



# Virginia Association of Law Libraries 2025-2026 Annual Report

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## 2025-2026 Executive Board Members

- Alexis Fetzter Sharp, President (Vice President May-Oct. 2025)
- Jocelyn Mitchell Manion, Vice President/President-Elect (Elected Nov. 2025)
- Andrew Christensen, Immediate Past President
- Victoria Levy, Secretary
- Tiffany Jenkins, Treasurer
- Peter Vay, Director
- Madeline A. Ball, Director

## Chapter Activities and Achievements in 2025-2026

### Meetings/Programs

- **Social at the 2025 AALL Conference**
  - Twenty VALL members met at the AALL Annual Conference in Portland, OR at Upright Brewing on Monday, July 21.
- **Fall Meeting**
  - VALL partnered with the Virginia Library Association for their Fall 2025 Conference, October 1-3, 2025, in Richmond.
  - Thomson Reuters generously sponsored a morning exhibit hall coffee break.
  - VALL sponsored programming took place exclusively on Thursday, Oct. 2.
    - Providing for Pro Se Patrons: Experiences of Law Librarians Serving Self-Represented Litigants (Kimball Boone, Melissa Scheeren, Mara Wessel, Ashley Reed, Charlie Schmidt, Alexis Fetzter Sharp)
    - Connecting with the Spanish-Speaking Community at the Norfolk Law Library (Zahira Flores)
    - The Truth Is Out There: Mastering Public Records Research (Bridget Gilhool, Alison Mallonee, Jennifer McMahan)

- **Spring Meeting**

- Forty-five in person attendees met at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello in Charlottesville, VA on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Programming:
  - A session on the Legal Data Lab presented by Li Zhang and Ruoyi Wu from the University of Virginia School of Law;
  - A session on the launch of Virginia Verdicts presented by Roger Skalbeck and Molly Lentz-Meyer from the University of Richmond School of Law;
  - A session on the unique collections at the University of Virginia Law Library and Monticello presented by Randi Flaherty from the University of Virginia School of Law and Endrina Tay from Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello.
- VALL enjoyed the generosity and presence of four sponsors. Gold Level sponsors LexisNexis and Thomson Reuters presented during the meeting as well as joined the Silver Level sponsor Bloomberg Law and Bronze Level sponsor PLI at vendor tables during breaks.
- The day culminated with a private highlights tour of Monticello for 26 attendees.

## Publications

- VALL members contributed articles to the *Virginia Lawyer*, the magazine of the Virginia State Bar, for its “law libraries” column.

Date	Topic	VALL Contributor
August 2025	Annual Meeting	Jennifer Chapman
October 2025	Pro Bono / Access to Legal Services	Alexis Fetzer Sharp
December 2025	Criminal Law	Latia “Tia” Ward
February 2026	Construction Law & Public Contracts	Marie Summerlin Hamm

Respectfully Submitted,

Alexis Fetzer Sharp, President 2025-2026