use social media in new and exciting ways to spark different kinds of learning among the students. His idea of using Pinterest boards to create a kind of image based pathfinder was intriguing but, since I refuse to use social media in the old boring ways, I doubt I get much farther than that this year. I have better things to do with my time than scroll through ladies from church sharing pictures of the grandkids on Facebook or washed up actors tweeting who they are having lunch with. Well, OK I would at least like you to think I have better things to do with my time.

True to the flipped classroom pedagogy, there was ample time allotted for participants to collaborate in small groups in designing a flipped lesson plan for a research topic. The groups then used the activities and ideas in the presentations to envision how they would implement the lesson. The session was an excellent blend of practical advice and collaborative discussions and the presenters can be proud of creating an outstanding AALL program.

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A Note from Your Newsletter Editor

As many of you are aware, a survey regarding the ORALL Newsletter was sent to each member within the past month (via the ListServes). I have been reviewing the responses as they are submitted in order to ascertain the types of changes that you desire for this publication.

At the Annual Meeting in Columbus, there will be a table set up during the poster session where I will be answering any questions regarding the newsletter. Information on joining the ListServ and details regarding new requirements of Newsletter Committee members will also be provided.

I also hope to have detailed analysis of the survey responses completed at that time, but have already begun compiling a list of topics respondents have indicated they wish to read about (which will be made available at the meeting). Steps have already been taken to include more information on County Law Libraries in the newsletter (another improvement many are requesting).

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Columbus, and look forward to modeling the newsletter more in line with your requests. If you have questions or would like to provide further feedback or suggestions at any time, please feel free to contact me at pvenard1@udayton.edu.

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AALL Announcements

Registration is Open for Mastering the Art of Budgeting: A Librarian's Approach

With the constant pressure to utilize dollars effectively, librarians need to understand what it costs to run their department. According to a recent Citibank survey, library expense is one of the top five expenses for a law firm. Most of our libraries have budgets that are larger than the majority of small businesses in the U.S. Join us for our September webinar, [Mastering the Art of Budgeting: A Librarian's Approach](#), on **Thursday, September 18**, at **11 a.m. CDT** where three panelists will discuss budgeting processes, why it's important for librarians to be involved, and insights from finance about what's important to the firm. Librarians should be seen as fiscally responsible when it comes to preparing and administering the library budget.

[Registration](#) is now open. This webinar is \$30 for AALL members and \$60 for nonmembers, and site registration (one per physical location) is \$150.

Save the Dates for the AALL Management Institute: March 26-28

The 2015 AALL Management Institute will be held at the Palomar Hotel in Chicago. The management institute will provide participants the opportunity to build management skills, collaborate with colleagues from different types of libraries, learn in a small group setting, and develop techniques to manage with confidence. More information will be available soon!

AALL2go Pick of the Month - What Makes a Librarian Worth a Million Bucks?

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2gopick of the month: [What Makes a Librarian Worth a Million Bucks? Valuing Staff, Resources, and Services When Dollars are Scarce](#)

In recent years, libraries have been faced with ever-increasing budget cuts. Therefore, librarians must be able to accurately and concretely demonstrate the value of the library to their law firms and law schools. In this presentation, two law firm library managers provide a practical, dollars-and-cents approach to determining and demonstrating the value of your library. The presenters demonstrate how to apply the "Value Assurance Cycle" (Audit > Align > Appraise > Act) to your library's elements: staff, resources, and services. The presenters include worksheets for accurately calculating costs and value. They also provide creative tips for demonstrating and highlighting the value of your library's assets, including soft skills, through use of charts, graphs, and storytelling.

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