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President's Message

VALL began its new year with the installation of officers and directors at the spring business meeting in Charlottesville on May 2. The meeting was held at the Jefferson Library on the grounds of Monticello, a place steeped in history and dedicated to a great leader, Thomas Jefferson. Library Director Jack Robertson and his staff provided attendees with an enlightening discussion of the collection, Thomas Jefferson Portal (online catalog), and the direction of the Jefferson Library. A delightful boxed lunch and a tour at the Jefferson Vineyard followed. Our thanks to Cathy Palombi and the law library staff at the University of Virginia for arranging A Day with Jefferson.

VALL has a rich history resulting from strong leadership among its members. Originating as the Richmond Area Law Libraries Association (RALLA) in 1981, it has evolved into a statewide organization with almost 200 members. Now known as the Virginia Association of Law Libraries, it is an active chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). I am pleased to report that VALL will receive the 2003 One-Time Chapter Professional Development Award for the program Exploring Connections at VALL 2002. The program was presented at VALL's annual meeting at the University of Richmond last November. The success of the program was due to the efforts of 20 VALL members who served as coordinators or speakers and the participation of all attendees.

Jefferson's leadership certainly encompassed more than his presidency: the same can be said of the leadership in our organization. Former VALL presidents continue to provide inspirational leadership roles in VALL: Georgiana Wellford, Gail Warren, Jean Holcomb, Joyce Manna Janto, Isabel Paul, James Heller, Terry Long, Marty Rush, Frosty Owen, Rae Ellen Best, Gail Zwirner,

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Departing VALL President Charles Oates passes the leadership baton to incoming VALL President Bobbie Denny.

Photo Courtesy Margaret Christiansen

*President's Message
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Donna Bausch, Jill Burr, and Charles Oates. The same can be said of VALL members who have never served as president. VALL is truly an association of leaders. Many members have also served in leadership positions in regional and national library associations. SEAALL presidents have included Joyce Manna Janto, James Heller, Terry Long, Tim Coggins, Hazel Johnson, and Donna Baush. Jim Heller was the president of AALL. So many VALL members are devoted to the profession of law librarianship and are willing to assume leadership roles. The list of members who served last year or agreed to serve this year as an officer, director, committee chair, committee member, speaker, article author, participant, volunteer, or other leadership role includes a huge portion of our membership.

Thank you, Charles Oates, for your outstanding service to VALL as its president during 2002-2003. Charles es-

tablished a public relations committee to interface with the public and a handbook committee to organize and maintain organization documents. His leadership will continue to be appreciated throughout the next year as the VALL newsletter is made available electronically and as VALL strengthens its relationships with the Virginia State Bar (VSB) and the Virginia Library Association (VLA).

Three members of VALL—Tim Chinaris, Roger Skalbeck, and Cindy Smith — will be giving a presentation in June at VSB's annual meeting in Virginia Beach. VALL members will continue to contribute articles to the Virginia Lawyer. Thanks to the planning efforts of Barbie Selby and Jill Burr, the first joint VLA-VALL meeting will be held November 6-7 at the Homestead. The sessions will include numerous law and law-related programs, many presented by VALL members. Watch for details and the registration form on the VALL website.

VALL Welcomes New Officers and Committee Chairs

The VALL Executive Board is pleased to announce the installation of new officers and appointment of new committee chairs.

The following new officers were installed:

Cathy Palombi is our new Vice President/President-elect

Bill Katz will serve as Treasurer

Jeanne Ullian will serve as Director.

The following officers will continue on the Board:

Bobbie Denny will now serve in her new role as President

Tisha Zelner will continue as Secretary

Allen Moyer retains his Directorship

Charles Oates is now the Immediate Past President.

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Submissions needed for the VALL Newsletter! We need contributions from VALL members in order to have full and interesting issues. Please submit according to the following schedule:

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Professional Positions Available

Senior Research Librarian Washington, D.C. Law Firm

The position is responsible for coordination of the Library's research and reference services. The Sr. Research Librarian provides in-depth legal and non-legal research services to firm personnel in all areas, including but not limited to legislative, business, intellectual property, and legal resources. Responsible for development and management of the Library's legislative documents and resources, including print and electronic; provides monitoring of

legislative developments. Assists manager in assessing and negotiating contracts for electronic legislative e databases. Provides accounting and budgetary information relative to the management of the legislative collection. Works closely with the Research Librarian and assists with coordination and assistance with specialized research requests. Provides back-up assistance to the Research Librarian with Inter-Library loan requests. Develops with the Paralegal

Manager and Intranet Librarian, legal research programs for the Paralegal Department. MLS or JD required. 5+ years of law library experience. Legislative or government documents highly desired.

For consideration please e-mail your resume to Daniel. Hurd@TRAKLegal.com or fax your resume to 202-659-9459.

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Donna Bausch Named 15th Recipient of 2003 Service to SEAALL Award

We have a treasure in our own backyard. Donna Bausch, an active and dynamic member of VALL and AALL, as well as SEAALL, has been named the recipient of the 15th annual Service to SEAALL Award. This most recent honor is truly much deserved.

Donna has continuously for the last sixteen years given special service and leadership to SEAALL. The award announcement states that her “service reflects and enhances SEAALL’s reputation as a group of committed, involved, and professionally active law librarians.”

Ms. Bausch has served on SEAALL committees as member or chair in each of the past sixteen years. Committees which have benefited from her leadership include: Scholarship, Placement, Nominations, Program, Articles and Bylaws, and Service to SEAALL. In addition, Donna has been a speaker at SEAALL conferences numerous times, as well as a program coordinator. One year, in fact, she coordinated three programs.

Three times, Donna has been on the SEAALL Executive Committee —as Secretary, President and Past President.

In support of this award, a past SEAALL President and AALL President states that Donna

“is active and effective professionally and has contributed her talents on the local, regional and national level, and in each area she has found her way to leadership positions. She is incredibly reliable, and when the need is desperate, or the task at best tedious, she will volunteer and commit herself to the project and the results will be outstanding. She is a law librarian who enriches every project on which she participates, through her thoughtful contributions and her dedication. That said, I must add that the real delight in working with the recipient is her engaging personality and good humor. She has a wicked sense of humor and a contagious chuckle, and I smile as I think back to shared times.”

Sue Burch, one of this year’s Service to SEAALL committee members reflected:

“Donna is such a good mentor to so many people. . . .You can pick up the phone any time to ask her about something and she is always there with good advice. . . .She is a good writer too, she knows how to put words together in just the right way. Donna is talented, gracious and funny. . . .She is a good friend to people. . . .She does so much. . . .Even though she has served in so many top leadership positions, she does not rest on her laurels, but continues to be active year after year.”

Ms. Bausch is a past President of VALL and has served regularly on VALL committees, chairing several since she first came to the Virginia in the mid-1990’s. She has also served AALL as an active committee member each year since 1996 on a variety of committees and often chaired those committees.

As Law Librarian for the Norfolk Public Law Library, Donna has found innovative ways of raising funds and making connections within the community, becoming a “rainmaker” for her library. Donna has served on the boards of the Friends of the Old Dominion University Library, the Norfolk Public Library, and the Chrysler Museum of Art Library, as well as being active in the League of Women Voters, and has been the Executive Director of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association since 2001.

We are proud to claim Donna Bausch as one of our own.



Editors’ Note: Much of the information in this article is drawn from the SEAALL award announcement, the recipient’s profile on the Members Only Section of the AALL website, and a 2001 *Law Library Journal* article that Donna authored which may be found at <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/rllc/rc-lawlibrarian/bausch.shtml>. One of Donna’s most endearing qualities is her humility. The caricature above, courtesy of Margaret Christiansen, is our tongue-in-cheek, letter-of-the-law way of thwarting Donna’s attempts to avoid having her picture appear in the pages of the *VALL Newsletter* yet again.

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Good day to all.

When last I left you, I was on my way to becoming a fitter and more agile Me. Alas, the years and life experiences of your humble Detective far outweigh the abilities of the best Spring training camps. I come to you now much as I was before. However, there is good news: I am in better shape than once and there is a bit less of me now. But I digress as I am wont to do. The purpose of this missive is to expound, albeit it with only second-hand knowledge, on the movement of a Law Library.

Viewed from the Preservationist point, certain tasks must be completed before actually moving a collection from one location to another. Among those are:

1. Apprise staff of intentions.
2. Review all items to determine their condition.
3. Reduce the collection by removing out of date or unwanted materials.
4. Appoint a spokesperson to inform the patrons.
5. If necessary, consult with the moving company about cost, number of lorries, staff participation, etc.
6. Measure everything!
7. If one doesn't have it, obtain an ironclad sense of humor and use it willingly.

The staff will serve as the make or break point as you prepare for and perform the move. According to the Kansas State Historical Society's staff there are six phases for a project like this:

- Enthusiasm
- Disillusionment
- Panic
- Search for the guilty
- Punishment of the Innocent
- Praise and Honor for the Non-Participants

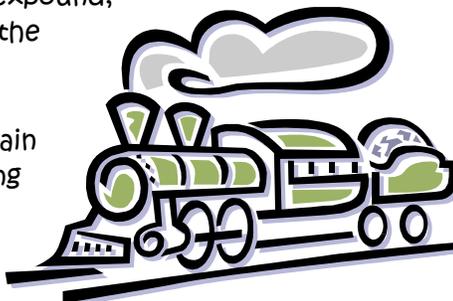
If the library group is willing and has agreed to the idea of the move, half the battle is won and quick progress can be made. They will have to understand that extra hours will be used (twas ever thus) and their on-the-spot decisions will be important to the success of the project. Rotating staff and section leaders can help avoid burnout.

After the collection has been perused, each item that is deemed in need of repair should be set aside to the repair group or tasked to the outside source used for such demand. A quick refresher course in basic repair techniques can prove invaluable at an early stage. The possibility of rough handling can not be overlooked and if the item is in good repair all the better to withstand same. Also, frail books should be moved

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Preservation Junction

*by Jill Burr
and Chris Watson
Wahab Public Law Library
Virginia Beach*



Professional Positions Available *(Continued from page 4)*

COLLECTIONS/ARCHIVIST LIBRARIAN. The University of Virginia School of Law seeks an Archivist/Special Collections Librarian. Required: MLS from an ALA accredited school, or MA in archival administration Preferred: JD; experience or academic study in archival science; knowledge of EAD, image scanning, and digitizing text. The successful candidate will supervise Special Collections and Archives, in addition to serving on the Law Library's reference team. Applicants should have excellent supervisory and communication skills, commitment to customer service, knowledge of archival practices, and knowledge of legal and non-legal resources. Applications should include resume and references. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Library Search Committee, c/o Dean's Office, University of Virginia School of Law, 580 Massie Road, Charlottesville, VA 22903-1789. UVA is an equal opportunity employer.

Job Description

50% ADMINISTRATION

Responsible for the promotion, development, and maintenance of all special collections, rare books and archives. Select and acquire collections and write descriptive guides of collections. Contact potential donors of relevant manuscript and print materials. Promote special collections through exhibits, presentations and collaboration with patrons and other historical agencies. Manage administrative records and pertinent bibliographic records in online catalog. Process materials for public access. Assist with maintenance of Special Collections homepage. Supervise support personnel engaged in processing Law School's archives and other Special Collections materials. Supervise staff producing EAD guides and digitizing manuscript and Special Collections materials. Facilitate general access to special collections through digitization initiatives in collaboration with Information Management Librarian.

50% REFERENCE AND INSTRUCTION

Responsible for all reference and research within Special Collections and for scheduled hours of general reference as a member of the reference team. Consult with faculty, students, and other researchers regarding their informational needs as they pertain to archives and Special Collections materials. Assist researchers in using these materials. Answer general reference questions as a part of the Reference Team. Answer faculty email reference questions at regularly scheduled times. Keep library staff informed concerning the work and special events of the department. Offer lectures on special collections and Law School history. Serve as preservation consultant for library staff.

SUPERVISION

1. Reports to: Director, Law Library
2. Supervises: Part-time support position, student assistants

QUALIFICATIONS

Preferred knowledge, skills, and abilities for an individual performing this position:

1. Knowledge of archival practices and procedures.
2. Knowledge of legal materials, especially historical legal materials.
3. Ability to work and communicate effectively orally and in writing with Library staff, the University community, and other Library users.
4. Knowledge of EAD, digitization techniques, digital preservation, and metadata standards.
5. Commitment to professional growth and development..
6. Ability to work as a part of a team.
7. Strong patron service orientation.

Education or training (cite major area of study):

1. MLS from an ALA accredited library school; or MA in archival administration.
2. J.D., preferred.

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VALL Members Spend a Day with Mr. Jefferson

On Friday, May 2, 2003, VALL members gathered at the beautiful Jefferson Library in Charlottesville, Virginia for the 2003 Spring Meeting.

After a warm welcome and address by Jefferson Foundation Librarian Jack Robertson, VALL members were treated to a tour of the lovely library facility and its collections which focus on the "life, times and legacy of Thomas Jefferson."



A lovely shot of Monticello, courtesy of John and Jeanne Ullian



Vice-President/President-Elect Cathy Palombi participates in the wine-tasting following the Spring Meeting.

Photo courtesy of John and Jeanne Ullian

A delightful boxed lunch was followed by a vineyard tour and wine-tasting. A number of VALLers finished the day with a garden and house tour of Monticello, Jefferson's historic mountain-top home.

Special thanks to Cathy Palombi, who coordinated local arrangements, and all the members of the Program Committee for a memorable event.

Professional Positions Available (Continued from page 9)

Head of Technical Services Marshall-Wythe Law Library College of William and Mary School of Law

The College of William and Mary Law Library is accepting applications for the position of Head of Technical Services.

The Head of Technical Services oversees and coordinates acquisitions and financial control activities; cataloging; serials, binding, and government documents; and the overall processing of library materials. The Head of Technical Services develops goals, priorities and strategies for the department and has an overall view of the service mission of the law library. The Library uses OCLC and SIRSI, and

has an acquisitions budget of approximately \$1M.

Requirements: MLS from an ALA-accredited library program; excellent organization and communication skills; significant managerial experience in library technical services using an integrated automated library system, preferably in a law library.

Salary is commensurate with qualifications. The position will be available January 5, 2004.

Review will begin July 1, 2003, and we will continue to accept application

materials until the position is filled. The College is an EEO/AA employer.

Please send a cover letter, resume, and name and contact information for three references to:

James S. Heller
Director of the Law Library
and Professor of Law
The College of William and Mary
School of Law
P.O. Box 8795
Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

Reference and Research Services Librarian William Taylor Muse Law Library University of Richmond School of Law

The William Taylor Muse Law Library at the University of Richmond seeks a Reference & Research Services Librarian.

Responsibilities: Duties include providing reference service to students, law faculty, and other users, including one evening per week and weekend desk rotation with other librarians; teaching Legal Research in the first-year Lawyering Skills program; preparing and updating research guides, pathfinders and other research tools; editing the library's newsletter; assisting with the library portion of the Law School web page.

Required: JD and MLS from accredited schools; familiarity with legal materials and computer-assisted legal re-

search systems; reference or public services library experience, preferably in a law library.

Preferred: Demonstrated teaching ability and experience with electronic technology

Salary and Benefits: The University of Richmond is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and salary and benefits are competitive. Position is classified as University faculty, and successful applicant will participate in Law School faculty meetings and committees.

UR Law Library: The William Taylor Muse Law Library has seven librarians and a technology and library staff of 10. The collection consists of 330,000 volumes. The library currently serves

470 law students and 25 law faculty. The library is responsible for technology services at the Law School as well. Visit the Law School website at <http://law.richmond.edu> for additional information.

To Apply: Position available July 1, 2003. Send letter of application, resume, and a list of three references to John R. Barden, Head of Reference & Research Services; Chair, Law Library Reference Librarian Search Committee; c/o Human Resource Services; University of Richmond; Richmond, VA 23173. HR fax number: 804-287-1282. For additional information, e-mail - jbarden@richmond.edu or telephone at 804-289-8727.

Project Management Essentials for the Law Librarian

by Margaret L. Christiansen

In one way or another, much of what we do and accomplish as law library professionals falls into the category of projects, non-routine delineated tasks with particular goals and parameters.

New strategy, policy or procedure documents must be created and acted upon... A change in staffing necessitates a shifting of job tasks and the establishment of new procedures or communication channels... Materials must be selected for cancellation to meet stringent budget demands, or weeded to accommodate space limitations... Off-site storage must be created, or a remodel of current facilities conducted... New curricula or training programs must be developed, and existing ones enhanced or revamped... Changes in the world at large necessitate creation or reformulation of an emergency or disaster preparedness policy... A new library database system must be implemented... The list is almost endless, and we as law library professionals are tasked to make it all happen.

The question is, how does one identify, plan, communicate, orchestrate, manage, and bring to completion a project effectively and cohesively, with minimum negative impact on the existing organization and operation of the law library?

Project:

a unique venture with a beginning and an end conducted by people to meet established goals within set parameters of cost, schedule and quality.

At the SEAALL pre-conference workshop this year, all these issues (and more!) were examined. Filippa Marullo Anzalone, presented a dynamic full-day session entitled Project Management Basics in which we were challenged to examine our methodologies and motivations in tackling the projects that do come our way so frequently. I went hoping to hone my skills and understanding of working with a team to accomplish the large special projects which seem to arise with such regularity in our law library, I was not disappointed!

As we learned, project management (PM) is a management tool that can be used to effectively and efficiently accommodate the demands of those we serve, without having to en-

gage the entire organization each time a need arises.

Project Management:

the combination of people, systems, and techniques required to coordinate the resources needed to complete projects within established goals.

We are all busy, we all have too much to do, but complications from a poorly planned project can easily consume countless more hours than it would have taken to adequately plan the project in the first place. Before any project is given life, it is essential to establish answers to the following:

- Why are we doing this? ...is the need that we propose to meet a valid one?
- What is the goal/vision/purpose of the project? ... you can't hit your target if you don't know what you are aiming at.
- How does this project tie in with the Mission? ...if it doesn't, maybe it shouldn't be pursued.
- Can it be accomplished with the resources (time, money, expertise, etc.) available? ...if not, can these resources be diverted from elsewhere or should the project be delayed until they can be available?

Organizationally, PM involves tasking a select team, a subset of the library as a whole, to accomplish the project's goal. The team should not be so large as to make communications unwieldy or detract from library operations, yet it should include persons having expertise in areas essential to project completion and adequate representation of those most impacted by the project. Remember too that the project manager is key to successful accomplishment of the project, so select carefully. This project manager need not have a management title on your org chart or a supervisory job description, however s/he does need to be an effective communicator and able to coordinate the project at hand.

Another essential of successful PM is regular and effective two-way communication at all levels. What qualifies as good or effective communication at each level is dependent on the

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Bridging the Gap

by Joyce Manna Janto

“Students who use the web tend to value information gathering over deliberation. They do not discriminate in selecting sources of information . . . This leads to real problems when students enter the legal arena.”

Whenever law librarians get together one subject is bound to come up sooner or later. No, not the outrageous prices charged by legal publisher. The other topic sure to raise voices is the lack of research skills on the part of new and summer associates. “Why” ask the firm librarians, “don’t you academics teach these kids how to research? They show up each summer and they don’t know anything.” “It’s not our fault,” protest the academics, “we try to teach research skills, but research classes are not given the respect they deserve. Students resist spending time on a class that may be worth only 1 or 2 credits.”

The fact of the matter is that both sides of the argument are correct. Firm and court librarians are noticing a trend that has alarmed

academic librarians, both undergraduate and law school. A psychologist at Carnegie-Mellon University has studied the research habits of young people. He has confirmed what we have all long suspected. Students first recourse for any kind of assignment is the internet. As you can imagine, this has caused concerns among educators. Students who use the web tend to value information gathering over deliberation. They do not discriminate in selecting sources of information, one web site is often seen as good as another. This leads to real problems when students enter the legal arena. Legal writing demands not breath, but depth. Sources must be authoritative, not just easily accessible.

The academic law librarians are faced with a brutal fact of law school life. The old saying is that the squeaky wheel gets the grease. In law school, the class worth the most credit get the most attention. Teachers of legal research have to contend with the fact that their class may be worth only 1 or 2 credits, versus 4 credits for Torts or Property. At the University of Richmond, legal research is a component of the Law Skills class. Research is worth 25% of 2 credits. As you can imagine, a student faced with the choice of spending time on a legal research assignment or a Property assignment will chose Property every time.

So, what are we doing at the University of Richmond to combat these problems? Our solution is a

half day program that we call “Bridge the Gap Between Law School and Employment.” The program is offered on a Saturday morning so as not to conflict with classes. We began offering the Gap program in the spring of 2000 in order to give our students an edge in the ever challenging legal job market. The program is now offered every year in the late spring. We try to hold the program late enough that students will retain the information but not so late that we will be competing with final exams.

Although the program is held in the spring, planning for the program begins in the winter. Our first stop is in the office of our director of Career Services. We receive a list of every first, second, or third year student who has reported that they are employed for the following summer. Approximately 6 weeks before the program, we send letters to the recruitment coordinators of the firms that have hired our

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Project Management

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needs and expectations of those receiving those communications. First, the team must establish effective methods and channels of communication internally. Goals, milestones and timelines should be clearly identified and communicated to all project team members. At other, but no less important levels, successful accomplishment of project goals is dependent on effective communication with library and organizational decision-makers, sub-groups, staff and end users.

This is particularly relevant in the law library setting. Of all the projects listed above, perhaps only curriculum development could be considered more insular to just one law library department. All areas in our libraries are closely interrelated and interdependent. Reference projects can impact circulation, cataloging, acquisitions and/or IT. Much the same can be said for each of the other areas. Interconnectedness among these departments demands that we move beyond the walls which so naturally erect themselves around the topical expertise of our position.

Projects, by definition, are above and beyond the daily routine. Project team members need to have something to shoot for, rewards, milestones to celebrate. These too are important to successful project implementation and must be planned for in advance. Consider also that what is meaningful as a reward or milestone may vary from person to person. There are some universals, however, praise for a job well done or a significant milestone achieved, and in particular public praise goes a very long way.

Once the project is conceptualized, validated and planned for, it is ready to be executed. Implement the plan, and remain flexible to accommodate the unexpected. Communication remains vital throughout. Information gathering and reporting on project progress to and from constituents at all levels should continue from the planning stage through to the conclusion of the project.

Which brings us to the final consideration—the conclusion. By definition, a project has a definite end, and should be clearly distinguished from maintenance or later refinement of a procedure. This point of conclusion should also be identifiable, measurable, planned for and celebrated.

How does this all apply? I am still learning. Our library team has valiantly tackled some quite significant projects this year: creation of several training programs and development of a

new course in the law school curriculum; deselection of materials to meet significant budget reductions; a much needed inventory of the main portion of our collection; a first-time authority record reconciliation... and the list goes on.

I can see places where we have been high on the encouragement and celebration side but not as strong in the realm of communication among departments or to interested entities outside the law library. It is a good thing when our administration (Deans, Presidents, Partners, etc.) is both informed and interested in what we are doing and can celebrate and recognize the benefits of our successes. Similarly, the good will gained when those whom we serve, the law library users know that they have a voice in the process and that we desire to be responsive to their needs is invaluable.

So...

- Conceptualize
- Select the right people
- Organize the team
- Identify project risks & constraints
- Set measurable checkpoints & milestones
- Implement the plan
- Conclude the project

...and the reward is a net savings of time and expense, and a large gain in organizational cohesion, commitment and enthusiasm.

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**Also, check out the plethora of articles indexed in business literature sources. Some are highly technical while some are quite pithy and short, with good digestible information for beginners.*

Bridging the Gap

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students. We inform them of the program, enclose a copy of the agenda, and urge them to urge the students to attend. While not all of the firms are receptive, I am pleased to say that several firms do request that their summer and/or new associates attend.

Our second step is to create an e-mail distribution list of the students we wish to target. Shortly after mailing the letters to the firms, we make our first contact with them. We tell them about the program, send them a copy of the agenda, and urge them to sign up. We also let them know that we have informed their firm about this program and that they may be hearing from the recruitment coordinator. Periodically we will send reminder e-mails to these students. Closer to the time of the program, we will post general notices to attract the attention of students whose job plans may not yet be known to Career Services. We also ask faculty to make announcements in their classes about the program.

Our next step is getting the vendors on board. One of the features we decided to add to the program was the ability to receive "official" Lexis and/or Westlaw summer associate training. Many firms require this training and this is a chance for our students to make themselves "firm ready." Lexis and Westlaw also provide an important part of the day - the food. Westlaw has traditionally provided breakfast while Lexis provides lunch. They can also be counted on to provide the free pens, high lighters, and other tchotchkes that are dear to student hearts.

The actual program varies little from

year to year. Early on, we made the decision to limit ourselves to those students who would be staying in Virginia. First of all, that accounts for the bulk of our students. Second, it allows us to tailor our presentations in way that our students will find most useful. The first part of the program is an ice-breaker. This is a 10 to 15 minute activity that fills the time until all the participants arrive and have breakfast. As students register and pick up their food, we hand them a ten question quiz. The questions are very basic - an example is "What is the S Ct?" When all the students are in place, but still eating, we go through a slides which provide the answers to these questions. By the time we finish, all of the student are in place, through eating and ready to learn.



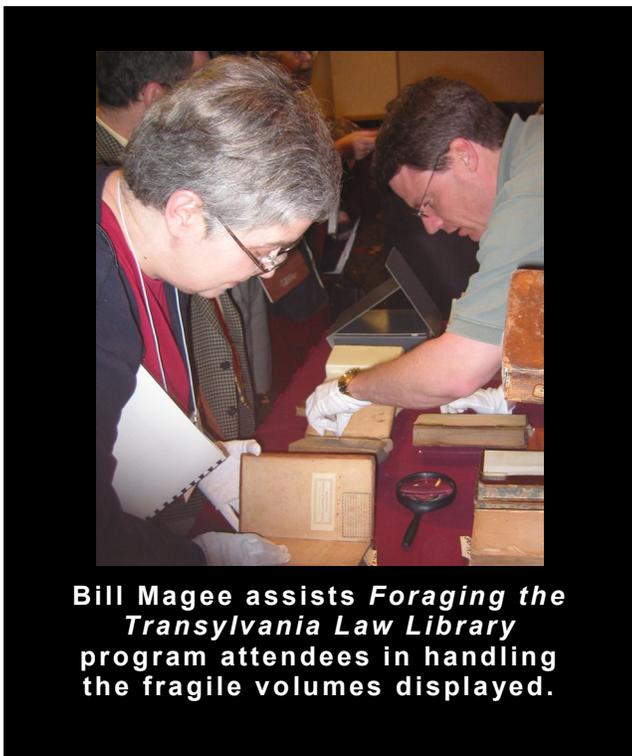
Gail Zwirner offers a session on finding statutes and administrative regulations. While the focus is on Virginia, federal sources are covered. Gail covers not only the traditional paper, but also internet sources for these materials. John Barden does the session on locating opinions. Like Gail, John covers traditional as well as electronic sources. John also demonstrates for the students a web page that he created and maintains on the Law School web page. This page is entitled "A Selection of Legal Research Sources on the World Wide Web: Summer Employment Edition." This page contains a multitude of links to legal, business, and news sources that John has

found especially useful over the years. I cover legal ethics. Many of the students heading out to summer employment have not yet taken Professional Responsibility. I cover issues of confidentiality and conflicts of interest, issues of which they may not be aware. We have always asked a firm librarian to participate. In past years, both Hazel Johnson of McGuireWoods and Cindy Smith of Holton McCandlish have been gracious enough to assist us. Hazel and Cindy cover the practice oriented sources, ones that students will not have encountered in law school. They also discuss the realities of research in a firm environment versus that of the academic world. Our final speaker of the day is always a hit. Michael Begland, a 1989 graduate of the Law School and a sixth year associate at Hunton and Williams, offers the students a real life perspective on the practice of law. He lets the students know what will be expected of them, what the typical demands on a summer associate will be. He also offers the students valuable tips on evaluating the firm for which they will be working. As he points out, a summer clerkship works both ways. The firm will be evaluating them and they should be evaluating the firm.

Our speakers provide us with copies of their presentations and handouts ahead of time. This allows us to have packets ready for the students. We feel that this is important as it gives the students a resource to take to the job with them. While we have never done a formal evaluation of the program, the feedback we receive is generally positive. And I will always treasure an e-mail I received from one of my students. In it he wrote, "Thanks for making me sign up for your program. I would have been in trouble this summer without it."

VALL Members Make Good Showing in Kentucky

by Marie Summerlin Hamm



Bill Magee assists *Foraging the Transylvania Law Library* program attendees in handling the fragile volumes displayed.

Lexington, Kentucky, was the site of the 2003 SEAALL Annual Conference. The theme of the event was *SEAALL@50—Jockeying for the Gold!* and VALL's members were once again "off to the races," earning their chapter high marks for participation in our regional association.

After a very successful run as SEAALL President, **Terry Long** turned over the reins of leadership to Nancy Johnson. Before relinquishing the spotlight entirely, Terry donned a spectacular evening gown and joined with **Jim Heller** (a.k.a. Richard Dawson?), **Tim Coggins**, **Hazel Johnson** and other members of the Golden Anniversary Committee to put on a Family Feud spoof that audience members will not soon forget. (That's o'kay, VALLers—we'll whip those Puerta-Virginians when the SEAALL@100 conference rolls around!)

In another memorable conference moment, **Donna Bausch** received the Service the SEAALL award. (See page 6 for complete details).

The SEAALL Program was overflowing with the names of VALL members serving as speakers or moderators. Then VALL President **Charles Oates** co-presented a session focusing on the fascinating history and collection of the historic Transylvania Law School Library. This was particularly fitting since the law school was situated in Lexington on the campus of Transylvania University. In an information-packed 30-minute segment entitled *How to Find Answers and Make Reference Patrons Happy*, **Kent Olsson** introduced participants to a number of tremendously handy reference resources (and garnered giggles when he demonstrated his infamous internet name search techniques). As co-presenter of *Advanced Legal Research: Taking Legal Bibliography to the Next Level*, **Jennifer Sekula** shared practical insights gained in her experiences at William & Mary and masterfully addressed questions from an enthusiastic audience. **Jim Heller**, in addition to his stellar performance as game show host, moderated two programs.

Last but not least . . . Do **Tim Coggins** and **Hazel Johnson** deserve special recognition for their roles as Producers and Directors of the Friendly Feud? Yes, you say? Survey says . . . "Good Answer"!



Rae Best celebrates 50s style at Spindletop Hall.

Homestead Memories

You're going to be hearing a lot about The Homestead in the months leading up to the VLA/VALL Joint Annual Conference to be held there on November 5-7, 2003. To further whet your appetite we are reprinting some memories that appeared in the April/June 2003 issue of Virginia Libraries. As you'll see from these recollections and memories, The Homestead is one of the best places to hold a conference in the country. We're lucky to be able to visit it every few years!

--Jill & Barbie

Sandra Heinemann , VLA President, 1999

- ... a step back in time
- ... sumptuous breakfasts
- ... crisp mountain air
- ... feeling pampered
- ... time to reflect
- ... music, tea, crackling fires
- ... gold brick sundaes (my favorite)
- ... wonderful atmosphere to connect, learn, and share with colleagues
- ... "feeling good" sense in experiencing something special
- ... elegant surroundings
- ... great service
- ... high tea
- ... walks on trails in the woods
- ... collegiality and togetherness
- ... good conversation in the great hall

Mary Mayer-Hennelly, VLA Annual Conference Chair, 1999 (and VALL Chapter VIP at the AALL Philadelphia Annual Conference)

The Homestead is a very pleasant and (somewhat) non-typical library conference location.

First, because it is a highly rated resort, participants have the opportunity to attend relevant programming about our profession AND then immediately avail themselves of a spa massage, swim in a pool of spring water, or a trek around the nearby mountain area.

Second, there's no need for careful expenditure of meal per diem funds because a sumptuous breakfast and dinner are covered in the daily rate. No VLAer has ever been heard complaining about the gourmet food. In short, attending a conference at The Homestead is a marvelous mix of excellent programs, excellent cuisine, and excellent company. Our usual roles are reversed, and we are the ones served. Is there anything better for your spirits and motivation? I wish the conference were next week!

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Preservation Junction

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in special containers designed for more protection. If there is an archival collection, the movers may provide valuable advice about packing and protection.

Try to ensure that regular services are maintained as much as possible during the move. It may be of help to ask other similar service libraries to open their doors to your patrons for duplicated holdings during the transition. Also, the online access to particular databases could be published in advance or separated from the main move to allow use during the shift.

On the day of the move, allow for before and after hours extra time and if necessary hie yourself to a warm South Sea island . . . sorry about that, took leave of my senses. Now then, on the day of the move, be prepared for tasks before and after the movers complete their work. Be flexible and try not to get upset by small crises - rather, only get upset by the medium and large crises. After all, if one is to have an upset, it should be worth the energy. Try to be adaptable but remember that proprieties must be observed at all times and the collection's integrity is of paramount importance.

In closing, one final pinch of advice. After you've dropped one last box of books on your toe and pulled the final gusset in your back, remember Dr. Polly's favorite phrase to ask of your co-workers: "are we having fun yet?". That's if, of course, you have the wish to lose life or limb.

I remain your humble servant,

Detective Double-Stitch

Homestead Memories (Continued from page 18)

Barbie Selby, VALL/VLA Liaison

I first visited The Homestead for a VLA Annual Conference in about 1986. I *think* I attended some meetings; I *know* I had a mineral soak at the spa; I *know* I floated on my back in the indoor swimming pool while gazing out the windows at the snow falling; I *know* I ate one of the best appetizers I've ever had (can't remember what, just know it was delicious); I *know* I vowed to return. Fortunately, I've been able to return a few times over the years – either for a conference, or for my husband's work. Memorably, we were stranded for two extra nights in the blizzard of January 1996. The Homestead was in the midst of remodeling, and I pretty much walked every hallway, and peeked into every storage attic – what fun! I also talked to many Homestead employees about the new corporate owners. They uniformly give it high marks. No one was let go when they took over. They've poured money into renovations, and improving the spa and grounds. It's one of the nicest places I can think of to hold a conference. I hope everyone takes this opportunity to visit. Remember "it's a beautiful day at The Homestead."

**Minutes of the VALL Business Meeting
Jefferson Library, Charlottesville, VA
May 2, 2003**

Call to Order (Charles Oates, President)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes (Tisha Zelner, Secretary)

The minutes of the Oct. 31/Nov. 2, 2002 and March 27, 2003 business meetings were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Lyn Warmath, Treasurer)

The financial statement year-end summary for May 2002 to April 2003 was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Committee Reports

Grants (Rae Best, Chair)

The grants committee members are reviewing applications for the VALL grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington on July 12-16, 2003. The decision will be announced next week.

Legal Information Outreach (Robert Davis, Chair)

No report.

Legislative Awareness (Isabel Paul, Chair)

Virginia SB 1277 was defeated in the House Courts of Justice committee.

Reports from the April 2003 meeting of the Depository Library Council indicate that the office of the Public Printer is being reorganized with one anticipated result being that within five years the Federal Depository Library Program will go from 60% to 90% electronic delivery.

H.R. 1303 was introduced in the U.S. House to amend the E-Government Act of 2002.

Virginia Congressman Rick Boucher reintroduced the DMCRA.

Membership (Cindy Smith, Chair)

Because the winter 2003 meeting was cancelled twice due to hazardous driving conditions, the membership directories were mailed to members.

Recent new members include: Lora Wilson of Roanoke Law Library, Betty Johnson of National College of Business & Technology, Michael Kitzen, Jeff Freilich, and Mary Grace Hune of Verizon (re-joining).

Total membership is down from last year.

Newsletter (Margaret Christiansen and Marie Hamm, Co-chairs)

The mailing list for the *VALL Newsletter* is just above two hundred which allows VALL to continue to use the bulk mailing rate.

The Summer 2003 issue of the *VALL Newsletter* will be published on the VALL Web site for the first time. It will also be published in paper and mailed to the membership.

Nominations (Gail Zwirner, Chair)

No report.

Placement (Barbara Cumming, Chair)

No report.

Program (Bobbie Denny, Chair)

The summer meeting will be held Tuesday 15 July 2003, 12:00-1:30 p.m. during the AALL Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Preservation (John Barden, Chair)

No report.

Public Relations (Marie Hamm, Chair)

Lyn Warmath distributed a flier advertising the program to be presented by VALL and the Technology Committee of the Virginia State Bar (VSB) at the Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the VSB in Virginia Beach, Virginia on 20 June 2003. The program is titled "Opportunities and Pratfalls: Using the Internet for Legal Research." The presenters are Timothy Chinaris, Roger Skalbeck, and Cindy Smith.

Work is continuing on the VALL Chapter Leadership Handbook.

Marie represented law librarianship at an "Alternative Career Conversations" program held at W&M School of Law in March 2003. About thirty careers were represented. Marie spoke with about twenty-five to thirty students and seven or eight of them showed a strong interest in law librarianship.

Publications (Taylor Fitchett, Chair)

Charles thanked Taylor and all who contributed articles for the "VALL issue" of *Virginia Lawyer*.

Recruitment (Jeanne Ullian, Chair)

Jeanne introduced new member Lora Wilson.

Vendor Relations (Nancy Loewenberg, Chair)

No report.

VLA Liaison (Barbie Selby, Chair)

No report.

Charles thanked all committee chairs for their service during this past year.

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Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement May 2, 2003



GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2002 — April 2003

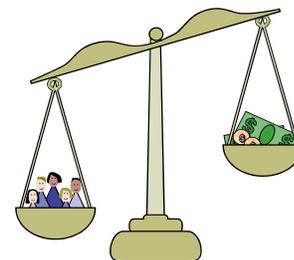
RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURES

Membership Dues	\$3,456.63	Membership	\$1,152.76
Meetings	\$5,199.70	Meetings	\$6,307.55
Newsletter	\$405.00	Newsletter	\$2,519.28
Donations	\$205.00	Grants	\$135.00
		Supplies	\$57.10
		Post Office Box	\$133.00
		Postage	\$37.00
		VALL Donations	\$500.00
		VALL Memberships	\$110.00
		Educational Sponsorships	\$40.00
		Miscellaneous:	\$36.58
TOTAL:	\$9,266.33	TOTAL:	\$11,028.77



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$10,308.53
RECEIPTS:	+\$9,266.33
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$11,028.77</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$8,546.59



For the full report, contact Bill Katz at bill.katz@troutmansanders.com

Minutes

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Old Business

96th AALL Annual Meeting & Conference

By a show of hands, about twelve of the members present plan to attend the AALL Annual Conference in Seattle, Washington in July 2003. It was suggested that, because it would reach a wider audience than those members present at this meeting, a message to VALL-L may provide a better estimate of the number of VALL members planning to attend AALL in Seattle.

Kathy Mays has declined VALL's invitation to attend the AALL Annual Conference in Seattle as VALL's Chapter VIP. The VALL Board decided not to send a Chapter VIP to AALL this year.

VLA/VALL Annual Conference 2003

Jill Burr distributed a bookmark promoting the VLA/VALL Joint Conference scheduled for 5-7 November 2003 at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia.

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The keynote speaker will be Adriana Trigiani, author of the Big Stone Gap series of novels. The Youth Services Forum of VLA will present its Jefferson Cup Award to Chris Crowe, author of *Getting Away With Murder: The True Story of the Emmett Till Case*, a book about the murder of fourteen-year-old Emmett Till in Mississippi in 1955. #9 Dream, a Beatle's tribute band of which Cathy Palombi's husband is a member, has submitted a proposal to play at the Thursday night opening reception.

There will be a VLA Conference Committee meeting on May 12 to discuss program proposals and VALL representatives will try to focus law-related programs on Friday 7 November 2003.

Charles thanked Jill Burr and Barbie Selby for their work on the joint conference.

Presenting Programs to Virginia State Bar

In years past, VALL had a booth in the exhibit hall of the VSB Annual Meeting at a cost of about \$400, but VALL decided not to have a booth at this year's VSB meeting because *Virginia Lawyer's Weekly* reported that last year's exhibit hall was poorly attended. As reported above under the Public Relations Committee report, VALL is presenting a program at this year's VSB meeting instead of hosting a booth in the exhibit hall. Lyn asks that VALL members use the flier described above to promote the program within their organizations.

Charles thanked Lyn for her work in organizing this program.

Electronic Distribution of VALL Newsletter

As mentioned in the Newsletter Committee report above, the next issue of the *VALL Newsletter* will be the first to be published electronically. The format will be pdf.

Submission deadline for the Summer 2003 issue of *VALL Newsletter* is May 15, 2003.

Petition and Letter to Governor Warner in Support of the Library of Virginia

At the initiation of John Barden, a letter and petition from VALL urging adequate funding for the Government Publications Department of the Library of Virginia was sent to and acknowledged by Governor Mark Warner, but with no effect on the end result.

New Business

The "VALL issue" of *Virginia Lawyer* was submitted for the AALL Excellence in Marketing Award but did not win.

The Board recommended a "yes" vote to extend complimentary or "honorary" membership in VALL to Mary Alice Baish so long as she remains in her current position with the Washington

Affairs Office of AALL. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote, although only a two-thirds yes vote was required for approval.

The new committee chairs for 2003-2004 were announced as follows:

Bylaws	Joyce Manna Janto
Handbook	Marie Summerlin Hamm
Grants	Rae Best
Legal Information Outreach	Leanne Battle
Legislative Awareness	Isabel Paul
Membership	Robert Davis
Newsletter Co-editors:	Margaret L. Christiansen
	Marie Summerlin Hamm
Placement	Barbara Cumming
Preservation	John Barden
Program	Cathy Palombi
Publications	Gail Zwirner
Public Relations	Jill Burr
Recruitment	Taylor Fitchett
Vendor Relations	Nancy Loewenberg
Webmaster	Paul Birch

There is nothing to report on staffing the VALL table in the exhibit hall during the AALL Annual Conference in Seattle, but volunteers will be needed.

The sad news was reported that Cathy Clark, of McGuire Woods and formerly of George Mason University, is losing her husband to cancer. They have a five-year-old child.

Recognition of Service of Members Leaving VALL Executive Board

Charles sincerely thanked the members of the VALL Board for their support and guidance during his term as President, and extended special thanks to departing members Jill Burr (Past President), Lyn Warmath (Treasurer), and Barbie Selby (Director).

Bobbie presented Charles with a clock from the Danbury Clock Company to thank him for his service as President.

Installation of Officers

The installation of new officers will take effect at the conclusion of the board meeting which will immediately follow this business meeting. New officers are Cathy Palombi (Vice President/President-elect), Bill Katz (Treasurer), and Jeanne Ullian (Director). Continuing officers are Bobbie Denny (President), Tisha Zelner (Secretary), Allen Moye (Director), and Charles Oates (Immediate Past President).

Adjournment



2003 VALL SUMMER LUNCHEON MEETING
City Centre
4th Floor Conference Room Suite #475
1420 5th Avenue
Seattle, Washington
Tuesday, July 15
12:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

LUNCH CATERED BY Briazz

Directions to location will be sent to registrants.

Box Lunch Choices (includes sandwich or salad selection, freshly cut fruit cup, chips, chocolate chip cookie, bottled spring water and napkin-wrapped utensils)

<p><u> </u> N.Y. Style Turkey Breast (No Spreads) Roasted turkey breast, Roma tomatoes and green leaf lettuce on thick sliced swirly rye bread</p>	<p><u> </u> Briazz Chicken Caesar Salad Fresh-cut hearts of romaine, succulent Roma tomatoes and our own crispy croutons, topped with grated Parmesan cheese, a wedge of lemon and a generous portion of diced roasted chicken breast</p>
<p><u> </u> Chop Chop Veggie Toga (Vegetarian) Hummus, Parmesan, kalamata & green olives, tomatoes, peppers, carrots and romaine lettuce in a pita</p>	<p><u> </u> Seasonal Greens The growing season suggests which toasted nuts, fresh and dried fruit will join bleu cheese on a bed of mixed greens</p>
<p><u> </u> Chipotle Beef Rustic Slice Roast beef, Havarti cheese and Chipotle smoked pepper mayonnaise with tomato and greens on focaccia</p>	<p><u> </u> Vegan Variety Sampler Sampler plate of assorted fruit, toasted nuts & fruit and raw veggies (Vegan)</p>

Drink Choices (in addition to bottled water provided with lunch box) (may select two)

Regular Coffee Decaf Coffee Hot Tea
 Coke Diet-Coke Sprite Diet-Sprite

Would you like additional dessert selections? Yes or No (Please circle answer)

Send registration and check in the amount of \$15 payable to VALL **NO LATER THAN JUNE 20** to:

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Join us November 5-7 at the
VALL/VLA Joint Conference at

The Homestead



Photo Courtesy of The Homestead

Visit the **VALL website** for registration forms and details!



VALL President Bobbie Denny

President's Message

The theme for the AALL annual meeting in Seattle was "Maximize Today--Envision Tomorrow!" The outstanding educational programs focused on the following competencies of law librarianship: teaching, collection care and management, and technology, all important to maintaining a level of expertise in law library settings. The interactions with colleagues at meetings, roundtables, luncheons, and social gatherings meant exchanges of ideas to maximize opportunities today and plan for tomorrow in the rapidly changing world of legal information.

As part of the AALL annual awards program, VALL was honored for its 2002 annual meeting, "Exploring Connections at VALL," with the professional development award given to a chapter for a program. The Virginia Department of Planning and Budget's online Virginia Regulatory Town Hall (nominated by VALL) received the award for public access to government information (PAGI).

The VALL luncheon meeting in Seattle gave members from all over the state a chance to interact. Thanks go to Jean Holcomb and Jill Burr for finding a good location and providing perfect directions to get there (members who forgot to bring the directions demonstrated the resourcefulness of librarians as they found their way to the fourth-floor conference room even though the first-floor directory did not indicate any floors above the second). Kim Martin and Erin Daley organized the luncheon beautifully.

Gail Warren again assured that the VALL table at the conference reflected the spirit and accomplishments of our organization. Thanks are due to Jill Burr for scheduling volunteers to work at the table and to Eric Welsh, Tisha Zelner, Joyce Janto, and others for volunteering.

I also want to thank VALL members who attended roundtables to share ideas with members of other chapters: Jill Burr (public relations), Cathy Palombi (meeting management), Merrill Chertok (membership), and Margaret Christiansen (newsletter). Thanks also go to Joyce Janto for organizing and Donna Bausch for hosting a get together for VALL members before the closing banquet. VALL's grant committee, chaired by Rae Best, selected Terry Long as the grant recipient for the Seattle meeting. Lexis-Nexis, represented by Leanne Battle, generously funded grant monies to VALL over the past year.

Our annual meeting this fall will be held with the Virginia Library Association at the Homestead November 5-7. Over the past two years Barbie Selby and Jill Burr have been involved in planning this promising event. Details about registration appear in this issue and on VALL's homepage. Many VALL members will be giving presentations. The meeting will help cement VALL's relationship with VLA and facilitate networking and the exchange of ideas, a perfect way to maximize today and envision tomorrow.

VALL Committees 2003-2004

Bylaws: Joyce Manna Janto (Chair), Jennifer Sekuka

Handbook: Marie Summerlin Hamm (Chair), Jill Burr, Charles Oates, Gail Warren

Grants: Rae Best (Chair), Donna Bausch, Cindy Smith, Eric Welsh

Legal Information Outreach: Leanne Battle (Chair), Terry Long, Cindy Smith

Legislative Awareness: Isabel Paul (Chair), Chris Byrne, Fred Dingley, Sally Wambold

Membership: Robert Davis (Chair), Eileen Chandhoke, Merrill Chertok

Placement: Barbara Cumming (Chair)

Preservation: John Barden (Chair), Bill Magee, Sally Wambold, Chris Watson

Program: Cathy Palombi (Chair), Jill Burr, Femi Cadmus, Tim Coggins, Bill Magee, Barbie Selby

Publications: Gail Zwirner (Chair), Evelyn Campbell, Heather Midkiff, Lyn Warmath

- Webmaster Paul Birch
- Newsletter Co-editors: Margaret L. Christiansen
Marie Summerlin Hamm

Public Relations: Jill Burr (Chair), Marie Hamm, Teresa Schmidt, Lyn Warmath, Lora Wilson

Recruitment: Taylor Fitchet (Chair), Leanne Battle, Marty Rush

Vendor Relations: Nancy Loewenberg (Chair)

VLA Liaison: Barbie Selby

Another Law School Course? On Law Librarianship?

By Professor Charles Oates,
Director, Regent University Law Library



What's that you say? Another law school course? On Librarianship? You've got to be kidding. Those were my unspoken thoughts upon hearing this idea suggested by Professor Samuel Menefee, a staunch supporter of the law library and active member of the Library committee. My colleague, Professor Menefee, is a constant source of creative ideas for the law library, and its most active supporter among nonlibrarians.

Is there REALLY a need for a course in Law Librarianship in the law school curriculum? The Regent Law School curriculum committee answered that question in the affirmative a couple of years ago, much to my surprise and delight.

Having now just finished teaching the new Law Librarianship Seminar—believed to be the first offered by an American law school on the subject—I have been encouraged by several colleagues to write an article describing the course so that others may benefit from the experience, and so that other law schools might consider offering such a course to students who are proficient in legal research and might be interested in law librarianship as an alternative to the traditional practice of law.

This article addresses several questions I asked initially. Why was the course needed, and what would be the perceived benefits? What would be the focus of the course? How should it be organized? What criteria for selection of articles for assigned reading and discussion would be used? What should be included, as well as excluded? Who would teach it? Where would classes be held? Would enough students be interested in taking such a course? Also discussed are the process of implementation, the experience itself, what was learned, and what will be done differently in future years.

Is There a Market?

As law librarians, we believe that we have found the ultimate alternative to the traditional practice of law. How many lawyers have a relatively serene workplace where a 40 hour work week is the norm and family life has a chance to flourish? It naturally follows that a significant number of law students who don't yet know what they want to do with their law degree might be attracted to a career in law librarianship with a little nudging that this course provides.

This should be especially true of those students who have demonstrated a proficiency in legal research, those who are already working as graduate assistants in their institution's law library, or those who aren't cut out for, or just don't want, the frenetic paced, stress-filled, confrontational life of the stereotypical practicing lawyer. It's also an excellent choice for law students who for whatever reason don't want to suffer the agony of the bar exam ordeal. The profession is well-suited to someone who wants to work in the field of law, but does not want to practice. It's also ideal for professionals who want the freedom to relocate to another part of the country.

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Good Things to Come: A Sneak Preview of the VALL/VLA Joint Conference at the Homestead!

By Jill Barr, Wakab Public Law Library

VALL members really rose to the occasion when asked to submit program proposals for the VLA/VALL Joint Conference to be held November 5–7 at The Homestead. The result is a truly wonderful array of presentations of interest to everyone who works in a library, regardless of the size and type.

Two knowledgeable speakers and two interesting topics lead off on Thursday afternoon. Tim Chinaris focuses on the idea that librarianship is not properly recognized as a profession and how we might go about changing that perception in *Ethics and Professionalism in Libraries*. Barbie Selby gives an overview of the administrative decision-making process in *Federal Administrative Decisions*.

Thursday programming continues with the recipient of AALL's 2003 PAGI award, Virginia Regulatory Town Hall, is the topic for Jay Lagarde and William Shobe of the Virginia Department of Planning & Budget. Jennifer Sekula and Davis Mason help sort through vast amounts of information in *Researching Tax and Environmental Law: What You Need to Know*. Sally Wiant covers the use of Internet and digital networks in *The TEACH Act*.

After a break for High Tea and the VALL Business Meeting, we'll be enjoying a scrumptious Homestead dinner followed by an opportunity to work off all those extra calories dancing to the music of #9 Dream, a Beatles tribute band. (One member of this band "moonlights" as Cathy Palombi's husband!)

Archives in Cyberspace: Researching Historical Documents and U.S. Supreme Court Decisions Before 1990 is the topic of Allen Moyer's and Rae Ellen Best's presentation bright and early Friday morning. Leanne Battle steps up to the podium with *Teaching Online for \$40 a Day: A Look at Affordable Tools for Delivering Instruction*, an exploration of online teaching tools for every budget. That elusive Virginia legislative history is the topic of Cheryl Jackson's presentation, *Researching Legislative History in Virginia: Gleaning the Intent Behind the Action*. And last but certainly not least, Joyce Janto discusses *Library Records and the Law: How the USAPATRIOT Act and Other Laws Affect Us*, definitely a topic of interest to all library staff.

There are a host of other presentations on the program and you'll wish you could be in more than one place at once over the two days of the conference. Other topics include library illumination systems, the pros and cons of the licensing process, equitable access to limited computing resources in libraries, the characteristics of a great library leader, preadoption evaluation of chat reference by a university library, accessing and using the invisible Web, building a digital library, and market research just to name a few.

And if the programming is not enough, just imagine yourself enjoying some of the most beautiful fall scenery Virginia has to offer and special friends both old and new with whom to enjoy every moment of this conference.

Here's another example of the high-quality programs you can expect to enjoy at the VALL/VLA Joint Conference!

Archives in Cyberspace: Researching Historical Documents and U.S. Supreme Court Decisions before 1990

by Rae Ellen Best & Allen Moye

George Mason University Law School Library

Over the past decade or so, the Internet has grown so much that it has been suggested that it may well prove to be the greatest revolution in communications since the invention of printing. Undoubtedly, it has already had a profound impact on how information is stored, collected and delivered and on ways of working in the knowledge-based sectors.

There are many obvious advantages in using the Internet: the imagery is fashionable and fun; access has become fast and easy, thanks to the variety of competing service providers; and it offers a variety of sites supplying endless information on a vast array of topics; and of course it is always there, providing 24-hour access, seven days a week. There are, however, some disadvantages as well. Already there is far too much information available, often unverified, and aimed at the lowest common denominator. Trying to locate authoritative information on a particular topic can prove an aggravating

odyssey, particularly if you are looking for something that pre-dates the mid-1990's.

Despite these difficulties, the Internet has become an addictive medium, and it has been predicted that the growth in Internet enabled mobile phones and of digital TV, which is fast converging with the Internet, will rapidly boost user percentages over the next few years. With that said, we thought it would be interesting to see how much the Internet has grown in terms of providing access to archival legal materials.

We found so much more than expected, so we decided to try compiling our results into an educational presentation for the joint VALL/VLA meeting in November. Our presentation is titled, *Archives in Cyberspace* and will demonstrate how to access documents of historical importance on the Internet. The emphasis will be on federal historical documents of legal significance, including cases, congressional debates, arguments and decisions. We think this presentation will be helpful for any librarian interested in learning how to research federal archival materials, and hope you'll take the time to join us.

Send in your registration TODAY!

LEXIS/NEXIS SPONSORED GRANT TO ATTEND
VLA/VALL JOINT CONFERENCE
THE HOMESTEAD
HOT SPRINGS, VIRGINIA
NOVEMBER 5 - 8, 2003

Purpose: The LEXISNEXIS sponsored VALL grant is generously underwritten by Leanne Battle, it provides registration costs to VALL members who want to attend the VLA/VALL Joint Conference at The Homestead.

Committee: The Grants Committee (Rae Ellen Best (Chair), Donna Bausch, Cindy Smith, Eric Welsh), will determine the appropriate recipient.

Notification: The individual grants will cover the cost of registration during the VLA/VALL Joint Conference in November. The deadline for submission of applications is **October 3, 2003**. Recipients will be notified by October 10, 2003.

Criteria: Selection of member recipients will be based upon:

- Current paid individual or institutional membership in VALL. Applicants with three or fewer years in VALL have an advantage in the selection process, as the grants are awarded according to a formula favoring newer members.
- Commitment to the profession as demonstrated by educational preparation and/or employment record.
- Discussion of the value of VALL participation to the applicant's professional development.
- Other scholarships or grants received during the last three years will be considered. Previous receipt of a grant or scholarship does not render the applicant ineligible.
- Members of the Grants Committee are ineligible for a grant during their tenure on the committee.
- Grant recipients are asked to write an article for the *VALL Newsletter* based upon their attendance at the VLA/VALL Joint Conference, in consultation with the *VALL Newsletter* editors, Margaret Christiansen and Marie Summerlin Hamm.

Contact: Please contact Rae Ellen Best, Chair, Grants Committee, with any questions about the VALL Grants program at (703) 993-8101, or rbest@gmu.edu.

Completed applications must be postmarked by **OCTOBER 3**. Recipients will be selected by **OCTOBER 10** and notified immediately by mail or email. Send completed application form to:

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November 5 - 8, 2003

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Have you received a grant or scholarship from VALL or from another association or graduate school, during the last three years? _____ If "yes," when, what for, and for what amount?

If you do **not** receive a VALL grant to attend the VLA/VALL Annual Conference: (Check one)

- I definitely will not be able to attend the conference.
- I may not be able to attend the conference.
- I will still be able to attend the conference.

My employer will reimburse the following expenses: Travel: \$ _____ Accommodations: \$ _____
Other: \$ _____. Will your employer give you time off to attend the meeting?: ___ Yes / ___ No

Educational Background: (*College & graduate schools attended, dates, degrees*)

Employment History in Law Librarianship - *job titles, employees, terms of service:*

Other Relevant Employment or Experience:

Participation in and Service to the Profession: *VALL, SEAALL, AALL, etc. offices, committees, section, etc.:*

How do you feel you will benefit from attendance at this meeting?

Use a separate sheet if necessary.

Please read and sign the following:

If for any reason I cannot attend the VLA/VALL Annual Conference, I shall immediately notify the Grants Committee and return the grant money to the VALL Treasurer. In addition, I understand that as a recipient I will be asked to write an article for the VALL Newsletter on a session attended.

Signature

Date

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Another Course? On Law Librarianship?

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But what about the extra schooling required getting a Master's degree in library science? Compared to enduring the ordeal of law school, library school is a piece of cake. And most if not all library schools reduce the required number of hours for students who have earned the law degree.

Benefits to the Law Library

When it comes to filling professional staff positions where experience is not a prerequisite, we would all agree that hiring known quantities who don't have to relocate beats hiring remote unknowns most every time. We have been successful in hiring several Regent Law graduates who have become tremendous assets to the professional law library staff. This course further enables us to connect with students who have an expressed interest in law librarianship. It also provides a forum in which we can encourage them in that pursuit, and open their eyes to the options and opportunities available to them.

The Course Itself

The course is a two-credit seminar open to selected students who have demonstrated expertise in legal research and/or interest in law librarianship. It was designed to introduce students to the various departments and areas of specialization, and the diverse types of law libraries, their organizational structures, collections, and services. The course is neither a refresher in legal research or training in advanced legal research, nor does it cover the use of legal resources. It was evident from the beginning that any legal research component would be redundant. All students eligible to take the law librarianship seminar would already have had a year of legal research. It was decided that time could be better spent studying issues relevant to all law libraries, then focusing on issues particular to specialized law libraries.

According to the syllabus, "students will (1) gain an awareness of the different types and functions of law libraries, (2) become familiar with the inner workings of various types of law libraries and issues particular to each, (3) develop an awareness of the various areas of specialization, (4) explore one or more areas of special interest, (5) consider the benefits of a career in law librarianship, and (6) be able to apply Biblical principles to the profession of law librarianship."

"The successful student will be able to: (1) discuss the history, nature and clientele of law libraries, (2) list the various types of law libraries and articulate the special issues of academic, law firm, and government libraries, (3) identify the essential components of a law library collection development policy and understand acquisition procedures, (4) explain the distinguishing characteristics of traditional library departments including public services, bibliographic services, information technology, and management, and issues particular to each, (5) gain a familiarity with law library budgets, (6) formulate a plan for marketing a law library, (7) identify the major professional library associations, (8) understand the reporting structure of the library within the larger organization, (9) distinguish services to primary and secondary clientele, and (10) analyze sources of revenue."

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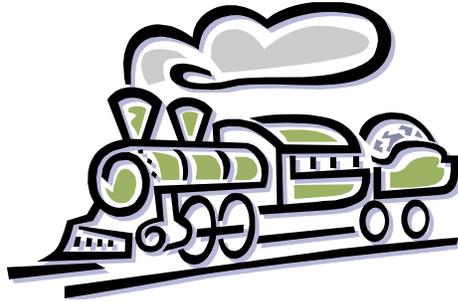
Each student is expected to select and complete an independent project on a subject of his or her interest undertaken with the approval of the Director and under the supervision of the professional staff. Both of the projects submitted were of outstanding quality and of particular benefit to the profession. One student assisted Marie Hamm in the preparation of the extensive work-in-progress VALL Operations Manual; the other student prepared a rather comprehensive pathfinder on the subject of International Adoptions.

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Preservation Junction

*by Sally Wambold
Muse Law Library
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School of Law



How Does Preservation Relate to the Public Catalog?

It occurred to me suddenly that preserving the collection relates to the Public Catalog. First of all, the Public Catalog is a snapshot of the collection. It preserves what is in the collection for the user, the administration, the researcher, whoever is interested in the collection. This snapshot is not static, as you all know. When books are withdrawn from the collection, they must also be withdrawn from the Catalog. When books are missing, the catalog needs to reflect that. Many catalogs reflect the titles on order. So, the catalog preserves the collection, by presenting a big picture of the collection.

The catalog also preserves the collection by providing access. If we travel the Web, we can search the catalogs of the Big Libraries. The Library of Congress provides access by author/creator browse, title, subject browse, keyword, command keyword, call number browse, ISBN-ISSN-LCCN, series/uniform title browse. Other libraries often provide fewer points of access. But points of access exist in every catalog, including card catalogs. Those of us who worked with card catalogs remember the card sets with title added entries, subject added entries, series added entries and name added entries. Access is a huge word for libraries. It is how catalogs provide an entry into the collection. It is how people find what they are looking for. And it preserves the collection by giving it order.

One means of access can be the code that indicates where a book is located. What do you do when you move a book? To preserve its place in the collection, you need to change its address in the collection so that people can still locate it. What happens when the location of a book is wrong in the catalog? You know the answer to that one. The book is lost! With luck, a searcher will find it and the problem can be rectified.

Yes, the maintenance of a catalog requires as much daily maintenance as a well-tended garden. This is a good time to mention authority control. Name, subject, and series entries ideally should be uniform, un-

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Another Course? On Law Librarianship?

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Each student's grade for the seminar is based 50% on class participation and 50% on the independent project. In the future, students will be required to join a relevant listserv in an area of individual interest, maintain a log of topics discussed, and report regularly to the class what they learned from the listserv discussion.

Assigned Readings

The primary textbook was D. Panella, Basics of Law Librarianship (Haworth Press, 1991). Suggested readings included P. Kehoe, L. Lyman & G. McCann, eds., Law Librarianship: A Handbook for the Electronic Age (Littleton, Co.: Rothman, 1995); R. Mersky & R. Leiter, eds., The Spirit of Law Librarianship (Littleton, Co.: Rothman, 1991); H. Mueller & P. Kehoe, eds., Law Librarianship: A Handbook (Littleton, Co.: Rothman, 1983); and C. Pennington, ed., Planning the Small Law Office Library (Chicago, IL: American Bar Association/Section of Law Practice Management, 1994).

Readings include extracts from treatises on law librarianship as well as relevant articles in *Law Library Journal*, *AALL Spectrum*, and similar publications. From the beginning, I felt strongly that assigned readings should be of exceptional high quality and general interest, as well as being reasonably short, particularly well-written, and contemporary--except for historical treatments.

Instructors and Venue

The seminar is taught by the Director of the Regent Law Library with the assistance of the law library faculty and professional staff, and includes presentations by law librarians representing various types of law libraries, such as firm, public, court and government, as well as academic, group discussions, and site visits to different types of law libraries in the Tidewater area. VALL members who instructed admirably in that

first seminar include Laurie Claywell, Donna Bausch, Jill Burr, Karen Johnson and Gail Warren. Gail traveled from Richmond to Virginia Beach to discuss issues relating to the Virginia State Law Library, as well as to peer with us into the future of law libraries. The Dean and Associate Dean for Administration were keenly interested in the latter subject, and requested (and received) a private audience with Gail to gaze into the crystal ball with her.

What We Learned

Only two students registered for the course. Not surprisingly, both of them were employed as graduate assistants in the law library. A contributing factor to this disappointingly low turnout was a lack of adequate advance publicity. I had wrongly assumed that students would (somehow) learn of the new course by some means similar to osmosis. We plan to publicize the course heavily in the future by means of timely emails to students and notices prominently displayed on bulletin boards, as well as asking our graduate assistants to talk it up among student friends who might be interested in looking into law librarianship as a career.

Another reason for the low turnout was a prerequisite that required the approval of the law library director before a student could be enrolled. In retrospect, this likely had an intimidating effect on some students that otherwise might have taken the course. Since there is really no compelling reason for this requirement, it will be abandoned in the future.

Is This a Keeper?

As a direct result of taking the Law Librarianship Seminar, one of the two students in that first class will be pursuing the M.L.S. degree upon graduation from law school in a few months. The other student has another year of law school remaining, but is "now interested in looking into law librarianship as a career". This humble beginning was considered an unqualified success. And definitely worth repeating.



Preservation Junction

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authorized forms need to be weeded. To use an old example, the entries should all be Mark Twain not Samuel Langhorne Clemens. The catalog needs to preserve the integrity of the intellectual content of the collection by uniformity and by correct entries. The Library of Congress subject headings, for example, have accepted forms which are listed in the authority file and in the big red LC subject heading books. Whether you approve of the LC subject headings or not is one thing. But, if you use them, it is very helpful to use the correct form. The whole point of authority control is our old friend access. If names, subjects, and series are uniform, like materials will be grouped together in the catalog and folks will find what they seek more easily.

Maintaining a catalog and preserving the picture of the collection can be done online or offline. Not every library will have an online catalog. There are pros and cons for both types. The online catalog can be labor intensive even though it is an automated version. Nevertheless, the catalog has a really noble job to do. It gives a picture of the collection, it provides various means of access to the collection, it updates the picture of the collection when there are changes, and it seeks to provide uniform entries to the names, subjects, and series in it. Probably few of us think of the catalog as a preservation tool, but if there were a disaster, a backup of the catalog could help to restore the collection. I will now also think of the catalog as a preservation tool!



Submissions needed for the VALL Newsletter! We need contributions from VALL members in order to have full and interesting issues. Please submit according to the following schedule:

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What I did in Seattle... Or, my favorite programs at AALL

By Terry Long, Assistant Law Librarian,
Virginia State Law Library



Gosh, I really don't think I went to one boring program this year. Some were more worthy of taking notes than others. PowerPoint handouts are great for helping you remember, too.

Initially I signed up to attend **A-1**, *Envision the Future Teaching Role of Law Librarians*; but, Isabel Paul, Henrico County Government and Law Library, asked me to moderate a program for her (because of family illness she was unable to go), **A-3**, *Maximize Your Library's Survival: Elements of an Effective Disaster Plan*. Her speaker, Tom Claeson of OCLC's Digital and Preservation Resources, was quite engaging. We just did not have quite enough time. He did have a very good PowerPoint handout and offered to review each library's disaster plan, if we sent them to him.

I love those programs produced by the Legal History & Rare Books SIS; this year I went to **E-5**, *Researching and Writing an Institutional History*. This one hit home because we need to write or have one written. I got some good tips, some of which are set out in the *Educational Program Handout Materials*.

It is important that AALL offer some programming on the "soft skills", as many of our institutions do not offer training of this type; such was program **H-1**, *Envision a Bolder Tomorrow: How to Get to 'Yes' By Saying 'No' More Often*. This was a session on assertiveness. My favorite piece of advice given to me years ago by Frosty Owen at Hunton & Williams is "pick your battles"; this was one of Susan Freeman's tips. She was an excellent speaker. Her talk was preceded by wonderful scenarios produced by

Kelly Browne and the RIPS-SIS. Their programs are always worth attending.

J-2, *Envision Virtual Reference: Cooperate to Maximize Service* was a conversation between the librarians - academic, public and state - involved in providing virtual reference service to their patrons in New England. It is a very interesting concept and they were forthcoming with all the trials and tribulations of providing such service.

Limiting the last Wednesday programs to 30 minutes in length is a great idea. By that time most conference-goers are getting tired and attention spans are shrinking. The final program I attended was one of these shortened sessions, **M-3**, *The Legal Research Survey: Maximize Legal Research Relevance*. Pamela Melton of the University of South Carolina, Coleman Karesh Law Library, presented her findings from a survey of the South Carolina Bar Association concerning the extent of the use of legal research in their practice. She had received a grant from AALL to conduct the research. She presented her methodologies and findings. It was fascinating. One of the findings was that SC lawyers rarely update cases! She thinks/hopes they may keep up in other ways. I took copious notes. It would be interesting to do something like that in Virginia.

As always, AALL was a good experience, I learned a lot from the programs and from networking with other librarians. And, since I have returned, Gail Warren ordered CDs of 6 programs. One is **A-1**. I listened to it this morning and took notes, just as if I were in Seattle.

Minutes of the VALL Business Meeting City Centre, Seattle, WA July 15, 2003

Call to Order (Bobbie Denny, President)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes (Tisha Zelner, Secretary)

The minutes of the May 2, 2003 business meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Katz, Treasurer)

Bill Katz was not present, but copies of the Treasurer's Report for May 2003 to April 2004 were distributed and approved as submitted.

Committee Reports**Grants** (Rae Best, Chair)

The Grants Committee chose Terry Long as recipient of the LexisNexis VALL grant to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Seattle, Washington. The grant was generously underwritten by Leanne Battle of the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group.

Legal Information Outreach (Leanne Battle, Chair)

The committee hopes to get VALL more publicity for the outreach that is already taking place and to develop a more organized method of communicating VALL's resources for legal information outreach. The committee proposed several activities to achieve their goals. Evelyn Campbell will write an article for the *VALL Newsletter* highlighting the efforts of VALL members in leading paralegal training, speaking at Bar Association meetings, and the like. The committee will survey the VALL membership via VALL-L and the *VALL Newsletter* to determine who is interested in participating in a "speakers bureau" and on what topics they would be willing to speak. The survey results will be used to compile and post on the VALL Web site a list of available speakers from VALL. The list will be offered to the Virginia Library Association and state and local bar associations. Finally, the committee will contact the VALL Publications Committee to inquire about including a short article in *Virginia Lawyer* to highlight the new VALL Speakers Bureau and the VALL resources available to the legal community.

Legislative Awareness (Isabel Paul, Chair)

Copies of the Legislative Awareness Committee Report were distributed at the meeting. Action alerts were sent to VALL members on the following two issues. On June 19, 2003, an alert was sent regarding efforts to oppose free trade agreements with Chile and Singapore that contain expansionary copyright policies that limit access to information and heavily favor the content community at the expense of the consumer. On June 25, 2003, an alert was sent describing the need for co-sponsors for the "Public Domain Enhancement Act" that makes it easier for works protected under the "Copyright Terms Extension Act" to enter the public domain fifty years after publication.

Membership (Robert Davis, Chair)

Merrill Chertok reported four new members have joined VALL since June, including two students. New members are: **Rebecca Belcher**, Appalachian School of Law, student at Univ. of Tennessee; **Whitney Berriman**, Employment Services, Inc.; **Rebecca Day**, Virginia Beach Public Law Library; and **Anna Hall**, student at Catholic University.

Deadline for inclusion in the next membership directory is August 1, 2003. The new directory will be published in fall 2003.

On behalf of VALL, the committee thanked Cindy Smith for carrying out membership responsibilities in recent years and for being an accessible source of information to the new committee members.

Newsletter (Margaret Christiansen and Marie Hamm, Co-chairs)

VALL Newsletter co-editors thanked VALL Web page editor Paul Birch for his assistance in publishing the first online version of the *VALL Newsletter*--volume 19, number 1, summer 2003. <<http://law.richmond.edu/vall/VNLv17n1.pdf>>

Anyone interested in writing a substantive article for the fall issue of the *VALL Newsletter* should contact one of the editors.

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Minutes

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Placement (Barbara Cumming, Chair)

No report.

Program (Cathy Palombi, Chair)

No program dates have been set for the upcoming year, other than the VLA/VALL Joint Meeting at the Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Virginia on November 5-7, 2003.

Jill Burr reported on plans for the VLA/VALL Joint Conference. All nine program proposals submitted by VALL members were accepted. Rita Mae Brown will be the featured speaker. Clay Jenkins will appear as Thomas Jefferson.

Preservation (John Barden, Chair)

No report.

Public Relations (Jill Burr, Chair)

The program presented at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach on June 20, 2003, by VALL members Timothy Chinaris, Roger Skalbeck, and Cindy Smith was well-attended.

Gail Warren created the display for the VALL table in the AALL Exhibit Hall.

Publications (Gail Zwirner, Chair)

Copies of the Publications Committee Report were distributed at the meeting. VALL authors are needed to contribute articles to several upcoming "theme" issues of *Virginia Lawyer*. Topics include bankruptcy, senior lawyers' edition, taxation, trusts and estates, health law, and education law. In addition, seven articles will be needed for the next "VALL" issue of *Virginia Lawyer*, the April 2005 issue. If you have any questions or would like to write an article, contact Lyn Warmath or Gail Zwirner.

Recruitment (Taylor Fitchett, Chair)

Leanne Battle reported. Based on feedback from library school students, the recruitment committee will focus on getting VALL members to offer practicums. Taylor Fitchett will work with Dr. Roggenbuck of The Catholic University of America to establish a practicum for

CUA-SLIS students at the University of Virginia.

Five hundred copies of a flier titled "So You Want To Be A Law Librarian" were printed and distributed at the VLA Paraprofessional Forum Annual Conference held at the University of Richmond on May 18-20, 2003. The flier will also be distributed at the VLA/VALL Joint Conference in November 2003.

Vendor Relations (Nancy Loewenberg, Chair)

No report.

VLA Liaison (Barbie Selby, Chair)

No report.

Old and New Business

VALL President Barbie Selby reported that Mary Alice Baish was very appreciative of her honorary membership in VALL.

VALL hopes to have AALL President Janis Johnston as its chapter visitor for the VLA/VALL Joint Meeting in November 2003. Further, it is hoped that the AALL Chapter Visitor will present the Public Access to Government Information Award plaque to representatives of the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget Regulatory Town Hall during the November meeting.

VALL member Donna Bausch is the recipient of the 2003 Service to SEAALL Award.

VALL is the recipient of the 2003 One-Time Chapter Professional Development Award for the 2002 program "Exploring Connections."

Joyce Janto announced there will be two tables reserved for VALL members at the Closing Banquet tomorrow evening.

Hazel Johnson reminded everyone that the next SEAALL annual meeting will be held in Richmond, Virginia on March 24-28, 2004.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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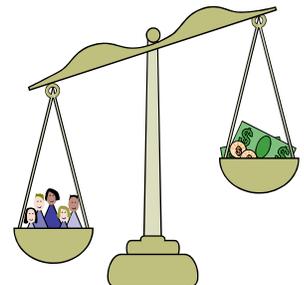
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President's Message

The 2003 Virginia Library Association and Virginia Association of Law Libraries Joint Conference held November 5-7 at the Homestead in Hot Springs was an outstanding success. Thanks go to VALL members Barbie Selby, Jill Burr, and Cathy Palombi for their important part in planning and coordinating a great professional conference in a beautiful setting. The theme of the conference, "People Serving People," certainly captures what we as professionals do in our library settings. The joint conference strengthened VALL's relationship with VLA and allowed members of both groups to learn from and network with one another.

Between the opening general session with award-winning author Rita Mae Brown and the closing session with speaker Rob Coles as Thomas Jefferson, there were more than seventy concurrent sessions. Presentations by VALL members included "Ethics and Professionalism in Libraries" by Timothy Chinaris of the Appalachian School of Law, "Federal Administrative Decisions" by Barbie Selby of the University of Virginia Alderman Library, "Researching Tax and Environmental Law: What You Need to Know" by Jennifer Sekula of the College of William and Mary School of Law and David Mason of McGuire Woods LLP, "The Teach Act" by Sarah Wiant of Washington and Lee University, "Archives in Cyberspace: Researching Historical Documents and U.S. Supreme Court Decisions Before 1990" by Allen Moye and Rae Ellen Best of George Mason University Law Library, "Teaching Online for \$40 a Day: A Look at Affordable Tools for Delivering Instruction" by Leanne Battle of LexisNexis, "Library Records and the Law: How the USAPATRIOT Act and Other Laws Affect Us" by Joyce Manna Janto of the University of Richmond, and "So You Want to Build a Digital Library" by John Barden of the University of Richmond and others. Paul

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President's Message

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VALL President Bobbie Denny

Birch has posted outlines of some of these sessions to the VALL homepage. These presentations and the many others provided attendees with wonderful opportunities to learn more about our profession and acquire tools to serve people better in our capacity as librarians.

VALL's business meeting at the Homestead was well attended, with nearly fifty people present, including a special guest, Dr. Martha Hale, Dean of the School of Library and Information Science at the Catholic University of America. Committee chair reports reflected lots of accomplishments by our members. VALL members were asked to submit names for consideration as our VIP at the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Members were also asked to indicate if they have an interest in being elected or appointed to a leadership position in VALL next year (2003-2004). Please contact Nominating Committee Chair Jill Burr if you interested in an elected position and Vice-President Cathy Palombi if you are interested in chairing or serving on a committee.

The next VALL meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, 2004 in Norfolk. Cathy Palombi and her program committee are planning another excellent program; the registration form and details appear elsewhere in this newsletter. Hope to see you at the meeting!



Submissions needed for the VALL Newsletter! We need contributions from VALL members in order to have full and interesting issues. Please submit according to the following schedule:

Issue:	Submit by:
Summer 2003	May 15
Fall 2003	August 15
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Spring 2004	February 15

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VALL President **Bobbie Denny** gave a talk this October to the Maryland County Law Librarians in Ellicott City on strategies for dealing with shrinking budgets.

This topic is dear to the hearts of many librarians and Bobbie was the ideal person to make this presentation because of her wonderful work in Fairfax.

After discussing the pros and cons of various income sources (filing fees, Bar support, government funding, and fees for service), Bobbie offered tips on how to increase the income stream with examples from her own library's struggle with funding issues, including her attempts to lobby the legislature.

She also shared how she learned the value of having facts to buttress your funding appeals, using surveys and specific numbers; developing a relationship with the local public library; and having public relations tools in many forms.

Developing multiple potential income sources proved essential to the Fairfax Public Law Library. Some of her ideas included, a Friends of the Library Group, a Book "wish list", and silent auctions.

Bobbie also discussed how she reduced costs in Fairfax by cutting duplicates, canceling updates and less necessary services, controlling operating expenses and negotiating better prices with vendors.

It was wonderful to get Bobbie's input on a very crucial issue and to see law librarians sharing information across borders!

Submitted by Janet Camillo, Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library

Hazel Johnson and **Tim Coggins** presented "A Quick Primer on Websites for Attorneys" at the recent VTLA conference on October 9, to a standing-room only crowd. The *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* gave the session prime, full-page coverage, just opposite their annual survey of associates' salaries in the October 27th issue. "We can thank Hazel and Tim for their double PR whammy - making law librarians look good at the conference in Charlottesville and in the statewide press." (From **Lyn Warmath's** post to the VALL listserve, Mon. 11/03/2003)



Paul Birch has added another useful feature to the VALL website. Now handouts and slideshows from presentations made at the VLA/VALL Joint Annual meeting are linked from the meetings page in the "About VALL" section of the site. (The direct address is <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/meetinghandouts.htm>). Paul hopes to make this "a continuing repository of slideshows and other handouts from meeting presentations." He welcomes any additional submissions.



As Co-Chairs of the SEAALL Local Arrangements Committee for the upcoming SEAALL Annual Meeting to be held in Richmond this spring, **Tim Coggins** and **Hazel Johnson** are dedicated to putting together a truly professional conference and a tremendous Virginia welcome to law librarians from all over the southeastern United States. The conference, titled "Virginia is for Law Librarians," will be held at the Richmond Omni, March 25-27, 2004. For those who have been considering SEAALL membership, this may be a great opportunity to join, and network with law librarians from Louisiana to D.C., and Kentucky to Florida.

The VLA/VALL Fall Meeting at The Homestead

by *Robert Davis, Librarian,
Prince William County Public Law Library*

The budget for my law library no longer supports travel expenses to conferences and the like. Thus, I was blessed and quite pleased with the grant offered by the VALL Grants Committee. The Lexis Nexis grant provided for the registration fee and one night's stay at The Homestead. By the time I phoned to reserve a room at the resort they were fully booked. But all was not lost. I was referred to accommodations at The Vine Cottage, a bed and breakfast, adjacent to The Homestead. That location allowed me to walk to the conference and take in the depth and beauty of The Homestead. I thank Rae Best and the VALL Grants Committee for the opportunity to attend and learn.



The grand facilities and lovely scenery at The Homestead provided the perfect backdrop to an unforgettable VLA/VALL Joint Meeting.

After a beautiful, scenic drive --- I waved to cattle, goats, horses and a donkey--- I arrived on Thursday morning to the refreshing humor and wit of Rita Mae Brown, the author and guest speaker. Her frank discussion about her career and the writing/publishing business energized me for the day.

Since I operate a public law library, I was drawn to customer service-related seminars like: "So Many Patrons; So Few Computers"; "What Makes a Great Library Leader?"; and, "Tech Riders: Computer Training for Your Community". The first seminar gave me another perspective on fair and equitable access to limited resources. Christine Campbell, Joanne Bowman, and Robert Sweet from Henrico County Public Libraries shared their approach and plan for providing "something for everyone". They also gave the impression that "our model does not fit all" and each library must create a model and system which works best for them. I left Tracy Elliot's "Leader" seminar thinking, "Her plane must be waiting out front because she is flying through these slides." She used job advertisements to indicate key words indicating leadership qualities sought by employers. She made some great points but unless you were a speed-reader and speed-writer, taking notes was impossible. Audrey Kelly, Library of Virginia, and Mary

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VALL Members at the Homestead

From "taking the waters" to taking in an amazing array of relevant programming, VALL members reveled both in the grandeur of the Homestead and in the opportunity to make or renew connections with colleagues from across the Commonwealth.



Joyce Manna Janto explains the impact of the U.S. Patriot Act and other state and federal laws on libraries.



Lyn Warmath and Robert Davis relax and chat with friends in the Great Hall.





A number of VALL members brought family members along to enjoy the amenities at the Homestead. Here, Past President Charles Oates enjoys a game of checkers with wife Linda.



Rae Ellen Best and Allen Moye wowed audience members with practical tips for locating federal archival material in *“Archives in Cyberspace: Researching Historical Documents and U.S. Supreme Court Decisions Before 1990.”*



Terry Long and Tim Chinaris are all smiles!



The Virginia Regulatory Town Hall was the co-recipient of this year’s AALL Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award. Here, VALL President Bobbie Denny presents the award to Bill Shobe.

Navigating the Abyss: English Reports Research

by Bill Magee, Assistant Research Services Librarian,
Regent University Law Library

An unfortunate aspect of American legal bibliography is that it lends itself to myopia. We grow comfortable with the research system of digests, reporters, encyclopedias, etc. and are relieved when a query stays within the parameters of our experience. Occasionally, though, we are forced to traverse the unknown and venture into the abyss. The “abyss” can run the gambit from medical research to business statistics to international topics. It might even involve an unwelcome confrontation with another legal system. This darkness cannot be illuminated with the West Digest System or navigated with an *Index to Legal Periodicals*. At this point, you might surmise this article is about a different country’s law and you would be correct—but not in the way you imagine.

Our legal heritage did not begin in 1776. It began sometime before 1066 with the dispute between a Saxon earl and an illegitimate son of a Norman duke who had the unfortunate

nomenclature of Bastard. (1) The modern law of contract, trespass, tort, equity, and inheritance developed from the slow progression of 700 hundred years of English jurisprudence. Occasions do arise (and not infrequently in a Commonwealth that has a tendency to hold tightly to the terminology and traditions of the English legal system) when it is necessary to brave the unknown and delve into English case law.

How does one find old English cases? The 176 volume *English Reports* (2) set is essentially a compilation of case law from the 13th Century to the 19th Century. Unlike in American reporters, which progress to newer cases as the volume number gets higher, the volume numbers of the English Reports indicate the court in which the cases were heard. The organization is as follows:

VOLUMES	COURT	DATES
Vols. 1—11	House of Lords	1694 to 1865
Vols. 2—20	Privy Council	1809 to 1865
Vols. 21—47	Chancery	1557 to 1865
Vols. 48—55	Rolls Court	1828 to 1865
Vols. 56—71	Vice-Chancellor’s Court	1815 to 1865
Vols. 72—122	King’s Bench	1378 to 1865 ³
Vols. 123-144	Common Pleas	1486 to 1865
Vols. 145—160	Exchequer	1220 to 1865
Vols. 161—167	Ecclesiastical	1752 to 1857 ⁴
	• Admiralty	1176 to 1840
	• Probate & Divorce	1858 to 1865
Vols. 168—169	Crown Cases	1743 to 1865
Vols. 170—176	Nisi Prius	1688 to 1867

(1) William the Conqueror did not transplant a universal legal system, but by the reign of Henry II, William’s great-grandson, a “common law” developed to which the American system can trace its legal roots.

(2) According to WorldCat, libraries in Virginia holding this title are: Appalachian, Regent, U. of R., UVA and W&L.

(3) When the occasional queen would reign, these volumes contain the Queen’s Bench as well. Queens within the time of these reports were Queen Mary I (Bloody Mary), Queen Elizabeth I, Queen Mary II, Queen Anne, and Queen Victoria. Poor Lady Jane Grey has none given her one-week reign as queen after the demise of Edward VI, Henry VIII’s only male heir.

(4) Remember , this court is in a sense a government court given that the head of the Church of England is the reigning monarch. This had been so since Henry VIII.



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee is charged with selecting candidates for VALL’s elective offices. We welcome your opinion on who among our members has the potential to serve in a leadership position. Self-nomination is encouraged, so please be sure to include yourself for any positions in which you are interested.

The right to hold the offices of president and vice-president/president elect is limited to individual and designated members of an institutional membership who are also members, in good standing, of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Your VALL Directory and Handbook identifies members who are also AALL members. The right to hold other VALL offices is limited to individual members and to designated members under an institutional membership without regard to AALL membership.

Please use additional space if necessary and submit this recommendation by January 16, 2004 to VALL Nominating Committee, c/o Jill Burr, Wahab Public Law Library, 2425 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. Additional space may be used if you wish to submit more than two names for each office.

Recommendations for VALL Elective Office	
Vice President/President Elect	1. _____ 2. _____
Treasurer	1. _____ 2. _____
Director	1. _____ 2. _____

English Reports Research

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What to Expect. Keep in mind that the *English Reports* is a compilation of what many different reporters wrote. Some cases, especially later ones, are quite long. Others have a short paragraph with perhaps a sentence devoted to the judge's reasoning.

The set has its own pagination, but the pagination of the original reports is also included. The abbreviated name of the original report is located on each page nearest the spine, and the page numbers are emboldened throughout the text.

If You Have Party Names. Not surprisingly, it is easiest to proceed if you have the names of both parties. Although the two end volumes are labeled "indexes", the volumes are more appropriately termed "table of cases." The cases are listed alphabetically and have not only the *English Reports*' citation but also a parallel citation to the original reports. If you cannot find the name in the table, do two checks before you stop. First, look up the second name given. Sometimes the case names switch as to whom is opposing whom. Second, look for name variations. I once found the same case with four various spellings from four different original reports.

If You Have Only a Citation. In older American and English cases, a party name was not always given—just the citation. If you're not given a party name, the citation is most likely to the original reports. (5) The *English Reports* set includes a pamphlet that indicates the volume in which particular reports can be found. Without the pamphlet, you would have to browse each spine for the original reports. There is also a web page with a conversion table from Lancaster University at <http://libweb.lancs.ac.uk/ercite.htm>. Unfortunately, the list is incomplete and only goes through "M".

If You Need to Research Case Law. Unfortunately, there is no *English Reports* digest. In fact, the set does not even include a subject index. There are, however, other English digests that may lead you to certain cases. (6) Without a digest, you will have to scan the volume. There are a few steps to ease the process. First, know the issue. It is important to correctly identify which court presided over the matter. Remember that the set is organized by court. Second, learn about the old English legal system. This does not have to be in-depth, but there are certain nuances that you may need to know. At an early stage of English jurisprudence, for example, was the Court of the Exchequer. This minister of the crown enforced debts, such as taxes, owed to the monarchy. Any dispute about the amount or that any debt existed at all, the Exchequer resolved. Over

time, this court expanded its jurisdiction of cases it would hear. This expansion began something like this:

EARL: O'okay, King, so you say I owe you money. That may be true but even so, I cannot pay you because Sir So&So owes me thy money with which I could pay you, but I cannot get him to pay it, blast him! Love to help, old boy, but I can't seem to get Sir So&So to go along.

KING: My good lord and loyal subject! Why did you not say so before? Just bring your dispute with good Sir Knight to my Exchequer and if your case be good against him, you can use thy money you get from him to pay thy debt to me.

This broadened adjudication meant more than resolving who owed whom. To settle such an issue, the Exchequer looked at why the debt was demanded. Our Lord Earl might have a contractual dispute with good Sir Knight or a trespass action, or some inheritance squabble to rectify. Whatever the reason, this was a significant increase in jurisdictional authority. This would be like the U.S. Tax Court adjudicating a products liability case. This authority, however, did not diminish the traditional jurisdiction of the common law courts to also hear the same cases. This means that a particular issue may have been heard by more than one court (and in some cases result in a different outcome for each party).

A final step is to know old English legal terminology. (7) When we think of law today, we approach it substantively, but the old English system was procedural, based on the appropriate pleading or "writ". Writs were used in the common law courts and each had its own action attached to it. (8) The meanings of these writs would later expand. Initially, for instance, a writ of trespass might mean that a person, usually a tenant, no longer allegedly belonged on the landlord's property and the landlord wanted the person removed or to receive payment from the tenant. After a while, legal disputes expanded beyond relationships with the land. One might suffer an injury at the hands of another and want restitution for it. Today, we call this a tort, but one could not just show up in a common law court and complain. One needed a proper "writ". The writ was like a key to a door. The court required the correct one to enter. The closest writ to a personal injury was a writ of trespass. The name of this writ changed over time as with others. Just remember that you are dealing with 700 years of legal jurisprudence and changes do occur.

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(5) Most citations to the original reports are abbreviated. *Bieber's Dictionary of Legal Abbreviations* will have most of the abbreviations but not all.

(6) *Mews Digest of English Case Law* has cases that date back to 1810. This is hardly inclusive given the date range of the *English Reports*. A better digest may be *An analytical digested index to the common law reports from the time of Henry III to the commencement of the reign of George III with tables of the titles and names of cases*. The only library in Virginia per World Cat that has this title is UVA.

(7) Most old English legal terms can be found in *Black's Law Dictionary*. You can also find Latin legal maxims there as well.

(8) This term is still in our lexicon today. The use of writ of execution or writ of habeas corpus still exists.



VALL WINTER MEETING

February 27, 2004

Kaufman & Canoles Law Firm, Norfolk, VA

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Registration

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Welcome

Bobbie Denny, VALL President

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

“Evolution of Capital Defense in Virginia”

Joe Migliozi, Regional Capital Defender

Office, Norfolk

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch

1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Please forward registration form and a check to VALL for \$20 by Feb. 22 to:

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Directions to Kaufman & Canoles Law Firm : <http://www.kaufmanandcanoles.com/OfficeDetail.asp?iId=4>



The AALL Mentor Project Wants You!

The AALL Mentor Project:

- Provides an informal, personal source of information for newer members
- Provides an avenue by which experienced law librarians may meet promising new members of the profession
- Provides a network for members who are contemplating a move to another type of library

Who should participate?

- All experienced law librarians willing to share their time and wisdom
- All enthusiastic newer members
- AALL members considering a move to another type of library

2003 mentees benefit from guidance and support:

- *While I have yet to meet a law librarian who wasn't willing to offer advice when asked, it is great to have someone who specifically wants to be asked. My mentor was also great fun to be around at the conference. She has continued to help me since, providing local introductions when I moved to San Francisco.* – Monica Donovan, Information Specialist, Jackson Lewis LLP.
- *My experience with my mentor has been great. We are both in similar situations and I know that I can always turn to her for advice and encouragement.* – Sarah Mauldin, Director of Library Services, Lionel Sawyer & Collins

2003 mentors recommend the experience:

- *Working as a mentor provides an opportunity for reflection and analysis about what's going on in law libraries and it makes you appreciate how much you have learned in your own career path. It's not rocket science and there's no right or wrong way to make it work. Even if your only time together is at the annual meeting, you have nothing to lose by trying it but, potentially, a lot to gain.* – Suzanne Thorpe, Associate Director for Faculty, Research, and Instructional Services, University of Minnesota Law Library
- *I have been a mentor at the last two AALL conferences, and it was a great experience. In addition to sharing my knowledge and experience with others, I believe that I can always learn something new by listening to my colleagues, regardless of their level of experience. I find it refreshing to hear how other libraries approach common issues. Moreover, frequently we come to law librarianship after many years in other professions. Often these new librarian colleagues have experience and knowledge of their own that enriches me. Finally, I enjoy teaching and helping (that is, after all, why I do what I do for a living!), want to give back to the profession what I can, and never pass up the opportunity to network.* – Barbara Traub, Head of Reference Services, Rittenberg Law Library, St. John's University School of Law
- *For the past two years, I have had wonderful mentees who are interested in foreign, comparative and international law librarianship. As many times a newer FCIL librarian is the only subject specialist at his or her workplace, a mentor and professional connections are vital.* – Stephanie Burke, Senior Reference and International Law Librarian, Pappas Law Library, Boston University School of Law

How can you join the Mentor Project?

To learn more about the AALL Mentor Project and to become a mentor or mentee, visit our website at:
http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html

Mentors and mentees will be matched as closely as possible based on submitted applications.

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Reynolds, Dept. of Housing & Community Development, explained how Tech Riders offers a CD-ROM product with computers as well as volunteer support for training provided libraries can supply a consistent core of trainees for several weeks. The support frees library managers and staff to address other customer service issues.

Because I get requests from attorneys for medical articles I continued to frequent customer service-related seminars on Friday beginning with Jonathan Lord's, "Unlocking the Door to Medical Information: Keys for the Non-Medical Librarian". I was impressed with his knowledge of the subject but Mr. Lord tended to read what was shown on the overhead. And because I detest being read to, I took leave and checked out "TLC's Online Collection Management Service Presentation". I was so impressed I have contacted TLC and received a 30-day trial

of their copy cataloging system.

Before heading home I attended the law library-related "Researching Legislative History in Virginia: Gleaning Intent Behind the Action" admirably and thoroughly presented by Cheryl Jackson from the Virginia Division of Legislative Services. I admired the acknowledgment by Mrs. Jackson that technically speaking, Virginia legislative history is a misnomer. However, she offered tips which would assist any researcher in "reading the minds" and intent of VA lawmakers.

So, I didn't get to reside in "the Grand Hotel". However, I experienced it just the same by attending seminars, perusing exhibitions, and walking the grounds. I also experienced The Homestead by sharing conversation and scrumptious meals with colleagues and friends from VLA and VALL. For me, the joint meeting with Virginia Library Association/VLA was a blast!

English Reports Research

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You may also be able to reference to other cases that address the same issue as the case you found. There are two ways in which this is possible. First, the reporter sometimes wrote down the cases cited by a lawyer or judge. You will usually find this in later cases. If only citations and no names are given, remember to use the "index" volumes at the end of the set. The other is that the reporter cites at the beginning or end of a case other cases related to that case's issue. The citation used is a original reports citation and not the citation to the *English Reports*. You will have to use the search method described earlier when you only have an original reports citation. There are instances in which cases have both type of references.

If You Don't Speak Law French. ☺ The *English Reports* lacks uniformity. There are many cases in which other cases are not referenced. In some newer cases, a subsequent treatment of a particular case may be cited. (9) Others lack this. *Not all the cases are in English.* (10) When the Normans conquered England, they brought, along with their long boats and horses, French—which was their language. Normans adapted well to their surroundings and borrowed from other cultures. This was especially true of the French. (11) The language used by courts became Law French. This language intermixes Latin and can also contain Saxon legal

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(9) This is a form of "Shepardizing" or as the English refer to it, "noting up". Methods to "note-up" are for another article.

(10) This is mostly true of early cases. By the 16th Century, most if not all cases are in English.

(11) These Vikings came to Normandy in the 9th Century and in exchange for the duchy swore allegiance to the French King by the 10th. This interaction influenced their culture. For example, the Normans adopted their language from the French. They acquired the name "Normans" after settling in Normandy and intermarrying with the local inhabitants.

The Call for Papers Has Begun



Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or for fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

- Open Division for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- New Members Division for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.
- Student Division for budding law librarians still in school. (Students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. Winners papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp.

Submissions must be postmarked by March 1.

If you have any questions, please contact any member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Kathryn Hensiak, k-hensiak@law.northwestern.edu or Virginia Davis, Davis@UH.edu

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terms and some Danish. (12) I do not know what to tell you if you find a case written in Law French, except I believe there is a professor who actually translates it at University of Richmond. (13)

Electronic Search Options. A searchable CD-ROM for the *English Reports* is available through Juta, a South African company. Although Regent does have a copy, I have to give mixed reviews. Technical difficulties abounded. When I finally was able to access the content, I was surprised to find that search results are not displayed in a list. Instead, the user is immediately taken into the text of the case. Although there is a “next term” feature, the whole process is cumbersome. Hard won budget dollars might be better spent elsewhere.

In Closing. Navigating the abyss can be unnerving, but fortunately, we are not often called upon to make the perilous journey to **KD270 .E58**. If you do find yourself facing such a challenge, I hope that you’ll pull this article from your files and use it as a guide!

(12) The British Isles was culturally heterogeneous. For thousands of years, various tribes and nations came and went or were assimilated. This would include, but is not limited to Britons, Celts, Picts, Romans, Angles, Saxons, Danes, Vikings, Scots, Welch, and Normans. Even on the eve of England’s new destiny, Harold, the Saxon contender for the English crown, had to repel the King of Norway before turning south to face William in October 1066.

(13) I believe Sally Wambold once told me of a faculty member with this particular skill, but his name escapes me.

Supporting New Professionals: the AALL Annual Meeting Grants

The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL, and AALL individual members. Grants are awarded to cover the Annual Meeting registration fee or the registration fee for workshops presented at the Annual Meeting. Preference is given to applicants who are new to the profession and active in AALL or one of its chapters.

The AALL Grants Program began in 1952 and is one of the oldest and most successful AALL programs. More than 1,000 librarians have received funding to assist them in attending AALL educational activities. Many of those recipients are leaders in the profession today. For additional information, check out the application on the Association’s web site. <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/grants/grants.asp>

In 2001, the Minority Leadership Development Award was created to assure that AALL’s leadership remains vital, relevant and representative of the Association’s diverse membership. The Award provides up to \$1,500.00 toward the cost of attending the Annual Meeting, an experienced AALL leader to serve as the recipient’s mentor, and an opportunity to serve on an AALL committee during the year following the monetary award. For additional information, check out the application on the Association’s web site. http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_mlda.asp

Applications for both AALL Grants Programs must be received at the Association’s headquarters by April 1, 2004.

Iris Lee
AALL Grants Committee Chair

Minutes of the VALL Business Meeting The Homestead, Hot Springs, VA November 6, 2003

Call to Order (Bobbie Denny, President)

The meeting was called to order.

Minutes (Tisha Zelner, Secretary)

The minutes of the July 15, 2003, business meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Katz, Treasurer)

Treasurer Bill Katz was not present, but Bobbie distributed a copy of the treasurer's report for the period May 1, 2003 to October 31, 2003.

Committee Reports

Handbook (Marie Summerlin Hamm, Chair) A draft of the VALL Chapter Leadership Handbook is now complete. The draft will soon be circulated to board members and committee chairs for comment and review. A final version is expected to be complete by the next VALL quarterly meeting.

Grants (Rae Best, Chair)

Robert Davis was awarded the LexisNexis-sponsored VALL grant to attend this VLA/VALL Joint Conference, November 2003.

Legal Information Outreach (Leanne Battle, Chair)

Leanne Battle has twice (August 26 and October 10) sent to VALL-L a survey of interest in the VALL Speakers Bureau. The survey requests information from VALL members who may be willing to speak at library, library school, law school, and paralegal events. The list will be posted on the VALL Website and provided to library and bar associations in Virginia.

Legislative Awareness (Isabel Paul, Chair)

Several action alerts were posted to VALL-L since the last VALL meeting.

- The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) discharged the standby committee of the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) and will not be expending any more energy or resources in promoting UCITA in the states. [posted Aug. 5, 2003]
- AALL supports the Public Access to Science Act (H.R. 2613), introduced in the House on June 26, 2003 by Rep. Martin Olav Sabo (D-Minn.). [posted Aug. 13, 2003]
- The Transportation, Treasury, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act of 2004 (H.R. 2989),

as approved by the Senate, eliminates funding for the National Archives and Records Administration's Electronic Records Archive (ERA). H.R. 2989, as approved by the House, includes funding the ERA at \$35.9 million which is the full amount requested by the Administration. AALL asked its members to contact members of the conference committee to support full funding for the ERA in the amount of \$35.9 million for FY 2004. [posted Oct. 30, 2003]

- The AALL Washington Affairs Office press release on the latest ruling on the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DCMA). [posted Oct. 31, 2003]

VALL has not done any lobbying of the Virginia state legislature regarding funding for public law libraries.

The library associations will be announcing their position on electronic reserves before the upcoming meeting of the Association of American Publishers (AAP).

Membership (Robert Davis, Chair)

Twenty-one new members have joined VALL this year. They are:

- Alexander Abbassi, self-employed, Lynchburg, VA;
- John Aiken, Fairfax County Public Law Library;
- Rebecca Belcher, Virginia Beach Public Law Library and student at Appalachian School of Law;
- Whitney Berriman, Employment Services, Inc., Richmond, VA;
- Bertha Bey, Fairfax County Public Law Library;
- Andrea Bilson, George Mason Univ. School of Law Library;
- Kelly Brion, George Mason Univ. School of Law Library;
- Margaret Carter, Penn Stuart & Eskridge;
- Cynthia Clinton, George Mason Univ. School of Law Library
- Rebecca Day, Virginia Beach Public Law Library
- Jeffrey Freilich, Ivins Phillips & Barker
- Jessica Gillespie, McGuire Woods
- Anna Hall, CUA student, Washington, DC
- Shannon Howard, Regent Univ. Law Library
- Joanne Jardon, George Mason Univ. School of Law Library
- Maya Karki, George Mason Univ. School of Law Library

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- Eileen Meagher, Chesterfield County Public Law Library
- Kristen Myers, George Mason Univ. School of Law Library
- Lois Reeves, Pender & Coward
- Robert C. Richards, Jr., student at Univ. of Virginia School of Law
- Margaret Stillman, Chesapeake Public Library

The membership renewal form was not included in the *VALL Newsletter* this year. If anyone experiences difficulties retrieving the membership application form from the VALL Website, they should contact chair of the membership committee Robert Davis at 703-792-6222 to request a paper copy of the form.

Total VALL membership is 171, including the 21 new members. Twenty-eight previous members have not renewed, but many have indicated their dues should have been paid and are checking with the accounting departments at their respective institutions.

The VALL Membership Directory will be mailed later than usual this year. The committee hopes to have the directories delivered to members by mid-December 2003.

Thank you to LexisNexis for sponsoring printing of this year's membership directory.

Newsletter (Margaret Christiansen and Marie Hamm, Co-chairs)

The submission deadline for the winter 2003 issue of the *VALL Newsletter* is November 15, 2003. Marie indicated there is still room for articles and there is also a need for photographs.

Bobbie called for volunteers to serve as the next editor or co-editor of the *VALL Newsletter*. Interested individuals should contact President-elect Cathy Palombi.

Placement (Barbara Cumming, Chair)
Openings continue to be posted to VALL-L.

Program (Cathy Palombi, Chair)
The winter meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2004 at Kaufman & Canoles in Norfolk, VA.
The spring meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2004 at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, VA.

Preservation (John Barden, Chair)
No report.

Public Relations (Jill Burr, Chair)

VALL had nine program presenters at this VLA & VALL Joint Conference. They are:

- Timothy Chinaris, Appalachian School of Law Library
- Barbie Selby, University of Virginia
- Jennifer Sekula, William & Mary Law Library
- Sarah Wiant, Washington & Lee Univ. Law Library
- Allen Moye & Rae Ellen Best, George Mason Univ. Law Library
- Leanne Battle, LexisNexis
- John Barden, Univ. of Richmond Law School Library
- Joyce Manna Janto, Univ. of Richmond Law School Library

Anyone will suggestions for VALL's Chapter VIP to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston in 2004 should contact Jill Burr.

Publications (Gail Zwirner, Chair)

Copies of the Publications Committee Report were distributed at the meeting. Joyce Janto reported for Gail Zwirner. The next "all librarian" issue of *Virginia Lawyer* is scheduled for publication in February 2005. In the meantime, law librarians continue to contribute articles to topical issues of *Virginia Lawyer*. "Researching Bankruptcy Law on the Internet" by Tim Coggins appeared in the October 2003 issue (pages 41-43). David Mason is preparing a tax research article for the February 2004 issue. Mark Hedberg, a partner at Hunton & Williams' Richmond office, will be writing a guide to health law research for the June/July 2004 issue.

Seven articles will be needed to fill the next "all librarian" issue of *Virginia Lawyer*. Several articles are already planned for that issue. Cindy Smith is working on an article about downsizing or closing a law library, including valuing a collection. Jennifer Sekula will be preparing a guide to Virginia environmental law. Hazel Johnson is working on expert witness research. Kent Olson is working with Publications Committee Chair Gail Zwirner to develop a topic or his article. Anyone interested in contributing to the issue should contact Gail at 804-287-6555 or gzwirner@richmond.edu. Articles may focus on Virginia practice, comparison of legal research tools, how to get up to speed on non-legal topics, or provide useful information in an area of librarian specialization. Articles should range from 750 to 2500 words.

Recruitment (Taylor Fitchett, Chair)

Approximately 4000 students are graduating annually library schools each year, but the question is how to attract some of those students to law librarianship. The Recruit-

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ment Committee has contacted are library schools, especially regarding practicum experiences. Marty Rush suggested contacting law schools in addition to library schools. Of note is an article appearing in the fall 2003 issue of the *VALL Newsletter*, "Another Law School Course? On Law Librarianship?" by Charles Oates (v. 19, no. 2, pgs. 4, 12, 14).

Vendor Relations (Nancy Loewenberg, Chair)
No report.

VLA Liaison (Barbie Selby, Chair)
No report.

Old Business
There was no old business to discuss.

New Business
2004 National Diversity in Libraries Conference
Joyce Janto reported that the University of Richmond Law Library recently received a mailing seeking sponsors for the Fourth National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on May 4-5, 2004. Three levels of library sponsorship are available. For a \$1000 donation, Gold Sponsors receive waiver of conference registration fees for up to four participants. For a \$500 donation, Silver Sponsors receive waiver of registration for up to two conference participants. For a \$250 donation, Bronze Sponsors receive a waiver of fees for one registrant. Joyce made a motion that VALL become a sponsor at the bronze level and that the Grants Committee be charged with awarding the free NDLC registration to an interested VALL member. Following some discussion of the Treasurers Report and confirming VALL's previous contribution to the AALL George A. Strait Minority Scholarship, the motion passed without objection.

Nominating Committee
Bobbie asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2004 VALL elections. Board positions available for election will be vice president/president-elect, secretary, and one director.

VLA/VALL Joint Conference Programs on VALL Website
Joyce announced that anyone who presented a program during this conference and would like their presentation posted to the VALL Website should contact Paul Birch at birch@uofrlaw.richmond.edu. He has received two presentations already.

AALL Strategic Plan for 2000-2005
Bobbie reminded AALL members to comment on the AALL Strategic Plan for 2000-2005, available at http://www.aallnet.org/about/strategic_plan.asp. The deadline for responses is Nov. 24, 2003.

Lexis Support
Leanne Battle announced that Lexis is sponsoring printing of the VALL membership directory this year. In addition, Lexis will be renewing the travel grant in full for next year.

LLSDC Liaison
Leanne Battle is the new webmaster for the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. Please contact her at leanne.battle@lexisnexis.com if there is anything you would like to communicate to the LLSDC membership.

Adjournment
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.





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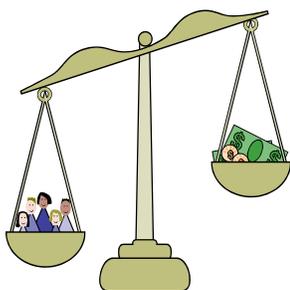
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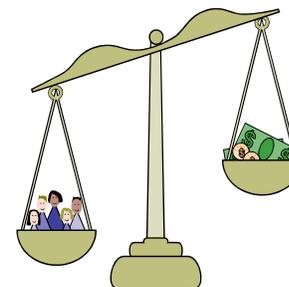
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Educational Sponsorships:	\$ —
Miscellaneous:	\$270.50

TOTAL: **\$6,380.00**

TOTAL: **3,643.75**



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For the full report, contact Bill Katz at bill.katz@troutmansanders.com





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President's Message

Reflecting over the past year reminds me how fortunate VALL is to include so many members devoted to librarianship and willing to assume leadership roles in the organization. I have felt privileged to serve as your president. During my recent family loss and personal illness, Cathy Palombi graciously assumed my role. She led the winter business meeting in Norfolk. Thank you, Cathy. I also deeply appreciate the expressions of sympathy and support from members of VALL.

I would like to extend my gratitude to all members of VALL who contributed this year to our association. The members of the VALL Executive Board (Charles Oates, Cathy Palombi, Tisha Zelner, Bill Katz, Allen Moyer, Jeanne Ullian, Margaret Christiansen, and Marie Hamm) deserve special recognition for their leadership roles. Appreciation is also due to committee members and chairs (Rae Best, Joyce Janto, Leeann Battle, Isabel Paul, Robert Davis, Gail Zwirner, Barbara Cumming, John Barden, Cathy Palombi, Taylor Fitchett, Barbie Selby, and Marie Hamm) for their accomplishments. Marie Hamm and Margaret Christiansen are to be commended for their excellent work over the past two years as co-editors of our newsletter.

Meetings not only provide opportunities to enhance our professional skills, they promote a spirit of cooperation among our members. The VALL meeting on February 27 provided a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Virginia's criminal justice system. Joe Migliozi, regional capital defender (Norfolk), gave an interesting and informative

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President's Message

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presentation on the history and status of the capital defender program in Virginia. Laurie Claywell hosted the well-attended meeting at Kaufman & Canoles, where we were treated to beautiful winter views of downtown Norfolk. We were delighted to have Cathy Lemann, AALL secretary, attend the meeting as our AALL chapter visitor.

Many members of VALL attended the 2004 SEAALL Annual Meeting, "Virginia is for Law Librarians," held in Richmond on March 25-27. There was a diverse selection of educational programs. Hazel Johnson and Timothy Coggins served as co-chairs of the local arrangements committee. Attendees enjoyed an evening reception at the SunTrust Tower overlooking Richmond and the James River and a dinner at the beautiful Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

The next VALL meeting will be held on Friday, May 14, in Lexington. Cathy Palombi and her program committee are planning another excellent program; the registration form and details appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

Kathy L. Mays, director of judicial planning at the Supreme Court of Virginia, will attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston July 10-14 as our chapter VIP. VALL members appreciate the many opportunities Kathy has provided for law librarians to participate in judicial planning.



VALL President Bobbie Denny

The AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee (chaired by Gail Warren) has exciting plans for the Boston meeting, "Boston to Mumbai: The World of Legal Information." The VALL summer luncheon meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13. A registration form is included in this newsletter.

Thanks to the nominations committee (Jill Burr, Lyn Warmath, and Rae Ellen Best), VALL has an impressive slate of new officers: Marie Hamm as vice-president, Leeann Battle as secretary, and Theresa Schmid as board member. Future plans promise another good year for VALL with Cathy Palombi assuming the presidency and Bill Katz and Jeanne Ullian continuing to serve as treasurer and board member, respectively. As past-president, I look forward to serving on the VALL board.





Jim Heller Named as Recipient of 2004 Service to SEAALL Award

Contributed by Donna Bausch

The Service to SEAALL Committee had way too easy a job this year. The clear choice for the award was the well-known lyricist of the much-loved tune “Weed-O”, Virginia’s own Jim Heller.

Although some know Jim best for his take on Versace and weeding, expressed in song and dance, or for his role as the host of the SEAALL Family Feud, Jim has done so much for SEAALL over the years that it’s impossible to individually cite his myriad contributions.

Tim Coggins may have said it best when he pointed out that Jim’s “skeptical nature” has helped SEAALL (and VALL and AALL and the profession) to do things better. His “constant questioning of almost everything” is a wonderful attribute for a leader. Just because “something has always been done this way” does not make it right, and Jim has never been afraid to challenge the status quo. His approach to leadership and librarianship is a breath of fresh air and has made the organizations with which he has been affiliated better than before he took their helm.

Although he may be tough-minded when it comes to management, he is also the most supportive colleague imaginable. Many VALL and SEAALL members have benefited from Jim’s common sense mentorship.

His sense of fun, skeptical nature and collegiality make Jim the one of a kind law library leader who serves as a true role model for others. Add to these ingredients his depth of knowledge and research in intellectual property law and his advocacy of advanced legal research instruction and you’ve got a small sense of why the committee selected Jim Heller to receive the 2004 Service to SEAALL Award.

A New Era for the VALL Newsletter

by Marie Summerlin Hamm, VALL Newsletter Co-editor

For the past two years, Margaret Christiansen and I have enjoyed the distinction of serving as co-editors of the *VALL Newsletter*.

Though it scarcely seems possible, this will be our final issue. There are so many who deserve our thanks. Charles Oates was instrumental in our decision to share the role of editor. Bobbie Denny, Jill Burr, and Donna Bausch were a constant source of encouragement, support, and ideas. We are especially indebted to the many talented VALL members who contributed articles.

This will also be the final print issue of the *VALL Newsletter*. Our predecessor, 2000-2002 Editor James Wirrell, published an article entitled *Electronic Newsletters: Your Window Into AALL* in his final issue (Vol. 17, No. 4). In that article, James noted that many AALL chapters had made the transition to an electronic newsletter format. Though the article did not specifically advocate that VALL make a similar move, the idea was intriguing. After much discussion, it was decided that print distribution would continue, with an enhanced electronic version of the *Newsletter* posted on the VALL website. The "e-version" of the *VALL Newsletter* made its debut in Summer 2003. The response was overwhelming. Members raved about the more visually appealing layout, the convenience of hyperlinks, and instant access to archived issues. After nearly a year of both print and electronic distribution, the VALL membership voted in favor of electronic-only at the 2004 Winter Quarter Meeting.

Margaret and I are delighted that Michael Klepper, Communications Librarian at the University of Virginia's Arthur J. Morris Law Library, will be our successor. Michael, who served as the 2002-2004 editor of SEAALL's *Southeastern Law Librarian*, was instrumental in leading that publication's transition from print to electronic-only distribution. With Michael's talent, experience, and enthusiasm, we are confident that the *VALL Newsletter* is in good hands.



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SEAALL in Richmond, March 25-27, 2004

by Donna Bausch, Norfolk Law Library

Although every SEAALL conference is memorable, the Richmond meeting will truly be a hard act to follow. Not only were the programs relevant, timely and well-executed, but the social events were wonderful, as well. It was fortunate that Spring graced central Virginia at just the right moment to make our outings even more enjoyable.

The Local Arrangements Committee, led by Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins, and ably assisted by Deborah Bartlett, Joyce Manna Janto, Theresa Schmid and Cynthia Smith, was lauded by all for their attention to detail, creativity and sincere hospitality.

VALL was well-represented on the program committee by Jim Heller, who brought us the keynoter, noted civil liberties advocate, David Baugh. Baugh's witty, insightful and thought-provoking remarks set the stage for a conference that engaged our intellect and our passions. His observation that the only statue of a "winner" on Monument Avenue was of Arthur Ashe should let you know that everyone in the audience was fired up one way or the other by this keynote presentation.

VALL members who served as program presenters included Jim Heller, Tim Coggins, Cindy Smith, David Mason, Hazel Johnson and Terry Long. I was privileged to attend Tim and Cindy's excellent program on Bankruptcy and Securities Research. As a reminder, Tim's recent *Virginia Lawyer* article on bankruptcy research served as the basis for his presentation, and the article is worth bookmarking for future reference.

Virginia's academic law libraries served as sponsors for a portion of the conference and the entire staff of the University of Richmond Law Library was omnipresent, pitching in on every detail to make the conference run smoothly. There was good attendance by VALLers, as we were pleased to take advantage of this wonderful conference in our own backyard. Overheard were positive remarks by the many first-time SEAALL attendees expressing the determination that this would be the first of many SEAALL conferences to come.

Perhaps the proudest moment for VALL was the presentation of the 2004 Service to SEAALL Award to Jim Heller, by Past President Sue Burch. Although the Awards committee considered a reprise performance of Jim's oldie but goodie "Weedo", it was determined that the early morning audience may not have been ready for this after our lavish BNA-sponsored reception the evening before. Nevertheless, VALL is proud of Jim and of the wonderful conference that proved, once again, that "Virginia is for Law Librarians." Was there ever any doubt?

Although the old joke in Atlanta was that the only good thing that ever came out of Alabama was I-20, I hope you'll mark your calendar to join SEAALL as it journeys to Montgomery, Alabama's capital, April 13-16, 2005.



Leanne Battle, Cathy Palombi, Marie Hamm are caught on camera by incoming Newsletter Editor Michael Klepper.



Hazel Johnson and Tim Coggins, did an outstanding job as co-chairs of the SEAALL Local Arrangements Committee!



VALL @ SEAALL



First time attendee Eric Kistler, who serves as Information Services Librarian at Liberty University Law Library with Gail Zwirner.



Taylor Fitchett and Marty Rush enjoy a few moments of conversation between sessions.

Newer Law Librarians Register for CONELL Now!

What is CONELL?

The Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONELL) is held every year at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting and Conference. CONELL welcomes newer members of the profession to the organization, introduces them to the Association and its leaders, and provides a setting for newer members to become acquainted with each other. Participants have an opportunity to talk with representatives from AALL's many Committees and Special Interest Sections to find out firsthand how to get involved and enjoy the benefits of Association membership. CONELL offers a chance to learn about the Association while meeting new people and having some fun.

The 2004 CONELL Program:

This year, CONELL will be held on *Saturday, July 10 from 7:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.*

The morning features presentations from experienced AALL members, and open sessions with AALL experts from various areas of law librarianship and with chapter, SIS and committee representatives.

After lunch in the Sheraton Boston Hotel, the afternoon will be devoted to a guided tour of Boston, including Beacon Hill, Back Bay, and the Waterfront. Participants will be able to walk into the North End, Boston's famous Italian neighborhood, and visit the Old North Church, where the lanterns were hung to signal the beginning of Paul Revere's ride.

For the first time this year, CONELL will sponsor "Dutch Treat Dinners" at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9. These dinners will give CONELL participants a chance to meet each other and members of the Mentoring Committee before the beginning of the official conference.

How to Register for CONELL:

Be sure to register for CONELL when you submit your AALL Annual Meeting and Conference registration:
http://www.aallnet.org/events/04_registration.asp

Preregistration is required by June 4, 2004: \$100.00

Learn More about CONELL:

To learn more about CONELL, visit the Mentoring Committee's website:
<http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/>

The Association gratefully acknowledges West for its support of this program.



SEAALL 2004—A CLASS ACT

by Jeanne Ullian, Hofheimer Nusbaum, P.C.

What a weekend! The Lady Gophers, my (birth) home team, advanced to the Final Four; Richmond suffered its worst fire since the Civil War; and I rounded out my six-year adventure as a first-time attendee at conferences which have included MLA, SLA, VALL, AALL, and finally SEAALL (Richmond) 2004.

Format makes a difference—a library truism. Well, I think the same can be said about conferences. Lacking only a sandy beach, SEAALL provided amenities similar to those found at the popular all-inclusive resorts, thereby freeing attendees to fully participate in the conference. Kudos go to the Local Arrangements Committee, headed by the remarkable team of Hazel Johnson and Timothy Coggins—VALL members of course.

The Omni Hotel, conveniently located in Richmond's Shockhoe Slip Historic District, allowed one to escape to the nearby shops or take a quick walk along the Kanawha Canal without missing scheduled events. Lunch served on the balcony of the glass-walled and ceilinged atrium made being “in” on the nicest day of spring, 2004 bearable. All of this convenience fostered networking by keeping the group together without making anyone feel captive. Attendees were mixed together at the round dining tables, on the bus to the Saturday evening Virginia Museum of Fine Arts reception/dinner, in the centrally located Vendor Exhibition area, in the scheduled programs, and within the geographical perimeters of the hotel. The lines between professional edu-

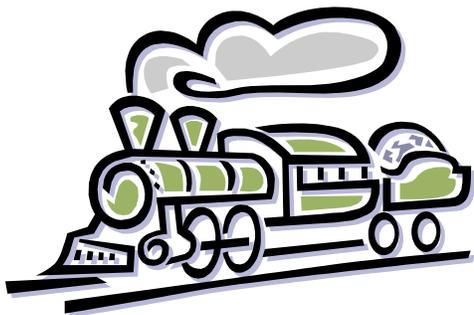
cation and social relaxation crossed beautifully in this manageable group of just less than 200 interesting people.

My weekend included the Thursday Institute entitled “The Basics of Negotiating.” Even though I had participated in a shorter version of Professor John Douglass’s course at a VALL meeting, I felt it was worth repeating both for the content and as part of a conference strategy that helps me break into large groups more quickly and successfully. Through pre-conference interactive, intensive courses I get to know a core group of attendees and gain the confidence to walk into the larger group knowing there will always be a few familiar and friendly faces in the room with whom I have shared a common experience. From that point, it is easier to slowly expand my circle of colleagues.

SEAALL provided a full schedule of great programs. I would like to focus on two: “Effective Management of Employees” and “Using an Extranet.”

Marcia Burris (Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, PC) first came to my attention at the Thursday Institute where she served impressively as the principal spokesperson in the peace-keeping negotiations between my country of BETA and her country of ALPHA. Her good judgment and listening skills surfaced again in her comments concerning “Effective Management of Employees.” She,

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Preservation Junction

TAKE CARE OF YOUR MICROFORMS!

by John R. Barden, University of Richmond

We've heard lots of times about the value of microform as a means of preservation. Who wouldn't be impressed? Studies suggest that microform (meant to include both roll microfilm and microfiche sheets) will last up to five hundred years (some say one thousand years) if stored "under proper conditions." However, problems may arise, and it pays to learn a little about what may be happening in your nice, neat microform cabinets when your back is turned.

There are two main types of microforms in use in law libraries today: silver halide, which, as its name suggests, contains a silver compound; and diazo, which uses diazonium salts to make the image. While both are perfectly functional, silver halide is the only one truly deemed archival, since diazo is subject to fading when exposed repeatedly to light. Guidelines on long-term life of diazo film indicate that each sheet should be exposed to strong light (i.e., projected) no more than three hours in a hundred years. While that may not seem like a lot, remember that most single microform images are not projected for more than a few minutes by each user. Diazo film life can be extended, therefore, by encouraging users to scan or print working copies from the microform, rather than lengthy reading on the screen.

A third type of microfilm--vesicular--deserves to have a stake driven through its heart. Vesicular film generally appears to have a milky green or blue background (for ACC fans, we're talking "Carolina blue," not "Duke blue"). The film contains a layer of tiny bubbles (vesicles) that respond to light to create the image. Vesicular film is subject to loss of image by the bubbles getting crushed, as well as release of hydrogen chloride gas which can corrode cardboard containers and metal cabinets! Thankfully this type has not been widely used for major microform sets. A recent spot-check of the collection at the University of Richmond Law School Library revealed no holdings. However, you may find examples in your collection if the set was done locally or copied from another microform source.

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SEAALL 2004: A Class Act (Continued from page 9)

**Jeanne Ullian of
Hofheimer
Nusbaum, P.C.
enjoys the
Exhibition area.**

along with her co-presenters, stressed the importance of believing (even if it means forcing yourself) that all employees want to do a good job. Creative, yet realistic suggestions included one in which an employee was asked to “pretend to be happy” at least while in the workplace. As a result of “pretending” the employee seemed to actually “be happier.” Apparently this session hit on subjects near and dear to library administrators as I see it is already on the list of possible sessions for the Montgomery meeting.

Hazel Johnson (as if she did not have enough to do!) teamed up with David Mason (both from McGuireWoods LLP) for the presentation: “Using an Extranet.” As a solo, in a 30-attorney firm, sessions like this are my window to the world of larger law firms. I have learned not to be intimidated when Nina Platt of Faegre & Benson LLP (Minneapolis) talks about her KM initiatives and staff numbering in the double-digits. Within the “shock and awe” there is always something applicable to our firm. Plus these presentations provide the graphics I need to put into concrete terms the jargon I encounter on these topics in professional publications. Hazel and David took us behind the firewall of their firm to demonstrate the real-world application of an Extranet for librarians. I hardly need such a thing to communicate with myself, but databases and procedures they described do have relevance. As a librarian any document database with full-text searching draws my attention.

It would be a great oversight not to mention the elegant and relaxing Opening Night Reception at the SunTrust Building. For those of us who cannot eat and talk while juggling plates of food and glasses of wine, the luxury of tables and chairs and plenty of room with a great view of the city freed us to sit down, relax, and enjoy the social networking opportunity.

Final thoughts: SEAALL funds are in good hands. Treasurer Ismael Gullon, responded to AALL Representative Al Podboy’s query concerning a loan to AALL by quoting interest at 22%. David Baugh, the slightly irreverent Keynote Speaker, confirmed that someone in Richmond is alive and willing to take a stand. Perhaps we should have sent him over to motivate the budget impasse on the hill. Can you believe the report from Terry Long—“no bylaws changes!” And finally what a great welcome pack—an inscribed Jefferson Cup and a bottle of University of Richmond specialty water. My sights were not set on Montgomery before this meeting. Now I think SEAALL 2005 would be hard to miss.



Preservation Junction—Take Care of Your Microforms . . . Continued from page 10)

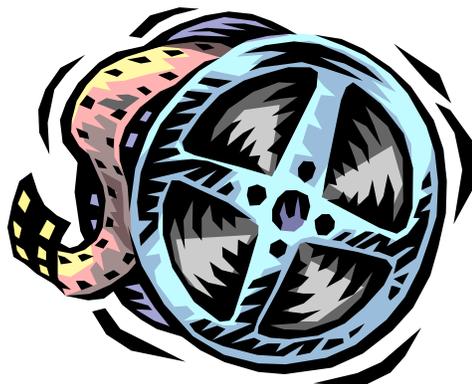
Another problem arises from the deterioration of older microforms that utilized a cellulose acetate film base. This base can turn into acetic acid (i.e., vinegar), yielding an unpleasant odor. The problem can spread throughout a collection, so any affected film should be removed as soon as detected. Fortunately, cellulose acetate base was largely replaced by more stable polyester in the mid-1950s.

How about storage? The primary considerations are cabinet, conditions, and contiguity. Specially-built microform cabinets allow relatively compact, efficient, dark storage of large quantities of film or fiche. In addition, painted-metal cabinets will not interact with the microforms (with the exception of deteriorating vesicular film, mentioned above). The optimum environmental conditions prescribed for long-term microform storage (not including color and other special formats) are 70 degrees F. and 20-30 percent relative humidity. While the temperature is fairly easy to attain, the relative humidity range may require special equipment in our humid Virginia summers. Stability of conditions is also key in avoiding such problems as condensation.

Finally, different compositions of microform should not be stored contiguously. Ideally, each type should have its own cabinet, but this is hardly practical in a classified collection. At the very least, vesicular microform and anything smelling “vinegary” should come out immediately. Silver halide and diazo may be stored in the same cabinet, so long as acid-free paper dividers and sleeves are used to keep them from direct contact. When in doubt, separate!

Knowing a little about your microforms can add centuries to their useful lives, and countless generations of your successors will bless you for prudent steps taken now. (OK, a little hyperbole never hurt anyone!)

Sources and additional reading: (1) [Technical Report for Information and Image Management: Preservation of Microforms in an Active Environment—Guideline](#) (ANSI Technical Report prepared by Association for Information and Image Management International, ANSI/AIIM TR13-1998) (available for fee at www.ansi.org); (2) Suzanne Cates Dodson, [Microfilm: Still My Top Choice for a Preservation Medium](#) (July 2001) (available at www.home.earthlink.net/~fyiglover/articles/preservation.html).



VALL Spring Meeting

*Washington & Lee Law Library
Lexington, Virginia
May 14, 2004*

Please join Brian Murchison, Charles S. Rowe Professor of Law at W&L School of Law, for a discussion of invasion of privacy. Professor Murchison is a media law and first amendment scholar who specializes in contemporary problems in law and journalism.

The program, *The Case of the Eccentric Ex-Prodigy*, is a look back at the celebrated privacy case involving the New Yorker magazine and a look forward to the U.S. Supreme Court's possible direction in invasion of privacy cases. In preparation, you are asked to read the case *Sidis v. F.R. Pub. Corp.*, 113 F. 2d 806 (2d Cir. 1940) and the *New Yorker* article, "Where are They Now" at <http://law.wlu.edu/library/sidis/sidisarticle.pdf>.

Schedule for Friday, May 14, 2004:

9:30 – 10:15	Registration, coffee and danish
10:15 – 10:30	Opening Remarks from VALL President
10:30 – 12:00	<i>"The Case of the Eccentric Ex-Prodigy"</i> Professor Brian Murchison
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:00	VALL Business Meeting
2:00 until ?	Optional tours, on your own, of the Lewis F. Powell Archives, Special Collections in the Leyburn Library, or the Lee Chapel & Museum

The lunch will be a buffet in the Law School's Faculty Lounge, and is being generously subsidized by LEXIS (thank you!). The cost of this program is only \$15. Checks need to be made payable to VALL and sent to Sally Wiant by May 10.

Sally Wiant
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2004 VALL SUMMER LUNCHEON MEETING

*Tuesday, July 13
Noon – 2 p.m.*

Skipjack's Restaurant (approximately ½ mile from the Convention Center —head East on Boylston and make a right on Clarendon)
199 Clarendon St.
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We will order from a limited lunch menu. The cost is \$20 per person.

Please make checks payable to VALL and send, along with registration, by June 25 to:

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580 Massie Rd.
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Email: ccp7m@virginia.edu
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Minutes of the VALL Business Meeting
Kaufman & Canoles, Norfolk, VA
February 27, 2004

Call to Order (Bobbie Denny, President)

The meeting was called to order by VALL Vice President Cathy Palombi.

Minutes (Tisha Zelner, Secretary)

The minutes of the November 6, 2003, business meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Katz, Treasurer)

Bill Katz distributed copies of the treasurer's report for the period May 1, 2003 to February 29, 2004 and called attention to significant receipts and expenditures.

Committee Reports

Grants (Rae Best, Chair)

Donna Bausch reported on behalf of Rae Best.

The application form for grants to attend the AALL annual meeting and conference in Boston on July 10-14, 2004 is available in PDF on the VALL website. There are two grants available through VALL. One is a chapter grant funded by AALL and the other is funded by LexisNexis. Applications must be postmarked by April 2, 2004. Grant recipients will be selected by April 9, 2004 and notified immediately by mail or e-mail. Printed grant application forms were also available from Donna at this meeting.

Legal Information Outreach (Leanne Battle, Chair)

The VALL Speakers Bureau will be posted to the VALL website.

Legislative Awareness (Isabel Paul, Chair)

Information has been distributed via VALL-L.

Membership (Robert Davis, Chair)

Robert Davis was not present.

LexisNexis was thanked for sponsoring the printed VALL Directory for 2003-04. Although printing of the directory is later than usual, it will be printed before the end of VALL's current fiscal year on May 31, 2004.

As of February 2004, VALL had 154 members, including 23 new members. The two newest members are Craig Dove-Isbel with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore and Debra Duck with Williams Mullen. Bobbie Denny and Margaret Christensen each have a copy of the most recent membership list.

Newsletter (Margaret Christiansen and Marie Hamm, Co-chairs)

Michael Klepper, a librarian at University of Virginia's Law Library and immediate past editor of *The Southeastern Law Librarian*, has tentatively agreed to serve as the next *VALL Newsletter* editor, on the condition that the format of the newsletter be changed from print and electronic to electronic only. Margaret explained that producing the VALL Newsletter in both print and electronic formats requires twice as much work as publishing in either format alone. Marie explained that a survey she posted to the AALL Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) listserv showed that the majority of AALL chapter newsletters are now electronic. Also, where the newsletter is concerned, VALL is spending more than it receives in order to produce the newsletter in paper form. Paper copies of the newsletter may be printed from the PDF version and made available upon request. The Board recommended to the membership that publication of the *VALL Newsletter* move to an electronic-only format.

Hazel Johnson expressed concern about members being made aware of each new issue of the newsletter if it were available only in electronic form. Marie addressed this concern by explaining that an e-mail distribution list will be maintained for all VALL members, separate from members voluntary subscription to VALL-L, and that a notification will be sent via e-mail when each new issue of the newsletter is published to the VALL website. Tim Coggins reported that the SEAALL board is going to reconsider whether it made a mistake in moving its newsletter to an electronic-only format. Despite these concerns, a motion was made that the *VALL Newsletter* become an electronic-only publication and that the decision be revisited if needed. The motion passed.

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VALL Minutes (Continued from page 16)

Placement (Barbara Cumming, Chair)

Openings continue to be posted to VALL-L.

Program (Cathy Palombi, Chair)

The spring meeting will be held at Washington & Lee University in Lexington, VA on May 14, 2004. Sally Wiant is in charge of local arrangements for the meeting. The speaker will be W&L law professor Brian Murchison.

The summer meeting will be held at Skipjack's Seafood Emporium in Boston from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Registration will be \$20.00 per person, to include a choice of soup or salad, entrée, dessert, beverage, and tip. Attendees will be able to order from a limited menu.

Preservation (John Barden, Chair)

Sally Wambold reported on behalf of the committee. Anyone with suggestions for preservation activities is encouraged to contact John Barden.

Public Relations (Jill Burr, Chair)

Bobbie reported for the committee. Kathy Mays, Director of Judicial Planning for the Supreme Court of Virginia, has accepted VALL's invitation to attend the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston as VALL's Chapter VIP (Valuable Invited Participant).

Nominating Committee

As called for in the Bylaws, the names of the candidates were presented to the membership at this meeting.

- Marie Hamm for Vice President/President-elect
- Leanne Battle for Secretary
- Theresa Schmid for Director

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made and approved to accept these nominees to appear on the official ballot.

Publications (Gail Zwirner, Chair)

VALL has contributed two articles to *Virginia Lawyer* this year. Mark Hedberg, a partner at Hunton & Williams' Richmond office, will be writing a guide to health law research for the June/July 2004 issue of *Virginia Lawyer*. The next "all librarian" issue of *Virginia Lawyer* is scheduled for publication in February 2005. Paul Barron and Gail Warren have been added to the list of contributors for the Feb. 2005 issue of *VL*.

Recruitment (Taylor Fitchett, Chair)

No report.

Vendor Relations (Nancy Loewenberg, Chair)

No report.

VLA Liaison (Barbie Selby, Chair)

No report.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

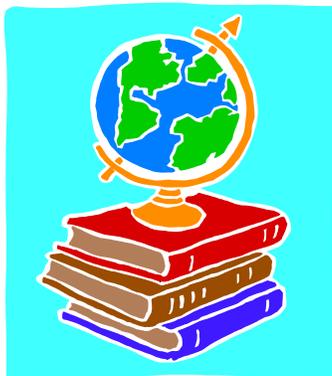
New Business

Gail Zwirner introduced Caroline Osborne, a new librarian at the University of Richmond.

The SEAALL 2004 Annual Meeting will be held in Richmond on March 25-27, 2004. For more information, visit the SEAALL website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/seaall/2004/index.html> or contact either Tim Coggins or Hazel Johnson.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



Make Way!

AALL 2004 Book Drive

Spring is almost here! Help a child blossom by donating a book today!

The Social Responsibilities SIS is coordinating the 6th annual children's book drive in Boston. The theme this year is "Make Way!" based on Boston's beloved children's book *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey (The Viking Press, New York, 1941).

This year's efforts will benefit *Read Boston* (<http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra/ReadBoston/JCSRB.asp>)—a city education support initiative whose mission is to ensure that all Boston children are able readers by the time they complete third grade. The programs include: the Family Literacy Program which provides books for classroom libraries and teacher training; the Reading Trail, a family-focused reading program which allows families to borrow books; and the Storymobile which lends books to kids' camps and summer programs.

Donating is easier than ever. Beginning in March 2004 you will be able to go directly to Amazon.com to view the Book Drive Wish List (http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/registry.html/ref=cm_wl_topnav_gateway/102-1504113-6932918?type=wishlist) and your donation will be shipped directly to the Book Drive team!¹

Other options include bringing your donation with you to the conference, donating at the Luncheon or by sending your donation or a check made out to AALL to:

Make Way! Book Drive
c/o Annette Demers
Harvard Law School Library
1545 Massachusetts Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02138
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Membership:	\$ —
Meetings:	\$1,045.24
Newsletter:	\$2,208.52
Grants:	\$1,290.00
Supplies:	\$ —
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Postage:	\$44.66
VALL Donations:	\$450.00
VALL Memberships:	\$110.00
Educational Sponsorships:	\$ —
Miscellaneous:	\$270.50

TOTAL: \$6,725.00

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President's Message



I had an experience recently that made me realize why this is such a rewarding profession. And no, it didn't involve solving a difficult reference question or revising the library's strategic plan (!). It had to do with plain old customer service and the recognition that librarians always seem to be reliable and able to see something through to the end.

It was after 5 p.m. and a journalist from Louisiana, attending a law school conference, frantically approached me in the entrance of the library. She had gone to her car, only to find that it wasn't there, and asked me who could have towed it. She explained that she had parked illegally due to a shortage of spaces, but was assured by the conference planners that she would only receive a warning and would most definitely not be towed. Adding to her stress was the fact she was late picking up her 6-year-old, who was spending his first day at a day care in a new city.

I began by calling UVA's Parking & Transportation, but alas, at 5:20 they were already long gone. I then contacted the University Police, who receive a daily fax by 5 p.m. from P&T, listing all cars towed that day. But guess what.....no fax arrived

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this particular day. So the police proceed to give me numbers for the four towing services they use, to see if and where they towed the car. At this point, the irate journalist begs me to give her the phone, and I, of course, oblige.

While she talked about irresponsibility and lawsuits to the police, I started calling the towing services on a cell phone....determined to find this car if it killed me. Two of the numbers had voice-mail, one claimed that the list of cars towed that day was in another building and she'd rather not go after it, and the last number said it wasn't on the list. I interrupted the woman, now asking to speak to a supervisor, to tell her that I could drive her to her son, or could arrange for a cab. She liked the cab idea, so I jotted down several numbers, but at this point she demanded that the police send a squad car to fetch her and her child. They agreed to send someone right away, so I walked her to the parking lot and waited the 15 minutes for the car to arrive. Somewhere in there I even managed to convince her that not everyone at UVA was an imbecile, and that Charlottesville was really a charming town. She thanked me several times, which was even more comforting, considering she had already told the policewoman and her supervisor they would be sued.

I returned to my office at 6:30, feeling drained. And even though it wasn't exactly related to what I do each day as a librarian, I had the same satisfied feeling as I do when I've given a patron the information they were after, or gone that extra mile to get a professor her case ten minutes before class. It was a service and that's what we do best.

Oh, there is an interesting end to this story. The police supervisor called me about 20 minutes later to tell me they located her car --- it was in the law school parking lot. Apparently our journalist was a little disoriented.....

And for a bit of business...VALL's new year got kicked off in Lexington on May 14 at Washington & Lee. Law School Professor Brian Murchison engaged the audience in an engrossing discussion about invasion of privacy, looking back at the Sidas and New Yorker case and ahead to the Supreme Court's direction in deciding such cases. Sally Wiant and her staff deserve a huge thank you for organizing the entire day and not missing a detail. We won't wait so long before we return to Lexington.

And finally, Bobbie Denny's role as President during 2003-2004 is greatly appreciated. Her responsiveness, hard work, and sense of humor are clearly contagious to all VALL members, and motivate us to contribute to this organization.

This is our first electronic newsletter, and I encourage you to provide feedback about it to our new editor, Micheal Klepper, his committee of one, Taylor Fitchett, or to anyone on the VALL board.

Looking forward to seeing you in Boston in July !

Cathy



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IN AND AROUND VALL



Welcome New Member



Ben Doherty became the newest member of the University of Virginia Law Library's reference team in March 2004. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1999 and then spent a year as a law clerk in the Wisconsin Court of Appeals. He moved to Charlottesville in 2000 when his wife, Lisa Woolfork, became a professor in the University of Virginia's English Department. Before coming to the Law Library, Ben was the Office Administrator for the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center, a non-profit legal group in Charlottesville that represents people on Virginia's death row.

In addition to his regular reference duties at the library, Ben focuses on assisting law faculty with in-depth research projects. He is working with Kent Olson, the head reference librarian, on developing the law faculty's use of the library staff for more expansive research questions. Ben is excited to have joined the Law Library and to help with the library's mission of providing professional research assistance to law faculty, students and other patrons.

News from the George Mason University Law Library

The end of our fiscal year is just about here, so now is a good time for us to look back on the year 2003-04 and review the changes and improvements that have occurred at the George Mason University Law Library.

We started the year with the first increase in our acquisitions budget in over five years. We used the extra funding to purchase the "Core-Plus" package of databases from BNA. A number of faculty members immediately signed up to receive BNA weekly highlights through email, and students on our journals were especially glad to have access to these databases. This year also was the first time in five years that we have not had to make

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large cuts in our subscriptions.

At the beginning of the fall semester, one of our students made an anonymous donation to the library of the complete set of West's *Sum & Substance* audio tapes and CDs and *Gilbert's Law School Legends* audio tapes. The library usually doesn't purchase study aids, but this student, who is known as our "Secret Santa," wanted to make sure that every student has access to these expensive tapes and CDs. The tapes are on reserve for one week check-out and have been heavily used. Our Secret Santa continues to give us extra copies of the most popular titles.

This was also the year that we decided to cancel almost all of the library's print Shepard's. We purchased two subscriptions to public access KeyCite from West and obtained a go-ahead from the director of the LRWA program to teach online Shepard's and KeyCite to first year students during the fall semester. In addition to the class on electronic citators, the librarians also taught two other, more traditional classes on print resources during the fall and then taught classes on Lexis, Westlaw and Advanced Internet Research during the spring.

The library made a number of advances in technology this year including adding a wireless network to the library and law school. Students have found the service simple to set-up and have been most enthusiastic about their newfound ability to use the web in places like the cafeteria and atrium. In addition, the university provided 25 new computers with flat-screen LCD monitors for the library's training lab. Finally, the library secured funding to purchase new listserv software for the university that is much more dependable than the previous software and provides a searchable archives of the law school's student lists <<http://www.law.gmu.edu/students/listservs.html>>.

The law library's technology librarians were very busy during the spring semester completely redesigning the web sites for the law school and law library. The sites went live in early April 2004 and are designed to work with all web browsers and to be accessible to persons with disabilities <<http://www.law.gmu.edu>>. One well-received service that we started last year and continue to update is a collection of Virginia Bar Exam essay questions from February 1995 through February 2004 <<http://www.law.gmu.edu/academics/bar-va.html>>.

There have been changes in personnel during the year. Meghan McGee Fatouros, who had been a reference librarian at the law library since 1998, has left. In May 2004, she received her J.D. from George Mason School of Law. In June 2004, Paul Haas, who has his law degree from the University of Michigan and a M.S. in Library Science from Catholic University, joined our staff as evening reference librarian.

All in all, this has been a good year. Our annual student survey, which was conducted in April 2004, indicates that a large majority of students are happy with library services and agree that staff members are responsive to their needs <<http://www.law.gmu.edu/libtech/studentsurvey2004.html>>. We're hoping to have another good year for acquisitions and to continue to make technology improvements to the library and building. We have a very strong and dedicated staff and a supportive administration. We have every reason to expect another good year in 2004-05.

Law Day 2004 with VBBA at Wahab Public Law Library

by Pat Jones

"The real purpose of Law Day is not to just celebrate 'the rule of law,' but rather the presence of law and the opportunity to settle our disputes in a peaceful manner," Carrollyn Cox (Chair of Law Day for the Virginia Beach Bar Association) was quoted when interviewed for a recent *Virginian-Pilot Beacon* article. Over two hundred people attended the library's Law Day celebration on Monday, May 3. They were offered the opportunity to learn about these city, state, and federal laws – both in print and myriad electronic formats. The VBBA graciously supported our community outreach efforts that morning; they scheduled several of their members to volunteer pro bono sessions to library customers with questions about legal matters.



Carrollyn Cox explained, "Lawyers are problem solvers, and in a brief and rapid manner, that's what we'll try to do on Law Day." And that is exactly what happened. In three hours, a total of twenty-seven library customers benefited from the expertise offered by seven guest members of the VBBA who worked various shifts that morning: Mike Bowerman, Kathryn Byler-Clark, Carrollyn Cox, Sarah Cox, Jeanne Lauer, Greg Pugh, and Ed Stolle. The questions for the lawyers ranged from domestic and neighbor issues to immigration and criminal concerns.

In addition to pro se litigants in attendance at Law Day, more than 35 Virginia Beach high school students enrolled in the Legal Studies Academy received tours of the law library and viewed the video "Your Day in Court." Because they may choose the legal profession as their future career, the students appreciated the chance to speak with an attorney about that topic. We extend our thanks to all of the VBBA participants for sharing their knowledge of law with our library customers and their Executive Director, Jean Keary, for relinquishing her office for the hours it was used as a conference room.



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We first celebrated Law Day in 2002 and about a hundred people walked through our doors that day. Two attorneys provided answers to the ques-

tions presented by four pro se litigants. This year we increased our publicity efforts, doubled the number of visitors, and greatly increased both the number of attorneys providing "Lawyer in the Library" services and the number of pro se litigants taking advantage of that opportunity.

Law Day 2004 at Wahab was an exciting and informative day, with tasty food treats for all. The staff and volunteers hope to continue to grow in 2005!

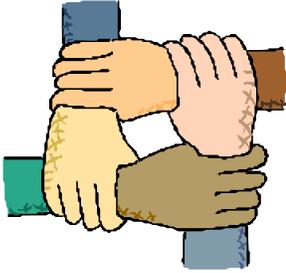
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Diversity in Libraries- “Making it Real”

By Allen Moye



In early May, I attended the National Diversity in Libraries Conference. It is a biennial conference and this was the first time it was held in Atlanta, Georgia. The event was co-hosted by SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network); ASERL (Association of Southeastern Research Libraries) and the recently formed HBCULA (Historically Black Colleges & Universities Library Alliance). A number of universities, libraries and library associations contributed as sponsors, which included one paid registration. I was fortunate enough to attend due to VALL's sponsorship.

The purpose of the conference is to provide a forum where representatives from libraries of all sizes and affiliation can explore and exchange ideas on issues of diversity. This year's theme, *“Making it Real”* was selected to focus on identifying and implementing practical strategies for building staff and creating programs relevant to an increasingly diverse population.

There were a number of very interesting presentations and round table discussions over the course of the two day conference. Some examples include; (1) *Collection Development: Real Steps to include a Forgotten Group*; (2) *Developing Approaches for Working with a Diverse User Population*; and (3) *Moving Diversity from being a Goal to Being a Necessity in Your Strategic Plan*. Since many of the sessions were concurrent, I was only able to attend a few. Each of which I found to be informative and inspiring.

Denise Adkins and Lisa Hussey from the University of Missouri presented “Unintentional” Recruiting for Diversity. They identified certain unconscious actions that can influence someone to ultimately choose a career in librarianship. The presentation was based on a joint research project, which took place over a year, and included a series of qualitative interviews of Latino librarians, Latino undergraduate students and Latina and Native American LIS students. They pointed out that LIS literature says, and their research supported the fact that most people choose librarianship as a result of knowing a librarian; being comfortable in and familiar with libraries; feeling that librarianship is a service profession and feeling that librarianship is a respectable profession. They concluded by offering some suggestions for being cognizant of these sentiments

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when formulating a recruitment strategy that would appeal to a broad spectrum of the population.

Another very interesting presentation was on the “Open Doors Project” from the University of Mississippi. Jennifer Ford, Interim Head of Special Collections and Jennifer Aronson, Curator of Visual Collections, described their respective roles in helping to produce a campus-wide commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the integration of the University of Mississippi, by James Meredith in 1962. Along with other library staff they participated in conducting outreach efforts to former students, soldiers, reporters and citizens in identifying and collecting items relating to the events (including federal court intervention; a two day siege of the campus; and the calling up of the National Guard) which culminated in Mr. Meredith being the first African American to attend and graduate from the University of Mississippi.

What they presented was a riveting historical account punctuated with archival audiotape and videotaped interviews of some of the still living participants from this moment in history. This project spawned several others relating to the civil rights era, and both women described collections and exhibits that they had developed through cooperative efforts with other departments from the university and the surrounding community.

Overall, this was a very well organized and informative conference that I am pleased to have had the opportunity to attend. I recommend VALL continue its sponsorship and consider sending a representative to the next conference as well.





Find Company Information by Evelyn M. Campbell

Law firms may not be willing to use the “Sales” word yet, preferring to call their focus “business development” or “marketing” but that new focus means that more and more librarians are called upon to do corporation or company research to help their firms solicit new business. Some have been doing this for years, others are just beginning, but the resources available to them are immense. Where would one start?

Like anything else it begins with basic reference questions -- what kind of information is needed and what is it going to be used for? Are the companies public or private? It is much easier to find information on public companies than it is on a private company. If it is just basic incorporation and registered agent information that is needed, the secretaries of state websites are the best place to start. Almost all have searchable databases and the information is usually free.

In the handful of states where a fee is charged, most will still allow you to search the database for free and will provide some basic information but require payment when you want to view imaged documents and annual filings. New Jersey and Texas are the only two states which do not allow any searching of their databases unless you are a subscriber.

The databases, with the exception of those of Virginia and Connecticut, are all very user friendly and are easy to search. After flying through searches in the states' corporations databases, to encounter Virginia's and Connecticut's databases was particularly painful and for a second I thought that I gone back to a different era. Who has the time any more to try to figure out what F1 or F2 or F4 means?

Searches were performed in every states' databases, except those of Delaware and Texas and the chart is designed to help you decide where to go if you need to find basic incorporation information in any of these states.

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STATE	WEB ADDRESS	SEARCHABLE DATABASE	FEE/FREE
Alabama	http://www.sos.state.al.us/business/corporations.cfm	Yes	Free
Alaska	http://www.dced.state.ak.us/bsc/corps.htm	Yes	Free
Arizona	http://www.cc.state.az.us/corp/filings/index.htm	Yes	Free
Arkansas	http://www.sosweb.state.ar.us/corps/search_all.php	Yes	Free
California	http://www.ss.ca.gov/business/business.htm	Yes	Free
Colorado	http://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/business/main.htm	Yes	Free
Connecticut	http://www.concord.state.ct.us/	Yes: difficult	Free
Delaware	https://sos-res.state.de.us/tin/GINameSearch.jsp	Yes	Free & Fee
Dist. of Columbia	http://www.brc.dc.gov/whattodo/start/cklst/corpdef.asp#	Yes	Free
Florida	http://www.sunbiz.org/index.html	Yes	Free
Georgia	http://www.sos.state.ga.us/corporations/	Yes	Free
Hawaii	http://www.businessregistrations.com/	Yes	Free
Idaho	http://www.idsos.state.id.us/corp/corindex.htm	Yes	Free
Illinois	http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/home.html	Yes	Free

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Indiana	http://www.state.in.us/sos/business/corps/general.html	Yes	Free
Iowa	http://www.sos.state.ia.us/business/	Yes	Free
Kansas	http://www.kssos.org/main.html	Yes	Free
Kentucky	http://www.kysos.com/	Yes	Free
Louisiana	http://www.sec.state.la.us/comm/comm-index.htm	Yes	Free
Maine	http://www.state.me.us/sos/cec/corp/corp.htm	Yes	Free & Fee
Maryland	http://www.dat.state.md.us/	Yes	Free
Massachusetts	http://www.state.ma.us/sec/cor/coridx.htm	Yes	Free
Michigan	http://www.michigan.gov/cis	Yes	Free
Minnesota	http://www.sos.state.mn.us/business/index.html	Yes	Free & Fee
Mississippi	http://www.sos.state.ms.us/busserv/corp/soskb/csearch.asp	Yes	Free
Missouri	http://www.sos.mo.gov/business/corporations/	Yes	Free
Montana	http://www.sos.state.mt.us/css/BSB/Contents.asp	Yes	Free
Nebraska	http://www.sos.state.ne.us/html/corpmenu.htm	Yes	Free & Fee
Nevada	http://www.sos.state.nv.us/comm_rec/	Yes	Free
New Hampshire	http://www.sos.nh.gov/corporate/	Yes	Free
New Jersey	http://www.state.nj.us/Business.shtml	Yes	Fee
New Mexico	http://www.nmprc.state.nm.us/corporations/corpshome.htm	Yes	Free
New York	http://www.dos.state.ny.us/corp/corpwww.html	Yes	Free
North Carolina	http://www.secretary.state.nc.us/corporations/	Yes	Free

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North Dakota	http://www.state.nd.us/sec/	Yes	Free
Ohio	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/sos/busiserv/index.html	Yes	Free
Oklahoma	http://www.sos.state.ok.us/	Yes	Free & Fee
Oregon	http://www.filinginoregon.com/	Yes	Free
Pennsylvania	http://www.dos.state.pa.us/corps/site/default.asp	Yes	Free
Rhode Island	http://www2.corps.state.ri.us/corporations/	Yes	Free
South Carolina	http://www.scsos.com/corporations.htm	Yes	Free
South Dakota	http://www.sdsos.gov/Corporations/	Yes	Free
Tennessee	http://www.state.tn.us/sos/service.htm	Yes	Free
Texas	http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/index.shtml	No	Fee
Utah	http://www.commerce.utah.gov/cor/corpforms.htm	Yes	Free & Fee
Vermont	http://www.sec.state.vt.us/corps/corpindex.htm	Yes	Free
Virginia	http://www.state.va.us/sec/division.htm	Yes: difficult	Free
Washington	http://www.secstate.wa.gov/corps/	Yes	Free
West Virginia	http://www.wvsos.com/common/startbusiness.htm	Yes	Free
Wisconsin	http://www.wdfi.org/corporations/	Yes	Free
Wyoming	http://soswy.state.wy.us/corporat/corporat.htm	Yes	Free

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If basic information is needed and states' websites do not provide it, and in the case of Virginia and Connecticut, even though the information is free, but because the system is clunky and frustrating, I'd much rather use a service like **Accurint** (<http://www.accurint.com/>) and pay the dollar or two needed to get the same information. Accurint is still one of the best resources for getting corporation filings information at a very low cost. Information is available for all states except Georgia, District of Columbia and Maine, which will be added soon according to Accurint's website. This is one of those services where no subscription fee is charged -- you only pay for what you use and you get to choose what information you want in your report.

Then there's the **Security and Exchange Commission's EDGAR** database (<http://sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm>) for filings for all public domestic corporations. There is quite a bit of flexibility in using this system and the **Quick EDGAR Tutorial** on the website is a must read. Printing is still not very "pretty" but if it is information rather than looks that is required, this free service is what you need. There are other free websites that provide similar EDGAR information and a simple search using Google will find those.

Use **Global Securities Information's Livedgar** (<http://www.gsionline.com/>) if appearances and information are important. This is a good resource to keep an eye on as things are constantly being added to the various databases in the system. It also has something that is fairly new called **Company Round Up** which is a very nice looking report and great for a business development handout which includes basic company information, registrations, stock chart and data, subsidiary, mergers and acquisitions and income statement. This is rather a good deal for the money. The amount you pay is dependant on your contract with the company.

We must not overlook the traditional sources of company information like **Dun and Bradstreet** (<http://www.dnb.com/us/>) and **Hoovers** (<http://www.hoovers.com/free/>). **Dun and Bradstreet** is a highly trusted source of company information which includes the history of the company, subsidiary information, UCC filings and financials. What you pay depends on your contract with the company. While information on US companies is not cheap, it is not nearly as expensive as D&B's report on foreign companies which can run into hundreds of dollars. The cost will vary, depending on the country in which the company is located. **Hoovers** is certainly worth checking out and has some free information that it is broken down into the following categories -- Fact sheet (basic information on the company) and News. The people and advanced financial information are only for subscribers.

The two information "giants" -- **Lexis** and **Westlaw** also have some very well developed sources of company information, too numerous to be listed in the entirety. A particular favorite on Lexis is the company Disclosure report. This is a large, comprehensive report, and worth every penny if you are looking for detailed information on a company. If you want "bang for your buck" this is the report to get. What you end up paying will vary depending on your contract with Lexis. There are also other databases to look at -- if you are just looking for the hierarchy of a company the Directory of Corporate Affiliations database is the place to look.

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Similar to Lexis, **Westlaw** has all kinds of useful company information and one worth highlighting, is the SDC Worldwide Acquisitions & Mergers database, which provides information on all announced, completed, or pending mergers and acquisitions worldwide that involve a change in ownership of at least five percent. Coverage starts in 1981 for U.S. data and 1985 for non-U.S. data. Always check the two vendors, they are bound to have something you can use.

Oftentimes we are called upon to also provide information on the litigation profiles of companies -- where they have been sued, what is the nature of suit and which law firm represented them. There are several ways to get to this information and of course, getting information on federal cases is much, much, easier than finding the same information on state cases. Probably the cheapest way to do this is to run the company's name through **Pacer's** U.S. Party/Case name index (<http://pacer.psc.uscourts.gov/>) which gives several options -- you can restrict by type of court; nature of suit, etc. If you have a company that has not been involved in too many suits, this is the cheapest way to go and you can look at the dockets to get the law firm representation information for a very minimum fee.

You can do the same searches in **Courtlink** (www.lexisnexis.com/courtlink/online/) and in **CourtExpress** (<http://www.courtexpress.com/>) for a higher fee. But if you have a company that has been involved in a lot of litigation and you are looking in horror at a long list of cases and need to know the nature of suit and which law firms represented the company in the many lawsuits, there is something on **Courtlink** called **Strategic Profiles** which is quite a gem.

The Litigant Profile is the one that is particularly useful to business development folks. The profiles are basically the litigation profile of a company -- you search for the company name; define the timeframe and run the profile and the results are categorized in Nature of Suit Analysis, Jurisdictional Analysis, Federal District Court Analysis, Law Firm Analysis and also provides a listing of the cases involving the company. The profiles make for a good visual presentation with colorful pie charts and aesthetic arrangements of information. At \$150 per profile, this is rather steep but if all the work is done for you in one search and if it is a particularly important business pitch with the potential of untold revenue, it will be worth every penny. Courtlink also provides profiles for Attorney/Law Firm; Judicial; Court; and Nature of Suit -- at a lower cost of \$75 per profile. A feature that was just recently added to the profiles is that the user has the ability to access (for free) the Directory of Corporate Affiliations from the profile search screen and this directory is a great source for subsidiary information.

Courtlink and CourtExpress also provide email alerts to prompt you when action takes place in particular courts for whatever boundaries you have set up -- whether you've asked to be notified when a particular company files suit or has a suit filed against it or whether you just need to know when there is activity in a particular case you are monitoring for a client.

It is also good to stay on top of what is happening in particular business areas or with particular companies through the news sources on Lexis and Westlaw. Both provide email alerts.

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A: The SCT database contains Supreme Court opinions within twenty minutes of the announcement of a decision. A query as simple as "pledge of allegiance" & DA(6/14/2004) would work. Embedded at the top of case documents are links to [Briefs and Other Related Documents](#). This link will take you to the bottom of your case where all the related briefs are listed and linked. Many briefs are also available in .pdf format. Briefs are placed online at an average of five business days after their release. For more information on brief content, both federal and state, go to <http://directory.westlaw.com> and access the Scope screen for our Briefs Multibase (BRIEFS).

Now, here is the real thing. I look forward to hearing from you with your savvy research expertise.

Q: How can I quickly see if any pending legislation exists that, should it pass, would affect 50 U.S.C. §1861 (the 'library' provision of the USA PATRIOT Act)?



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If business rankings are of interest, check out this website -- www.rileyguide.com/busrank.html, which provides a nice compilation of various business rankings. Be aware of local publications too which may provide similar information. For instance the **Virginia Business Magazine** provides an annual survey which comes out in July which gives information on the performance of businesses in Virginia. The **Washington Post** also puts out the Post 200 which lists the 125 largest public companies with headquarters in the District of Columbia, the 20 largest financial institutions with headquarters in Maryland, Virginia or the District, the 15 largest private companies in the metro area and the 20 largest public companies in Maryland and Virginia. To view the Post 200 registration is required but it's free.

For law firm surveys, turn to the American Lawyer Media which has collected all its law related surveys in one spot: www.law.com/career_center/lists_rankings.shtml.

Company or business research covers such a large area and the resources are so vast that it is always a good idea to look for entities which have done half the work for you and made a compilation of some of these sources and made them available on the web. Libraries are always a good place to look for this and I have listed a few of my favorite websites:

University of Virginia's Darden Library:
<http://intranet.darden.virginia.edu/library/home.htm>

Rutgers University Libraries:
http://www.libraries.rutgers.edu/rul/rr_gateway/research_guides/busi/company.shtml

Duke University Libraries:
<http://www.lib.duke.edu/reference/subjects/business/>

Columbia University Libraries:
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lweb/indiv/business/ir/cmpr.html>

University of California (Berkeley) Libraries:
<http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/BUSI/bbg18.html#compa>

Just looking through the compilations of these different libraries will show you the many, many, different resources available -- there are some that are cited on list after list and while there are others that are only mentioned once or twice but are equally as important. You will develop your own favorite resources and websites as you go through your research.



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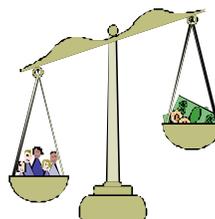
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Murder in the Stacks and Other Summer Tomfoolery

By Taylor Fitchett



*Find me a sane man and I will cure
him for you-Carl Jung*

Several summers ago while at the lake house of a librarian friend I discovered an empty hammock with my name on it next to a glass of Long Island tea and a small red paperback with the intriguing drawing of library bookstacks on its cover. Its title was *Murder in the Stacks*. Of course, being a librarian myself, I believed when I flopped into the hammock that I was about to fall asleep reading a book about broken spines and other preservation-type horrors. It was a pleasant surprise to find that *Murder in the Stacks* was actually a library whodunit written by Marion Boyd Havighurst about a murder in a small college library in Ohio during the 1930s. Sipping my tea and nodding through the story it occurred to me how often the library stacks are the setting for mysteries in novels and film. In Hollywood style, secrets unfold there, lovers meet, and sometimes a body is found.

I have lived among the stacks for over thirty years, and while I have found some lovers scattered here and there, I have never found a dead body. This does not disappoint me, however, because what I have found has engrossed me more. At this point you, no doubt, are expecting a well-preserved library director like myself, to say something profound about the words of legal scholars that rest between the pages of the books that line the shelves. Glance again at the title of this column. What has been most entertaining over the years that I have roamed the stacks is not dead bodies but naked bodies. It has never been clear to me why people choose libraries to expose their physical properties-or lack thereof, but it is not unusual to find a live nude in the gallery. You, who also work in libraries, probably have as many stories about the phenomenon as I. In fact, if we compile all of our stories I'll bet we could publish a bestseller, especially if we include a few incidents where the exhibitionist ended up dead, say frozen stiff between the stacks in a remote, overly-chilled area of special collections.

My own first glimpse of naked bodies in a library came on a summer evening in 1972. I was at the circulation desk shortly before closing, trying to get the McBee cards filed before I left for the night. (If you do not know what McBee cards are, be happy. You are young). Through the reading room I heard a shriek that could have only come from a pig being slaughtered or a young co-ed who had just spotted five streakers. The scream, together with the thunderous noise of running feet echoing through the stacks, led me to investigate. I was, after all, the responsible person on duty. I arrived at the scene to witness a couple of bare behinds leave through a fire exit and escape to a waiting car. Suddenly the elevator doors behind me opened and two Barney Fife-like security guards, pistols drawn, flew out yelling, "Which way did they go!" Fortunately for all, the frat boys were long gone and the guards could holster their guns.

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A few years later, another state and another library, a colleague, Sue, and I were on an evening reference shift when the ordinary raincoat flasher dropped by the reference desk. This was Sue's first flasher experience. After Mr. Pervert ran from the building she could not stop shaking until I slapped her and brought her back to reality. But to my everlasting shame, I could not stop laughing until she started crying and said I was mean. Perhaps I was, but in my defense, when I was in library school the curriculum did not include the bare essentials of librarianship. By today's standards we are to feel sorry for the clothing-challenged among us, but I was young, not so politically correct, and I thought the guest performance was slightly more exciting than unjamming the IBM Copier II, the high point of most evening reference shifts.

My most interesting *naked-among-the-stacks* occurrence happened at yet another institution and over a period of months. Students and library staff members complained to me that a naked man wandered the stacks at odd hours of the evening. Local police and campus security had been alerted, but we never even came up with a composite drawing. It's strange, but I guess when you cannot identify a guy by the clothes he was wearing, describing elbows, knees, and other parts gets a bit ticklish. We could not even agree on a hair color, height or age of this stack stud. His M.O. was to appear out of nowhere stark naked, casually stroll among the stacks, pick up a book, and begin reading. Just as suddenly he would disappear. In time, every male from the janitor to the Dean would be under suspicion for being "*The Reader*."

One Sunday afternoon I answered my home phone to hear the voice of Herbie, a panicked member of my staff, exclaim that *The Reader* had been spotted in the KFs. Now we have him, I thought! "Herbie," I said, "Where is he? What's he doing?" The next sound I heard was a thud as Herbie stuttered that he would go see and dropped the phone. "Come back, Herbie," I cried. "Don't scare him off!" But it was too late. When he finally picked up the receiver again he reported that *The Reader* was browsing a volume of the Southern Reporter but had reshelved it before he made his exit. It certainly made me wonder if the guy could have been a librarian. We never learned *The Reader's* identity, but when the new academic year began he seemed to be among the graduates.

If the stacks could only talk, a new genre of bibliomysteries would emerge to produce revenue that would pump up sagging collection budgets for all times. For among the dusty shelves and dark recesses in our libraries are many stories and many secrets, some of which reveal the naked truth about humanity and other which simply reveal the naked. I wonder where Ms. Havighurst's mystery would have gone had she spent more time among the stacks. Well, I'll ponder this from the hammock, between the rainstorms, with a glass of tea.....

Have a wonderful summer!

Taylor

Minutes of the VALL Business Meeting Washington & Lee University, Lexington, VA May 14, 2004

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by VALL President Bobbie Denny.

Bobbie thanked West for providing the lunch bags and LexisNexis for providing the lunch at today's meeting.

Minutes (Tisha Zelner, Secretary)

The minutes of the February 27, 2004 business meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report (Bill Katz, Treasurer)

Bill Katz distributed copies of the VALL financial statement for the period May 2003-April 2004. Bill highlighted a few items, such as proceeds of \$2138 from the joint VLA/VALL conference in November 2003 and a contribution of \$505 from Lexis to sponsor a VALL grant to attend the AALL conference in July 2004.

Committee Reports

Bylaws (Joyce Janto, Chair)

Joyce was not present, but Bobbie called for volunteers to serve on this committee in 2004/05. One of the issues the committee will explore in the upcoming year is the use of electronic voting.

Grants (Rae Best, Chair)

Three grants have been awarded.

Allen Moye was awarded the VALL grant to attend the Fourth National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) held in Atlanta, Georgia on May 4-5, 2004.

Jane Baugh was awarded the LexisNexis Librarian Relations-sponsored VALL grant to attend the 97th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston on July 10-14, 2004.

Carolynn Osborne was awarded VALL AALL Chapter Grant to attend the 97th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston on July 10-14, 2004.

Handbook (Marie Hamm, Chair)

Marie reported that the new VALL Leadership Handbook is being prepared for posting to the VALL website. The handbook is about 45-50 pages in length, so Paul Birch is working to break it down into smaller documents for easier downloading from the website.

Legal Information Outreach (Leanne Battle, Chair)

No report.

Legislative Awareness (Isabel Paul, Chair)

No report.

Membership (Robert Davis, Chair)

Robert Davis was not present, but Cathy Palombi gave a brief report. VALL has three new members for a total of 157 members. The newest members are: Wendy R. Brown, Melanie Lugo and Gale Smith.

Cathy thanked Leanne Battle and LexisNexis for support of the printed membership directory.

Newsletter (Margaret Christiansen and Marie Hamm, Co-chairs)

Margaret was unable to attend this meeting. Marie thanked everyone who contributed to the *VALL Newsletter* during the past two years that she and Margaret served as co-editors.

Placement (Barbara Cumming, Chair)

No report.

Program (Cathy Palombi, Chair)

The summer meeting will be held at Skipjack's Seafood Emporium in Boston from noon to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 13, 2004. Registration will be \$20.00 per person with lunch selected from a limited version of the restaurant's menu. The registration form is available on the VALL website. To register, send a check payable to VALL, along with a completed registration form, by June 25, 2004, to Cathy. The mailing address is on the form.

Preservation (John Barden, Chair)

The Preservation Junction column will continue to appear in the *VALL Newsletter*.

Public Relations (Jill Burr, Chair)

Jill Burr is no longer able to be active in VALL since leaving the Wahab Public Law Library for a position with the Pungo-Blackwater Area Library. Bobbie called for volunteers to serve on this committee during the upcoming year.

Publications (Gail Zwirner, Chair)

Gail Zwirner was not present. Anyone interested in writing an article for the February 2005 "all librarian" issue of *Virginia Lawyer* should contact Gail.

Recruitment (Taylor Fitchett, Chair)

There was no report from the committee, but Taylor did make a pitch to encourage everyone to contribute to the *VALL Newsletter*.

Vendor Relations (Nancy Loewenberg, Chair)

No report.

VLA Liaison (Barbie Selby, Chair)

Barbie is no longer able to be active in VALL. Bobbie called for volunteers to serve as VLA Liaison.

New Business

There was no new business raised from the floor.

VLA Legislative Support

Bobbie raised the issue of VALL's contribution to support the activities of the VLA Legislative Liaison. Bill received a statement from VLA suggesting a donation of \$200, the amount contributed by VALL last year.

There was a suggestion from the floor to increase the donation to \$250. After further discussion, a motion was made and passed to support the VLA legislative activities in the amount of \$300.

Chapter Liability Insurance

Bobbie raised the issue of VALL's chapter liability insurance and explained the need to streamline the payment process and avoid late payments. A motion was made and passed to authorize the Treasurer to automatically renew the chapter liability insurance when the bill is received from AALL without waiting for a vote of approval by the executive board.

SEAALL 2004 Annual Meeting

Tim Coggins and Hazel Johnson were not present, but Bobbie congratulated them on having done a good job as co-chairs of the local arrangements committee for the meeting held in Richmond, Virginia on March 25-27, 2004.

SEAALL 2004 Service Award

Jim Heller was not present, but Bobbie congratulated him on receiving the 2004 Service to SEAALL Award.

AALL 2004 Annual Meeting

Gail Warren is program chair for the 97th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston on July 10-14, 2004 and she encouraged everyone to attend. The program committee received 265 program proposals for 66 program slots.

VALL 2004 Summer Meeting

The VALL summer meeting will be held during the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston in July. Bobbie reminded everyone of the date, time, and location of the VALL luncheon in Boston--Tuesday, July 13, 2004, noon, Skipjack's Restaurant.

VALL VIP to AALL Annual Meeting

Terry Long and Gail Warren will serve as hosts to Kathy Mays, VALL's Chapter VIP at the AALL conference in Boston. Kathy is the Director of Judicial Planning for the Supreme Court of Virginia. Gail told those present a little bit about what Kathy does in her position and what she has done for law librarians, especially librarians in the court environment. Everyone who attends the meeting in Boston is encouraged to make Kathy feel welcome.

Outgoing Board Members

Bobbie acknowledged the outgoing board members: Charles Oates (Immediate Past President), Tisha Zelner (Secretary), and Allen Moye (Director).

Election Results

Tisha Zelner announced the results of the 2004 election. The incoming board members are: Marie Hamm, Vice President/President-elect; Leanne Battle, Secretary; and Therese Schmid, Director.

Presidential "Hand-off"

With the election results announced, Bobbie turned over control of the meeting to new President Cathy Palombi.

2004/05 Committee Chairs

Cathy announced the committee chairs for 2004-05.

Bylaws - Joyce Janto
Grants - Rae Best
Handbook - Gail Warren
Legal Information Outreach - Bill Magee
Legislative Awareness - Chris Byrne
Membership - Robert Davis
Newsletter Editor - Michael Klepper
Nominations - Appointed as needed
Placement - Barbara Cummings
Preservation - Isabel Paul
Programs - Marie Hamm
Public Relations - Eric Welsh
Publications - Gail Zwirner
Recruitment - Marty Rush
Vendor Relations - Nancy Lowenberg
VLA Liaison - Terry Long

AALL Meeting and Roundtables in Boston

The AALL Chapter Leadership Roundtable: Treasurer Training will be held on July 12, 2004. Bill Katz is unable to attend, so Cathy asked that anyone who would like to attend in his place please let her know.

Michael Klepper and Gail Zwirner will attend the Council of Newsletter Editors (CONE) meeting on July 13, 2004.

The AALL Chapter Leadership Roundtable: Public Relations will be held on July 13, 2004. Cathy invited anyone on the public relations committee, or anyone who plans to volunteer to serve on the committee, to attend this roundtable.

Presidential Thank You

New president Cathy presented outgoing president Bobbie with a gift thanking her for her service.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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From the President Cathy Palombi

I thought it would be difficult to top last year's AALL meeting in Seattle, but this July's meeting in Boston's historic Back Bay proved to be another fine location, with particularly excellent programs, thanks to our very own Gail Warren, who served as AALL's Conference Program Chair. It was especially amazing how she was able to pull off having John Kerry speaking and lunching in the same conference hotel while we were there! After spending several days running into librarians from all over the country at meetings, the exhibit booths, or the Dunkin' Donuts coffee line, it felt good to get together with the 30 or so VALL members who attended the luncheon meeting at Skipjack's restaurant. It was a welcome change of pace from the hotels and Convention Center, and also gave us an opportunity to meet and talk with Kathy Mays, our Chapter VIP, as well as new VALL members and new committee chairs.

There was a strong VALL presence in Boston (particularly at the

closing banquet, from what I hear), and a few congratulations and expressions of gratitude are in order to those members who keep us in the spotlight. Thanks to those who attended the various round table sessions, and to Gail Warren for setting up and monitoring the VALL table in the Exhibit Hall. Also thanks to Victoria Kahn and Ann Long for hosting the VALL party prior to the closing banquet, and to Joyce Janto for organizing the VALL tables for that evening.

And congratulations to Jane Baugh for being this year's Lexis-Nexis grant recipient, to Caroline Osborn, VALL's grant recipient, and again to Kathy Mays, for attending as our Chapter VIP. Also kudos to Joyce Janto, who was elected AALL Treasurer for the forthcoming year.

Each year VALL sends one of its members to the annual Virginia Coalition for Open Government meeting. This year's conference will be held in Williamsburg on Saturday, November 12, so if anyone's interested in representing VALL, we'll pay for registration. Contact me (ccp7m@virginia.edu or 434-924-3519) by October 15. See Quick FYI below for more details.

This fall's annual meeting will be at the University of Virginia School of Law in Charlottesville on November 5 & 6. The theme is "Expanding Access – Preserving Privacy," and details appear in the newsletter, as well as on the VALL homepage. Marie Hamm and her committee have a terrific program in the works, and the leaves should still be at their peak, so plan on spending some free time in the area as well. Looking forward to seeing you here!

Cathy

Quick FYI
Virginia Coalition for Open Government

Del. Morgan Griffith, House majority leader, will keynote the 2004 annual conference of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government, at the Alumni Center in Williamsburg Nov. 12.

Former Gov. A. Linwood Holton will be honored for his lifetime commitment to Freedom of Information at a reception/dinner in Colonial Williamsburg's historic Wren Building on Nov. 11.

Room reservations should be made directly with the Hospitality House; a bloc of rooms will be available in VCOG's name until Oct. 15 (\$89 single, \$99 double).

For more information, contact the Coalition at vcog@opengovva.org.

VALL is a charter member of VCOG, which was founded in 1996 to defend and promote access to Virginia's public meetings and government records.



VALL Committee Chairs

Preservation - Isabel Paul	Publications - Gail Zwirner
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Newsletter - Micheal Klepper	Nominating - As needed

IN AND AROUND VALL



News from the University of Virginia



Ann Verkerke's *Portrait of Thomas Jefferson* keeps the past alive.

On September 2, 2004, the Law Library hosted a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception celebrating the Seventh Annual Law Library Art Show. This year's theme is "The Family of Law," featuring 15 artists, all of whom have a connection to the UVA Law School. "Each year when I go about making preparations for the new exhibit I meet artists who have some sort of association with our Law School," said Law Library Director Taylor Fitchett. "[Show curator] Ashlin Smith and I searched around to find some well-established artists associated with U.Va. Law, but we also included some work by those who have made a living outside the art world."

Pieces in the show came from across the country, and librarians at one point found themselves hauling a 700-pound sculpture up to the second floor of the library, where the works are showcased. The media include sculpture, book art, oils, acrylics, pastels, and ink.



The cello quartet was popular no matter how old you were.



Students, faculty and staff mingle during the reception. Over 200 people attended the reception.

Scheduled to run through June, 2005, the show will be available for viewing during the Fall VALL meeting in Charlottesville. Several of the pieces have already been sold, and one piece is being bought by faculty donations for permanent display in the Law Library. One can only imagine, art purchased with appreciation of the wonderful services provided by the library. OK, there was an awful lot of wine drunk that night.....

News from William & Mary Law School

The William & Mary Law Library is moving forward with its renovation and expansion project. The project includes an addition that will increase the size of the library by about 60%, and a complete renovation of the existing facility. Total project cost will be about \$17M. Ground-breaking is scheduled for the spring of 2005.

Welcome New Member



Alison White joined the law library reference team ten months ago. Alison completed her M.S. in Information Science at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville while working in a law firm in Charlottesville. Before coming to the Law Library, Alison worked in the Historical Collections Department of the University of Virginia's Claude Moore Health Sciences Library where she converted finding aids to EAD, developed web exhibits, and contributed to the Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever digitization project. In addition to her reference duties, Alison is Special Collections Librarian and Archivist for the Law School. She works with professors, students, and other patrons on archival and historical legal research. She also creates exhibits for the Law Library, and is currently focused on pulling together materials that explore the history of legal

education at the University of Virginia. Alison is eager to increase the web presence of the Special Collections Department and to explore digital initiatives that will enhance access to the department's rare materials.

We Will Miss You

Tisha M. Zelner left her position at the National Center for State Courts Library on July 15, 2004 to move to Hattiesburg, Mississippi where her husband received a tenure-track position teaching history at the University of Southern Mississippi. She mentioned, "I met so many wonderful people in VALL and had a lot of great experiences while I was a member, so I was sad to leave the area. I'm glad the newsletter is on the website now, so that I can continue to keep up with the latest news in and around VALL." Those wishing to keep in touch:

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Meet our reps:

Leanne Battle, **LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant**, is a familiar face to VALL members. Leanne is the current VALL Secretary and has been an active member of the association for a number of years.

Leanne was born in Franklin, Virginia and received her BA from the University of Richmond and her MLIS from the University of Texas at Austin. She began her library career as a library clerk with Cleary Gottlieb Steen and Hamilton in Washington, DC.

"I got into professional law librarianship when Hunton & Williams hired me to be the librarian for their Tysons office while I was still in library school in Texas. I wanted so much to return to Virginia that I jumped at the chance! It turned out to be a great move!" Leanne said.

While at Hunton & Williams Leanne completed her library degree which was a memorable moment in her career. Leanne said, "Finishing my library degree was pretty exciting. There were days when I wasn't sure it was ever going to happen!"

It was while working as an Academic Technology Specialist at the University of Richmond and yearning to return to a more library oriented position that Leanne learned about the LexisNexis job. "I found the job at LexisNexis through my Lexis rep (and yours!), Christie Montgomery," Leanne said. "Four years later I'm still enjoying it!"

And her travels on her job has brought Leanne a certain expertise! "If you give me the number of an exit on I-95 between Richmond and Washington, DC I can tell you the name of the town at that exit," she said.

Leanne enjoys home improvement projects which she discovered when she remodeled the kitchen of her first house. "I got to spend a lot of time with my dad and I was enormously proud of the finished product. Of course I moved less than a year after we finished, but I'm really looking forward to remodeling the kitchen in the new house!" Leanne said.

Another "pet" project of Leanne's is St. Bernards. "I'm wild about dogs," Leanne said. "I'm in the market for another Saint Bernard if you know of one that needs a good home." She shares her home with her beloved dog, Gunnar.

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Meet our reps:

Elaine Clark is the new **West's librarian relations manager** for Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Elaine who was born in Plattsburgh, NY, received her BA from SUNY Geneseo and her JD from Brooklyn Law School. She discovered a love of law librarianship while working as a law clerk for DC 37 Legal Employee Services Plan. "I sat in the library and assisted with library maintenance and research -- loved it," Elaine said. "And decided to go into librarianship rather than practice law."

Her nine-year library career took her to Baker & McKenzie in New York where she was head librarian and then to Venable LLP in Washington, DC, where she had the most interesting moment of her library career "assisting with the design and build-out of the Venable library in DC".

When Elaine is not working, she enjoys playing bass guitar and singing and she also loves poetry and reading fiction. She enjoys traveling and counts her trip to the Middle East as one of the most memorable.

Elaine is "very excited about the librarian's role in knowledge management" and looks forward to working with and getting to know VALL members.

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AALL Annual Meeting Observations

The 97th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was one of firsts for me: the first time I'd ever sat on a runway during a thunderstorm (with the propellers going), the first time I stayed for the entire conference, the first time I ever won anything in the Exhibit Hall, and the first time I was ever awarded a grant to attend the conference, which leads to the first article I've ever written for the [VALL Newsletter](#).

Having last attended the Annual Meeting in 2000 in Philadelphia, I noticed several changes this year. The giveaways were not as grand, perhaps (but I do run in my AALL 04 baseball cap!), and the conference meals were somewhat healthier, but the main difference was the increased level of technological sophistication of the attendees. In Philadelphia, much background explanation was given before discussions of anything technological began. This year, it was assumed that there was common knowledge and experience in hardware, software and databases, and programs began without much forward.

Since Woods Rogers does not have an extensive international law practice, I attended meetings that had more to do with Boston than Mumbai. And because Roanoke has relatively few law libraries from which to borrow materials, I attended several sessions on finding legal materials on the Web, most notably "Around the World in 30 Minutes", an alphabetical tour of websites from all over the world, leading the user to everything from country codes to tourist information and "Passport to the World of Legal Information". In a similar vein, "The Gumshoe Librarian" was a valuable look at what the Web offers in the way of public records, codes and other resources. I look forward to having the handout from those programs in my arsenal; if I'm not going to use a resource very often, it's nice to be able to use it at no cost!

Two very interesting programs took place on Wednesday, making me glad that I'd attended the entire conference this year. A thought-provoking plenary session on International Privacy and Global Security contained discussions of the USA PATRIOT Act and cybercrime. Mark Rotenberg of the Electronic Privacy Information Center and Georgetown University Law Center filled us in on the government's plan to assign each of us a numerical code indicating the likelihood of our being terrorists; the collective gasp that went up from the assembled AALLers must have been heard in Washington, because Thursday's issue of [USA Today](#) contained an article saying that that plan had been scrapped. Mark Vatis spoke to the various ways that people can use computers for nefarious purposes, from hacking in to a university's grade files to cyberterrorism.

Things lightened up that afternoon in the "Two-Stepping with Technology" session. Most valuable was a lively discussion about the "Googlization" of online searching. The widespread use of the Internet has caused searchers to abandon Boolean logic in favor of natural language, which doesn't

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necessarily get you the best search results. And how do you tell your senior partner that he needs to keep formulating those tedious Boolean searches? (No one had a particularly good answer to that one!) Our speaker, John Nann of Yale Law School, stressed that Librarians need to take control of this issue, and try to steer our users in the right way by extolling the virtues of Boolean logic.

As always, the Exhibit Hall was worth a look. In addition to the food and freebies, there was learning to be done. As our Library is about to move into smaller quarters, I'm looking at automating some of my print sources, and early on Sunday, just after the exhibits had opened, I had a chance to have a thorough demonstration of one of them that resulted in an American Express gift cheque!

On Monday morning I participated in a focus group for West's My Account service, along with librarians from other firms and county courts. The moderator kept us all on task, but it was a good way for us to provide feedback, to learn things about the service that we hadn't yet discovered (but others in the group had), and to make contacts we might not have made otherwise. And it was all captured on videotape!

The Hynes Convention Center is ideally located for getting around Boston. In between meetings, I walked the Freedom Trail, toured Beacon Hill and went to an organ recital. Had it not been for rain on Tuesday night, I would never have needed to take the T. And Boston is a wonderful city for running; I kept close to the river, avoided Heartbreak Hill, and got an interesting view of the city that way. And getting lost in Cambridge forced me to run a few extra miles, to work off the LexisNexis desserts. It paid off: late on Wednesday afternoon, a tourist stopped to ask me directions, and I was able to give them!

At my first-ever Annual Meeting Gala, I got the opportunity to sit with other VALLers and cheer on our own Gail Warren and Joyce Manna Janto. I also got the opportunity to see the whole group together, celebrating its accomplishments and talking about its future, and I really felt more like a member than I had before.

Jane Baugh

More AALL Observations:

As the excited recipient of the VALL Registration grant for the AALL annual meeting I will now share my secret, I was both excited and somewhat anxious about what I had gotten myself into. Starting my career as the newest reference librarian at the University of Richmond School of Law is effectively a new take for me on a law career after ten years in private practice. Admittedly in those years I attended many conferences and meetings some large, some small, some a delight and some, well not. So curiosity and anticipation filled the days up to my departure for Boston. My thoughts were pervaded with questions such as: will I get to see anything of Boston, will I know anyone there, is this really worth the time, will I get to meet interesting people, will I learn anything I can use? I am most happy to report that I can now answer all of my questions in the positive.

I can happily respond that Boston is a beautiful city. I will confess that I have been to Boston now on four separate occasions the first three times having only seen the airport, the hotel and a conference room. The fourth time, the annual meeting, was the charm. I discovered that Boston is a delightful and inviting city. I spent my first full day at the AALL conference attending CONELL which included an excellent tour of the city. A highlight of that day's activities being the refreshing combination of discovering that a fellow classmate from library school was also in attendance as well as meeting several other persons new to the profession. The tour provided an enjoyable opportunity to both see the city and get better acquainted with the people I met in the morning not to mention a chance to catch up with old friends.

As to meeting new and interesting people, my days were filled with talking to a variety of different law librarians both young and old, all sharing thoughts and new perspectives on any and all aspects of the profession. I admit that sometimes it is the small and brief conversations that have the most impact. Riding up the escalator one afternoon near the beginning of the meeting I had the most delightful opportunity of striking up a conversation with a most distinguished and interesting member of AALL. She was outgoing, friendly and took an interest in me. I think I must have looked a bit lost at the time. Her outgoing and warm manner immediately placed me at ease as we discussed her history and involvement in AALL and as she gave me tips on how to make the most out of the meeting. I later learned that she was the current president. That five minute conversation is reflective of my experience at my first meeting as it was encouraging, positive and made me immediately feel a part of the whole rather than a spectator.

I intentionally saved the best and most important for last. Did I learn anything that I could use? Yes is the resounding answer. I had the pleasure of attending a number of different panels and programs touching on a wide variety of topics. One immediately helped with a work in process involving international materials. Another gave me new insights into dealing with patrons at the reference desk and as a side benefit gave me added comfort that I am not the only reference librarian to encounter the "unusual" patron. I discovered tips for teaching legal research and even had a couple of my own core preferences challenged, which is always a good thing, and I learned probably

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more than I want to think about with respect to the unauthorized practice of law.

If you have not already guessed my first AALL meeting was a huge success. My curiosity and anxiety all met with more than positive responses. I will admit that I am already looking forward to the next conference.

Caroline Osborne



Terry Long and Kathy Mays, VALL's VIP to AALL, celebrate their "Just Deserts."



Leanne Battle, Secretary of VALL, working the crowd at the LEXIS party.



Joyce Janto, at the VALL Pre Banquet party, gets ready for her big night.
Jane Baugh, a VALL grant recipient, contemplates her next move.

Thanks to *Evelyn Campbell* for her photography.

**VALL Board Meeting
Minutes
July 13, 2004**

Present: Cathy Palombi, Bobbie Denny, Teresa Schmid, Marie Hamm, Micheal Klepper, Leanne Battle

Absent: Bill Katz, Jeanne Ulian

Called to order: 12:12 pm

Minutes: previous meeting minutes approved unanimously upon motion by Bobbie Denny and second by Marie Hamm.

Financial Report: Presented by Cathy Palombi on behalf of Bill Katz

- Cathy will follow-up with Rae Best regarding the specific amount to send Caroline Osborne as the VALL grant recipient for AALL attendance.
- \$505 received from Lexis as part of the travel grant.
- \$300 sent on behalf of VALL for VLA legislative efforts
- \$680 received for the VALL lunch at AALL in Boston
- \$595 paid for the last issue of the VALL newsletter.

As the newsletter will be distributed electronically from now on this money can be diverted to other VALL interests. The board suggests that this money be used in the future to support program speakers (travel, honoraria, etc).

Program: presented by Marie Hamm

- Annual meeting: November 5-6 in Charlottesville, VA
- Hotel information will go out as soon as possible to VALL-L and to the VALL email distribution list so that members can make travel arrangements as soon as possible.
- Winter meeting: tentatively planned for Richmond, VA

Send any program or speaker ideas to Marie.

Committees:

- We currently have both Government Relations and Legislative Awareness committees. These committees can be merged.
- Vendor Relations committee: Leanne Battle moves to eliminate this committee contingent upon a review of the VALL bylaws.
- Placement Committee: Bobbie Denny moves to eliminate this committee contingent upon a review of the VALL bylaws.

The board needs to review a complete list of committees and make appropriate recommendations to the membership regarding the continuing status of all committees.

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Newsletter:

The next issue of the VALL Newsletter should include a list of all committees and a description of the duties of the committees.

Miscellaneous:

- VALL Board needs a master calendar. Marie Hamm and Gail Warren are addressing this issue. Gail Warren is the VALL archivist.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Cathy Palombi at 12:50 p.m.



VALL Luncheon at AALL

Skipjack's Restaurant



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Registration deadline: November 1st

HOTEL INFORMATION: Rooms have been reserved at the West Main Courtyard Marriott and at the Sponsor's Executive Residence Center, a UVA-owned property located adjacent to the Law School.

Courtyard Marriott. Rates are \$159.00 for two double beds (per Debbie Brown). To make reservations call 434-977-1700 and mention VALL.

Sponsor's Executive Residence Center. Fifteen rooms with 1 queen bed are available at a rate of \$100. For reservations contact Kico Hedrick at 434-243-5000 and mention VALL.

NOTE: Because the UVA/Maryland game is on Saturday, rates for *blocks* of rooms are quite high. Industrious researchers will find that the cost for individual double occupancy reservations on Friday night at area hotels is significantly lower. So, jump on Travelocity, Expedia, etc., and test your skills! (Keep in mind that Emmet Street is convenient to the Law School.)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

12:00 –12:45 p.m. Registration

12:45 -1:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

1-2:30 p.m. Session I *“Legal Research on the Internet”*

Presenter: Paul Barron, Library Manager, University of Mary Washington

2:30-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 –4:15 p.m. Session II "Information Wants to be Free" and Other Slogans for the Internet Age

Presenter: Glen O. Robinson, David and Mary Harrison Distinguished Professor of Law,
University of Virginia School of Law

4:15- 5:00 p.m. Wine & Cheese Reception

Dinner: Enjoy a fall evening in beautiful and historic Charlottesville. Registrants will be provided with information on a variety of dining options.

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00-10:15 a.m. Session I *“Increasing Access for Self-Represented Litigants: the Interactive Community Assistance Network (I-CAN) in Virginia”*

Speaker: Kathy Mays, Director of Judicial Planning, Supreme Court of Virginia

10:15 – 10:45 Break

10:45 – 12 Noon Session II *“When Did You First Realize Your Email Was Not Private?”*

Presenter: Joyce Manna Janto, Deputy Director, University of Richmond Law School Library

12 Noon- 1:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting



Submissions needed for the VALL Newsletter! We need contributions from VALL members in order to have full and interesting issues. Please submit according to the following schedule:

Issue:	Submit by:
Summer 2005	June 15
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Gail Warren is recognized for her fantastic job as Program Chair for the 2004 AALL Convention.



AALL Closing Banquet

VALL Table





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Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2004 — August 15, 2004

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues:	\$2,455.00
Meetings:	\$1,606.70
Newsletter:	
Donations:	



TOTAL: \$4,061.70

EXPENDITURES

Membership:	\$ —
Meetings :	\$1,995.25
Newsletter:	\$595.11
Grants:	\$ —
Supplies:	\$62.29
Post Office Box:	\$68.00
Postage:	\$113.96
VALL Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	\$ —
Educational Sponsorships:	\$ —
Miscellaneous:	\$ —

TOTAL: \$3,134.61



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$11,615.02.59
RECEIPTS:	+\$4,061.70
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$3,134.61</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$12,541.11



For the full report, contact Bill Katz at bill.katz@troutmansanders.com





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Have you: Attended a seminar? Published an article? Received an award? Been elected or appointed to an office or committee? Traveled out of the state or country?

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Win with Westlaw® Contest

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We have our first winner! Congratulations to Jennifer Sekula, Senior Reference Librarian at the Marshall-Wythe Law Library of William & Mary's School of Law. Jennifer won our Captain's chairs for correctly answering this question: How can I quickly see if any pending legislation exists that, should it pass, would affect 50 U.S.C. §1861 (the 'library' provision of the USA PATRIOT Act)?

The correct answer is: KeyCite 50 U.S.C. §1861. StatutesPlus shows Westlaw's exclusive pending legislation feature indicated by a yellow flag at the upper left corner of the document. You will see a list of all bills currently before Congress that deal with this section. Also, the Links tab on the left frame offers links to all other documents on Westlaw that will provide additional analysis for the statute. Pending legislation information is available for the federal Code and all 50 state jurisdictions! All statute information is in one easy to find location with the new StatutesPlus.

This issue's trivia contest winner will receive a microfleece blanket. With a waterproof bottom, this blanket is great for outdoor concerts, camping or picnics!



Participating librarians should submit the research steps they would take to answer the question using Westlaw®. Submissions should be emailed to elaine.clark@thomson.com. Elaine is a new Librarian Relations Manager with West and covers the Virginia territory.

The first submission with the appropriate research process will win*! We will print the intended research steps and the winner in the following issue's newsletter. Good luck and happy researching!

*Librarians excel in knowing alternate ways to obtain accurate information. Thus, **any** Westlaw® research process resulting in the correct answer can be a winner.

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Q: A patron approaches your reference desk with a request. They hold a registered copyright for a musical work released in 1997. In October 1999, an independent record sampled portions of the patron's music without obtaining licensing rights, and used those samples on a new artist's song. This patron is now looking to sue the record label.

In order to assist, you need to find the code section dealing with copyright infringement, as it existed at the time of this cause of action (1999). Using USCA, you determine that the current code section concerning copyright infringement is 17 U.S.C.A. §501. If your library does not have holdings for the 1999 code, how would you find the prior version of this law?



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Boards of professional and occupational licensure in North America:

www.clearhq.org/boards.htm

Better Business Bureau: <http://search.bbb.org/search.html>

International Trade Unions: LabourStart: www.laborstart.org/

WatchThatPage - monitoring changes on websites of interest:

www.watchthatpage.com/

The web resources mentioned in this article were compiled from the following 2004 AALL programs:

Passport to the World of Legal Information: Foreign and International Materials on the Web

Globalization Moved My Cheese: Or, How Do I Find Foreign Law? The Gumshoe Librarian



Finding Foreign and International Legal Materials on the Web

by
Evelyn M. Campbell

There are numerous resources available on the web for foreign and international law research and it is clear that there is no one place to go to find it all. This article is designed to help you start your research by highlighting some of the many resources available on the Web.

Before starting any research project it is important to ask three fundamental questions:

- What language?
- What jurisdiction?
- Do you want secondary or primary materials?

Annotated Web Pages

Annotated web pages are a great place to start searching because someone has already put together and categorized various web links.

The web link below to annotated web pages has been put together by the librarians in the **International Legal Studies Library** at **Harvard Law School**. The web page is constantly updated with new resources.

http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/services/research/guides/international/web_resources/

This is a huge multi-layer web page and you are bound to find a resource that will be helpful to you.

Another annotated web page is **Cornell's Legal Information Institute** which provides links to international and foreign sources of law and information on the web. The layout of information is very clear and include constitutions, statutes, judicial opinions and related legal materials:

<http://www.law.cornell.edu/world/>

The University of Chicago's D'Angelo Law Library also has a good collection of international and foreign law links in a neat arrangement: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/law/>

Washburn University School of Law Library has put together links to primary foreign and international law resources and research guides. The links are organized by subject, author, country and also title: <http://www.washlaw.edu/forint/forintmain.html>

Regional Search Engines

It isn't enough to just use Google when it comes to researching international law on the web. There are regional and country specific search engines and directories which do a better job. Listed below are some of the search engines that are recommended for research in particular countries.

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These are more than just law related search engines and directories:

Asiaco: <http://search.asiaco.com/> is a directory of Asian sites.

European Search Engines, Directories and Lists:

http://www.netmasters.co.uk/european_search_engines/

Regional and Special Search Engines:

<http://www.ntu.edu.sg/lib/search/specialframe.htm>

This collection of regional and special search engines, put together by Singapore's Nanyang Technological University, is a rather extensive one.

Search Engine Colossus:

<http://www.searchenginecolossus.com/>

Provides links to search engines and directories from 195 countries and 55 territories around the world.

Library of Congress Databases

There are also various networks and databases put together by the Library of Congress which are worth a mention. Firstly, there is Global International Network (GLIN) which is an index to legislation in official gazettes from around the world. It is in the middle of a major "makeover" to make it more user friendly. Users do have to sign-in to use GLIN's database but they will gain access to materials in the original language with summaries in English. GLIN can be accessed at :

www.loc.gov/law/glin

Other Library of Congress websites worth checking out include:

Guide to Law Online:

<http://www.loc.gov/law/public/law-guide.html>

This is an annotated guide which contains about 9,000 links with emphasis on sites which offer the full text of laws, regulations and court decisions. The links are reviewed quarterly.

Multinational Collections Database:

<http://www.loc.gov/mulp/>

This database is a little different in that it provides a list of items which reprints the laws and regulations of international jurisdictions on a particular legal topic. This identifies titles which

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go beyond the titles in the Library of Congress' online catalog. This can be particularly useful if you are looking for a book on a particular legal issue in a foreign jurisdiction. Searching by Jurisdiction is recommended.

Other Sources for Global Research Issues

Onlinenewspapers.com: www.onlinenewspapers.com/

World News Network: www.worldnews.com/

World Bank - Global Banking Law Database: www.gblld.org/index.aspx

Visa and Embassy Info for all countries: www.embpage.org/

Searchable Database for All the World's Embassies: www.embassyworld.com/

News on Financial Fraud, Money Laundering & White Collar Crime:
www.offshorebusiness.com/

Finding More Information About Business Scandals:

www.ex.ac.uk/~RDavies/arian/scandals/find.html

Canadian Property Searches: www.journalismnet.com/people/canadapersons.htm

Portico - publicly available information: <http://indorgs.virginia.edu/portico/home.html>

Corporate Information: www.corporateinformation.com/

CountryReport.org: www.countryreports.org/

CAROL - Company Reports (Europe): www.carolworld.com/

International Terrorist and Guerrilla Groups: www.specialoperations.com/Terrorism/

Jurispro - Expert Witness Directory: <http://jurispro.com/>

Smoking Gun - legal documents in the news: <http://thesmokinggun.com/>

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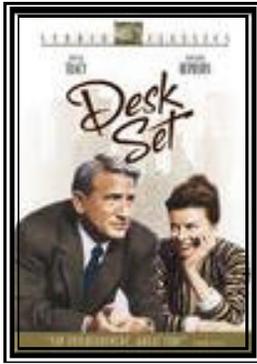


From the President *Cathy Palombi*

Happy New Year everyone!

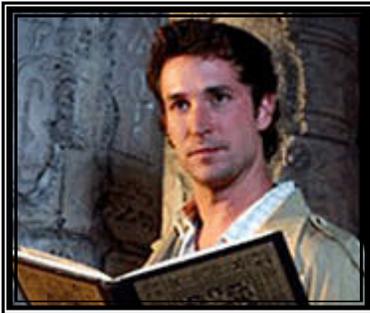
With the Golden Globes behind us and the Oscar nominations just recently announced, I thought the time was right to highlight our profession's contributions to film and television over the years. *Entertainment Weekly* recently published their list, and even though we've been represented in hundreds of films and shows, and it is 2005, we still need as much positive publicity as we can get to fight those dreadful stereotypes.

So here are just a few of my favorites, where we aren't strict and dowdy and we manage to do more than spend the day shelving and shushing people....my personal favorite is the Hepburn-Tracy classic, *Desk Set*, where

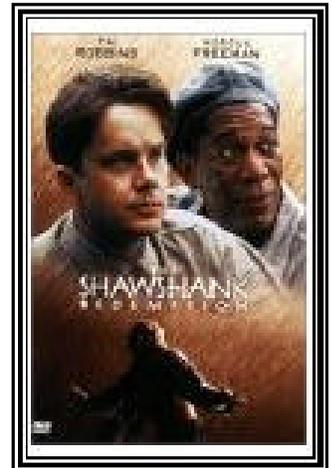


Kate is the head of a research library and outsmarts the new computer that's meant to eliminate her job. And check out her snappy clothes! In the late 80's, a young and gorgeous Rene Russo plays a librarian (and they even mention she has an MLS) with vanity plates that say "Read" in *Major League*. Parker Posy also plays hip and cool in *Party Girl*, playing a library clerk who wants to go to library school...lots of library humor in this one.

And then there are the male librarians, who have graduated from the bespectacled, cardigan look....in the 90's film, *The*



Shawshank Redemption, Tim Robbins establishes a prison library. He might not have a degree, but look what he's doing for the prisoners! And most recently, Noah Wyle showed us the heroic/adventurous librarian in the TV movie, *The Librarian : Quest for Spear*.

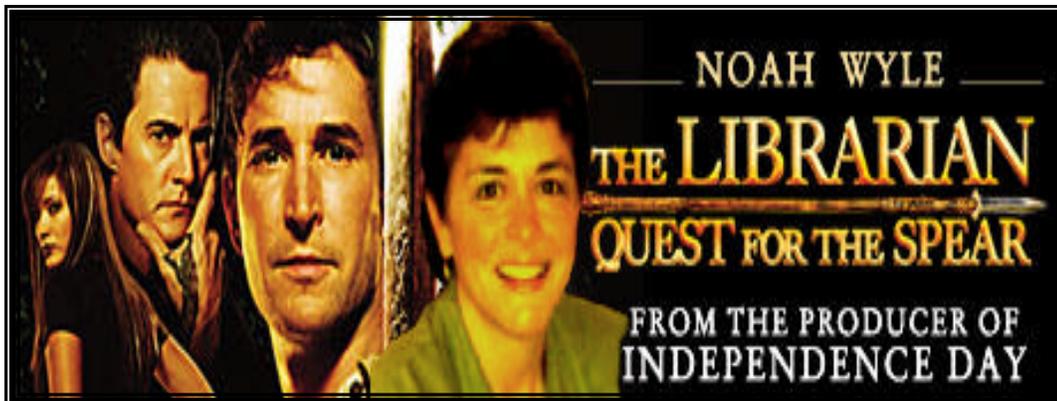


I think the most imaginative librarian role, though, has to go to Jennifer O'Neill in the

1990 TV movie, *Personals*, where she plays a quiet librarian by day, but a knife-wielding slasher of men by night (who she finds in the personals, of course). OK, cross this one off your list. Well, even if a librarian role isn't up for an award this year, we're at least changing the image in pop culture (I haven't even talked about the websites!), and have, over time, upgraded our appearance and status.



I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in Richmond on Feb. 18 for the Winter VALL meeting. Once again, Marie and her committee have come up with a terrific program, so hope for good weather, and see you then—



Cathy



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News from Hunton & Williams

Against all stereotypes, there was not any dust collecting on the H&W law library books this summer. By contrast, the library went through a major renovation which included restructuring the 12th floor of the library to accommodate two librarians and the treatise collection previously occupying 885 square feet on the 13th floor. The space on the 13th floor is now being used for much needed office and workroom space. While there was weeding in the treatises, the library did not lose any shelf space, just a more creative layout for the collection on the 12th floor.

The renovation included moving the reference desk to a central and more accessible location in the library. All but one librarian are now on the same floor, and the library retained a training room complete with 6 computers. We look forward to showing you our new home at the VALL conference in February!



The library training room is broken down to make way for part of the federal section.

The ALRs and part of the federal section now live in what used to be the training room.





More construction to break down the training room.



Library entrance - before the move.



Library entrance with new reference desk after the move.

IN AND AROUND VALL



New information from the National Center for State Courts Library:

"Robert Weber joined the staff of the National Center for State Courts as Senior Librarian in November, following Tisha Zelner's departure to the University of Southern Mississippi. Rob earned an MLS from the University of Kentucky in 1999 and also holds an MA in American History from the College of William & Mary. He graduated from Wabash College with a BA in 1995. Before coming to the NCSC, Rob served for nearly five years as Librarian at the National Sporting Library, in Middleburg, Virginia, where he was primarily responsible for special collections management, cataloging and reference. He hopes to help guide the growth and development of the library (at the Williamsburg headquarters, as well as the Arlington and Denver offices) in support of the Center's mission, continue to increase access to the print and electronic collections and develop a plan for long-term collection management and preservation."



The Norfolk gang at the Lexis holiday lunch at Todd Jurich's Bistro

Troutman Sanders LLP

The law firm of Troutman Sanders LLP is currently looking for a Library Assistant for its Richmond office. This position will report to the Library Manager for the Northern Region in Richmond, and will assist in the maintenance of the library collection and in providing basic level reference services.

Routine duties include opening, checking in, and cataloging materials; maintaining routing lists and disseminating materials for the Virginia offices; assisting with interlibrary loans and document retrieval; processing invoices. Over the next few months, assistance with a library systems conversion and an office move will be required.

Qualifications: B.A. or B.S. degree, detail-oriented, two or more years previous library experience, database experience and computer skills preferably in a Microsoft/Windows environment. Candidates must work well under pressure, be able to prioritize and provide information quickly. Strong interpersonal skills needed, including the ability to communicate courteously and follow instructions from a diverse group of attorneys and staff.

If this sounds like an environment and position you would enjoy working in and you meet the minimum job qualifications, please apply online via our website or you may also e-mail your resume to hr.resume@troutmansanders.com or fax it to 404-962-6928. No Phone Calls Please!

Reference Librarian College of William and Mary School of Law

Reporting to the Head of Research and Instructional Services, the Reference Librarian is primarily responsible for shared reference assistance with our other professional staff. Assists in teaching the research component of the Legal Skills program, participates in other legal research classes, and makes presentations to individuals and classes on library resources and their use. Helps develop departmental goals and priorities, and participates in discussions on improving library operations and services. In consultation with the Head of Research and Instruction and the Director, prepares applicable documentation and sets priorities and goals in assigned areas of responsibility. The working hours may require some flexibility in order to meet the reference and research support needs of library users during evening and weekend hours.

Qualifications: Masters degree in library/information science from an ALA-accredited graduate school and a J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school. Prior law library experience preferred. Demonstrated knowledge of public service operations and ability to provide outstanding reference and research assistance using both legal and non-legal resources in print and digital formats. Demonstrated ability to use electronic information sources, web browsers, word processing, and other computer applications. Strong service orientation, excellent oral and written communication skills, and sound organizational abilities. Ability to view the library and its functions as a whole and work effectively and collegially with library staff and other members of the law school and college communities.

Competitive salary based on qualifications. Review begins March 1, 2005 and will continue until an appointment is made. The College is an EEO/AA Employer. To apply, send a cover letter, resume and the names, addresses and phone numbers of three references to: James S. Heller

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VALL Winter Meeting

February 18, 2005

Hunton & Williams, LLP

Richmond, Virginia

The Key to Creating and Maintaining Great Work Relationships: Understanding Yourself and Others

Do you use your strengths to optimize your potential? Do you know what they are? Can you predict the impact your actions will have on someone who has personality traits that differ from yours?

Join Dr. Margaret Bradley and VALL colleagues from across the Commonwealth on February 18th to explore what they *didn't* teach you in library school!

This presentation will enable you to identify your own work style preferences and to understand the effect they have on others. And, you will be able to anticipate the impact the behavior of your coworkers and clients will have on you. This interactive presentation will cover how to reduce conflict, get great results when differences exist, and enhance personal productivity.

Margaret R. Bradley, Ph.D., is a business psychologist who has more than 25 years of experience helping individuals, teams, and organizations achieve great job-person matches and outstanding results. She enables them to identify their unique strengths, skills, and personality traits and find opportunities where they can excel. As an executive coach, Dr. Bradley helps leaders maximize their potential. As a consultant to work groups, she focuses on teams that have new leaders, new members, or new strategic objectives to assist them to reach high performance quickly. In her work with organizations, Dr. Bradley provides strategies for developing a strong leadership pipeline.

Dr. Bradley has managed multimillion dollar training functions in the insurance industry. She has been the senior executive of a subsidiary of a Fortune 50 company. During her career, she has helped teams discover their strengths and use them to optimize their potential, she has presented programs to boards, department heads of a military base, and executive teams in various industries. Her work with individuals includes being principal in a career counseling center, placement centers, and a coach to executives who want to enhance leadership



and utility industries and her experience helping organizations create and delivered programs that provided a wide variety of organizational practice, manager of organizational development, and skills.

She currently is president of The M.R. Bradley Group, Inc. whose clients include manufacturers, universities, financial service companies, non-profits, professional associations, the military, libraries, law firms, and state agencies.

VALL Winter Meeting

February 18, 2005

Hunton & Williams, LLP

10:00a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Registration
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Comments
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	“The Key to Creating and Maintaining Great Work Relationships: Understanding Yourself and Others” Speaker: Margaret R. Bradley, Ph.D.
12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch (graciously provided by Westlaw)
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	VALL Business Meeting

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Please forward completed registration form and a check payable to VALL for \$20 by Feb. 15 to:

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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

Phone: 757-226-4233
Fax: 757-226-4451
E-mail: mariham@regent.edu

Directions & Parking:

Go to <http://www.hunton.com/firm/office.aspx?id=5118&Office=192>
and select the “Driving Directions” tab.

VALL members should enter the (P3) “Visitor Parking” deck in the rear of the building.
Bring your ticket with you to the 20th Floor (where the meeting will be held) for validation!

I-CAN Family Abuse Protective Order System Pilot Project

By Donna Bausch

The phrase “meaningful access to justice” is more than an empty shibboleth to Kathy L. Mays, Director of Judicial Planning with the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Kathy’s professional career has been devoted (among many other things) to moving closer to the elusive goal of public trust and confidence in the justice system, and, now, as she nears retirement, she is bringing Virginia closer to making justice more accessible to some of her most vulnerable citizens through a practical project combining web technology with the needs of battered spouses and children.

The I-CAN project is designed to assist individuals to seek protective orders against family abuse efficiently and quickly. Unlike court kiosks, I-CAN permits those in need of court forms to access a website 24/7 and respond to carefully drafted questions that will lead to the production of a completed form ready to file with the Court. Even the literacy challenged will be able to use I-CAN, with the “Ask Marie” helper who appears on each screen and asks the questions orally, for those who have trouble reading or seeing well. (Ask Marie Hamm how she likes the name of this feature, by the way!). For a demo of the I-CAN project, visit:

www.icandocs.org/va



Kathy Mays was VALL’s Chapter VIP last summer in Boston. Since last July, Kathy has spread the word at the Supreme Court regarding the many skills and talents law librarians have to offer. Because of Kathy’s unique ability to forge connections among people and institutions, we can be sure that Virginia’s law librarians will continue to have a voice in future task forces the court assembles to tackle the myriad of issues Virginia’s courts face in the new millennium.

VALL President Cathy Palombi and
Kathy Mays

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Although I suspect that Kathy is irreplaceable, all of us who have had the privilege to work with her wish her the best in retirement. I suspect that she will continue to make Virginia a better place in the years ahead. Anyone as competent and caring as Kathy can be counted upon to do no less.



So you want to be a law librarian....

By Heather Enderle

A look at the VALL Recruitment to Law Librarianship page, which cites Maya Norris, "The Accidental Profession," *AALL Spectrum*, 6, no. 6 (March 2002): 26-30., shows that the path to law librarianship is not always a direct one. Though attending an ALA program with a specialization in law librarianship and complementing this experience with a J.D. is the ideal, this is not always the case. Whether you are a new professional or training a new professional, this article is designed to give a brief overview of references to help the new researcher get "up to speed" on legal research, and specifically in Virginia.

A fundamental primer on legal research is always a good place to start. The Cornell Law Library has a good compilation of basic legal research publications, available at <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/lawlibrary/guides/legwritres/default.html#6>. A book that I have found most helpful is *Legal Research in a Nutshell*. This book, now in the 8th edition, 2003, gives a great introduction to basic legal research. One of the aspects that I like best about this title is that it describes print resources for legal resources, without focusing entirely on electronic research. This provides a better overall context for legal research and enables the reader to better understand resources online. The authors, Morris Cohen and Kent Olsen, delve less into the variances among electronic resources than they do the fundamentals of legal research - how to gain a general understanding of the legal process and what the print process is for the resources. To supplement the book, however, the authors have also posted a list of links to mentioned websites in the book at:

<http://www.law.virginia.edu/nutshell>

One of the other first resources that I happened upon is *Winning Research Skills*. This West publication, written by two present and one past law library directors, is a great resource for providing an overview of legal research. While it naturally slants towards using the West publications and Westlaw research to find online solutions, it breaks down the different types of research into case law, citation research, statutory and administrative law, and secondary legal authority. Complete with screenshots and explanations of law areas, this is a great snapshot of how to conduct legal research. Newer editions of this book are hard to come by, however. Lexis also offers a number of basic legal research publications, from booklets on how to use Lexis, to bookstore items including *Studying Law: An Introduction to Legal Research, Third Edition*, 2000 - J. Clark Kelso, Professor of Law, University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and *Legal Research Guide: Patterns and Practice, Fourth Edition*, 2000 - Bonita K. Roberts, Associate Dean for Administration and Professor of Law, Saint Mary's University of San Antonio School of Law; Linda L. Schlueter, Esq., San Antonio, TX

For Virginia legal research, *A Guide to Legal Research in Virginia* is a must-have for learning the basics of the Virginia legal system. While the first edition was put together by attorneys for the Virginia Bar Association, following editions, now up to the 4th, are updated by members of VALL. Each chapter is revised by a Virginia law librarian. The book is a wealth of particulars on how to conduct research in Virginia, and is a great resource to refer to if you encounter a question and aren't sure where to begin. The chapters are broken down to such areas as administrative materials, treatises, case law, etc.. The 4th edition includes references to online resources as well, and a new edition is in the works. Especially helpful is the Quick Finding Guide at the back of the book, which provides a brief list of resources to use for finding typical research questions.

Another excellent resource for Virginia legal research is *Legal Research in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia* by Leah Chanin, Pamela Gregory and Sarah Wiant, published by Hein - now available as a 2000 edition. Sarah Wiant, Director of the Law Library at Washington and Lee, authors the section on Virginia law. The Virginia section has an overview of the legal system's historical background, then goes in to the statutes, court reports/rules, administrative law and finding aids.

Finally, there are a number of good websites that provide an overview of Virginia legal research sources. Though this list is certainly not inclusive, ones that I have found helpful include:

Law Library of Congress - Virginia

<http://www.loc.gov/law/guide/us-va.html>

In addition to executive, legislative and judicial links, this site includes a useful section on research guides and Virginia-specific directories and portals.

Virginia Research Resources - Georgetown University Law Library

<http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/states/virginia.cfm>

This site is a compilation of legal resources in Virginia. Although a number of references take you to resources specific to Georgetown, I like how the site tells you what databases are relevant in Lexis and Westlaw.

Virginia Division of Legislative Services

<http://dls.state.va.us/lrc/leghist.htm>

An overview of how to conduct legislative history in Virginia, this site offers instruction on how to determine legislative intent - given that Virginia does not keep official legislative history.

My Virginia - The Official Commonwealth of Virginia Home Page

<http://www.vipnet.org/cmsportal/>

This web portal provides links to the state agency list. Though you have to go a layer deep to reach the code, etc., this is a great resource for keeping abreast of what is available to citizens online.

Virginia Research Resources - University of Virginia Law Library

http://www.law.virginia.edu/lawweb/lawweb2.nsf/pages/lev2calc?OpenDocument&Fr1=yyy/lawweb/lawweb2.nsf/pages/Research+Links&Fr2=/home2002/frames/lf_Library.htm

A neatly organized compilation of Virginia links, includes links to other law library home pages for further research.

Virginia's Judicial System

<http://www.courts.state.va.us/legal.htm>

This revised website is a starting place for finding Virginia court information.

Legal Website Directory from LexisONE

legalguide/states/virginia.htm

While not an instructional site on legal research, this site includes an extensive listing of Virginia state offices, boards and counties.



VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2004 — October, 2004

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Membership Dues:	\$2,602.50
Meetings:	\$1,606.70
Newsletter:	
Donations:	



TOTAL: **\$4,209.20**

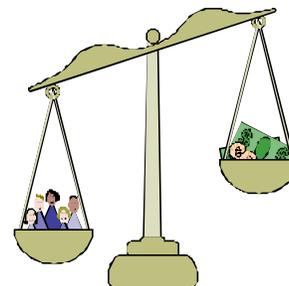
EXPENDITURES

Membership:	\$ —
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Newsletter:	\$595.11
Grants:	\$ —
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VALL Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	\$ —
Educational Sponsorships:	\$ —
Miscellaneous:	\$207.00

TOTAL: **\$3,341.61**



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$11,615.02
RECEIPTS:	+\$4,209.20
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$3,341.61</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$12,482.61



For the full report, contact Bill Katz at bill.katz@troutmansanders.com





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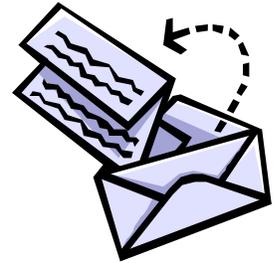
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VALL Fall Meeting at UVA November 5 — 6, 2004



Marie Hamm thanks Paul Barron for his presentation on legal research.



Glen Robinson discusses the internet.



Jack Bissett, John Doyle, and Anne Mustain catch up.

Evelyn Campbell thinking about her next article for the newsletter.



Joyce Janto entertains views on how to spend AALL's money.





Donna Bausch and Bobbie Denny seem skeptical about Taylor Fitchett's view that Lance Armstrong won't win a 7th Tour.



Terry Long and Frosty Owen discuss Hunton and William's new library.



Coffee time with Ray Ellen Best, Teresa Parker-Bellamy, and Sally Wambold.

Minutes of the VALL BUSINESS MEETING

University of Virginia School of Law

November 6, 2004

Call to Order

Cathy Palombi, President

Minutes

Theresa Schmid for Leanne Battle, Secretary

Treasurers Report

Cathy for Bill Katz

Reimbursed Kathy Mays \$1,190.45 for last meeting

Paid Mesiro Financial \$207.00 for liability insurance

Cash balance ending \$12,482.61 (Oct. 31, 2004)

Committee Reports

Bylaws

(Joyce Janto)

Conforming by-laws to current practice

Proposed changes Bylaws Amendments (attached)

Legal Information Outreach

(Bill Magee)

Hopes to include into VALL directory

Speciality of VALL members, hobbies included

Needs more response, please e-mail or send to Regent

Membership

(Cathy)

There are 17 new members out of a total of 140 members

VALL Directory should be available by Nov. or early Dec.

Newsletter

(Michael Klepper)

January 15, new newsletter

Contact Michael if problems with newsletter online

Requesting pictures, projects, new members, news , etc.

Programs

(Marie Hamm)

Next meeting February 18, 2005 at Hunton & Williams in Richmond

Frosty has graciously invited VALL

Programs (cont.)

Spring Meeting (Eastern area of state) still in planning

Public Relations

(Eric Welsh)

Sponsor of program of Virginia State Bar held in June in Virginia Beach

Paul Barron will serve as speaker

More definitive information at February meeting

Publications

(Gail Zwirner submitted attached info.)

1. Publications Initiatives

Committee worked with Rod Coggin, ed. of Virginia Lawyer

To publish several articles by VALL Librarians

- 2. An all-librarian issue in December 2005 to include 6 articles.**
- 3. Lynn Warmath participated in the creation of AALL Publications Initiatives Committee to encourage members to publish in bar journals**
- 4. VSB's Online Legal Research System for its Members**

(Discussion under this topic)

Recruitment

Updating web-links

Additional library schools

Career service office- testimonials for librarianship

New/Old Business

Sending a VIP to AALL

Will discuss at later time

Need to confirm information

Update on Virginia Records & Briefs

Consortium movement among Law Schools to digitize Supreme Court

Briefs (may also include records) in order to minimize paper documents

Hope to negotiate with Library of Virginia to keep paper

Discussion of VA State Bar & Legal Research

VSB investigating providing access to online legal research service at no cost to members

(VALL indicated wanted to be involved in this process)

Tim Coggins, Gail Zwirner have reviewed the request for proposal (RFP) to various vendors with responses due in mid December 2004.

Donna Baush has also submitted comments to the VSB about its RFP.

Gail Warren has also been involved in discussions.

Tim Coggins has recommended to the Bar that it include several members of VALL as members of its evaluation and selection committee, and the Bar representative reacted positively.

There will be more discussion about help desk assistance to members of the bar if the VSB can provide legal research service to members free of charge.

Discussion of Proposal about one VALL meeting per year.

Marie Hamm will chair a committee about changes to VALL's meeting policies.

Misc.

Electronic elections at AALL

Notify headquarters if need paper ballots

Adjourned

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From the President *Cathy Palombi*

Most people say that it takes about a year to feel comfortable in any new job, and I'd say that's probably also the case for a VALL President. So just when I feel like I know what I should be doing, I'm stepping aside. But nonetheless, this past year has been edifying professionally and personally. Virginia has a superb pool of talented, smart, humorous law librarians, and this position has allowed me to get to know many of you. I won't be leaving that aspect of the job behind, and I thank all of you for what you've contributed to the organization in the past year.

I would also like to thank the Executive Board for their support, suggestions, and leadership....Bobbie Denny, Marie Hamm, Leanne Battle, Bill Katz, Theresa Schmid, and Jeanne Ullian. We've made a few committee changes (with more to come), and I'd like to express gratitude to the chairs and their members....Isabel Paul, Rae Best, Bill Magee, Marie Hamm, Marty Rush, Terry Long, Robert Davis, Micheal Klepper, Gail Zwirner,

Gail Warren, Joyce Janto, Eric Welsh, Nancy Lowenberg, Chris Byrne, and Barbara Cummings. In addition, congratulations and thank-you to Micheal Klepper for not just taking on the responsibility of newsletter editor, but for successfully converting it to an online format. And a special acknowledgement to Robert Davis for publishing the new directory, and to Jeanne Ullian for producing it electronically.

Thanks to Marie Hamm and her program committee, VALL had another successful year of meetings, starting with the annual meeting at UVA in the fall. The topic was privacy, featuring talks by Paul Barron (legal research on the internet), Professor Glen Robinson (information on the internet), Kathy Mays (the Interactive Community Assistance Network in Virginia), and Joyce Janto (email and privacy).

The winter meeting was held at Hunton and Williams in Richmond, graciously hosted by Frosty Owen. The interactive presentation by Dr. Margaret Bradley allowed us to see who among us were introverts, who were leaders, etc.....results were compiled by Linda Goldstein and can be found in this issue!

Our spring meeting will be at Regent on May 13, and Marie Hamm has everyone on that staff engaged, in preparation for a talk on government information in the 21st century by Janet Justice and Barbie Selby. Marie is also finalizing plans for the VALL lunch at AALL in San Antonio in July (registration form inside). I only know that it will involve air-conditioning. Our VALL Chapter VIP in San Antonio will be the Honorable Leroy Rountree Hassell, Sr., Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court (bravo Gail Warren!).

See you in Virginia Beach and San Antonio and thank you again for your participation and assistance during my tenure.



Cathy

Cathy Palombi and Martha Smith at recent SEAALL Convention



VALL Committee Chairs

Preservation - Isabel Paul	Publications - Gail Zwirner
Grants - Rae Best	Handbook - Gail Warren
Legal Information Outreach - Bill Magee	By-Laws - Joyce Janto
Programs - Marie Hamm	Public Relations - Eric Welsh
Recruitment - Marty Rush	Vendor Relations - Nancy Lowenberg
VLA - Terry Long	Legislative Awareness - Chris Byrne
Membership - Robert Davis	Placement - Barbara Cummings
Newsletter - Micheal Klepper	Nominating - As needed

IN AND AROUND VALL



William & Mary

Construction has begun on the William & Mary Law Library addition and renovation project. When completed, W&M will have an entirely new library -- about 60% larger than the existing facility -- with superb technological capabilities and research and study areas for library users. The library will feature two reading rooms, a public Rare Book room, several student lounges, a dozen group study rooms, two computer labs, and abundant light throughout the facility. The project, which will cost approximately \$17,000,000, will be completed in 2007

Front of new building



Rear of new

Washington and Lee

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia spoke at Washington and Lee University on Friday, April 15th. His was the third in the recently established annual Lewis F. Powell distinguished lecture series. Scalia addressed a crowd of about 500 in Lee Chapel, discussing his "originalist" approach to Constitutional interpretation, and answered questions from students and faculty.

Justice Scalia and
Dean Partlett



National Center for State Courts

Rob Weber reports that the NCSC Library has launched a new webpage: http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Library/Libraryindex.html, which includes a link to our OPAC, growing digital collection, and descriptions of our resources and services.

NCSC has also started a blog for the library at <http://ncsclibrary.blogspot.com>. This will allow the Library to post very up-to-date news.



Librarians in the News: Librarians Present Virginia Continuing Legal Education Programs

Librarian, Attorney, Author, Professor and Internet Trainer Carole Levitt will present a one-day seminar on **Internet for Lawyers** in Richmond on May 5. Carole has more than 20 years of experience in the legal field as a law librarian, internet trainer, attorney, book author and professor of legal research and writing. Carole will be joined by Mark Rosch who develops their company's online education services, writes extensively about computer technology and provides electronic marketing consulting services to firms.

CLE credit hours: 6.0

Bonus: Includes a 200-page, fully indexed book, Levitt and Rosch, **How to Use the Internet for Legal & Investigative Research: A Guide for Legal Professionals**, 7th ed., 2005.



VALL's own Terry Long, Evelyn Campbell, Rae Ellen Best, Femi Cadmus as well as Deborah Mann Keene, Kevin P. Greene, W. Everett Lupton, Steve Anderson and Rhea Ballard-Thrower will present seminars called **Find it Free and Fast on the Net** for National Business Institute in several locations in April:

Richmond	April 26
Washington, D.C.	April 27
Norfolk	April 28
Fairfax	April 29

NBI's brochure includes extensive descriptions of the speakers' distinguished backgrounds along with additional info about credit hour information for paralegals and DC attorneys.

CLE credit hours: 6.0 (VA, PA)

Regent University

The Regent University Law Library is pleased to announce the launch of a new and improved website! The site employs a "portal" concept. Each major category of library user has a unique entry point, which leads directly to information about services tailored to meet their needs!



The site is located at: <http://www.regent.edu/acad/schlaw/library/>



New
Executive
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Government Information in the 21st Century: What happened to the "P" in GPO?



Join us at the 2005 VALL Spring Quarter Meeting for a discussion of current issues in government documents and information! Topics include:

- the transition from print to electronic access;
- concerns about free permanent public access in an online environment; and
- PURLs are they *really* persistent?

About the Speakers:

Janet Justis received a B.A. from the College of William and Mary and an MSLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Janet has worked in government documents for 11 years, holding positions at the State Library of North Carolina and Old Dominion University.

Janet is active in the American Library Association's Government Roundtable (GODORT) and is currently serving a second term on the GODORT Legislation Committee. She also served two terms on the Notable Documents Panel. Janet is currently Region 3 Chair of the Virginia Library Association. She has also served as Chair of the Public Documents Forum and has presented numerous workshops on the Census, health resources, and government information.

Barbie Selby received a B.A. from Wake Forest University and an MLS from the UNC- Chapel Hill. She has worked with government information at the University of Virginia both in Alderman Library and in the Law Library.

Barbie is an active member of VALL, VLA, and ALA. She currently serves on the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, and will take over as Chair of DLC after its April meeting.

VALL Spring Meeting

May 13, 2005

Regent University School of Law
Virginia Beach, Virginia



Government Information in the 21st Century:

8:45 a.m.—9:45 a.m.	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:45 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Comments
10:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.	<i>Government Information in the 21st Century</i> Speakers: Janet Justis & Barbie Selby
12:00 p.m.—12:30 p.m.	Lunch (included with registration)
12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m.	VALL Business Meeting Installation of New Officers

REGISTRATION FORM:

Deadline: May 9th

Cost (includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch): VALL members: \$25
Non-VALL members: \$30

Name : _____
Organization : _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

Forward registration and check , payable to VALL, to:
Marie Summerlin Hamm
Regent University Law Library
1000 Regent University Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464
Email: mariham@regent.edu Phone: 757-226-4233

VALL Winter Meeting

(Contributed by Linda Goldstein, McGuireWoods LLP)

Our winter meeting was held on Friday, February 18, in a large sunny conference room at Hunton & Williams in Richmond. There was good travel weather, a delicious lunch provided by Westlaw, a renewal of friendships, and an excellent program: a perfect way to end the week.

The theme of the day was ***The Key to Creating and Maintaining Great Work Relationships: Understanding Yourself and Others***. Margaret Bradley, a business psychologist with more than 25 years of experience, led us through a series of exercises that made us better understand our personalities and working styles. Right from the beginning Margaret emphasized the fact that this was not a Myer-Briggs kind of test; its purpose was to help us understand relationships, make a good fit, and increase happiness in the work setting. Her presentation was upbeat and enthusiastic.

Initially, we were asked to predict our scores in five areas identified by researchers as **Work Place Big Five Traits**. They are:

- **N**eed for stability: the degree to which we respond to stress
- **E**xtraversion: the degree to which we want sensory stimulation
- **O**penness: the degree to which we are open to new ways
- **A**ccommodation: the degree to which we defer to others
- **C**onsolidation: the degree to which we push toward goals

We then turned to a form where we quickly responded to 48 questions. Answers were plotted on a graph and tabulated. The resulting numbers gave us our **Work Place Big Five Profile**.

As we went through the tasks, Margaret reminded us that there are no right and wrong answers. Each trait in the profile makes positive contributions to an organization. I initially found some of the terminology off-putting, but when I read the descriptions that went with each of the categories in which I was classified, I discovered that they were quite accurate.

In order for us to see the spread of traits within VALL we were given color dots and asked to place them in the appropriate boxes in the profile. The results are tabulated below. As a reminder, blue dots represent firm librarians, green dots represent academic librarians, red dots represent government librarians, and yellow dots represent any other librarians. The borderline dots were on the dividing line with the category to the immediate right. There is one misplaced dot. One firm librarian put two dots in the Openness category and missed the Extraversion category.

Dimension	Low 0-44	Medium 45-55	High 56-100
N	Resilient B - 3 G - 1 R - 1 Y - 1 N-	Responsive B - 4 G - 3 + 1 borderline R - 2 Y - 3 N=	Reactive B - 5 G - 6 R - 1 Y - 0 N+
E	Introvert B - 4 G - 4 R - 3 + 1 borderline Y - 2 E-	Ambivert B - 3 + 1 borderline G - 4 R - 0 Y - 1 E=	Extravert B - 4 G - 2 R - 3 Y - 1 E+
O	Preserver B - 6 G - 6 R - 3 Y - 0 O-	Moderate B - 8 G - 2 R - 2 Y - 3 O=	Explorer B - 0 G - 2 R - 2 Y - 2 O+
A	Challenger B - 2 + 1 borderline G - 4 R - 4 Y - 1 A-	Negotiator B - 4 G - 2 R - 2 Y - 1 A=	Adapter B - 6 G - 4 R - 1 Y - 1 A+
C	Flexible B - 2 G - 3 + 1 borderline R - 4 Y - 2 C-	Balanced B - 6 G - 2 R - 3 Y - 2 C=	Focused B - 5 G - 4 R - 0 Y - 0 C+

Most of the categories have a fairly balanced distribution of numbers ranging from one to four from each group of librarians. A few exceptions follow:

- Almost all of the librarians who have the highest need for stability are from academic and law firm libraries.
- Most of the preservers are from academic and law firm libraries.

The vast majority of librarians in the moderate and balanced categories are from law firms. Of course, these findings are based on a small sample of data which limits its statistical accuracy. There were 13 firm librarians, 10 academic librarians, 7 government librarians, and 4 other librarians who participated.

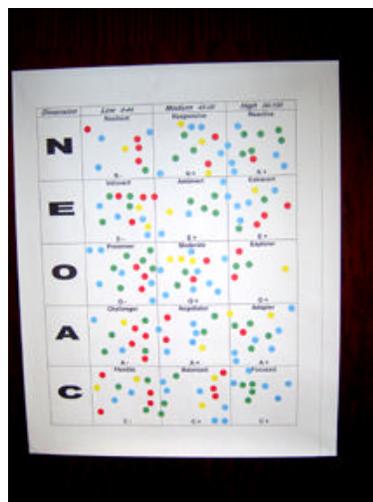
Thanks to Terry Long for inviting Margaret to be our guest speaker.



Speaker Margaret Bradley



Laurie and Margaret discuss "understanding."



Librarian Profile

VALL Meeting
Minutes
July 13, 2004

Present: 42 attendees

Called to order: 10:45 a.m.

Thanks to Frosty Owen for hosting the meeting. Thanks to Elaine Clark, in absentia, of Thomson West for sponsorship of the lunch.

Introduction by Terry Long of speaker Margaret Bradley.

Presentation: The Key to Maintaining Great Work Relationships: Understanding Yourself and Others

Business Meeting:

Called to order: 1:05 p.m.

Minutes: previous meeting minutes approved unanimously upon motion by Margaret Christiansen and second by Bobbie Denny.

Financial Report: Presented by Bill Katz
See report submitted by the Treasurer for details

Committees:

- **Bylaws:** none

- **Grants** (Rae Best):

Applications are being accepted for the LexisNexis travel grant to attend AALL

- o **Legal Information Outreach** (Bill Magee):

The Legal Information Outreach committee would like to begin compiling a "knowledge base" directory in which areas of expertise of VALL members will be listed. Participation is voluntary and members should send this information to Bill Magee at willmag@regent.edu. This information will not be released outside of the VALL membership. Response to the original request was low. Please respond to Bill if you would like to participate.

- o **Legislative Awareness** (Chris Byrne): none

- o **Membership** (Robert Davis):

The VALL directory was published by the Prince William County law library.

Copies were distributed to members in attendance.

Membership currently stands at 139, which is down 15 from last year

o **Newsletter** (Micheal Klepper):

Micheal would like to begin featuring visits to member libraries in future issues. Please contact Micheal to coordinate a visit to your library.

o **Nominating Committee** (Terry Long):

The slate for 2005-06 officers is: Evelyn Campbell, Vice-President/President-Elect; Jeanne Ullian, Treasurer; Fred Dingley, Director

o **Preservation** (Isabel Paul):

Please report any preservation projects

Would we like to reinstate the preservation workshops? Let Isabel know of your interest and if you know anyone who might be able to conduct the workshops

o **Programs** (Marie Hamm):

The next meeting will be May 13 at Regent University in VA Beach

o **Public Relations** (Eric Welch): none

o **Publications**: none

o **Recruitment**: none

o **Vendor Relations**: none

o **VLA Liaison**: (Terry Long):

We missed the January VLA meeting due to lack of notice.

New Business:

We will be moving VALL-L and the VALL web site to AALLnet in March. This opens the possibility of advertising on the site. Paul Birch will continue to be the web master.

Welcome to new members: Rob Weber, NCSC; Paul Haas, GMU; Allison White, UVA Special Collections; Cathy Holliday, Williams Mullen

VLA Foundation: It is proposed that VALL contribute \$500, partnership level, to the VLA Foundation. Moved by Bobbie Denny. Second by Jane Harrison. Passed by voice vote.

Lifetime membership for Larry Wenger: Moved by Tim Coggins. Second by Donna Bausch. Passed by voice vote.

Coalition for Open Government meeting: Fred Dingley attended and reports that FOIA was the major issue under discussion. Of particular interest was private agency access to SSNs and access to juvenile proceedings.

VA State Bar: Tim Coggins reports that the VA State Bar is currently considering offering a legal research service that will be free to state bar members. Four companies responded to the RFP and two were invited to present. At the time of this meeting, no decision about a provided had been reached.

AALL Government Relations: Tim Coggins expressed his appreciation for Chris Byrne's notifying

the VALL membership about GPO's proposed non-funding of print resources.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Cathy Palombi at 2:02 p.m.



The Richmond attendees



Executive Board



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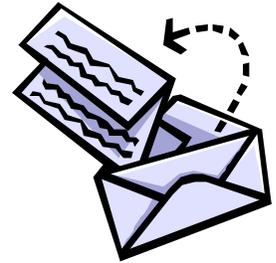
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Send your news to:

Micheal Klepper

Email Address:

mtk@virginia.edu



Have You Ever Served on a VALL Committee?

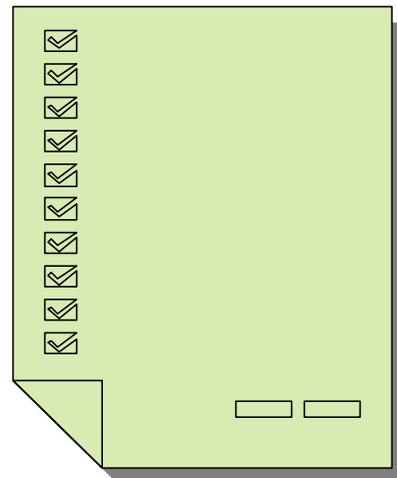


If not, here's your opportunity to be actively involved in one of the most dynamic AALL chapters. Sign up to serve on one or more of the following committees and you'll not only grow professionally, but also have a chance to interact with law library colleagues from across the Commonwealth!

- *Grants*
- *Legislative Awareness*
- *Membership*
- *Newsletter*
- *Publications*
- *Public Relations*
- *Preservation*
- *Program*
- *Recruitment & Placement*

For more information, contact Marie Hamm at mariham@regent.edu or at 757-226-4233.

Do not forget to renew your VALL membership.





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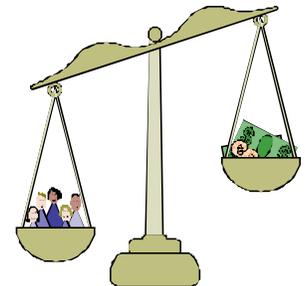
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Newsletter:	\$595.11
Grants:	\$ —
Supplies:	\$62.29
Post Office Box:	\$68.00
Postage:	\$121.36
VALL Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	\$ —
Educational Sponsorships:	\$ 45.00
Miscellaneous:	\$207.00

TOTAL: **\$4,303.09**



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$11,615.02
RECEIPTS:	+\$6,159.20
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$4,303.09</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$13,471.13



For the full report, contact Bill Katz at bill.katz@troutmansanders.com





Donna Bausch presents Joyce Janto The SEAALL service Award.

Congratulations to Jack Bissett (seen here with his wife overlooking Montgomery AL) for his election as Treasurer to SEAALL.



SEAALL Winners (from the Exhibition Hall):



Sally Wambold and her Palm Pilot



Micheal Klepper with a basket of goodies from Baton Rouge and LSU.

SEAALL Reception in Alabama:



Donna and Victoria smooze with the SEAALL President.

Happy people with beer in their hands.....Fred, Lynn and Terry.



Sally and Mary Alice share memories.

Have You Ever Served on a VALL Committee?



If not, here's your opportunity to be actively involved in one of the most dynamic AALL chapters. Sign up to serve on one or more of the following committees and you'll not only grow professionally, but also have a chance to interact with law library colleagues from across the Commonwealth!

- *Grants*
- *Legislative Awareness*
- *Membership*
- *Newsletter*
- *Publications*
- *Public Relations*
- *Preservation*
- *Program*
- *Recruitment & Placement*

For more information, contact Marie Hamm at mariham@regent.edu or at 757-226-4233.

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From the President Marie Hamm

I've never been much of a shopper. I seldom spend hours perusing the latest selections at the mall. I never pick up a fashion magazine. I don't even eBay! I suppose that with so many amazing outlets and excellent malls in the area, it's a bit of a shame. It's just an art I never mastered. The one exception to my shopping aversion is shoes. I adore shoes. Bohemian & Grecian styles, flip-flops, wedges, and flats—I've never met a shoe I didn't like. Until today, that is. I find that the shoes I'm trying to fill today are several sizes too big. In undertaking my first President's Message, it's only natural to consider the legacy of those who have gone before me—Donna Bausch, Jill Burr, Charles Oates, Bobbie Denny, and Cathy Palombi—to name just a few. I am overwhelmed by their collective contributions to this organization and amazed to be counted among their ranks. It will

be tough to fill their shoes, but I am honored to follow in their footsteps.

VALL owes its reputation for being an active, dynamic chapter to those members who jump into fray and find a place to serve. If you're new to the organization or if you're simply interested in becoming more involved, I encourage you to contact me or any one of our terrific slate of committee chairs. You can rest assured that we'll find a place to put your unique talents to good use!

The AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio promises to be a memorable event. The Honorable Leroy Rountree Hassell, Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, will attend the meeting as our Chapter VIP. Chief Justice Hassell, a graduate of the University of Virginia and Harvard Law School, has served on the Commonwealth's highest court since 1981. In 2003, Hassell became the first African American to serve as chief justice. He also has the distinction of being the first chief justice selected by a popular vote of his peers rather than by seniority. Special thanks to Gail Warren for arranging an opportunity for this noted jurist to be a part of our annual meeting.

The VALL Summer Quarter Meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 19, from noon-2 p.m. at Boudro's on the Riverwalk. Boudro's is highly acclaimed, both for its food and its colorful ambiance. A recent article in Southern Living magazine proclaimed that "when it comes to lunch and casual dining, this is the spot-hands down." Fill out a registration form today (available in this newsletter and on the VALL website) and join VALL colleagues for a taste of Tex-Mex at its finest!

See you in San Antonio!

Marie



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Williams Mullen

Technical Services Librarian The law firm of Williams Mullen is seeking a full-time Technical Services Librarian. Responsible for the processing of incoming mail and ordering of books and other materials and ensuring timely payment and documentation of all orders and invoices, as well as provide project support to the Library Manager. Technical library and accounting experience required. Candidate must have excellent communication skills, be detail-oriented, well-organized and able to handle multiple priorities.

Send resumes to:

Email: bjbrooks@williamsmullen.com

Fax: 804.783.6456

Mail: Billie Jo Brooks Williams Mullen Two James Center 1021 E. Cary Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Appalachian School of Law

Reference Librarian The Appalachian School of Law is seeking a Reference Librarian. This position offers a unique opportunity to be part of a new school.

Responsibilities include providing reference and research service on a daily basis, assisting with bibliographic instruction, providing academic support to the faculty, participating in the faculty liaison program and creating library publications. May perform other duties when necessary. Weekend and evening work required.

A J.D. from an accredited law school is required; a library degree from an accredited school is required. Other requirements include a sound knowledge of library collections, knowledge of online search systems, a strong service orientation, excellent communications skills, and the ability to work as part of a team.

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Salary commensurate with experience.

Please send cover letter, resume, and the names of three references to:
A Library Librarian Search Committee,
Rt. 5 Box 450, Grundy,
VA 24614.

We will begin interviews at the AALL convention and continue until the position is filled. ASL is an AA/EO employer.

For more information about ASL, please visit our web site at
<http://www.asl.edu/>

Virginia State Law Library

The staff of the Virginia State Law Library is pleased to announce the appointment of the newest member of our staff, Dionne (Dee Dee) M. Dockendorf. Following the retirement of Cecile C. Taylor on May 1, 2005, Dee Dee now fills one of our two Assistant Law Librarian positions.

DeeDee received an undergraduate degree (major-history, minor-German) from Santa Clara University (CA) in March 1995. From 1995 until 1999, she worked at the law firm of Heller Ehrman White & McAuliffe (San Francisco, CA), first, as a litigation case clerk, and then as a litigation paralegal. In 1999-2000, she spent approximately 6 months working in Buenos Aires, Argentina as a service manager and instructor of English for the Wall Street Institute. This was followed by studies towards her master's degree at UNC-Chapel Hill -- she graduated from UNC at Chapel Hill in May of 2002 with a Masters of Science in Information Science degree from UNC's School of Information and Library Science. While in school, she completed an internship at Ipas, a women's health nonprofit organization, and installed the Ipas library's InMagic cataloging program. Her first professional position in a library was that of "Web Librarian" for Coda, Inc., a epidemiology research company based in Durham, NC . She returned to California in June 2003 to accept a position as a Reference Librarian at the law firm of Bingham McCutchen in San Francisco. In addition to providing reference services, she also was responsible for all Inter-library loan transactions, prepared state and federal legislative histories, and created and maintained Intranet pages for the firm-wide Intranet. Since 1997, she has volunteered her time to teach English classes to immigrant women, primarily serving Hispanic communities.

In addition to sharing responsibility for staffing the Reference Desk with Gail and Terry, Dee Dee will be responsible for the implementation and maintenance of EOS.Web's serials software system, the financial accounting associated with our photocopy services, and the organization and management



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of our exchange of state codes agreements, binding program and circulation.

Treasurer's Report by Jeanne Ullian

I am happy to report that the VALL finances are healthy and well-documented. In my lifetime I have served on boards of various organizations. Never have I inherited such an organized archive or superbly designed spreadsheet. On behalf of the membership I wish to thank Terry Long and Evelyn Campbell who each donated the \$100 they received in compensation for teaching an NBI workshop. In June we sent a check to VLA in the amount of \$300 in support of their Legislative Activities. Based on last year's figures about a third of the membership have sent in their renewal checks.

Going to San Antonio? You Need the Local Advisory Committee Site

A visit to the Local Advisory Committee (LAC) web page can simplify and enliven your trip to San Antonio for this year's Conference. The page contains "Essential" information plus tips on how to "Enjoy San Antonio." Either [go directly to the LAC page](#) or click your way there from AALL's homepage (start at www.aallnet.org, click on Annual Meeting, General Information, Local Advisory Committee Page).

Under "Essentials" are photos of the Conference hotels, a guide to booking a room, and options for transportation from the airport to your hotel. "Enjoy San Antonio" contains guides written by LAC Committee members to help you pack the most fun into your visit. These guides include nightlife, shopping, live music, museums and galleries, bookstores, music stores, libraries, LGBT, fun for families and kids, internet access, excursions, outdoor activities, fitness centers and spas, and places of worship. The guides are available in printer friendly versions so that you can easily bring the ones you want with you.

The LAC page also contains volunteer forms so you can assist the various committees (don't forget that volunteers get perks), a link to the Dine Arounds, a list of the Local Advisory Committee members in case you need to contact one of them, and the Conference registration form.

Don't Forget...

...to renew your VALL Membership for the '05-'06 year.

If you haven't done so already, please take the time to complete the membership form at <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/2005MembershipApp.pdf>, and return it, together with your renewal check, to the address on the form.

Benefits of membership include the VALL Newsletter, the VALL Membership Directory, the VALL listserve, and opportunities to network with and learn from colleagues at quarterly VALL meetings, held in locations across the state.

Tell a Friend ...

Do you know anyone new to law librarianship, or new to Virginia, who may also be interested in VALL membership? Pass this information along to them, soon, while we are still near the start of the membership year.

Memberships available...

Individual membership (stays with you if you change employers) is \$20 per year.

Institutional membership (remains with the employer) is \$20 per member, per year.

Student membership (for JD or MLS students) is only \$7.50 per year.

Associate membership (member not directly associated with a library in Virginia) - \$25 per year.

Sustaining Membership (any company or institution supporting the goals of VALL) - \$50 per year.

Please contact Margaret Christiansen, Chair of the Membership Committee, at margchr@regent.edu with any questions.





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Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2005

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues:	\$940.00
Meetings:	\$685.00
Newsletter:	
Donations:	\$950.00

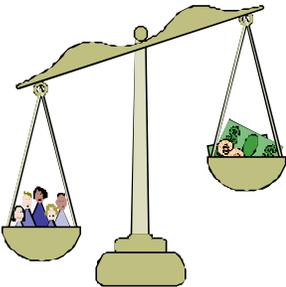


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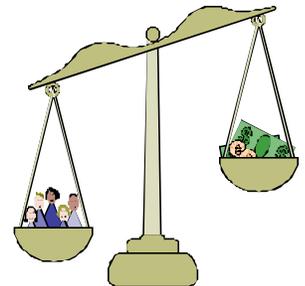
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Meetings :	\$415.63
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Grants:	\$750.00
Supplies:	
Post Office Box:	
Postage:	
VALL Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	
Educational Sponsorships:	
Miscellaneous:	

TOTAL: **\$1,465.63**



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$13,360.61
RECEIPTS:	+\$ 2,575.00
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$ 1,465.63</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$14,469.68



For the full report, contact Jeanne Ullian at jullian@williamsmullen.com



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Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2004 - April 2005

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues:	\$2,807.50
Meetings:	\$4,151.70
Newsletter:	
Donations:	



TOTAL: **\$6,959.20**

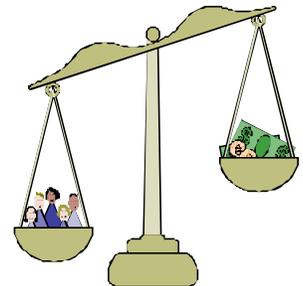
EXPENDITURES

Membership:	
Meetings:	\$3,159.83
Newsletter:	\$595.11
Grants:	
Supplies:	\$95.96
Post Office Box:	\$136.00
Postage:	\$175.01
VALL Donations:	\$800.00
VALL Memberships:	
Educational Sponsorships:	\$ 45.00
Miscellaneous:	\$207.00

TOTAL: **\$5,213.91**



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$11,615.02
RECEIPTS:	+\$6,959.20
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$5,213.91</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$13,360.31



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SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!

Have you: Attended a seminar? Published an article? Received an award? Been elected or appointed to an office or committee? Traveled out of the state or country?

TELL US ABOUT IT! WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING!

WHO? _____

WHAT? _____

WHERE? _____

WHEN? _____

WHY? _____

HOW? _____

Submitted by _____

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Send your news to:

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VALL Summer Quarter Meeting at AALL *Boudros on the Riverwalk*

San Antonio, Texas

Tuesday, July 19

Noon—2 p.m.



STARTER

SMOKED TOMATO SALSA
WITH TORTILLA CHIPS

GUACAMOLE

FRESHLY PREPARED WITH DICED AVOCADO, ROASTED TOMATO
AND SERRANO PEPPER, CILANTRO AND FRESH LIME AND ORANGE JUICES

CHOICE OF ENTRÉES

CHICKEN ENCHILADAS VERDES

CORN TORTILLAS FILLED WITH BREAST OF CHICKEN AND TOPPED WITH
TOMATILLO SAUCE, SERVED WITH SOUR CREAM,
PICO DE GALLO AND BLACK BEANS

FAJITA TACOS

MARINATED FLANK STEAK WITH
FRESH FLOUR TORTILLAS, AVOCADO SALSA, PICO DE GALLO AND BLACK BEANS

VEGETABLE ENCHILADA

SAUTE OF ZUCCHINI, SQUASH, SPINACH AND MUSHROOM,
ROASTED CORN, PARMENSAN CHEESE AND POBLANOS
SERVED ON A NEST OF VEGETABLES WITH ROASTED POTATOES

DESSERT

CRÈME BRULEE WITH FRESH BERRIES

Name _____
Organization _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Please forward completed registration form and a check for \$30 payable to VALL by July 8th to:

Marie Summerlin Hamm
Regent University Law Library
1000 Regent University Drive
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464
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Boudros is located at 421 E. Commerce Street. For directions, visit www.boudros.com or ask your concierge.

Finding Biomedical and Science Articles on the Web

by
Evelyn M. Campbell

There appears to be a real push in the biomedical and science fields to make full text articles available for free on the Web but there is still not one place where everything is available. You will still have to use several different sources to find what you need. Below are some of my favorite sources which I find myself using time and again.

HighWire tops my list for a reason. This is an ambitious project by HighWire Press in which it makes available over 15 million articles from more than 4,500 PubMed journals, including 834,579 free full text articles from 810 HighWire hosted journals.

Searching is very easy with basic search features using author, keyword, year, volume and page. For more complex searches, there is an advanced search feature. When I search I usually make sure that I check the **High Wire-hosted Journals + Medline** button.

The screenshot shows the HighWire Press website in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The address bar displays <http://highwire.stanford.edu/>. A red banner at the top of the page reads "ANNOUNCEMENT: CHECK OUT THE PREVIEW RELEASE OF OUR NEW WEB SITE!". Below this is the HighWire Press logo, which includes the Stanford University seal and the text "HighWire Press". A sub-header states: "Over 15 million articles from over 4,500 PubMed journals, including 927,143 free full text articles from 866 HighWire-hosted journals".

The main navigation menu includes: [Adv. Search](#), [My Email Alerts & PDA](#), [For Institutions](#), [For Publishers](#), [About](#), [Contact](#), and [Help](#). A welcome message says "Welcome to HighWire Press! About our features...". Below this, users are prompted to "Sign in or register for access to all HighWire Press customization features".

The page is divided into several sections:

- FULL TEXT I HAVE ACCESS TO:** Lists the number of journals with various access types: personal subs. view, institutional subs. view, free trials, free journals, free back issues, and pay-per-view. It also mentions "plus! FREE access to the full-text of cited references in all 866 HighWire-hosted journals".
- Quick search HighWire + Medline:** Provides a search interface with fields for Author (e.g., Smith, JS), Keywords, Year, Vol., and Page, and a "go" button. It also includes radio buttons for "My Favorite Journals (what's this?)", "High Wire-hosted journals", and "HighWire-hosted journals + Medline".
- Browse articles:** Offers links to [Biological Sciences](#), [Physical Sciences](#), [Medical Sciences](#), and [Social Sciences](#).
- TO GET MORE FREE FEATURES:** Includes a registration/sign-in form with fields for email and password, a "remember me" checkbox, and a "sign in" button. It also has a "[I forgot my password]" link.
- SIGN IN FOR FREE SPECIAL FEATURES:** Promotes "My Favorite Journals" (to track favorite journals) and "My Email Alerts" (to monitor article publications).

The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications: HighWire Press, Inbox - Microsoft..., Sydney Plus SQL..., and Document1 - Mic... The system clock indicates 1:26 PM.

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Results are displayed in citation format with abstracts, full text and PDF features to the right of the citation display. Where free access is not available there is a link to a service called Infotrieve where your order can be placed. Prices for the service varies but it is in keeping with what other document retrieval companies charge.

You can also register on the site to get access to more free features. Web address is :
<http://highwire.stanford.edu/>

BioMedCentral is an independent publishing house committed to providing immediate free access to peer-reviewed biomedical research. The website provides access to over 100 open access journals. Articles from the journals are available immediately and permanently and without charge. You have to register to use the site but registration is free.

There is a basic search feature and then advanced and Boolean search features. This site also gives you the ability to store your searches should you wish to return at a later date to look through your cite lists. A good feature if you have ongoing research projects.

The Web address is : **<http://www.biomedcentral.com/>**

FreeMedicalJournals.com is another website maintained by a publisher called Flying Publisher. This site accepts no advertising so there are no pesky ads to pop up and distract you. Its mission is to provide access to free scientific knowledge and it has access to 1,400 journals.

It is sorted by specialty, title of the journal and by language. Once you have selected the title of the journal, it will launch you to that specific journal's website and search features.

The Web address is : **<http://www.freemedicaljournals.com/>**

Public Library of Science (PLoS) is a good website to visit if you are doing research in biology or medicine. PLoS is a nonprofit organization of scientists and physicians committed to making the world's scientific and medical literature a public resource.

PLoS journals are run by professional editors, trained scientists and physicians in close collaboration with editorial boards. Papers published in these journals are peer reviewed by editors and experts in their field. Under the open access model, PLoS makes all published works immediately available online with no charges for access and no restrictions on subsequent redistribution or use.

To begin searching choose PLoS Medicine or PLoS Biology, then put in your search terms in the Search box and the system will display a list of citations and also an advanced search template should you wish to rephrase your query.

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The Web address is : **<http://www.plos.org/>**

PubMedCentral. No discussion is complete without mentioning PubMedCentral. It is a digital archive of life sciences journal literature at the U.S. National Institutes of Health (NIH) developed and managed by NIH's National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) in the National Library of Medicine (NLM).

PubMed which encompasses Medline, is the database of choice for researchers and clinicians alike to locate relevant articles, and in many cases will link you directly to a publisher's site for the full text of the articles.

Participation by publishers is entirely voluntary and participating journals must meet certain editorial standards which are stated clearly on the website.

Journals are encouraged to deposit all their content in PMC so that the archive becomes a true digital counterpart at NLM's extensive collection of print journals. Free access to all contents is encouraged but publishers may choose to delay full contents till a certain period after publication.

You can search PubMedCentral's Journal List which will give you a full listing of all the titles, volumes and type of access available. The Search button to the left of the title gives you direct search access to the selected title. Or if you need to search across all titles, just a simple click on the Search button on the first page of the website will launch you into a search template and other more advanced searches including a SmartSearch which analyzes the complete text of an article and ignores 'noise' words that are of little significance in the context of the article.

The web address is : **<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>**

This is a growing area and I fully expect to see all the mentioned sites expand their collections of journals and articles and I wouldn't be surprised to see new sites come up with different content.

VALL Business Meeting --- Regent University May 13, 2005



Bill Katz at lunch

Nancy Loewenberg and
Laurie Claywell





Bill Magee presenting Cathy Palombi with her gift to thank her for being President



It's a Clock!!!



Pat Jones from the Wahab Law Library admiring the beach themed luncheon set up by the staff from Regent University's law school library.

Welcome New Member

William Carter Perkins joined the Hunton & Williams' Richmond library staff as a reference librarian in May. William, a native Richmonder, received a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in history and religious studies from Virginia Commonwealth University and then decided to pursue his graduate degree in Latin American Studies at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa.



"I wanted to learn another language and to live overseas," William said. He got his opportunity in 1993 when he went to live in Antigua, Guatemala, under a program between the university and Guatemala called Partners of the Americas. He lived with a family who did not speak English and was able to immerse himself in studying the language.

"The people in Guatemala were fantastic," he said. "I loved the pace of life there ... much slower than in the US."

William finished up his studies and graduated from the University of Alabama with a Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies. After working with several companies in the sales field, William returned to the University of Alabama in 2001 to take up the challenge of a library science degree.

He had already thought about a career in libraries before leaving Alabama and had spoken with people who had been in the library science program but he wanted to give the work world a try first. When it was time to make his decision, it was not a difficult one.

"It was the best decision of my life," William said of his decision to go back to library school. "It has been a good fit and I have loved the work."

He worked at the Tuscaloosa Public Library as a reference librarian while working on his MLS, but the yearning to return home to Richmond was strong. When the assistant director/head of technical services job opened up at the Rockbridge Regional Library in Lexington, Virginia, William welcomed the chance to get back into the state and get closer to Richmond.

But Lexington was still not quite Richmond where family was so William moved back to the city earlier this year and worked at ITT Technical Institute where he was the library administrator. However, law librarianship has always drawn him and when the job at Hunton & Williams became available, he jumped at the chance of working in a law firm environment.

William loves to travel and made a return visit to Spain in April. He hopes to visit his ancestral roots in England, Wales and Scotland next and Peru is also on his travel list. He also enjoys reading and raising Corgis. He has three lovable Corgis -- Susie, Emma and Lord Egan of Guinness who was named after a bar in Tuscaloosa and actually looks like a pint!

William can be reached at (804) 788-8346 or wperkins@hunton.com from 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mon - Fri.

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From the President Marie Hamm

The AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio afforded law librarians from across the country an opportunity to renew old friendships and create new connections. (Strangely enough, it also afforded a surprisingly large number of VALL members a chance to crowd onto the back of an inordinately large bull!) As always, excellent programming abounded. Librarians, though, are a diverse group, with equally varied levels of skill and areas of interest. A program that might be a perfect match for a newer law librarian is likely to leave a veteran looking for the nearest exit. Despite AALL's best efforts, no single event, regardless of quality, is going to satisfy the continuing education needs of so diverse a membership. Instead, it falls to individuals, as well as to institutions and associations, to recognize that "professional development" requires an ongoing commitment to continued improvement.

On September 22-23, representatives from each AALL Chapter and SIS gathered along with current and past members of the Executive Board for an "Education Summit". The stated purpose of the

meeting was to devise strategy for delivering and/or facilitating continuing education and professional development for law librarians OUTSIDE of the Annual Meeting.

Discussions, which were intense and often spirited, focused on setting priorities for the next three years and determining the respective roles of AALL, the Special Interest Sections, and the local Chapters. In the end, the following conclusions were reached:

AALL ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Establish a **clearinghouse/calendar** designed to link AALL members to information about upcoming professional development opportunities offered by Chapters, SISs, and other professional associations.

Investigate the feasibility of providing the **technical platform** for the distribution of online continuing education programming.

Provide a mechanism whereby Chapters and SISs could access **grant funds** to further the development of educational programming.

Provide **repackaged Annual Meeting programs** so that local Chapters may offer them in some form throughout the year.

SIS ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Develop content and programs relevant to each professional section.

Determine and convey the needs of section members to AALL.

CHAPTER ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Continue to provide timely, relevant **local content**.

Seek to partner with local resources (bar associations, etc.).

Provide AALL with information about local and individual member needs.

President Claire Germain, the AALL Executive Board, and a number of Summit attendees are now working together to create a framework for implementing the Summit's outcomes.

One of the facts emphasized at the Summit was the unique ability of local Chapters to provide timely, relevant programming to their members. I can think of no better example of this than the slate of programs that Evelyn Campbell and the Program Committee have lined up for the VALL Annual Meeting. Scheduled for November 4-5 at the University of Richmond Law Library, *Beyond 2007: The Future of Public Information in Virginia*, offers a wealth of information and an excellent array of speakers. VALL is especially pleased to be able to welcome Sally Holterhoff, AALL Vice President/President-Elect, as our Chapter Visitor. Please make plans to attend. Registration information is available both in this newsletter and on the VALL website.

Marie



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VLA - Terry Long	Legislative Awareness - Chris Byrne
Membership - Margaret Christensen	Website - Paul Birch
Newsletter - Micheal Klepper	Handbook - Jennifer Sekula

IN AND AROUND VALL



Sarah (Sally) G. Holterhoff is the Government Information/Reference Librarian at Valparaiso University Law Library in Indiana. She is currently the Vice-President/President-Elect of the American Association of Law Libraries and she previously served as Executive Board member from 2000-2003. Her AALL activities have included chairing the Council of Chapter Presidents, the Public Relations Committee, the Government Relations Committee, and the Government Documents Special Interest Section. Her work as Chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Chapter Relations in 1996-97 was recognized with an AALL Presidential Certificate of Merit. At the chapter level, she has been President of the Chicago Association of Law Libraries and an Executive Board member of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries. She is also a former member of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer.



VCOG Awarded Knight Challenge Grant To Establish Permanent Endowment

MIAMI – A \$200,000 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to the Virginia Coalition for Open Government will help VCOG achieve, for the first time in its 10-year history, a permanent endowment. The grant is a challenge grant, which must be matched dollar for dollar by other contributions. All cash gifts and firm pledges must be received by Dec. 31, 2006 in order to qualify for the full Knight grant. "Once matched, the grant will enable VCOG to step up its efforts to defend and promote citizen access to the state's public records and government meetings," Executive Director Frosty Landon said. With a stronger financial base, Landon said, the Coalition will be able to hire a full-time executive director when

Landon retires in 18 months. Already, VCOG has received a matching gift of \$20,000 from the Richardson Memorial Fund, earmarked for the Coalition's Laurence and Catharine Richardson Legal Fellowship program. (Larry Richardson, a VCOG founder, was a Charlottesville broadcaster, and long-time First Amendment and Freedom of Information supporter.) Firm pledges totaling another \$40,000 also have been received. The Coalition's endowment campaign will be capped by a 10th anniversary fund-raising reception and dinner Nov. 16, 2006, at the Library of Virginia. The Library is a Coalition member. (Please save the date!) Open-government supporters wishing to make a matching gift should contact Landon (flandon@opengovva.org or 540-353-8264). All gifts of cash or appreciated stock are fully tax-deductible.

In recent years, Knight Foundation has been a major supporter of the National Freedom of Information Coalition and its member organizations. Two years ago it provided a similar \$200,000 endowment challenge to Florida's First Amendment Foundation on the occasion of its 20th anniversary. John S. and James L. Knight, newspaper publishers with a strong commitment to preserving and expanding First Amendment liberties, established the private Knight Foundation in 1950 to protect and expand press freedom. The foundation promotes journalism excellence worldwide and invests in the vitality of 26 U.S. communities where the Knight brothers owned newspapers.

The Virginia Coalition is a broad-based nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works to ease access to government information. Activities include legislative oversight, a Web site (<http://www.opengovva.org>), newsletters, an annual FOI conference and an e-mail and telephone hot line to aid citizens who encounter access problems.

Members include the Virginia Press Association, the Virginia Association of Broadcasters, media outlets, various business groups, the Virginia Library Association, genealogists and more than 75 individual citizens.

National Center for State Courts (from Robert Weber)

We've just "gone live" with our new web page and online digital archive. The archive contains National Center publications dating back to 1971. There are currently 200 titles available, and we expect to have 2,000 in the archive by the end of 2006.

New NCSC Library home page:

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Library/Libraryindex.html

Digital archive:

http://www.ncsconline.org/D_KIS/Library/ncsc_digital_archive_home.htm

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Janet Camillo (Montgomery County Circuit Court) was recently elected as the secretary of LLAM for the 2005-2006. She also taught two seminars on book repair and preservation last year. The first for the Maryland County Court Librarians and the second in May for LLAM.

Beyond 2007
The Future of Public Information in Virginia

Virginia Association of Law Libraries
2005 Annual Meeting
November 4-5
University of Richmond Law Library
Richmond, Virginia

NAME (as you prefer it to appear on badge):

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

FAX:

Lunch (check one):

Turkey Club

Ham & Swiss

Roast Beef

Vegetarian Wrap

Restaurant (see list): _____



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Registration

12:45 - 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Session I: **2007 Code of Virginia: The Implications of the Reorganization**

Panel: Cheryl Jackson, Library Manager, Virginia Division of Legislative Services

Brian Cole, Manager of Statutory Editorial Operations, Lexis-nexis

Karl Findorf, Principal Attorney Editor, Thomson/West

Moderator: Gail Zwirner, Head of Access Services, University of Richmond Law School Library

2:30 - 3:00 p.m. Break (Sponsored by LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group)

3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Session II: **The Future of the Virginia Public Records Act**

Speaker: Lisa Wallmeyer, Executive Director of the Joint Commission on Technology & Sciences, Division of Legislative Services.

Moderator: Michele Gernhardt, J.D., Catholic University of America MSLIS graduate student

Dinner: Enjoy an evening with your colleagues at a restaurant from the attached list or any of the many restaurants Richmond has to offer.

SATURDAY

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast (Sponsored by Global Securities Information)

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Session I: **Finding and Using Company and Business Resources**

Speaker: Karen King, Library Director, Darden Graduate Business Library, University of Virginia

Moderator: Lisa Reinhard, Reference Librarian, Hunton & Williams

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 - 12 Noon Session II: **Lawyers Helping Lawyers: A Way to Support Troubled Legal Professionals**

Speaker: James E. Leffler, Mental Health Services Coordinator, Lawyers Helping Lawyers

Moderator: Evelyn M. Campbell, Librarian, Hunton & Williams

12 Noon - 1 p.m. Boxed Lunches (Sponsored by LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group)

Luncheon Speaker: **Sarah (Sally) Holterhoff, AALL Vice-President/President Elect**

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Business Meeting

RESTAURANTS:

The restaurants below have been recommended by VALL members. If you are interested in going to a particular restaurant please list the name of the restaurant on the registration form and if there are enough people, we will make arrangements to have Richmond-area librarians "host" different groups.

The Grafiti Grille

403-B Ridge Rd, Richmond, VA 23229

<http://www.grafitigrille.com/>

Bogart's

443 N. Ridge Rd, Richmond, VA 23229

<http://billofare.com/0125.htm>

The Tavern at Triangle Park

7110 Patterson Ave, Richmond, VA

Southwestern and New Orleans influences

Mekong Vietnamese

6004 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23230

<http://www.mekong-restaurant.com/>

Tara Thai

11800 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA 23233

This Washington DC chain restaurant is located in the Short Pump Town Center mall so you can dine and shop. Here is a review of the restaurant: [http://](http://www.richmond.com/dining/output.aspx?Article_ID=3287634&Vertical_ID=26&tier=2&position=63)

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Maggiano's Little Italy

11800 W. Broad St., Richmond VA 23233

Another restaurant located in the Short Pump Town Center.

<http://www.maggianos.com/contact/>

Here is a link to more restaurant listings:

<http://www.richmond.com/dining/index.aspx>





VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2005 - Sept 2005

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues:	\$2,667.50
Meetings:	\$1,730.00
Newsletter:	
Donations:	\$970.00



TOTAL: **\$5,367.50**

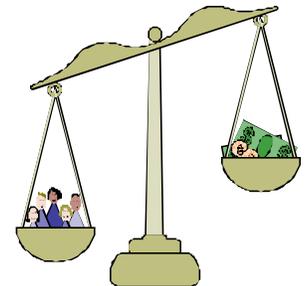
EXPENDITURES

Membership:	
Meetings:	\$1,369.28
Newsletter:	
Grants:	\$750.00
Supplies:	
Post Office Box:	
Postage:	
VALL Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	
Educational Sponsorships:	
Miscellaneous:	\$207.00

TOTAL: **\$2419.28**



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$13,360.31
RECEIPTS:	+\$5,367.50
EXPENDITURES:	<u>-\$2419.28</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$16,308.53



For the full report, contact Jeanne Ullian at jullian@williamsmullen.com



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Send your news to:

Micheal Klepper

Email Address:

mtk@virginia.edu



VALL Meeting
Business Meeting Minutes
July 2005

Present: 23

Called to order: by Marie Hamm

Minutes: previous meeting minutes approved

Financial Report:

Thanks from VLA for our \$300 donation

VALL thanks Evelyn Campbell and Terry Long for donating the \$100 honorarium that each of them received for a research seminar they led.

The budget total was \$14,469.68

Committees: (note - due to space limitations Evelyn and Marie presented VALL business to attendees in small groups)

- **Bylaws:** See attached Bylaws amendments

- **Programs:**

- o Annual meeting: November 5-6 in Richmond, VA

- o Hotel information will go out as soon as possible to VALL-L and to the VALL email distribution list so that members can make travel arrangements as soon as possible.

- o Registration information will be available on the VALL web site

Publications: See attached list of publications

New Business:

The annual meeting will include a session on the 2007 Code of Virginia

The Chapter visitor for the VALL annual meeting will be Sally Holterhoff

VALL will have an ad hoc committee dedicated to 2007 Code issues.

Gail Zwirner is already attending the working group meetings

A letter expressing VALL concerns was sent to the VA Senate

The letter will be published in the VALL newsletter

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Marie Hamm

Strategizing in San Antonio

by Evelyn M. Campbell

I must confess that when I first heard that the AALL meeting in San Antonio was going to be called Strategize! I wasn't quite sure what the programs would be like. Thanks to the VALL travel grant provided by the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group I was able to find out that there were many, many good programs and that I had to wrestle with the abundance of choices rather than the lack there of.

And so armed with my program choices and my neatly made up itinerary, I eagerly set off for San Antonio. My first glimpse of the city from the plane made me think, "It's greener than I had imagined!" I had never been to San Antonio before and had done the tourist thing and read up about it. Of course the Alamo features prominently in everything about the place but it was hard to picture it in my mind. I have found that when the facts do not quite give you a good sense of a place, look for a fictionalized version and being the good librarian, I went to my public library and checked out Stephen Harrigan's *The Gates of the Alamo*, and was glad that I did.

In a rare break between sessions, my room-mate and I were able to make a dash to the Alamo on what must have been the hottest afternoon of the week. I was determined that if that was the only tourist site I got to visit in San Antonio, by golly, it was going to be the Alamo. Surrounded as it is by commercialization and as one person said, "If you blink, you will miss it" it was hard to put the structure in a historical context. But having read Harrigan made it easy to picture those fateful days in 1836.



The Alamo

Other than that little excursion to the Alamo, the rest of my time was spent running from program to program with a quick 30-minute dash into the exhibit hall to see favorite vendors. The exhibit hall opened with a Mariachi band and that should have been clue enough!



Mariachi band at the opening of the Exhibit Hall

The fun continued with the opening event which was the LexisNexis Dessert Extravaganza ... how can anyone possibly go wrong when you start with every dessert imaginable? The Thomson/West party was a hoot with a great assortment of Tex-Mex cuisine and a costumed armadillo who made the mistake of wandering too close to a group of VALL members and as penance had to stop for pictures with them. He had probably already heard that this was the same group that had just posed for a group picture with a mechanical bull while other folks had waited patiently in line in ones and twos. I believe that Micheal Klepper has that picture for blackmail purposes.

The choice of Boudros by Marie Hamm for the VALL luncheon was just perfect. Yes, guilty again ... it was my first venture on the Riverwalk. It was a nice leisurely stroll to the restaurant from the convention center and when we got there we were very much ready for the guacamole with a hint of cilantro and lime, prepared fresh at the table. Just don't sit next to Marie or Fred Dingleddy when guacamole is in the vicinity! Boudros was a very nice Riverwalk restaurant -- good food and a very "San Antonio" atmosphere.

The programs were just as much fun to attend but the one that takes the cake was Peggy Jarrett's and Cheryl Nyberg's ***Finding Government Documents Today***. I am always grateful to come away from any program with a new resource or website to consult but when you learn new information accompanied by music and singing and much laughter, that just has to take the grand prize.



Boudros on the Riverwalk

This was a good conference with plenty of excellent programs; enough time to strategize with fellow VALLers on upcoming VALL programs and events and just enough time to have a little bit of fun.

VALL Lunch

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Wish you were here

VALL @ AALL

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Virginia Association of Law Libraries

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Winter 2006

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From the President Marie Hamm

I've always loved being a New Year's baby. Sure, I never get a real birthday party—just a half-hearted rendition of Happy Birthday after Dick Clark has signed off and the last notes of *Auld Lang Syne* have faded. And, for some reason, my "birthday" presents (in Christmas wrap, no less) are usually left sitting forlornly under the Christmas tree with scribbled instructions not to open until January 1st. Still, there's something special about simultaneously celebrating a birthday and starting the year anew.

This year, as I futilely wished that my own little one would make a New Year's appearance, I found myself reflecting on the events of the past year. The opportunity to serve as president of VALL certainly stands out as one of the highlights. As I interacted with other Chapter and SIS leaders from across the country at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, I realized that our "little"

chapter has earned a Texas-sized reputation. With the likes of Jim Heller, Joyce Janto, Tim Coggins, Gail Warren, Donna Bausch, Lyn Warmath, and so many others numbering among our ranks, there is no doubt that VALL produces leaders. The same commitment and creativity is evident in the efforts of VALL's committee chairs.

As chair of the Publications Committee, Gail Zwirner has tirelessly spearheaded efforts to further strengthen the reputation of not only our Chapter and its members, but also of the library profession, in the eyes of the Virginia legal community. The committee's most recent accomplishment is the publication of seven librarian-authored articles in the December 2005 issue of *Virginia Lawyer*. The articles include: *Bridging the Information Gap: Librarians Offer Sources To Satisfy Topical Needs* by Gail F. Zwirner; *"It's Not Rocket Science": Making Sense of Scientific Evidence* by Paul Barron; *Identifying and Evaluating Expert Witnesses* by Hazel L. Johnson; *Yes, Virginia, Everything is Available on the Web for Free* by Lyn Warmath; *A Piece of Work: Employment Law Research in Virginia* by Kent C. Olson; *Nothing Dismal About It: Researching Environmental Law Without Getting Swamped* by Jennifer Sekula; and *Law Libraries in the Digital Age--An Interview with Virginia's Chief Justice* by Gail Warren. The front of the issue sports a photo of Leroy R. Hassell, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and State Law Librarian Gail Warren!

The Membership Committee, led by Margaret Christiansen, has been amazingly productive this year. The meticulously edited *VALL Directory* was recently made available to members both in print and on CD. The committee also undertook a redesign of both the VALL brochure and letterhead and took the initiative in setting up a VALL domain name and generic email addresses for the Executive Board.

Evelyn Campbell and the Program Committee did an exceptional job in planning the VALL Annual Meeting. Hosted by the Muse Law Library on the lovely University of Richmond campus, the meeting included a two-day slate of exceptional speakers and ample opportunity for interacting with colleagues from across the Commonwealth. VALL was honored to welcome AALL Vice-President/President-Elect, Sally Holterhoff, as our Chapter Visitor.

With 2006 only a few days old, VALL committees are already working toward making this year even better than last. The Nominations Committee, chaired by Charles Oates, is finalizing the new slate of VALL officers. A redesign of the VALL website is underway. The Placement Committee, headed by Femi Cadmus, is developing content for a new job placement page. The Program Committee has planned another relevant and timely event. The Winter Meeting, which will focus on *Access to Court Records: Public v. Privacy Rights*, is scheduled for Friday, February 10, at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg. Details and registration information are available both in this issue and on the VALL website!

Marie

From the Editor: Congratulations to David and Marie on the birth of Seth Ayden. Seth was born on 1/12/06. Everyone is doing well! We hope to have pictures soon.



VALL Committee Chairs

Preservation - Isabel Paul	Publications - Gail Zwirner
Grants - Eric Welsh	Handbook - Gail Warren
Nominating - Charles Oates	By-Laws - Joyce Janto
Programs - Evelyn Campbell	Public Relations - Tim Coggins
Recruitment - Caroline Osborne	Placement - TBA
VLA - Terry Long	Legislative Awareness - Chris Byrne
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IN AND AROUND VALL



National Center for State Courts
Williamsburg, VA
February 10, 2006

*Access to Court Records:
Public vs. Privacy Rights*

NAME:

INSTITUTION:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

Please mail your check for \$35 (\$40 non-members), payable to "VALL," and this registration form to: Evelyn M. Campbell, Hunton & Williams LLC, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, VA 23219.
Registration deadline: February 6, 2006
Registration cost includes breakfast and lunch

Directions: http://www.nesconline.org/D_Comm/Maps/Directions_Index.htm



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

9 a.m. - 10: a.m.:

Rebecca Hulse, Adjunct Professor of Law, W&M Marshall-Wythe School of Law: *Overview on current practices/policies regarding public access to private legal information.*

Jim McMillan, Senior Court Technology Consultant, NCSC: *"Validation and verification of electronic information is a considerably significant subject for the judicial and legal system. It is called by many names such as Digital Rights Management, Digital Signatures, Secure Computing, and others. This presentation will attempt to cut through the technical jargon and explain how these technologies work and how they apply to the courts and legal process."*

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.: Break

10: 15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.:

Tom Carlson, Internet Communication Specialist, NCSC: *Introduction to the Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM)*, a standard for information sharing among justice agencies that gives us tools to help enforce privacy regulations.

Jean Holcomb, Consultant: *Challenges and opportunities as court technology makes information more accessible.* How law librarians can make sure that there are no new barriers created for the public.

11:15 a.m. - 11: 45 a.m.: Library Tour (Robert Weber)
VALL Board Meeting

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: VALL Business Meeting



VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2005 - January 6, 2006

RECEIPTS

Sponsorship	\$675.00
Membership Dues:	\$2,902.50
Meetings:	\$4,675.00
Newsletter:	
Donations:	\$970.00

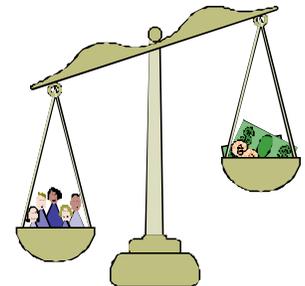


EXPENDITURES

Membership:	\$930.75
Meetings :	\$2,855.28
Newsletter:	
Grants:	\$750.00
Supplies:	
Post Office Box:	
Postage:	
VALL Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	
Educational Sponsorships:	\$ 45.00
Miscellaneous:	\$219.67



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$13,360.31
RECEIPTS:	\$9,222.50
EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$5,055.70</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$17,527.11



For the full report, contact Jeanne Ullian at jullian@williamsmullen.com

VALL Treasurer's Report
Winter 2006
Jeanne Ullian

We are starting off the New Year with a healthy treasury due to the financial skills of our members and two checks from LexisNexis. Evelyn Campbell has more than balanced the debits and credits for the three meetings held so far this year. LexisNexis supported her efforts with a \$700 check for the lunch at the Annual Meeting. At the Board meeting preceding the Annual Meeting our AALL guest, Sally Holterhoff, commented on our reasonable meeting registration fees. We are fortunate to have willing hosts in our members that help keep costs down. Margaret Christiansen also secure underwriting from LexisNexis in the amount of \$675 for the 2005-2006 Membership Directory.

As I mentioned at the Annual Meeting Business Meeting it is time to re-evaluate our finances due to decreased costs in several areas-newsletter printing and mailing being the largest. If the bylaws changes are approved we will see even more savings in mailing costs for elections and other required notifications. As of this newsletter the treasury balance (with no encumbrances) stands at \$17,527.11. While I am still reviewing past financial records in order to make a more firm recommendation on how to re-allocate our funds I can give you a very simple explanation. Basically we take in around \$3000 in dues and spend less than \$1000 in donations and miscellaneous expenses. This accounts for the \$2000 annual growth in the treasury. An obvious area in which to increase expenditures is grants. Do you have ideas we should consider on how to best use our funds to benefit our members?



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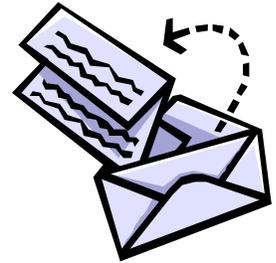
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Library _____

Phone _____



Send your news to:

Micheal Klepper

Email Address:

mtk@virginia.edu



**VALL Business Meeting
November 5, 2005**

University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law

Called to Order: 12:35pm, by Marie Hamm, VALL President

Marie extends thanks to the Program Committee (Evelyn Campbell, Lisa Reinhard , Michelle Gernhard); the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group and GSI for sponsorship; Tim Coggins and the UR library staff for hosting

Reports:

Secretary: (Leanne Battle)

Minutes from the July 2005 meeting are available in the Fall 2005 VALL Newsletter

Treasurer: (Jeanne Ullian)

- We have renewed the chapter liability insurance policy
- The account balance as of 10/31/2005 is \$16,218.86
- Jeanne is reviewing the records to identify all of the VALL fixed expenditures
- Any member who has suggestions for future regular or one-time expenditures should contact Jeanne
- Jeanne has asked that she be allowed to destroy all treasurer's records prior to 2000. This gives VALL 5 years of records which exceeds the 3 year federal requirement.
- Motion to allow destruction of the records by shredding – Donna Bausch
- Second to the motion – Gail Warren

No discussion – the motion carries

Bylaws:

- Proposed bylaws changes were distributed to the members present at the meeting. Proposed changes will be distributed by mail to absent members. This will meet the bylaws requirement that members must be notified in writing of any bylaws changes.

Bylaws changes will be discussed and voted on at the February 2006 meeting. If you will not be able to attend the February meeting, but have comments regarding these changes please contact Marie Hamm.

Nominating Committee for 2006 slate of officers:

- The committee chair will be Charles Oates. Also serving will be Bobbie Denny and Lyn Warmath. The nomination form will appear on the VALL website and in the Winter 2006 VALL Newsletter.

Grants:

Eric Welsh and Rae Best will be exploring possible additions to grants currently offered through VALL

Legislative Awareness:

- Tim Coggins reports from the Depository Library Council meeting:
 - The DLP may be phased out
 - GPO is currently developing a program to authenticate electronic documents. This will help to address the decreasing number of documents available in print.
 - USA PATRIOT Act
 - Senate has a conference committee
- House still needs to appoint conferees

Membership:

- The new directory is available in print and in CD-ROM format. Members at the meeting can pick up their directories from Margaret. Please let Margaret know if you have technical limitations or difficulties that prevent your use of the CD-ROM directory.
 - A new brochure is available.
 - VALL now has association email addresses for board members as follows:
 - o president@vallonline.org
 - o vicepresident@vallonline.org
 - o secretary@vallonline.org
 - o treasurer@vallonline.org
 - o newsletter@vallonline.org
 - o VALL has 17 new members:
- VALL membership is distributed as follows: 51% academic, 23% private law firm, 21% court/agency, 5% other

Newsletter:

Deadline for submissions is January 1, 2006.

Placement:

Soon there will be a Jobline available on the VALL web site.

Programs:

- Thanks to Sally Holterhoff, chapter visitor from AALL; Thanks to Tim Coggins and the UR staff for hosting the meeting; Thanks to Gail Zwirner, Lisa Reinhard and Michelle Gernhard for coordinating the programs; Thanks to LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group and to GSI for sponsorships
- The Winter 2006 meeting will be hosted by Rob Weber at the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg on February 10, 2006.

Public Relations:

An announcement about the new VALL officers was sent to *AALL Spectrum* and *The Richmond Times Dispatch* for publication.

Publications:

- There is a new edition to the *Guide to Legal Research in Virginia*, Numerous chapter revisions were completed by VALL members.
The December 2005 issue of *The Virginia Lawyer* is an “all librarian” issue.

Recruitment:

This committee is working with the membership committee to determine an effective recruiting use for the new brochure.

New Business

- **VALL web site redesign**
 - Micheal Klepper, Allison White and Dave Denton will be working on the redesign
 - Paul Birch has agreed to remain webmaster
 - A test site will be available at the February VALL meeting
 - The new site will be migrated from its current server to the AALL website.

- **AALL Education Summit**
 - 60-70 AALL chapter and committee leaders met to discuss a variety of topics in order to provide AALL with suggestions about the role of AALL is providing educational programs outside of the annual meeting.
 - Three task forces were created: Funding, Calendaring and Speakers' Bureau, Framework and Oversight
 - Marie Hamm, Joyce Janto and Gail Warren attended.
 - See the complete report at <http://www.aallnet.org/services/Education-Summit-Final-Report.pdf>
 - VALL Member serving on Task Forces:
Joyce Janto – Funding Task Force

- **2006 AALL Annual Meeting Program**
 - VALL is co-sponsoring with SEALL a full day workshop on advanced web searching.
The workshop is being coordinated by Tim Chinaris, Charles Oates and Cindy Smith

- **VSB Online Legal Services Evaluation Committee**
 - The committee met with 2 vendors with the goal of choosing a provider of online legal services that would be made available to bar members as a benefit of membership
 - An antitrust issue was raised and the Supreme Court of Virginia issued a rule of court
 - A second RFP was issued and one vendor responded
 - Negotiations with this vendor are progressing
 - VALL has been volunteered to design a training program and materials that will help with the implementation of this service. Contact Gail Warren with your interest and suggestions.
VA law librarians will be issued passwords.

Motion to adjourn: Fred Dingley

Second: Gail Warren

Meeting adjourned: 1:15 pm



Tony Ikwueme from Liberty University School of Law Library and Sally Wambold from the University of Richmond Law School Library

VALL Crowd





AALL Vice President/President Elect, Sally Holterhoff, chatting with VALL members at the Saturday breakfast.

AALL Vice President/President, Sally Holterhoff, with VALL President, Marie Hamm. Sally was the AALL Chapter Visitor at VALL's annual meeting at the University of Richmond Law Library.



Patty Petroccione from the Walter T. McCarthy Law Library and Donna Bausch from the Norfolk Law Library.



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From the President Marie Hamm

Justice Felix Frankfurter once said that “gratitude is one of the least articulate of the emotions, especially when it is deep.” As I write my last message as VALL President, I understand the full import of his words. VALL is an amazing organization, filled to overflowing with smart, talented, funny, and fun-loving members. It has been an honor to serve as president and I thank each of you for the opportunity.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the members of the Executive Board--Evelyn Campbell, Cathy Palombi, Jeanne Ullian, Leanne Battle, Teresa Schmid, Fred Dingley and Micheal Klepper—for their collective wisdom and wit. Their suggestions, insights, and well-reasoned responses to my many emails were absolutely invaluable.

Chris Byrne, Femi Cadmus, Evelyn Campbell, Margaret Christiansen, Tim Coggins, Joyce Janto, Charles Oates, Caroline Osborne, Isabel Paul, Eric Welsh, and Gail Zwirner served as committee chairs. I am grateful for their efforts and so pleased that the committees were able to accomplish so much under their leadership. I am especially indebted to Micheal Klepper, both for his amazing performance as editor of the *VALL Newsletter* and for his willingness to take on the daunting job of redesigning and updating the VALL website; to Margaret Christiansen and the members of the Membership Committee for their work on the *VALL Directory*; and to Gail Zwirner, for coordinating the well-received librarian issue of the *Virginia Lawyer* and for her willingness to dedicate her time and attention to the 2007 Code Project Work Group.

I'd also like to extend special thanks to Paul Birch, VALL Webmaster; Terry Long, VLA Liaison, Gail Warren, Archivist, and Jennifer Sekula, Editor of the *VALL Chapter Leadership Handbook*.

Finally, I'd like to thank Donna Bausch and Jill Burr for encouraging me to undertake the VALL presidency, and Charles Oates, Gail Warren, Lyn Warmath, Tim Coggins, and Gail Zwirner, for allowing me the benefit of their collective experience.

Thanks to the efforts of Evelyn Campbell and the Program Committee, VALL has enjoyed another year of excellent educational programming. For our Spring Quarter meeting, VALL will join LLSDC at George Mason Law Library on Friday, May 19. Speakers Billie Jo Kaufman and Deborah Keene will get beyond your basic browser and explore technology trends, tricks, and tactics that can increase productivity. The Summer Quarter Luncheon Meeting will take place Tuesday, July 11, at *Kitchen K* in St. Lois, Missouri. Complete details and registration information for both meetings is available on the VALL website at <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/>.

Thank you once again for a wonderful year. I hope that each of you will be able to "meet me in St. Louie."

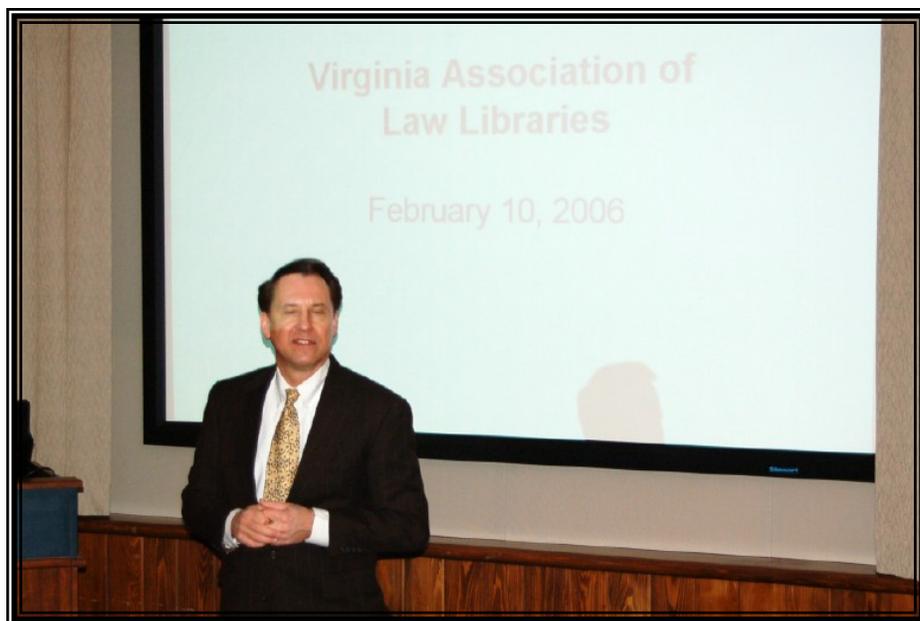
Marie

IN AND AROUND VALL



Remember to sign up for Committees

It's that time again -- we are putting together the committees for 2006-2007 and we need VALLers to sign up for committees. The form has been posted on the VALL website <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/> or send Evelyn Campbell (ecampbell@hunton.com) an email with your committee selection.



Robert N. Baldwin, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of the National Center for State Courts, welcoming VALL members to the Winter meeting which was held at the NCSC in Williamsburg on Feb. 10. Thirty-five VALL members attended the meeting.

IN AND AROUND VALL



Rebecca Hulse, Adjunct Professor of Law, W&M Marshall-Wythe School of Law, and self-proclaimed law librarian groupie, giving VALL members an overview of the current practices and policies regarding public access to private legal information.

Long time VALL member and now library consultant, Jean Holcomb, speaking on the challenges and opportunities as court technology makes information more accessible.





MINUTES
VALL General Business Meeting
National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, VA
February 10, 2006

Call to Order

Minutes – waived

Treasurer’s Report

No new deposits or withdrawals since Winter Newsletter Report

Checking account balance currently \$17,527.11

Received two support checks from LexisNexis

\$700 for luncheon at AALL Annual Meeting; \$675 to support printing of VALL Membership

Directory

Committee Reports

Grants

VALL will offer two grants to the AALL Annual Meeting

One for the VP (or a Board member if the VP doesn’t need it)

One for a general VALL member

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One for a VALL member

One for a student



Application will be posted to VALL website

Received \$750 grant from LexisNexis

Legislative Awareness – no report

Membership

Reimbursed for directory XP

No change in membership since last directory

Some minor changes need to be made – may be made available via password-protected
area of VALL website

Newsletter

Deadline for next issue is April 1, 2006

Placement – no report

Program

Spring Meeting will be held May 19, 2006, at George Mason

Will be joint meeting with LLSDC

Public Relations – no report

Publications

Congratulations to Gail Warren on Virginia Lawyer issue with law librarian-written articles

Cited by Claire Germaine in Note from the President

Recruitment – no report



New Business

Currently drafting letter to Va. Chief Justice Hassell outlining VALL suggestions re: Code of Va. 2007

Thanks to Gail Warren and Gail Zwirner

AALL Chapter VIP

Need suggestions ASAP

AALL wants every chapter to have a VIP this year

Marie will send members list of past Chapter VIPs

VCOG membership renewal

Proposed to authorize Treasurer to renew VCOG membership on annual basis. Motion was made and unanimously approved.

VALL grants

Will be approved for two years in their current form, then we'll review

Bylaw amendments

Due to the need for further changes, vote on amending the bylaws has been postponed to the

May meeting

Ballot on constitutional amendments will include ballot for Executive Board candidates and proposed revisions to bylaws



Constitutional amendments

Article VII. Amendments.

It was asked whether the change in language would allow any form of electronic voting, not just the membership concluded that it would

Article VIII. Bylaws.

Some concern was expressed that the amendments seemed to make it easier to amend the constitution than the bylaws

Under proposed changes, bylaw amendments would still need to be voted on at a meeting

Constitution can be amended by print or electronic vote

It was decided to postpone voting on amendment to Article VIII until further revisions could be made

Ballot will be mailed to members asking to vote on proposed Amendment to Article VII of the Constitution. This ballot will also contain the list of candidates for Executive Board positions. The revised proposals for amending the Bylaws and Article VIII of the Constitution will be enclosed with the ballots, and will be discussed at the May meeting.



Suggestion was made to revise entire Constitution

President agreed to investigate this option further

New VALL Officers

President presented slate of nominees for open VALL Executive Board positions

Floor opened for other nominations; none made

Slate approved

VP/Program Chair – Margaret Christiansen; Secretary – Jane Baugh; Director – Femi Cadmus

VALL website re-design

Executive Board is working with Mike Klepper on content

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Program Summaries 2005 - 2006

Beyond 2007 : The Futute of Public Information in Virginia (VALL Annual Meeting, Nov 4 -5, 2005):

2007 Code of Virginia: The Implications of the Reorganization:

Cheryl Jackson, Library Manager, Virginia Division of Legislative Services; Brian Cole, Manager of Statutory Editorial Operations, Lexis-Nexis; Karl Findorf, Principal Attorney Editor, Thomson/West; updated VALL members on the progress of the reorganization of the code from the legislature's and publishers' perspectives.

The Future of the Virginia Public Records Act:

Lisa Wallmeyer, Executive Director of the Joint Commission on Technology, Division of Legislative Services, spoke about the history of the VPRA , its current position and where the act was likely headed.

Finding and Using Company and Business Resources:

Karen King, Library Director, Darden Graduate Business Library, University of Virginia, gave VALL members an exercise in using various resources to find business information.

Lawyers Helping Lawyers: A Way to Support Troubled Legal Professionals:

James E. Leffler, mental Health Services Coordinator, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, educated VALL members on the dangers of substance abuse and the help available in Virginia for not only lawyers but also law librarians.

Luncheon Speaker: Sally Holterhoff, AALL Vice-President/President Elect.

Access to Court Records: Public vs Privacy Rights (VALL Winter Meeting, Feb. 10, 2006):

Rebecca Hulse, Adjunct Professor of Law, William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law, gave an overview on current practices/policies regarding public access to private legal information.

Jim McMillan, Senior Court Technology Consultant, National Center for State Courts, spoke on the validation and verification of electronic information in the judicial and legal system.

Tom Carlson, Internet Communication Specialist, National Center for State Courts, introduced VALL members to Global Justice XML Data Model (GJXDM), a standard for information sharing among justice agencies.

Jean Holcomb, Consultant, spoke on the challengers and opportunities as court technology makes information more accessible and how law librarians can make sure that no new barriers are created for the public.

Joint VALL/LLSDC Spring Meeting (May 19, 2006):

Technology for the Non-Teches:

Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library & Information Resources, American University Washington College of Law, Pence Law Library, gave a presentation on current and emerging information technology relevant to the law librarian.

Beyond Internet Explorer: Alternative Browsers and Toolbars:

Deborah Keene, Associate Dean, Library and Technology, George Mason University Law Library, showed that in spite of Microsoft's Internet Explorer's dominance that there are now other alternative browsers that offer more advanced features, and that there are dozens of free add-on toolbars which enhance IE and other browsers.



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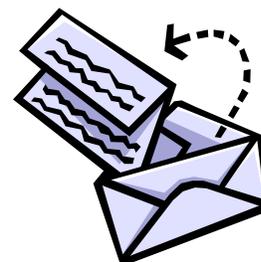
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From the President Evelyn Campbell

As I was waiting in line in sweltering midafternoon heat at my daughter's high school and contemplating my first message as president, I unwrapped a piece of Dove dark chocolate, in the hope that it might offer some temporary relief and inspiration. Smack in the middle of the wrapper was one of those Promises Messages that said Learn Something From Everyone You Meet.

And I realized that is precisely what I have done -- I have learned much from VALL folks. When I started out in law librarianship in 1991 I was struck by how friendly and sharing VALL members were -- always quick to welcome and lend a hand. Fifteen years later, it is still a sentiment I hold and as we start a new 2006 - 2007 term, I'd like to call upon that giving spirit once again and ask VALL members to share their vast talents through

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committee work.

When you give of your time, your ideas and your experience, you make VALL a better association and you lay the foundation for future generations of law librarians. We will be completing some things that started out in the previous term and we hope to have some new and exciting projects from the various committees. Each and everyone's participation will be greatly needed and appreciated. It is as simple as sending me an email and letting me know what you would like to do.

Evelyn



VALL President Marie S. Hamm & LLSDC President Elizabeth LeDoux, welcoming members to the Joint VALL/LLSDC meeting at George Mason University Law Library.

VALL & LLSDC members listening intently to Deborah Keene and Billie Jo Kaufman as they make their presentations.



VALL Committee Chairs 2006 - 2007

By-Laws: Marie Hamm	Grants: Marty Rush
Legislative Awareness: Terry Long	Membership: Michele Gernhardt
Newsletter: Micheal Klepper	Nominating: Nancy Loewenberg
Placement: Femi Cadmus	Public Relations: Jean Holcomb Leanne Battle
Publications: Gail Warren	Preservation: Patricia Petroccione
Programs: Margaret Christiansen	Recruitment: Anthony Ikwueme

Administrative Positions 2006 2007

Archivist	Gail Warren
Chapter Leadership Handbook Editor	Jennifer Sekula
Postmaster	Terry Long
VLA Liaison	Alyssa Altshuler
Webmaster	Paul Birch

VALL meeting
5/19/2006

Call to order: Marie Hamm

Minutes: Change in minutes from first quarter meeting. Gail Zwirner should have been credited with the work for the Publications committee. The change has been made.

Treasurers report: Balance as of 5/15/2006: \$19703.44
The VALL checking account has been transferred from a personal account to a business account at SunTrust Bank.

Grants: Cindy Smith has been awarded \$1000 in grant money to attend the AALL annual meeting. The LexisNexis travel grant supplied \$750 of those funds and the VALL grants committee supplied the remaining \$250.

Membership: It's renewal time! The VALL membership year is June 1- May 31. 59% of the membership had already renewed as of 5/19/2006.

Nominating Committee: Charles Oates thanked his committee, Lyn Warmath and Bobbie Denny, for their work in putting together the 2006-2007 slate of VALL officers.

Placement Committee: The placement committee will be adding a web presence on the VALL web site for the coming year.

Programs: Thanks to Femi Cadmus, Merrill Chertok, Michelle Gernhardt and Lisa Reinhard for their hard work on the terrific programs we have enjoyed at VALL meetings over the past year.

Website Redesign: The content is currently under review.

New Business:

The VALL Secretary requested the permission of the association to destroy the paper ballots returned in the last VALL election. A motion was made and seconded from the floor and approved unanimously.

Gifts were presented to Marie Hamm in recognition of her service as VALL President.

The new slate of officers was presented:

President: Evelyn Campbell

Program Chair/President Elect: Margaret Christiansen

Secretary: Jane Baugh

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Director: Femi Cadmus

Continuing Business:

Bylaws: Changes unanimously approved with no discussion.

Changes made to:

- Article 1, Section 1(d)
- Article 1, Section 2 (d, e, f, g)
- Article II, Section 1
- Article III, Section 1, ¶ 1-6
- Article IV, ¶ 1-7
- Article V, ¶ 1
- Article VI, Section II(a, b, c)
- Article VI, Section 4

Constitution: No discussion of proposed changes. Proper notice will be sent and a ballot will be distributed prior to the next VALL meeting.

Changes proposed for:

- Article VII
- Article VIII

Meeting adjourned.



Outgoing president Marie Hamm and incoming president Evelyn M. Campbell, vice president/president elect Margaret Christiansen, secretary Jane Baugh, directors Fred Dingley and Femi Cadmus.

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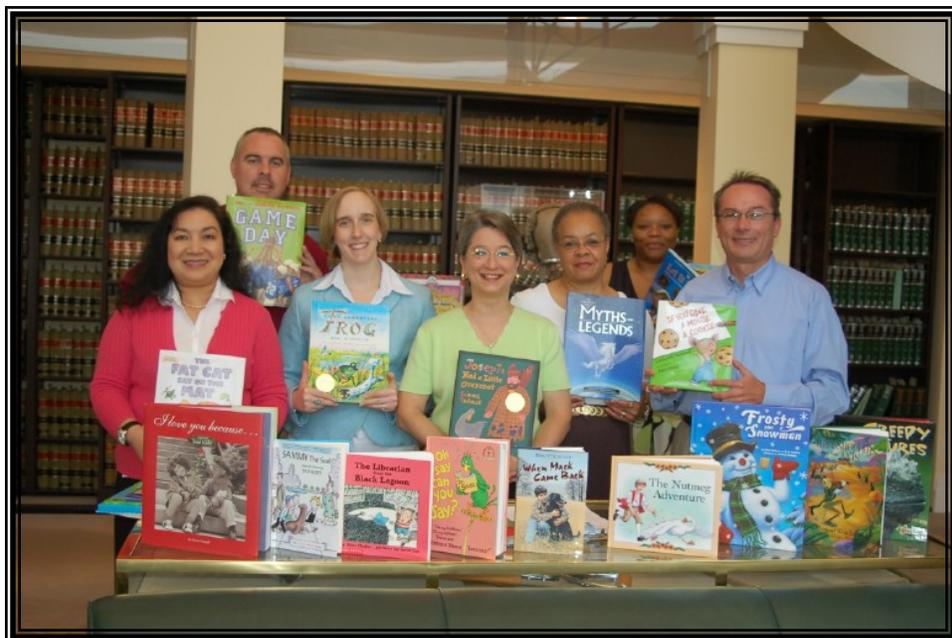


National Center for State Courts

Robert K. Weber, Senior Librarian at the National Center for State Courts, Williamsburg, will be leaving in July to take up a position with the Georgia Historical Society in Savannah. We wish Rob all the best and we thank him for his participation in VALL activities. Rob was on the 2005-2006 Program Committee and was instrumental in coordinating the VALL Winter Meeting.

Hunton & Williams

Hunton & Williams' libraries celebrated National Library Week this year by collecting about 1,000 books for the Hancock Public Library System in Mississippi. The project **Books for Katrina** kicked off during National Library Week and lasted for a month. Librarians organized miniature golf tournaments, brought in doughnuts and the Richmond library staff put their baking talents to the test and put together a dessert spread to entice attorneys and staff to bring in books or donate money. William Perkins baked his first cheesecake for the occasion ... a Vermont Maple Cheesecake which was quite a hit!



IN AND AROUND VALL



Congratulations to Michele Gernhardt for being awarded the AALL Educational Scholarship, Type 1: Library Degree for Law School Graduates. She is enrolled in the library science program at the Catholic University of America and will finish up this fall. Michele who is a reference librarian at Hunton & Williams' Richmond library received her undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Binghamton and her law degree from the University of Richmond's T.C. Williams School of Law.

She is a member of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Virginia Association of Law Libraries and is the chair of the Membership Committee and is a board member of the Friends of the Richmond Public Library and is librarian and member of the board of directors for the Richmond Choral Society.

Michele is married to Alan, a staff attorney for the Division of Legislative Services Freedom of Information Advisory Council. They have three cats -- Electra, Fiesty and Skit. She enjoys reading, working on home improvement projects and singing.

VALL Annual Meeting

The form for the grant to attend the VALL Annual Meeting is available on VALL's web site.

http://law.richmond.edu/vall/2007_%20VALL_Annual_Meeting_Grant_Form.pdf

Applications must be received by September 1, 2006 for the 2007 Annual Meeting.

IN AND AROUND VALL



How movies are made:

In a move that only martial arts experts are known for, the VALL Board sneaks up on Marie Hamm with something in a bag..... It's a nice bag and well decorated. What is going on????



VALLers, in deep concentration, do not notice the stealth that is happening right before their eyes. This only magnifies the surprise awaiting Marie. Donna, though, in a look that can only be described as a smirk, sees what is happening. Could she be in on the madness? What does she know that others do not?

Marie is surprised! And it's not just a bag, but something is in the bag! No one, not even the ever alert VALL squad, knows what is in the package. Could it be???? Yes, it looks like a meatloaf! The bag is discarded. Margaret reacts to the shocking move..... The bag is thrown away like, like, why it's almost like..... why? It was well decorated!!!



IN AND AROUND VALL



A happy ending! It's not a meatloaf!!!! A shocking development, but Vegetarians from VALL (VFV) are ecstatic that the package contains a clock..... Marie seems relieved. It's a pretty clock, every bit as pretty as the bag that was discarded like yesterday's news. Ahhhh, nothing like a happy ending though.

Silent? Boomer? X'er? Millennial?

Jeanne Ullian
Williams Mullen



No iPod; no cell phone; no cable TV; no doubt this is being written by someone from the far side of the boomer generation. However, don't write me off just yet. I started using computers before IT and MIS existed. LexisNexis apparently saw a future in me—I was selected to attend the recent biennial Teaching Research in Private Law Libraries (TRIPLL) Conference sponsored by their Librarian Relations Group.

What's so great about TRIPLL? It's small—about 30 attendees. It's all inclusive—you eat and meet together, then retire to your private room to regroup. It's focused—the title tells it all. It's free—my firm only had to cover airfare. It's intensive—from lunch on Friday through lunch on Sunday you are with the group in either formal or informal sessions except for minor breaks. It's fun—good to be with a group that really understands what you do. It's inspiring—a constant reminder that there is always more than one good way to do something.



Attendees were selected to represent the diversity of law firms both in size and location. The Council (organizers and presenters) were familiar Librarian Relations people as well as previous attendees along with one not-to-be-forgotten, truly dynamic, outside presenter—Mel Fugate, Assistant Professor of Management and Organization, Cox School of Business, Southern Methodist University. Mel's energy level was awesome. He incorporated several generational teaching methods into his presentations—reinforcing “what he said, with what he did.” He also added that important “outside element” I believe adds greatly to any meeting. I find meetings where everyone is a librarian that we often too easily accept the way it has been, the way it is, the way it will be, or defer to our elders. An objective outsider can see more clearly where change would be most effective and how best to achieve it. After all, we are not the only teachers in the world dealing with generational issues.

While I was familiar with some of the generational teaching concepts that were central to several of the presentations I believe that hearing them again and subsequently interacting in small groups with librarians from the other generations increased my acceptance that there are real differences, that we need to acknowledge them, and that we need to deal with them if we hope to teach effectively. At the same time I think we all agreed that the lines are not absolute. It is still possible to hold the attention of a millennial in a lecture; boomers are the experts at power searching.

Over my desk I have a small framed copy of Ranganathan's Five Laws. I learned them years ago and continue to be amazed as their relevance (if you broaden the definition of book).

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Books are for use
 Every reader his book
 Every book its reader
 Save the time of the reader
 The library is a growing organism



I expected to come away from this conference well-versed in group teaching methods and instead learned the one-on-one teaching that I prefer and that I justify with law number four above is still very much in use in firms of all sizes. There is nothing like teaching someone exactly what they need to know, when they need to know it, using a method suitable for them. What is new is technologies like WebEx and Podcasting in which you can make this personal teaching experience available on demand 24/7.

Do you post promotional flyers in your restroom stalls? Do you have a topic that lends itself to a ten-minute, on-the-hour, drop-in session rather than an hour-long program? Could you use Web-monkey (free for limited use) to do a quick survey? It's not that hard to make it "fun" and educational.

While creature comforts should not be the judge of a good gathering I admit that I thrive in an environment in which I do not have to be concerned about where to eat, what to eat, and with whom to eat. At TRIPLL, held in a lovely resort near Dallas, all these other decisions were kept to a minimum. Food was set out; limousine rides at either end took care of the driving.

I expected TRIPLL to be good and I expected it to have a focus on LexisNexis materials and services. I found TRIPLL excellent with virtually no mention of LexisNexis. In like manner I write this not to advertise for LexisNexis, but rather to encourage other librarians to consider this opportunity. Whatever their motivation LexisNexis is to be congratulated for providing this educational experience for private law librarians—one I am grateful to have attended.





VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2005 - April 30, 2006

RECEIPTS

Sponsorship	\$675.00
Membership Dues:	\$3,170.00
Meetings:	\$6,940.38
Newsletter:	
Donations:	\$970.00

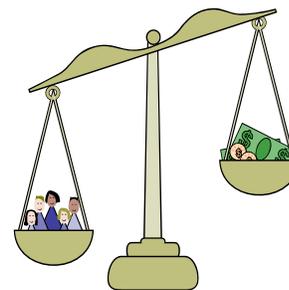
EXPENDITURES

Membership:	\$930.75
Meetings:	\$4,124.75
Newsletter:	
Grants:	\$750.00
Supplies:	\$38.08
Post Office Box:	\$72.00
Postage:	\$94.50
Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	\$110.00
Educational Sponsorships:	
Miscellaneous:	\$219.67

TOTAL: \$6,639.75



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$13,360.31
RECEIPTS:	\$11,755.38
EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$6,639.75</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$18,475.94



For the full report, contact Jeanne Ullian at jullian@williamsmullen.com



VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 2006 - June 13, 2006

RECEIPTS

Sponsorship	
Membership Dues:	\$1,527.50
Meetings:	\$2,019.03
Newsletter:	
Donations:	\$750.00

Total: **\$4,296.53**

EXPENDITURES

Membership:	
Meetings:	\$1,726.57
Newsletter:	
Grants:	\$1,000.00
Supplies:	\$180.83
Post Office Box:	
Postage:	
Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	
Educational Sponsorships:	
Miscellaneous:	\$40.00

TOTAL: **\$2,947.40**



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$18,475.94
RECEIPTS:	\$4,296.53
EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$2,947.40</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$19,825.07



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Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Ullian

Fiscal 2005/2006 Final Report

Since my last report our major expenditures have been: \$110 for VCOG 2005/2006 annual dues, \$72 for PO Box Renewal, \$132.58 for the mailing of ballots (with copying costs underwritten by LexisNexis), and \$48.25 for new checks. We received a check from West for \$1070.38 to cover catering expenses at the Winter Quarter Meeting.

With a Beginning Cash Balance of \$13,360.31 and an Ending Cash Balance of \$18,475.94 we end the 2005/2006 year on a positive note. Our balance increase is primarily due to vendor underwriting of: the directory; quarterly meeting catering expenses, grants, and printing costs. Annual membership dues are another important contribution as well as decreased costs as we move more of our communications to electronic format.

In addition to our checking account we have a Savings Account, which shows a balance of \$2082.00 as of May 5, 2006.

On May 5, 2006 our checking account and savings account at SunTrust were converted from a Personal Account (grandfathered in under our EIN to function as a Business Account) to a true Business Account. We now have checking plus interest and I am looking into moving some of our funds into CDs. The Business Account will greatly simplify the "signature issue" as our officers change from year to year.

This is also the last year that we will be reporting on a May 1 through April 30 "fiscal year." For several good reasons the Treasurer Excel spreadsheets were set up with these dates. However, according to our bylaws our fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31. To facilitate this change I am moving our records into Quicken, which will also make it easier to pull out reports that overlap the fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Report (based on May 1, 2006-May 31, 2007 FY)

Our checking account balance as of June 13, 2006 is \$19,825.07. This increase is due primarily to 2006/2007 membership renewals. Cynthia Smith was awarded the 2006 VALL Grant for \$1000 to attend AALL. LexisNexis funded \$750 of this amount with the remaining \$250 from VALL funds.



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Williamsburg, VA

Femi Cadmus
George Mason University Law Library
Arlington, VA

Ex Officio

Micheal Klepper
University of Virginia School of Law
Charlottesville, VA

VALL Website:

<http://law.richmond.edu/vall/>

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From the President Evelyn Campbell

This summer has been a tumultuous one for our little association. It was with deep regret that we accepted the resignation of the vice president/president elect, Margaret Christiansen. We wish her all the best as she battles her health issues and we look forward to having her participate in VALL activities again very soon. We are grateful that Kevin Butterfield was brave enough to say "yes" when we came calling and I am looking forward to the fresh new perspective and ideas Kevin will bring to this position. It will be an exciting new year for VALL.

I hope that you will all take advantage of the publishing and marketing ideas from the upcoming annual meeting on Nov. 3 - 4, the theme of which evolved from suggestions and ideas from various committee chairs and members of VALL.

Once again VALL members took up the challenge of putting together programs under a very tight deadline created by circumstances beyond anyone's control and they rose to the occasion. Thank you all for your hard work!

Come one, come all, and enjoy fall in Richmond.

Evelyn



VALL at St. Louis with the AALL Birthday cake. With so many high rollers in VALL, they let us keep the cake. Well I guess they did, Gail and Joyce were wheeling it out.

Evelyn, Gail, Leanne, and Theresa surround Merrill Chertok, late of the Alexandria Public Law Library.



VALL Committee Chairs 2006 - 2007

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Legislative Awareness: Terry Long	Membership: Michele Gernhardt
Newsletter: Micheal Klepper	Nominating: Nancy Loewenberg
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Programs: Margaret Christiansen	Recruitment: Anthony Ikwueme

Administrative Positions 2006 2007

Archivist	Gail Warren
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VLA Liaison	Alyssa Altshuler
Webmaster	Paul Birch

VALL Spring Quarterly Meeting
Kitchen K, St. Louis, MO
7/11/06

Call to order: Evelyn Campbell

Minutes: Change in minutes from second quarter meeting. Jennifer Sekula and Robert Weber should have been listed as members of the Program Committee. The minutes were approved with the corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of 7/1/06, \$18,275.94. The membership voted to give \$300 to the Virginia Library Association for their legislative efforts.

Grants Committee: The application form for the grant to attend the Annual Meeting is now available on the website. The grant for the AALL annual meeting will be posted next spring.

Membership Committee: It's still renewal time, and memberships are still being added and renewed.

Nominating Committee: The Gentle Persuaders look forward to members' willingness to serve VALL when asked.

Public Relations: The Public Relations Committee has 2 initiatives for this year:

- 1) They are developing a form for nominating a chapter VIP, emphasizing the return on the investment for VALL. Members are urged to look for VIPs with whom we can build a relationship or an understanding;
- 2) They have written a model press release to announce members' achievements. Send them your news, and they will send the press release to the appropriate outlet.

Handbook Editor: An interim version of the VALL Handbook is ready, and will be on the website soon. If you see changes that need to be made to it, please let Jennifer Sekula know as soon as possible.

Website Redesign: Micheal Klepper is waiting to coordinate suggestions made at last Board meeting. Marie Hamm is working on the secondary content, much of which is out-of-date. Volunteers are welcome to help with the design or to critique drafts.

New Business: The VALL pre-party will be at 5:45 on July 12 in room 1745 of the Renaissance Grand. Joyce Janto handed out tickets for the VALL table.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.



It's been a busy summer for VALL members! For those who are leaving the state and law librarianship, we wish you all the best, and for those who are changing places of employment, we look forward to seeing you at VALL events.

1. After ten years as Director of the Alexandria Law Library, Merrill Chertok, has moved on to a new position as Manager of Site Libraries for Microsoft Corporation. During her first year, she will help design a new library facility at the company's headquarters in Redmond, Washington, while managing the activities of three satellite library sites spread across the country. She and her husband are very excited about moving to the beautiful Pacific Northwest region, but will miss the sunshine! Although she is moving to a corporate environment, Merrill plans to remain active in law librarianship by attending and speaking at professional meetings, and hopes to meet up with all of her VALL colleagues at the annual luncheon.
2. Former VALL President, Bobbie Denny, has left the Fairfax Public Law Library to pursue other interests.
3. Theresa Schmid who was with the Richmond Public Law Library has moved to the Virginia Legislative Reference Center as research associate.
4. Eileen Meagher formerly of the Chesterfield County Public Law Library is now the library assistant at Hirschler Fleischer in Richmond.
5. William Perkins, who was automation/reference librarian at the Richmond library of Hunton & Williams has moved across the street to the Federal Reserve Bank where he is senior library information analyst.

<p>2007 Spring Meeting Location: Lynchburg, VA Host: Liberty University Law Library Date: May 11 - 12 Theme: What is/Are Lawyering Skills?</p> <p>2007 Spring Meeting Location: Lynchburg, VA Host: Liberty University Law Library Date: May 11 - 12 Theme: What is/Are Lawyering Skills?</p>	<p>2007 Annual Meeting Joint VLA/VALL Meeting Location: The Homestead Date: Nov. 1 - 2 Theme: Has not been set yet Keynote speakers: David Baldacci & Roy Tennant</p>
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**From: Heather H. Buchanan
Suffolk Law Library**

Suffolk's Law library opens its doors to all

Allison T. Williams Don't come expecting legal advice. But users of the Suffolk Law Library can expect to find a wealth of resources at their fingertips that will enable them to better understand and, perhaps resolve, their own legal issues.

Tucked away in a corner of the third floor of the Mills E. Godwin Jr. Courts Building, the law library has more than 1,000 volumes of law books and legal periodicals available to the public and law community.

For more of this story, click on or type the URL below:

<http://www.suffolknewsherald.com/articles/2006/06/13/news/news2.txt>

In the count me in for the other ticket award.....

For attending the LexisNexis Litigation Service suite of product demonstrations at the AALL Annual meeting exhibition, **Jane R. Baugh**, Information Services Director at Woods Rogers PLC in Roanoke, VA, won a cruise for two to the Bahamas and Nassau aboard Royal Caribbean's Majesty of the Seas. Bon Voyage, Jane!

And Congrats to:

The LexisNexis/John R. Johnson Memorial Scholarships and the LexisNexis Academic & Library Solutions/James F. Connelly Scholarships ensure more AALL members will reach their educational goals. These scholarships are named for LexisNexis visionaries who strongly believed in the value of law librarians-and in their potential as the legal profession evolved.

A 2006 scholarship recipient from VALL is:

Michele Gernhardt

St. Louis Roundup

Cynthia L. Smith

McGuireWoods LLP

Traveling to AALL this year felt a little different. For the first time, I was a speaker and not just an attendee. I am not normally nervous about presentations, but the idea of a national audience was causing a few twinges. Since our program was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, I had plenty of time to imagine all the worst case scenarios. I also had ample time to attend seminars, “network”, browse the vendor hall and see a bit of St Louis. Here are some of the things I enjoyed most.

Program highlights:

And You Thought Gadgets Were Only for the Kitchen>Returns: current gadgets

I had heard praise of previous presentations and looked forward to seeing the “show”. VALL’s own Roger Skalbeck and friends presented a lively program highlighting the latest technology gadgets. Two particular items are now on my wish list. First is the PowerSquid <http://www.powersquid.net/>. With its wide-spreading tentacles, PowerSquid eliminates the hassles of traditional power strips by allowing easy access to all sockets and high level surge protection. Features vary by model, but this product is both functional and cool looking. What more could you ask! The second item that caught my attention was the Swiss Army knife with USB flash drive <http://www.thinkgeek.com>. This is such a strange combination of items (also includes a red LED light, ballpoint pen, knife, scissors, file with screwdriver) that I feel compelled to buy one for that perfect combination of novelty and practicality. As someone mentioned during the session – if it only had a corkscrew!

Suvery Skill: asking the right questions

In part one of this program, Ronda Fisch discussed the use of surveys as an effective tool to gather feedback on the quality of service we currently deliver and to assist in planning future services. Much of the discussion focused on determining what to ask and how to present the questions most effectively. Part two was led by Stephanie Fox and focused on how to create surveys using free or low-cost survey software. Tools like Survey Monkey and Zoomerang allow users to easily create professional-looking electronic surveys. These tools also offer several ways to collate and analyze your results.

Exhibit Hall notables:

All of the usual suspects were in the exhibit hall this year, hawking the traditional wears. A couple of new products stood out for me.

Casesoft (<http://www.casesoft.com/>) has developed software that many litigation teams would appreciate. CaseMap allows you to analyze and connect the facts, events, key players and issues in your case. Companion software, TimeMap allows you to quickly create simple and intricate visual time lines for your projects. While they have been around for a while, the company was recently

acquired by LexisNexis.

Contour Design (see <http://www.contourdesign.com>) also had an intriguing computer product, but not a program. This company produces the Roller Mouse. This ergonomically designed device replaces the traditional mouse thereby eliminating some of the typical shoulder and wrist strains. While the website is informative, this product *feels* so different that only an actual demonstration can really convey how great this product. This is also on the wish list!

Best quote of the conference: "Everyone is entitled to their own opinions, everyone is not entitled to their own facts." *Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Wolff during his presentation on Trends in Legal Education and in Law Practice*

Must see in St. Louis: Everyone should see the Botanical Gardens and take the obligatory ride to the top of the Arch.

As for my earlier twinges, no worst case scenarios occurred. Tim Chinaris, Charles Oates and I presented a program many of you may have seen at a VALL or SEAALL meeting in the past – *Pioneering Professionalism: the journey begins with ethics*. The PowerPoint worked, Tim and Charles were great, I remembered most of the points I wanted to make and we had great audience participation. As I say after every presentation - Over Equals Success!

I left St Louis feeling better informed and better connected to my colleagues and my profession.



OK then, what better way to connect with your colleagues..... Jeez , those are some rosy cheeks.



VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 1, 2006 - October 12, 2006

RECEIPTS

Sponsorship	
Membership Dues:	\$ 2,085.00
Meetings:	\$ 3,558.02
Newsletter:	
Donations:	\$ 750.00

Total: \$ 6,393.02

EXPENDITURES

Membership:	
Meetings:	\$2,918.47
Newsletter:	
Grants:	\$1,000.00
Supplies:	\$180.83
Post Office Box:	
Postage:	\$132.58
Donations:	\$300.00
VALL Memberships:	\$110.00
Educational Sponsorships:	
Miscellaneous	\$5,188.90

TOTAL: \$9,830.78



BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$18,475.94
RECEIPTS:	\$ 6,393.02
EXPENDITURES:	<u>\$ 9,830.78</u>
ENDING BALANCE:	\$15,038.18



For the full report, contact Jeanne Ullian at jullian@williamsmullen.com

Treasurers Report
Jeanne Ullian

Recent disbursements include \$110 for our annual membership renewal to the Virginia Coalition for Open Government (VCOG), \$300 for our annual donation to the Virginia Library Association (VLA) Legislative Fund, and \$130 to renew our liability insurance through AALL.

Kevin Butterfield, our new VP/PE has been busy signing SunTrust forms granting him full rights over all of our financial accounts. With two approved signatures we were finally able to transfer \$5000 from the VALL checking account into a 13-month CD, which is earning interest.

Our treasury continues to grow due to membership renewals and good budgeting by our meeting planners. The efforts of Michele Gernhardt, membership chair, will soon be evident in the publication of our 2006/2007 Membership Directory. However, I have advised the IRS through Form 990 that we are still below the minimum amount that requires sharing any of our funds with them!

For those interested in what the \$300 to VLA goes toward:

**Virginia Library Association
Approved Legislative Agenda 2007**

Funding—In Priority Order

Infopowering—Electronic Resources Through *FIND IT VIRGINIA!*

Find It Virginia provides a core electronic database collection of full text reference works, magazines/newspaper articles for all public libraries, K-12 and Community Colleges. VLA is requesting \$6M for FY 2008 to renew and expand these resources. Expanded resources are needed to support the current SOL's in the areas of literature, science and history. These funds will provide additional resources to all Virginians including after school homework help for students.

Without additional funding in FY 2008, it will not be possible to maintain the current resources due to price increases.

State Aid for Public Libraries

In the current FY07/08 budget, State Aid was funded at \$17.7M or 73% of full funding (\$24.2M) and represents a \$1.3M increase per year over FY 06 funding. As a result of this action, no additional funding will be requested at the 2007 General Assembly session. VLA will resume its efforts towards full funding for State Aid at the 2008 General Assembly session.

Library of Virginia

The Library of Virginia provides vital assistance to libraries throughout the Commonwealth. It also serves as Virginia's library, housing records and documents of importance to all citizens. VLA strongly supports the budget request of the Library of Virginia to the Virginia General Assembly for FY 2008.

Internet Access

Public Internet access in public libraries is regulated through locally developed and approved acceptable use policies. VLA strongly supports this existing policy.

VLA will support the legislative activities of the following:

VIVA
Virginia Educational Media Association
Virginia Association of Law Libraries

Treasurer's Report

Jeanne Ullian

Fiscal 2005/2006 Final Report

Since my last report our major expenditures have been: \$110 for VCOG 2005/2006 annual dues, \$72 for PO Box Renewal, \$132.58 for the mailing of ballots (with copying costs underwritten by LexisNexis), and \$48.25 for new checks. We received a check from West for \$1070.38 to cover catering expenses at the Winter Quarter Meeting.

With a Beginning Cash Balance of \$13,360.31 and an Ending Cash Balance of \$18,475.94 we end the 2005/2006 year on a positive note. Our balance increase is primarily due to vendor underwriting of: the directory; quarterly meeting catering expenses, grants, and printing costs. Annual membership dues are another important contribution as well as decreased costs as we move more of our communications to electronic format.

In addition to our checking account we have a Savings Account, which shows a balance of \$2082.00 as of May 5, 2006.

On May 5, 2006 our checking account and savings account at SunTrust were converted from a Personal Account (grandfathered in under our EIN to function as a Business Account) to a true Business Account. We now have checking plus interest and I am looking into moving some of our funds into CDs. The Business Account will greatly simplify the "signature issue" as our officers change from year to year.

This is also the last year that we will be reporting on a May 1 through April 30 "fiscal year." For several good reasons the Treasurer Excel spreadsheets were set up with these dates. However, according to our bylaws our fiscal year runs from June 1 through May 31. To facilitate this change I am moving our records into Quicken, which will also make it easier to pull out reports that overlap the fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Report (based on May 1, 2006-May 31, 2007 FY)

Our checking account balance as of June 13, 2006 is \$19,825.07. This increase is due primarily to 2006/2007 membership renewals. Cynthia Smith was awarded the 2006 VALL Grant for \$1000 to attend AALL. LexisNexis funded \$750 of this amount with the remaining \$250 from VALL funds.





SEND US YOUR NEWS!!!

Have you: Attended a seminar? Published an article? Received an award? Been elected or appointed to an office or committee? Traveled out of the state or country?

TELL US ABOUT IT! WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING!

WHO? _____

WHAT? _____

WHERE? _____

WHEN? _____

WHY? _____

HOW? _____

Submitted by _____

Library _____

Phone _____



Send your news to:

Micheal Klepper

Email Address:

mtk@virginia.edu







2006 VALL ANNUAL MEETING

Nov. 3 - 4, 2006

Hunton & Williams, LLP

951 E. Byrd St.

Richmond, VA 23219

<http://www.hunton.com/>

Lunch (check one) for Sat. Nov. 4:

All lunches served with chips and a gourmet cookie:

- Curried Chicken** with lettuce on flaky croissant
- Veggie** with lettuce, tomato, onion, sprouts, cucumber, cheddar on whole wheat
- Turkey BLT** with bacon, lettuce, tomato on jalapeno & cheddar bread
- New Yorker** - corned beef with swiss cheese & spicy mustard on caraway rye
(Lunch is sponsored by the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group)

NAME: _____

INSTITUTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-mail: _____

Publishing and Marketing Initiatives

Friday, Nov. 3:

1 - 1:45 p.m.: Registration : 20th Floor Foyer

1:45 - 2 p.m.: Welcome

2 - 3:00 p.m.: *It was a Dark and Stormy Night ...*

Ever been stuck like Snoopy and never quite getting past those first few words? This program will jump start your writing gears and offers tips on how and what to write for publications such as the Virginia Lawyers Weekly and The Journal

Speakers:

Deborah Elkins, Esq., Executive Editor, Virginia Lawyers Weekly.

Valerie M. O'Brien, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Theresa "Terry" L. Dolson, Faculty Development Specialist, Center for Teaching Learning & Technology, University of Richmond.

Moderator: **Gail Warren**, Publications Committee Chair.

3 - 3: 15: Break

3:15 - 4:15 p.m.: *The Past, Present and Future of the Virginia Supreme Court Digital Records & Briefs Project.*

On Feb. 23, 2004, Jim Heller sent this message out to the Virginia law school library directors and to the state law librarian, Gail Warren: *"I'm wondering how many of you have and currently receive the Va. S.Ct. Records and Briefs. If the answer is everyone, or mostly everyone -- I think GMU, Richmond, W&L, UVA and W&M have them, but there might be others -- I'm wondering if this is a good use of our respective shelf space. If the answer is "maybe not," I'm wondering if it would make sense if 1 or 2 of the Va. law school libraries might agree to be repositories of the records and briefs, and circulate them to the others as requested."*

This message led to a unique undertaking -- the creation of the Virginia Law Libraries Digital Collections Consortium and a partnership with the Wm. S. Hein Co. to digitize the Virginia Supreme Court briefs. In this program Jim and Hein's Scott Fiddler tell the tale of the past, present, and future of the digital briefs project.

Speakers:

James Heller is the director of the law library and professor of law of the College of William & Mary's Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Jim has also served as president of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries, the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries and the American Association of Law Libraries.

Scott Fiddler is vice president of sales & marketing for William S. Hein & Co.

Moderator: **Kevin Butterfield**, Vice President & Program Committee Chair

4:15 - 5:15: **Tea Time** -- Enjoy an assortment of cakes and pastries and tea.

Saturday, Nov. 4:

9 - 10 a.m.: **Continental Breakfast** -- muffins, pastries, juices, coffee, tea.

10 - 11 a.m.: ***Marketing 101: From Ignorance to Bliss in Five Simple Steps.***

If you've ever thought to yourself, "Who has time for a 'real' marketing plan?" then this is the program for you. We'll cover five simple, practical steps you can take to make marketing 'real' in your firm. It's not as difficult to get a marketing program underway as you may fear -- but it does help to have an approach in mind before you begin. We'll cover the essentials and offer some examples of key events

you can take advantage of throughout the year, to help you get started.

Speaker:

Cindy Carlson is Thomson/West's librarian relations manager for Virginia and DC. Cindy has over 20 years of library experience, most recently as electronic resources librarian for Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, LLP in Washington, DC. She has specialized in online research and legal research training and has presented programs at AALL. Cindy coordinates the Legal Research Training Focus Group for the Law Librarians' Society of DC, and has written several articles for Law Library Lights. She has also written extensively for LLRX.com

Moderator: **Evelyn Campbell**, President.

11 - 11:15 a.m.: Break

11:15 - 12:15 a.m.: ***Writing 21st Century News Releases***

Why are 98 percent of the news releases submitted to newspapers, radio and television stations never used by the media? How can you ensure that your news release is one of the two percent that gets used? This program will answer those questions and more by helping librarians prepare an effective news release that will beat the odds and secure media coverage. You will examine how the media define "news." You will learn how to write a release that contains "news," and you will be better equipped to handle media relations.

Speaker:

John W. Campbell, Jr. is director of public information for the Virginia Department of Forestry where he is responsible for media relations, policy advice, internal and external communications, publications, conservation education, special events, speech writing, photography and the agency's web site. He also taught public relations at Virginia Commonwealth University and Christopher Newport University. John holds a master's degree in media management, a bachelor's degree in public relations and an associate's degree in photojournalism.

Moderators: **Leanne Battle & Jean Holcomb**, co-chairs Public Relations Committee.

12: 15 - 1:15 p.m.: Lunch (Sponsored by LexisNexis Librarian Relations Group)

1:15 - 2 p.m.: VALL Business Meeting.

Restaurants in Shockoe Slip

Shockoe Slip is the city's oldest mercantile district and was once the site of the State Capitol building. This area has been a bustling hub since the 17th century. Though the earliest buildings here were destroyed during the Civil War, original cobblestones and structures dating from 1868-1888 make this beautiful and historic area a perfect place for sightseeing.

Richbrau Brewery

1214 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 644-3018

Sam Miller's Warehouse

1210 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 644-5465

La Grotta, Inc

1218 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 644-2466

Tobacco Company Restaurant

1201 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 782-9555

Kobe Japanese Steak & Sushi

19 S 13th St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 643-8080

Hana Zushi

1309 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 225-8801

Peking Restaurant

1302 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 649-8888

Sine's Irish Pub

1327 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 649-7767

Hard Shell

1411 E Cary St , Richmond, VA

Phone - (804) 643-2333

For more restaurant listings: <http://www.richmondriverfront.com/restaurants.shtml>

Hotels

There are several hotels in the Shockoe Slip area and the ones listed below are within easy walking distance of Hunton & Williams. The prices quoted are from the hotels' own sites. You may get better deals through travel sites such as Expedia.com, etc.

Omni Richmond Hotel

100 South 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

Phone: (804) 344-7000, Fax: (804) 648-6704

<http://www.omnihotels.com/FindAHotel/Richmond.aspx>

Hotel Rate: \$139 for a double room

The Berkeley Hotel

1200 E. Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23219

804.780.1300

<http://www.berkeleyhotel.com/eathere.html>

Hotel Rate: \$190 for standard continental

Crowne Plaza Hotel Richmond Downtown

555 E. Canal St.

Richmond, VA 23219

Hotel Front Desk: 1-804-7880900 | Hotel Fax: 1-804-7887087

http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/riccs?_requestid=156220

Hotel Rate: \$99.95 for a double room



Newsletter-

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2006 – 2007 VALL Officers

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From the President Evelyn Campbell

The year has flown by and somehow it doesn't seem possible that this is my last president's message. As short a time as it seems, VALL achieved a few "firsts" this year ... the winter meeting which was held at Williams Mullen in Virginia Beach was the first time we used video conferencing so that VALL members in Northern Virginia could participate and everything went very smoothly, making it a distinct possibility that we might use this technology again; we took advantage of an AALL service and utilized electronic voting for the first time and in doing so we doubled the responses from the previous year; and for the spring meeting we went to a location we had never been before -- Liberty University in Lynchburg where the law library folks were such gracious hosts, it was hard to leave.

None of these would have been possible without the time and talent of so many VALL members and I owe many thanks to all of you who made this year such a memorable one. I had a fantastic Executive Board to work with whose members were

always quick with responses and suggestions. I could not have asked for a better group. A huge "thank you" goes out to the great committee chairs and committee members who made such wonderful contributions to the association, you are all truly the backbone of the association. VALL is such a dynamic organization because of all its members.

There are many plans in place that will ensure that VALL has another good year and many people who will make that happen. And although I am a little sad to see this year come to an end, I hope that you are as excited as I am to see what the new year holds.

Evelyn



VALL group at the Spring Meeting at Ehrhorn Library, Liberty University.

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VALL Spring Quarterly Meeting
Liberty University School of Law, Lynchburg, VA
May 11, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 by President Evelyn Campbell.

Reading of the minutes of the Winter meeting was waived. The minutes were corrected to read that the date of the Spring meeting would be May 11, 2007, not May 11-12, and were accepted as amended.

The Treasurer reported that our finances are in very good shape. Those present voted for VALL to make a \$300 contribution to the Virginia Library Association for legislative support.

The Grants Committee announced that Jean Holcomb is the winner of the VALL-AALL chapter grant, and Laurie Claywell was awarded the LexisNexis Librarian Relations grant. The AALL-sponsored grant was not awarded for lack of response and applications by new members; that grant will be carried over until 2008.

The Membership Committee reports that 54 people have renewed their VALL Memberships.

There will be a new Website Committee, which hopes to have the new site, hosted by AALL, up and running by mid-July. If anyone would like to help Beta-test the new site, please contact Chris King at cking@asl.edu.

Outgoing President Evelyn Campbell then thanked Liberty University School of Law for hosting the meeting. She also thanked the Board, and said she'd enjoyed her term.

New officers for 2007-2008 are President, Kevin Butterfield; Vice President-President-Elect, Leanne Battle; Treasurer, Dee Dee Dockendorf; and Director, Laurie Claywell. Femi Cadmus, Director, and Jane Baugh, Secretary, continue their two-year terms until May, 2008.

The Summer Quarterly meeting will be held at Herbsaint Bar and Restaurant in New Orleans on July 16, 2007.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Baugh

IN AND AROUND VALL



Leanne doing what she does best (not my personal opinion of course) handing out awards (actually money). This time, Leanne Battle presenting Laurie Claywell with the check for the LexisNexis grant to the AALL Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Jean Holcomb was awarded the VALL grant to the AALL Annual Meeting.



The 2007-2008 VALL Board

L-R; Kevin Butterfield, Leanne Battle, Laurie Claywell, Dee Dockendorf and Jane Baugh. Femi Cadmus was not present.

Is it me, or does Dee look like she's wondering what she got herself into?

And don't forget to attend the VALL sponsored presentation "Situational Leadership: What would Andy of Mayberry Do?" It's Sunday at 4:15, C-6 in your program, but number 1 in the hearts of Taylor Fitchett, Ben Doherty, Cathy Palombi and Micheal Klepper, the presenters. Come on, Taylor as Thelma Lou and Cathy as Opie and Aunt Bee? Worth the price (ok, it's free).



VALL

Virginia Association of Law Libraries Financial Statement

GENERAL SUMMARY: May 31, 2006 - May 31, 2007

RECEIPTS

Interest :	\$76.39
Membership Dues:	\$3075.00
Meetings:	\$6659.57
Miscellaneous Income:	\$50.00
Membership Directory :	\$1140.30

Total: **\$11,001.26**

EXPENDITURES

Membership:	
Meetings:	\$4484.96
Insurance:	\$130.00
Grants:	\$ 731.06
Miscellaneous Expenses:	\$645.34
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VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

2007 SUMMER MEETING Monday July 16, 2007

Herbsaint Bar and Restaurant
New Orleans, LA

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

11:30-12:00 Gather and Mingle

12:00-1:00 EAT

We will have a brief business session during the soup and salad portion of our lunch.



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A Message from the President

Kevin Butterfield

College of William & Mary School of Law



It has been a busy spring and summer for VALL. We enjoyed a wonderful meeting in Lynchburg this past May and extend thanks to the faculty and staff at Liberty University School of Law for being such excellent and gracious hosts. We also had a great meal at AALL in New Orleans. Our summer meeting there at the Herbsaint Bar and Restaurant was a great success.

We are looking forward to another eventful Fall VALL gathering this November 1-2 at The Homestead. We will join our colleagues from VLA for an exciting two days of meetings and relaxation in the mountains. We hope to see many of you there.

Your VALL Vice President Leanne Battle and the Program Committee are busy at work on our meetings for 2008 as well. The winter meeting will be held in Richmond and the spring meeting in Williamsburg. More details will be announced at our fall business meeting in November.

The VALL board is busy at work on a number of fronts. Website redesign, grant programs, reviewing/expanding committee charges and some long term strategic planning are all on our agenda. Suggestions for new initiatives or new twists on current and old initiatives are always welcome. Please share your thoughts with any member of the board. See you all at the Homestead!



Minutes from the 2007 VALL Summer Meeting

VALL Minutes
Summer Meeting, July 16, 2007
Herbsaint, New Orleans, LA

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved as unread, because of a technical glitch.

There were two VIPs in attendance, Caryn Persinger of the Virginia State Bar and Joyce Hastings of the State Bar of Wisconsin.

VALL Annual Meeting Report: The fall annual meeting will be a joint program with VLA at The Homestead in November. All 8 of the VALL programs that were proposed were accepted. A preliminary program will be available in July. The Homestead will extend its conference rates through the weekend, if anyone wants to stay on.

The Program Committee will be drafting a new version of its charge to submit to the Board at our Fall meeting. The Committee will provide support for VALL members wishing to submit programs for the AALL Annual Meeting, VALL sponsorship of programs for the Annual Meeting, and support for VALL members seeking money or grants from AALL or VALL for educational programming outside of VALL or AALL meetings.

A new VALL website is in progress, and the final version should be ready soon.

There will be no changes to the organization or format of the Virginia Code in the near future.

New Business:

There will be two VALL tables at the banquet on Tuesday night, preceded by a soiree at the Hilton.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Baugh
Secretary





VALL Publications Committee has an Opportunity for You!

Gail Warren

Virginia State Law Library

Many of you may recall last year's program, "It Was a Dark and Stormy Night ..." presented at the November 2006 VALL Meeting. Our speakers provided a number of useful tips to motivate and "jump start" the writer in each of the members present. We now offer an extraordinary opportunity for aspiring authors!

The Publications Committee has been working with the Editor and Publications Manager at the Virginia State Bar. We have negotiated responsibility for the June/July '08 issue of Virginia Lawyer (see the December 2005 issue of this publication for VALL's last effort). Gail Warren will serve as the VALL Editor/Coordinator for this issue, soliciting authors and topics, and coordinating the editorial process. The deadline for articles is May 1, 2008, so it's not too soon to begin thinking about topics and issues you think we should present to the members of the bar. If you are interested in working on this project or simply have a list of great topics, please don't hesitate to contact Gail (gwarren@courts.state.va.us).

As a corollary to the above project, we also have agreed to be responsible for a regular column in each issue of the Virginia Lawyer. Jean Holcomb has agreed to serve as our "Column Editor" this year – seeking brief content from members to fill an approximately half-page column in each issue (5 times a year). We hope to use this column as a vehicle to tie current events/hot topics to information we would offer in June/July 2008 issue, as well as more general information. Lyn Warmath has already submitted our first column (to be published in October), a review of law librarian Travis McDade's non-fiction book, *The Book Thief: The True Crimes of Daniel Speigelman*. Please contact Jean (jeanholcomb@surry.net) if you are interested in writing for the column!





Congratulations

Congratulations to Hunton & Williams' reference librarian Michele Gernhardt, and husband Alan, on the birth of their daughter, Sabrina Isabel on July 25.



S a b r i n a weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches. Mom, dad and baby are doing well and Michele is due back at work on Oct. 1.



IN AND AROUND VALL



VALL at AALL: A Photographic Roundup



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Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks: What I Learned at the 2007 AALL Annual Meeting

Jean Holcomb,
VALL Grant Recipient

Under the banner of “Rise to the Challenge,” I joined hundreds of my law librarian colleagues in New Orleans to experience the phenomenon of the Association’s Annual Meeting.



For me, the educational programming has always provided the spark for ideas that would become the foundations for the development of programs and projects in the year ahead. As a library director, I kept my eyes and ears open for a concept that would “pay” for my way – a money saving tip for collection development, an idea about a new approach to legislative advocacy, an introduction to some cool new technology that would enable our library to provide better service. Now I keep my eyes and ears open for concepts for the column I write for Law Library Journal and for SIS and Chapter program development and committee work.

In search of such transformative ideas, I sampled a wide range of program offerings. In the session on Networking to Serve Self-represented Litigants, Judge Kevin Burke from the Hennepin County Court in Minneapolis challenged the audience to use what he described as the “convention glow”, that feeling of excitement gained from such a stimulating learning environment, to take steps within ten days of returning home to do something concrete with the lessons gained at this meeting. Because I will be co-chairing a new joint committee between SCCLL and LISP on pro-bono partnerships, I spent time on the flight home outlining possible organizing steps.

As a member of VALL’s program committee, I attended several programs in search of ideas that our committee might use as jumping off points for our own Chapter programming. I gathered inspiration from presentations on the authentication of government information, on responding to legal process in the library, and on starting a library consulting business as food for future columns and program development.

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Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks (continued)

Because I had just submitted an LLJ article on negotiation skills, I was curious to see how the presentation by Lorraine Busby from the University of Western Ontario entitled *New Challenges Demand New Skills: Negotiation 101 for Librarians* matched what I had written. While my focus covered a range of opportunities for negotiation in a librarian's work life, Busby concentrated her discussion within the context of vendor relations.

Busby views negotiation as a way of doing business akin to a game. Negotiation is neither good nor bad. It's not a form of persuasion. Rather, she views negotiation as a process akin to a game whose goal is to achieve a level playing field where the outcome will be acceptable to both parties.

She reminded her audience of the importance of understanding how each individual vendor operates including the timing of the end of the vendor's fiscal year. She outlined options for negotiation beyond price including license terms, training, customer support, payment timing, length of the term of the agreement, and the types and timing of access to the product. Because librarians want ongoing relationships with vendors, it's important that we know what we want, that we ask for what we want, and that we don't assume that anything's not negotiable.

In addition to opportunities to hear great speakers, the meeting experience provides many opportunities for learning in informal settings. Sharing meals, a dance, and laughter with colleagues from across the country provides a boost to the spirit that sustains me until next year's meeting will begin the rejuvenation process all over again.

Attendance at this annual event had always been one of the lights of my calendar year. Although I now practice law librarianship from a desk with a view of the Blue Ridge Mountains, rather than from a library office with a view of Puget Sound, the components of the meeting experience continue to be compelling. For me, the hope expressed by AALL President Sally Holterhoff and 2007 Annual Meeting Program Chair Donna Bausch that meeting attendees would receive *lagniappe*—an extra measure of value, beyond their expectations definitely came true.



A Reluctant Traveler

Laurie A. Claywell,
Kaufman & Canoles, Norfolk, VA

For years I have listened to my colleagues talk about the AALL annual meeting: “You have to go!” Yes, I’m sure it would be educational and rejuvenating but it would also involve flying. In a plane. Thanks but I think I’ll order the tapes. This year, though, I decided it was time to “Rise to the Challenge” and go to AALL in New Orleans. With an ILS conversion on the horizon and all that expertise congregated in one area, it seemed only logical to put aside my irrational but oh so real fear and go.

I have realized that there is almost an art to picking the right programs to attend. The first one that I attended, *Bringing the Library to the User* (improve usability of catalog data), probably had more application to an academic library rather than that in a law firm but that was okay. My approach to AALL was if I took away one thing, just one thing, out of a session then it was a profitable experience. In this case the Take Away is focus on how your users try to find things and make sure the tool fits.

Everything Old is New Again: Online Sources of Historical and Government Documents Originally Published in the Pre-Internet Age was my next stop. Cheryl Nyeberg, from Gallagher Law Library, presented a review of web sites that provide access to a variety of older material. Her slides are available at <http://ib.law.washington.edu/~cheryl/2007aall.ppt> so I won’t name all of the sites (except to point out that Virginia’s own University of Richmond made the cut with their World War II collection). Take Away #1: populate your catalog with links to sites with pre-Internet published documents in whatever way it takes to make them findable. Private libraries have a lot of flexibility – take advantage of it. Take Away #2: You never know where you will find something. The example was a French library’s digitization of some Smithsonian annual reports documents. Take Away #3: The GPO registry of U.S. Government Publication Digitization Projects, <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/legacy/registry/browse.html>. Unintended Take Away: the overall presentation was an example of good public speaking. The speaker was knowledgeable about her subject and her audience. It was fast moving, conversational and entertaining with musical interludes to grab your attention. I certainly cannot criticize the presentation but toward the end I did begin to wonder if perhaps there were a few too many graphics and musical breaks. It was after attending the next session, *Multitasking Millennials: Blessing or Curse*, that I realized Cheryl was way ahead of me.

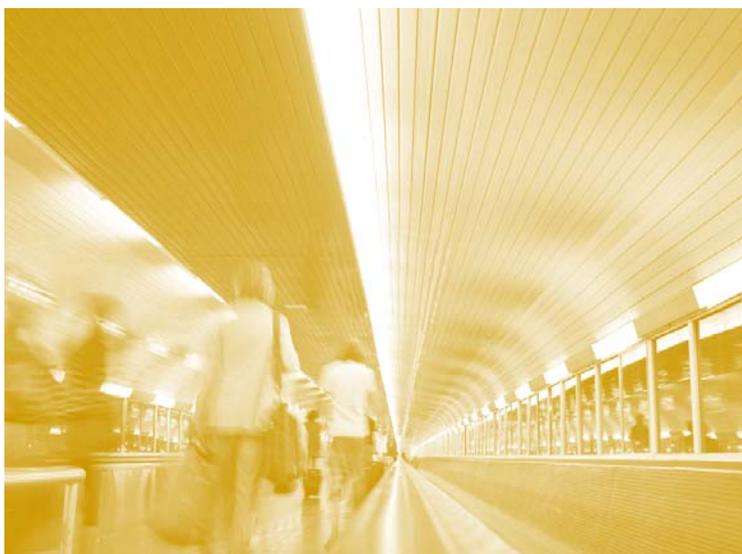


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A Reluctant Traveler (continued)

An interesting observation started the *Millennials* session: Is it multitasking or rudeness? Granted, the more practiced you become in something the less time the task requires which leads to the ability to multitask but is that student who is text messaging under his desk during class accomplishing multiple tasks or just inconsiderate of his teacher?

Millennials have been shaped by terrorism, technology and multiculturalism. They have been told to be tolerant, to be connected, to achieve - even *in utero* (headphones piping in Mozart to heighten IQ and get that jump on kindergarten). They have lived very scheduled, structured lives: sports, music lessons, after school activities. Perhaps this has lent to a tendency to multitask?



While cautioned not to over-generalize, the session's presenters emphasized that the Millennials (formerly "Gen Y," born 1980 - 2000) prefer self direction not a classroom style; guided discovery as opposed to lecturing; visual stimulation and examples. Trainers/teachers have to grab their attention and keep it. (Okay, Cheryl. Got it!) Take Away: You, the teacher, be the leader. Guide them but don't dictate. Challenge and respect them. Be flexible. Help them to shift between tasks rather than simultaneous performance so that comprehension is maximized.

Just as the program started with a thought provoking comment, it ended for me with a comment overheard in the hallway (not necessarily regarding the *Millennial*

program: "If it's not working for me in the first five minutes I leave and go to my second choice. I'm here to learn not to waste time." The speaker was obviously not a Millennial so what does that mean, I wondered. Does multitasking transcend generations? Don't teachers have to grab the attention of all of their students regardless of age? Are there really sufficient differences that a separate program at AALL was necessary? Or is it just rudeness?

Instructional Technology in Teaching Legal Research: Tricks of the Trade in the Real and Virtual Classroom initially focused on online teaching from the academic perspective. Just as I began to fear that I was off the mark again as far as choosing a presentation that would have much application to the law firm environment, a former firm and current courts librarian shared her experiences. In the law firm, webinars or screencastings created with products such as Camtasia and Adobe's Captivate offer flexibility in training which is appealing to billing attorneys. The speaker related how a national law firm created a portal on their intranet for summer associates through which they can view webinars on electronic or print resources. Take Away: It may be worth the investment of creating a screencasting, something relatively simple such as Powerpoint slides with a voiceover, for instruction on networked CDs. My multi-office firm doesn't have a large library staff, and we are given only a short amount of time with new employees on their orientation day. A short online instructional program that users can view at a convenient time and replay at their discretion is definitely something to consider.

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A Reluctant Traveler (continued)

While the secondary Take Away is *just do it*, practical advice was given in order to help make it happen.

- Set the stage: unplug your phone, disable IM and e-mail pop-ups, post a “Do Not Disturb” notice on your door and coordinate with colleagues to cover for you because you are essentially offline during recording
- Script your webinar rather than doing it on the fly. Insert strategic pauses for easier editing if you have to change a section later. Consider the voice and tone (“channel your inner flight attendant”). Remember to speak distinctly and unhurriedly.
- Short sessions, 30 minutes or less, are appealing to summer associates.
- Consider server space issues as well as your own computer’s capacity. Buy-in from your institution’s IT department is essential for the support of such projects.

Captivate is suited to short presentations, not lengthy discussions. It’s easy to use and will incorporate Powerpoint slides

So, was it worth hurtling myself through the air at an altitude that birds avoid? The man who had to sit beside me on the return flight would probably disagree but, yes, overall I am glad I attended AALL this year. I can’t say that I have marked off Portland’s 2008 dates yet on my calendar but the fact that I add the word “yet” to this statement indicates that what I took away from New Orleans is a solid match for my dislike of flying. My sincere thanks to the providers of the grants that I received which lessened monetary impact and really made it impossible for me to say “Thanks but I think I’ll order the tapes.”



A New Annual Meeting

Discovery: SIS Roundtables

Gail Zwirner

University of Richmond

As I'm catching up on dozens of e-mails received during the New Orleans conference and cursing many of the less desirable communications we all receive these days, I am grateful, however, to be on the ALL-SIS listserv. The ALL-SIS Committee Chairs informed members prior to the conference of various topical roundtables including Legal Research Instruction and Faculty Services topics. The events were communicated effectively and I thoroughly enjoyed participating this year in both events for the first time.

The Legal Research Institution roundtable divided the participants in groups by interest — first year legal research, advanced legal research or specialty legal research. Although I am starting my tenth year of first year legal research instruction, I always like to hear what other schools are doing and try to learn some new techniques to keep it fresh, not only for the students, but for me as well. Librarians included representatives from Fordham, Emory, Drexel, Texas Tech, and Denver. Some had completed the first year of a new program. We swapped ideas about texts, the balance of print and online research, types of assignments, use of exams and bridge the gap programs for students going to law firms in the summer.

At the Faculty Services roundtable, I was the newbie in this group. Most librarians attending were from schools much larger than Richmond that had established faculty services/liaison programs. After an introduction from three experienced librarians, we divided into groups where I was able to get ideas about working with new faculty members. All the librarians had good ideas about capturing a new faculty member's attention for a proper orientation and tools some librarians use to survey new and existing faculty members about research needs. We closed with a discussion about the challenges of deciding "do I provide or do I instruct?"

If you haven't participated in any of the "alphabet soup" SIS roundtable discussions, I highly recommend it in the future. ALL-SIS also organized two listserv discussions this year that were informative as well. Both the roundtable discussions I attended were over the lunch break, so grab a pack of crackers and a drink, because they are BYO. What you save in calories, you'll gain in knowledge.



Ready, Set, Preserve!!!

Sally Wambold

University of Richmond

The VALL Preservation Committee would like to issue a challenge to VALL Institutions. A list of supplies to have available in the event of a disaster like Katrina follows this paragraph. Send picture(s) of what your library has assembled with a list of what you have assembled so far to swambold@richmond.edu by the end of November 2007. We will award a modest prize to the library that has assembled the most items for disaster preparedness (or the most valuable items in the event of a tie): a Giant 3" Capacity Archival Black Album made with acid-free materials and covered with strong library Buckram. All photos will be submitted to the newsletter to publicize the good work done to prepare for disaster. Remember to submit an inventory list indicating the location of the items, the quantity purchased, and when they were purchased along with your pictures. This will be your entry form, the list and the pictures. It probably isn't necessary to say, but all libraries that work on this project are winners, because they are actively preparing for disaster.

The following page contains a list of supplies to have on hand in the event of a disaster (This list is a SOLINET Preservation Services Leaflet and can be found on the SOLINET website located at <http://www.solinet.net>).



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Ready, Set, Preserve!!! (continued)

In-House Supply Stockpile Checklist

OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES

batteries
booktrucks
boots, rubber
brooms, regular
brooms with squeegees
cleaning compounds
extension cords (3-wire, grounded, 50 feet)
first aid kits
flashlights
fungicide (Lysol)
garbage bags
generator, portable
identification badges
light sticks, chemical
lights, shop
mop buckets
mops
plastic sheeting
protective masks and gloves
scissors
shovel
walkie-talkies
wet/dry vacuum(s)

DRYING SUPPLIES

clothesline (30lb monofilament or nylon)
clothes pins, plastic
dehumidifiers
fans
hygrometers
paper for interleaving (paper towels or unprinted newsprint)

PACKING SUPPLIES

boxes, cardboard
bread trays, plastic buckets (for photos)
freezer or waxed paper
hoses, water
labels, adhesives
milk crates, plastic
notepads
packing slips
pens/pencils
plastic sheeting
scissors
tape, filament

CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

crowbar
duct tape
hammers
hand saw
ladders
nails, miscellaneous sizes
plywood, assorted sizes

Stay well preserved!!!





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This issue of the *VALL Newsletter* was edited by **Anthony Ikwueme**, Reference Librarian, and **Eric W. Kistler**, Head of Access Services/Electronic Resources Librarian, Ehrhorn Law Library, Liberty University School of Law.

About VALL

The Virginia Association of Law Libraries was founded in 1988, expanding a previously existing organization, the Richmond Area Law Libraries. Now, as then, VALL's objectives are to develop and increase the usefulness and efficiency of law libraries, to promote librarianship and to foster a spirit of cooperation among members of the profession. VALL is a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

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A Message from the President

Kevin Butterfield

College of William & Mary School of Law



The year has moved by quickly. We have moved through the end of summer, finished fall and have begun to cope with winter. Having lived in the Midwest for so many years and dealt with more lake effect snow and wind chills than I care to remember, I find the winters in Virginia a very pleasant change. I may finally give away my parka this year.

We had a wonderful annual meeting last November at The Homestead with our colleagues from VLA. Congratulations to Cathy Palombi, Leanne Battle, and the VALL representatives on the meeting program committee for helping to create such an engaging and fun conference.

Presentations and handouts from the meeting are available on the VALL website at <http://law.richmond.edu/vall/Meetinghandouts.htm>. If you were unable to attend please take a moment to look through these materials. I found all of the VALL presentations excellent!

Our winter meeting will be at the University of Richmond, February 6, 2008. The topic will be Islamic Law with presentations by Jennifer Sekula (College of William & Mary) and Azizah Al-Hibri (University of Richmond). We will follow up that with our spring meeting in Williamsburg at the new Wolf Law Library. We look forward to hosting everyone for tours, pool tournaments and the latest performance by the University of Virginia Law Library, "Monty Python and Conflict Management: Your Mother was a Hamster and Your Father Smelt of Elderberries."

Lisa Reinhardt and the Membership Committee have put together the latest edition of the VALL Membership Directory. It was distributed during our business meeting at The Homestead. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy please contact Lisa (lreinhard@hunton.com).

The VALL Board has been busy as well. Look for announcements regarding changes to the Program Committee charge as well as a remodeling/expansion of the VALL Grants program in the coming months.

Have a happy and safe holiday season and I look forward to seeing everyone in Richmond!





Minutes from the November 1, 2007 VALL Meeting at The Homestead

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: There is a lot of money in the treasury, and we are looking at ways to spend more of it. Possibilities include more grants to attend meetings and a professionally designed Website. Please contact Dee Dee Dockendorf with any suggestions for worthwhile expenditures.

Grants Committee: Joyce Manna Janto introduced this year's grant awardees, Suzanne Corriell, Hazel Johnson, David Knight and Eileen Meagher. The Committee has made several suggestions to the Board regarding changes to the awarding of grants.

Membership Committee: There are 136 members at this time, including 8 new members.

Nominating Committee: The nominations form is up on the Website, and was handed out to meeting attendees. Please submit your nominees' names to the Committee by January 4, 2008.

Preservation Committee: The Committee is holding a contest, with a prize to be awarded, for developing a disaster preparedness supply kit. SOLINET supplied the list of supplies, and the library with the most supplies by the end of November will receive a preservation album from University products. The Committee would also like to present a program about preservation in the form of a game show.

Program Committee: The meetings through the end of the VALL year will be held on Feb. 8 at the University of Richmond, May 16 at the College of William and Mary, and July 14 at AALL in Portland, OR.

Publications Committee: VALL members will write the June/July 2008 issue of Virginia Lawyer. Gail Zwirner will serve as VALL's Editor/Coordinator; the deadline for article submissions is May 1, 2008. VALL is also responsible for a regular column in Virginia Lawyer.

New Business: The recently-conducted Membership Survey suggested that members would like more regular communication from the Board; Kevin will start sending his monthly Board Notes to the membership soon. The Board and the Newsletter editors are considering moving the "who did what" articles from the Newsletter to the Website, to have more room for articles in the Newsletter.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Baugh
Secretary



Congratulations to VALL Members for Recent Publications

Cindy Carlson, Review of "Training: Are We Missing the Obvious?" *PLL Perspectives* 19 (Fall 2007): 15. http://www.aallnet.org/sis/pllsis/newslett/fall07.asp#aall_4

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A Challenge from the Preservation Committee: Ready, Set, Preserve!!!

Sally Wambold

University of Richmond

'Tis the Season to be Way Busy, Falalalalalalalala!!!

Best holiday wishes to everyone and my apologies for the really poor timing of the preservation/disaster-planning challenge. Not surprisingly, I haven't received a single entry in the challenge. What was I thinking of? I certainly wasn't being realistic about the availability of time for this project at this time of year. However, since I still have the award for the winning library, I am going to extend the challenge and hope that in the new year 2008 libraries will step up to the plate and get ready for any unpleasantness that might come their way. I will repeat the information here for your convenience and hope that all of us will find time to gather items for a disaster.

Again, let me wish you all the best for the holidays and 2008, including NO disasters!!!

The VALL Preservation Committee would like to issue a challenge to VALL Institutions. A list of supplies to have available in the event of a disaster like Katrina follows this paragraph. Send picture(s) of what your library has assembled with a list of what you have assembled so far to swambold@richmond.edu by the end of November 2007. We will award a modest prize to the library that has assembled the most items for disaster preparedness (or the most valuable items in the event of a tie): a Giant 3" Capacity Archival Black Album made with acid-free materials and covered with strong library Buckram. All photos will be submitted to the newsletter to publicize the good work done to prepare for disaster. Remember to submit an inventory list indicating the location of the items, the quantity purchased, and when they were purchased along with your pictures. This will be your entry form, the list and the pictures. It probably isn't necessary to say, but all libraries that work on this project are winners, because they are actively preparing for disaster.

The following page contains a list of supplies to have on hand in the event of a disaster (This list is a SOLINET Preservation Services Leaflet and can be found on the SOLINET website located at <http://www.solinet.net>).



...Ready, Set, Preserve!!! (continued)

In-House Supply Stockpile Checklist

OPERATIONAL SUPPLIES

batteries
 booktrucks
 boots, rubber
 brooms, regular
 brooms with squeegees
 cleaning compounds
 extension cords (3-wire, grounded, 50 feet)
 first aid kits
 flashlights
 fungicide (Lysol)
 garbage bags
 generator, portable
 identification badges
 light sticks, chemical
 lights, shop
 mop buckets
 mops
 plastic sheeting
 protective masks and gloves
 scissors
 shovel
 walkie-talkies
 wet/dry vacuum(s)

DRYING SUPPLIES

clothesline (30lb monofilament or nylon)
 clothes pins, plastic
 dehumidifiers
 fans
 hygrometers
 paper for interleaving (paper towels or unprinted newsprint)

Stay well preserved!!!





My Path to Law and Librarianship: A Journey Across Continents

Anthony Brown Ikwueme

Liberty University School of Law

After obtaining a bachelor of law (Juris Doctor) degree and practicing law in Nigeria for five years, I moved to Canada in 2000 to pursue a masters program in law (LL.M) at the University of Saskatchewan. During that program, I had the opportunity to work as a student assistant at the school's law library. That opportunity proved very useful not only to my research, but also to the timely completion of the program in 2002.

Hooked by the interest in librarianship during the masters program, I enrolled in graduate program in Library and Information Science at the University of Alberta, Canada in 2003. My personal experience indicates that law students should be our first target for recruitment to our profession.

Upon completing the library program and passing Canadian Bar, one would expect that a career in law practice would have been ideal. That was not so. Almost three years now as a law librarian, I can say that combining a law degree with a degree in library science opens the door to numerous career prospects and job satisfaction which a law degree alone may not offer. Besides, although lawyers and librarians both interact with information in responding to the information needs of their clients and patrons, librarians possess special skills necessary for accessing, retrieving and delivering legal and other information in a timely, usable format. These are always my selling points to law students who are considering various career paths after law school. As a law librarian, the job is both challenging and rewarding, and every day is never the same. This is the fun thing about being a law librarian from the perspective of one whose path to librarianship began in Nigeria, moved through Canada, and now in Lynchburg, Virginia.



More Congratulations!

VALL would also like to extend congratulations to Anthony and Rosemary Ikwueme upon the birth of their son, **Bradley** on October 22, 2007. Brad measured 8 lbs. 9oz. and 21.5 inches in length at the time of birth. Tony also recently completed an MBA program.



Fall Meeting at The Homestead

It was a glorious weekend at The Homestead for the conference!



It was a quiet moment in the long hallway, which was usually packed with people having tea or taking a break in between sessions.

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IN AND AROUND VALL



... Fall Meeting at The Homestead (continued)



(left) Kevin Butterfield in discussion with Christine Hall just before the business meeting

(right) VALL members acknowledging the winners of the VALL grants



(left) Kevin “conducting” the VALL business meeting!



IN AND AROUND VALL



... Fall Meeting at The Homestead (continued)



VALL President, Kevin Butterfield, introduced David Baldacci, the Opening General Session Speaker, at the joint VLA/VALL Joint Conference at The Homestead.

Mr. Baldacci was a very entertaining speaker and spoke on a range of subjects, including his new book *Stone Cold*.





VLA 2007: A Trip to Web 2.0

Hazel Johnson

McGuire Woods, Richmond, VA

For several years now, I've been hearing and reading about web 2.0 and social networking on the web and how both will re-invent the way we use the internet. I decided it was time to explore the concepts and their implications for law firm libraries. (Yes, I'm late to the game, but law firms can sometimes be slow to adopt new technology). Where better to learn about these cutting edge technologies than from our colleagues in the academic and public sector? Those librarians are frequently required by their clientele to be early adopters.

I attended several programs and came away with a few nuggets for further consideration. As yet, I have not seen or heard any demand on the part of young lawyers for the types of social networking tools that are spreading through the academic and public sectors. Yes, we have more than 200 lawyers in the McGuire Woods Richmond office, but we don't use instant messaging or My Space as communication vehicles (yet anyway), so maybe I don't have to worry about these particular tools. However, during a program on web 2.0, one of the presenters from a public library made a statement that resonated with me. She described the teens who use her library and want to use the social networking aspects of the internet as the individuals who would be members of her library board in 10 to 15 years. Hmm - those teens will be the partners at this firm in a similar time frame - perhaps I should be thinking about this technology a little more seriously in anticipation of that time.



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... VLA 2007: A Trip to Web 2.0 (continued)

Another program I attended addressed the issue of accessing library materials via cell phone. Among the many points that were made, the speaker presented a fascinating overview of the extensive modifications that will be needed to provide usable access to library web pages and catalogs via cell phone. One specific challenge that I had not considered previously was the need to eliminate much of the rich content and images that we've been adding to web pages over the years so the essence of the pages could be viewed on a tiny cell phone screen. And the changes to the library catalogs that will be required to convert data that is currently formatted for a horizontal screen so that it is viewable on a vertical screen. Again, not something we deal with on a daily basis, but I suspect we will in the future. I don't see the lawyers at this firm traveling less or requesting larger computer screens in place of their Blackberrys or cell phones.

As always, I leave a VLA meeting with enormous admiration and respect for our colleagues in the academic and public sector. Their challenges are so different from mine in the law firm library and they meet those challenges so creatively and with such enthusiasm, I'm energized to come back to work and address my own challenges. Thanks VALL for the opportunity.





“Reflect, Retool & Recharge” Indeed!

Eileen Meagher

Hirschler Fleischer, Richmond, VA

As a fortunate VALL grant recipient, I was able to attend this year’s VLA/VALL annual meeting at The Homestead. This was the first VALL conference I had been able to attend from start to finish, and I was looking forward to embracing the experience. And so I did! I can say without reservation that I most definitely reflected, retooled and recharged, beginning with the trip to The Homestead. It was a glorious afternoon drive and conducive to reflecting upon my 30 plus years in the profession. I would certainly have to add “refresh” to the theme of the conference, thanks to the outstanding service and luxurious ambiance of The Homestead.

We could not have asked for a better way to recharge than to have such outstanding keynote speakers. The joint annual meeting was kicked off to a great start by David Baldacci. He is a dynamic and entertaining speaker and such a prominent supporter of libraries and the work that we do. I believe it’s safe to say that just about everyone was “recharged” after hearing Mr. Baldacci speak and the meeting was just hours old at that point! The momentum was continued the following day by Roy Tennant, a Senior Program Manager for OCLC Programs and Research. He gave a very clever and insightful “state of the union” address for the library profession, reminding us that while we have much to be proud of, there is work to be done to continue to provide outstanding service and products. The third keynote speaker was the engaging Lisa Carbone, winner of the 2007 Jefferson Cup award for *Blood on the River: James Town 1607*. It was fascinating to hear how Ms. Carbone developed her storyline and characters, not only for this book, but for her earlier and forthcoming works, as well. This was the last time the conference participants would be together as a group, and we ended with a flourish.

The program committee members outdid themselves with the various program selections. It was hard to decide which programs to attend when there were so many excellent choices. My “retooling” choices were:

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... *“Reflect, Retool & Recharge” Indeed! (continued)*

Legal Research on The Open and The Deep Webs presented by Paul Barron. This was an extremely informative program. Paul is an energetic and knowledgeable speaker, and I have referred to his handouts several times since. Of all the programs I attended, this is that one that pertained most directly to my job responsibilities. In one of those “small world moments,” I discovered that Paul, a retired Marine Corps helicopter pilot, went through flight school with my daughter’s god-father!

Authentic Legal Information in the Digital Age: Is Online Legal Information Trustworthy, presented by Tim Coggins and Mary Alice Baish. They both brought a wealth of knowledge to the presentation as they outlined AALL’s position, alerted us to troubling developments in certain states and shared the positive findings in many states, including, thankfully, Virginia.

Researching Virginia Laws and Public Records on the Internet presented by Rae Ellen Best and Femi Cadmus. A two-part program, the Virginia Laws section served as a good refresher, while the Public Records section supplied excellent investigative research tips and websites.

Finding Your English Ancestors Through Online Resources: A Personal Journey presented by Evelyn Campbell. A delightful, informative and well organized presentation for those of us interested in tracing our English ancestors.

Congressional Research Service Reports: Washington’s Best Kept Secret presented by Paul Barron. A tremendous amount of information delivered in a short period of time, there was a review of sources for CRS products, a review of the scope of those collections, and a list of online bookmarks for the sources.

Healthy Holistic Aging presented by Carl Helvie. Excellent suggestions for a healthier and happier lifestyle!

Attending the joint VLA/VALL annual meeting gave me the opportunity to exchange ideas and learn what issues are affecting other law librarians and the profession in general. It was nice to put faces with names, and to touch base with librarians I have not seen in years. Reconnecting with former public library colleagues was a true bonus for me. At the risk of sounding like the Pollyanna of VALL, I will mention that, yes, I enjoyed the vendors’ displays and the VALL Business Meeting! I enjoyed my dinners in The Homestead Dining Room and Sam Snead’s even more!

My sincere thanks to everyone on the Grants Committee for giving me the opportunity to attend the annual meeting, and to Kevin Butterfield for increasing the number of grants awarded this year.





Fall Meeting Summary

David Knight

Norfolk Law Library

A more beautiful setting is hardly imaginable than the one enjoyed by the attendees of the VLA/VALL Joint Conference 2007 at The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Such a relaxing environment was ideal for focusing on the informative sessions presented by librarians from a variety of institutions from all over the Commonwealth. The presenters obviously worked hard on their sessions and a lot of helpful information was shared during the presentations.

Ironically, my first assignment upon returning to work after the conference just happened to be something addressed by one of the sessions I attended presented by Evelyn Campbell titled, "You Can Run But You Can't Hide." Evelyn mentioned that often attorneys are looking for information on a particular person such as an address, telephone number, or perhaps just merely "dirt." As one might suspect, the latter request is always the most fun. In my case, one of the firms in Norfolk was looking for the whereabouts of an attorney. Since Martindale.com produced no results, I referred to the handout Evelyn gave out to try some of her suggestions. In the first part of her presentation, Evelyn introduced an array of Internet telephone directories. Online directories are always a good first step because those can usually be searched only using name and state. She reminded the audience to try the search in different directories because not all are updated with the same frequency and cited a personal anecdote as evidence. In the search on which I was proceeding, I found a phone number and address. It was evident that the phone number was out-of-date because it contained an outdated area code.

The next source Evelyn covered was new to me and one to which I'm sure I'll refer again and again, BRB Publications (<http://www.brbspub.com>). This site has links to free sources as well as links to records retrieval services that are members of the Public Records Retrieval Network. BRB Publications shows which services retrieve particular records, turnaround times, etc. One of the most useful aspects of the site is the list of trade association links. Adding this page to the bookmarks stored on your browser might save time on Google searches.

If the person who is the object of the search is a health care provider, Evelyn suggested searching the website of the Virginia Department of Health Providers (<http://www.dhp.state.va.us>). This department is the licensure tracking agency of many aspects of health care spanning human development, including human health care, dental care, social workers, therapists of all types, and finally, funeral home personnel. Veterinary care providers also fall under this licensure board. Finally, if all that searching is stressful, you can even go to this site to find a licensed massage therapist.

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... Fall Meeting Summary (continued)

What should you do if you need information on a person and you suspect that individual might be deceased? An approach to finding information on an individual might be to begin with the Social Security Death Index via Rootsweb (<http://ssdi.rootsweb.com/>). This site contains the last address where a deceased person was living provided that the person died after 1962 and that the person's death was reported to the Social Security information. There are multiple fields to use for searching. Results show that person's name, last known address, birth and death dates, place of birth, and Social Security number.

A site on which I have spent a great deal of time at home for curiosity's sake is the genealogy gateway of the National Archives website. Evelyn mentioned that she had success searching its military records. This site also has many useful links to municipal, county, and state records, their availability and associated costs.

While this presentation did not spend a lot of time on fee-based services like Accurint and Choicepoint, Evelyn did talk about them. Instead of spending a lot of time on expensive databases, which might be outside the purview of solo practitioners or small firm libraries, she chose to emphasize the many free sources available for searching for individuals beyond merely "Googling" a name. "Googling" a name to search for an individual may not prove fruitful if the information exists deep in the web. Evelyn gave those in attendance a handout with a variety of useful websites to use for finding people, providing tools to help the searcher exact a more precise search.

In my research, I found that this attorney and his partner had relocated outside the state. Evelyn introduced me to many new useful sources for tracking information on an individual. Using a variety of sources is the key when trying to track down information on an individual. Patience is important, too, in that it usually pays to be thorough, read carefully, maintain an open mind and be aware of all possible leads. Often it takes only one small nugget of information to lead to a variety of new trails to pursue. The more sources the searcher uses, the better able she or he might be to find that one nugget that will open the floodgates of information.

I learned a lot of useful information from all of the sessions I attended which will help me in my still-rather-new position. I also met people face to face with whom I have corresponded by telephone or email, which always helps in working within the profession. Attending the conference proved to be a very beneficial experience and one I'll always remember. For this opportunity, I would like to thank the VALL grants committee for the grant.





“Reflections” on VLA-VALL 2007

Suzanne B. Corriell

University of Richmond

I’m ashamed to admit that I was unable to accomplish any of those three missions of “Reflect, Re-tool, Recharge” – I haven’t been a librarian long enough! Despite this, I found the conference to be a great success, if you consider the subtitle of “Building Skills and Partnerships for Successful Libraries,” and I would like to express my thanks to VALL for awarding me a grant to attend.

David Baldacci was an appropriate opening speaker to not only librarians, but especially to law librarians. We knew that he wasn’t joking about the peculiarities of senior partners at the law firm, and we all understand the importance of writing well. (And, after finishing *The Collectors*, I understand why people were so eager to get a copy of *Stone Cold*.) Most of the programs that I attended were VALL presentations, and they provided a good introduction to Virginia research and resources. Paul Barron’s presentations (both *Legal Research on the Open and the Deep Webs*, and on *CRS Reports*) supplied information on resources that I had not yet used. I was pleased that the research session was applicable and understandable by anyone, not just the technologically advanced. As a newcomer to Virginia, I also enjoyed *Researching Virginia Laws and Public Records*, presented by Rae Ellen Best and Femi Cadmus. I was impressed with how much information they were able to present in such a short time – and they suggested many more resources to explore later. After missing the AELIC presentation at AALL annual meeting, I was pleased that I was brought up-to-date in the presentation with Tim Coggins and Mary Alice Baish. It was also refreshing to attend some of the events that didn’t focus so much on the law. Attending the Jefferson Cup luncheon allowed me to reflect on my first library employment: volunteering in the children’s department of a public library. So, I guess I “reflected” – one out of three isn’t bad! (And *The Homestead* was also conducive to “relaxation,” of course.)

However, more impressive than any of the sessions I attended (or the scenery) were the wonderful colleagues that I met. Everyone was very welcoming, and I know that each of you will be valuable resources as I learn to navigate my way through Virginia legal research.





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A Message from the President

Kevin Butterfield

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Spring is a time for new beginnings. It is also a time to extend thanks as my term as VALL President comes to a close. VALL is a wonderful group and it has been a pleasure serving as president this past year. I would like to thank the Executive Board Evelyn Campbell, Leanne Battle, Dee Dee Dockendorf, Jane Baugh, Femi Cadmus and Laurie Claywell for their invaluable help, sound advice and hard work.

Evelyn Campbell, Joyce Janto, Isabel Paul, Lisa Reinhard, Anthony Ikwueme, Marie Hamm, Femi Cadmus, Sally Wambold, Leanne Battle, Rae Best, Gail Warren, Chris King, Gail Zwirner and Jim Heller all served as committee chairs. An amazing amount of work happens in each of the VALL committees. I thank the chairs and the members of each committee for contributing their time. I would also like to thank our Archivist, Gail Warren, our Handbook Editor, Jennifer Sekula, our Newsletter Editors, Eric Kistler and Anthony Ikwueme, our Postmaster, Terry Long, our VLA Liaison, Cathy Palombi, and our Webmaster Paul Birch for serving VALL.

Our Program Committee, led by our VP/President Elect Leanne Battle, put together wonderful meetings at The Homestead last fall and at the University of Richmond in February. Pulling together four meetings each year is very hard work. Leanne and her committee have done an excellent job.

We hope to see many of you in Williamsburg! Thank you all for a great year.





Minutes from the February 8, 2008 VALL Meeting at T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: There is still a lot of money in the treasury. We spent almost \$1100 on the 2007-2008 VALL directories, and earned \$500 from the VLA/VALL annual meeting at The Homestead. We expect to award grants for attendance at AALL in Portland, OR in July.

Grants Committee: The Committee awarded 4 grants for people to attend the joint VLA/VALL meeting at The Homestead in November, and will award 4 grants for attendance at AALL in July. Grant applications will be posted on the VALL website shortly.

Legislative Awareness Committee: The Committee has sent numerous e-mail messages about federal legislation. If you want to serve as a satellite site for AALL's 3rd Annual Sunshine Week program, see the AALL link sent out Feb. 6, or find it on the AALL website.

Newsletter Committee: The Summer and Winter, 2007, issues of the VALL Newsletter have been published, and the deadline for the spring edition is March 30. Please send your articles and pictures to Anthony Ikwueme or Eric Kistler.

Preservation Committee: The Committee has issued a challenge to VALL members to develop disaster kits, with a preservation-quality album offered as the prize. They are also looking into putting a preservation game on the VALL website, and proposed a preservation program for AALL for which no time slot was available.

Recruitment Committee: The VALL recruitment website was updated in December 2007.

Publications Committee: The Committee will be responsible for the content of the June/July 2008 issue of The Virginia Lawyer, with Gail Warren serving as Editor/Coordinator.

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... Minutes from the February 8, 2008 VALL Meeting (continued)

The deadline for articles is May 1, 2008. VALL members have also published columns in the October and December, 2007 issues of The Virginia Lawyer.

Program Committee: Thank you for the Winter meeting. The Spring meeting will be held at William and Mary on May 16.

New Business:

The Nominating Committee has selected the following slate of officers for 2008-2009. AALL will host our electronic ballots, and voting will be held in April.

Michelle Gernhardt	Director
Bill Magee	Secretary
Fred Dingley	Vice-President/President Elect

The Board has selected Chief Justice Leroy Hassell as our Chapter VIP for AALL in July. Chief Justice Hassell will assume his own travel costs, which would allow us to sponsor a second Chapter VIP if we so choose. The board will look at the other people nominated this winter, and will be open to considering additional nominees as well.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Baugh
Secretary





From the Preservation Committee: Making Preservation Fun

Sally Wambold

University of Richmond

The Preservation Committee is working to get a Preservation Jeopardy game on the VALL website where it will be available for all AALL members to play—and learn about preservation. Some months ago, VALL President Kevin Butterfield wisely issued the challenge to put a preservation teaching tool on the website and to make it fun to become more informed about preservation. Preservation is a hard sell and such a website feature could be valuable PR and could even make some preservation converts.



A grant is now in process at AALL; the Preservation Committee will probably discover if it is approved by the end of March. A sample Jeopardy game has been created by the software company Harbinger Knowledge Products, but there is the usual “technical difficulty” obstacle confronting us at this time. It is essential that the software work on our website. Stay tuned to the VALL listserv for updates on this new preservation challenge.





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A Message from the President

Leanne Battle

LexisNexis, Washington, D.C.



Back to School

August has always been a bittersweet month for me. Sadly I would store my beach chair for another year in the garage, but oh so happily I would make a list of must-have school supplies. Though it has been quite a number of years since I was a student I still think of August as the end of summer vacation and the beginning of an exciting new year. That is particularly true for me this year.

I am excited to be spending this year as VALL president. This is VALL's twentieth anniversary! We have a wonderful group of committee chairpersons and committee members who have many things planned. It is not too late to get involved! We would love to have participation from every single member. There are programs to plan and participate in; marketing and recruiting to be done for the association and the profession of law librarianship; materials to preserve; grant money to give and receive; a website to spruce up. It is going to be another busy year for us! I hope that you will plan to be a part of all the excitement.

Fred Dingley and the program committee are planning meetings in Richmond, Fairfax and Lexington this year, something for everyone. Watch the newsletter and vall-l for details! The AALL annual meeting for 2009 will be held in Washington, DC so we have a big opportunity to get involved with that as well. Your executive board and committees are here to support you in all of your professional activities. Let us know how we can help!

And so we begin another year. My beach towel and flip flops are safely stowed where I'll be able to find them in May. I'm off to fill my basket with a wireless mini mouse, a shiny new thumb drive and maybe a Bluetooth headset for my Blackberry. School supplies are even more exciting now!

Leanne





2008-09 VALL MEETINGS:

VALL Meetings will be held in the following locations during 2008-09. We offer grateful thanks to our hosts.

Fall/Annual 2008 Meeting:

Virginia State Law Library

Nov. 7 & 8, 2008

Winter 2009 Meeting:

Fairfax Public Law Library

Date TBD

Spring 2009 Meeting:

Washington and Lee University Law Library

May 15, 2009





ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Arrivals

Larry Reeves is the new **Associate Law Librarian for Administration** at GMU Law Library. Larry previously worked at Fordham University School of Law Library as Reference librarian and Coordinator of the First Year Legal Research Program.

Cynthia Myers is the new **Head of Technical Services** at GMU Law Library. Cynthia was previously Acquisitions Librarian at the University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke Law Library.

Departures

Rae Ellen Best has retired from George Mason University and assumes the position of House Librarian at the U.S. House of Representatives, Legislative Resource Center in Washington, D.C.

Femi Cadmus is now Associate Director for Administration at Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Library in New Haven, CT. New contact information:

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From the Preservation Committee:
 Ah, Ha, Ha, Ha, Stayin' Preserved, Stayin' Preserved

Sally Wambold

University of Richmond

With apologies to the Bee Gees, and hoping intellectual property experts will bail me out if I am in violation of copyright, I want to compliment VALL libraries and VALL librarians for their commitment to preservation. Although no library accepted the disaster preparedness challenge, VALL

is definitely a green chapter, in my opinion. VALL has presented at least three book repair workshops and developed an archival set of the Virginia Reports. VALL has worked for digital preservation long before it became popular. Additionally, VALL has pushed for archival preservation of Minor on Real Property, the out of print authoritative treatise on real property in Virginia. These last two projects, and probably the Virginia Reports project as well, were ideas promoted by Gail Zwirner, Head of Access Services at the University of Richmond Law Library and a Past President of VALL. Kudos for Gail!!!



The University of Richmond Law Library is going to take on the project of developing a disaster preparedness kit and report on its efforts in future VALL newsletters. The award of a preservation quality album will be donated to VALL for possible use at VALL tables in the Exhibit Hall at future AALL Annual Meetings. A second preservation quality album will be given to Georgetown University Law Library, which has generously offered to order archival quality copies of Minor on Real Property for VALL libraries when Georgetown gets its own archival copy made.

VALL has good reason to feel a sense of accomplishment for its preservation efforts, but preservation is an ongoing challenge and we all must continue to seek ways to enhance the VALL Preservation Image.

So, everyone, stay well-preserved!



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MINUTES OF SPRING VALL MEETING HELD AT WOLF LIBRARY, WILLIAM & MARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA ON MAY 16, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Kevin Butterfield began by thanking LexisNexis for providing breakfast, and Westlaw for providing lunch.

The minutes of the Winter 2008 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: The main expenditure this quarter was \$2595 in grants for people to attend AALL in Portland.

Grants Committee: The Grants Committee, chaired by Joyce Manna Janto, awarded a total of 6 grants for members to attend the AALL meeting in Portland in July:

AALL Chapter Registration Grant – Diamond Bona, LeClair Ryan
VALL-AALL Registration Grant – Bill Magee, Regent University
Lexis-Nexis Travel Grant – Terry Long, VA State Law Library
VALL Travel Grant – Theresa Schmid, VA Division of Legislative Services

In addition, the Board voted to award the money earmarked for a chapter VIP to fund additional grants to

Diamond Bona, LeClair Ryan
Jeanne Ullian, Williams Mullen

Membership Committee: We have 140 members for the 2007-2008 dues cycle. The deadline for membership renewal is technically May 31, so Michele Gernhardt encouraged members to renew as soon as possible. There are a very few copies of the most current directory available.

Placement Committee: The Committee would like to see the posting of job vacancies made in a centralized way, instead of by random e-mails to the listserv. When the new Website is up and running, all job postings will be listed there.

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Preservation Committee: The Committee was awarded an AALL grant to develop its preservation game, which will be computer-based and have a “Jeopardy” feel.

Program Committee: The next meeting will be in Portland, OR at AALL. AALL is sponsoring a Leadership Academy for new or new-ish law librarians in the fall, and there will be grant money available for it. The Committee is looking for new members.

Public Relations Committee: The PR Committee has tried for 2 years to get a VIP to attend AALL as the guest of VALL, and has been unable to find anyone who could attend. They generously donated the money that would have funded that to the Grants Committee, to award additional grants to members going to Portland. The Committee has been asked by the Virginia Poverty Law Center to provide guidance and CLE speakers for the Center. Rae Best will get a list of topics from them, and will report to the membership what they are.

Publications Committee: The theme of the June 2008 Virginia Lawyer is “locating, validating/ authenticating and selecting information”, and Tim Coggins, Michele Gernhardt, Joyce Janto and Jeanne Ullian are contributing to it. Jeanne and Donna Bausch have also contributed columns to the Virginia Lawyer this year.

Recruitment Committee: The Committee has revised its page on the VALL Website, and has sent information about VALL, and a link to the recruitment section of the Website, to deans and administrators at Catholic University and University of Maryland library schools.

New Business

Elections:

VALL once again used AALL’s electronic voting service to hold the 2008 elections. 52 members voted for the following officers:

Fred Dingley, Vice-President, President-Elect
Bill Magee, Secretary
Michele Gernhardt, Director

Outgoing VALL President and Blues aficionado Kevin Butterfield was presented with framed blues-themed posters in thanks for his service to VALL this past year.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Baugh
Secretary





VALL MEETING MINUTES SUMMER 2008 –
AALL 2008 Annual Meeting
July 14, 2008

President moved to approve minutes from the spring 2008 meeting.

Sally Wambold seconded the motion and those minutes were so approved.

TREASURER REPORT

- Current holdings at \$23,500 which is down \$3,000 from the previous year due to more grant distributions.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

- Chair needs to get names.

LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS COMMITTEE

- Isabel Paul represented VALL with the Virginia delegation of the ALA at the National Library Legislative Day. The delegation visited Representative Cantor's office, Senator Webb's office and Senator Warner's office to express the concerns of all libraries in general.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

- 17 new members admitted with three in attendance at AALL VALL luncheon.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

- Editor requested articles for fall issue prior to deadline of July 31, 2008.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

- Nothing new to report.

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PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

- Chair will post a report with an update on the grant.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

- Fall 2008 meeting TBA
- Winter 2009 meeting – Fairfax, VA
- Spring 2009 meeting – W&L joint meeting with SLA

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- Table at AALL lacked VALL paraphernalia due to UPS error.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

- Thanks given to Gayle for June-July 2008 issue.
- Looking for new writers for next issue.

OLD BUSINESS

- VALL website now hosted at AALLnet.
- Archiving – Ken Sullivan – updated chapter profiles.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ann Fessenden sent letter to congratulate VALL for its 20th anniversary.
- Cathy Palombi is leaving UVA Law Library for a semester to cruise around the world on an “academic” ship so as to serve as a librarian for the students aboard.

Vice President moved to close meeting and was seconded. So approved.

Bill Magee – VALL Secretary



A Tale of Two Judges: Brinkema and Lacy on Judging, Clerking and Information Access

Gail Zwirner

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The Honorable Leonie M. Brinkema

The SEAALL Institute, *Clearing Up Confusion with IP*, was an informative program on intellectual property concepts and search strategies. The lunch keynote speaker did not address specifically IP issues, but offered some very interesting opinions about access to legal information and other issues affecting our patrons and future lawyers.

The speaker was Judge Leonie Brinkema, who sits on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria. Library associations have asked Judge Brinkema for many years to speak because of her assignment in the case *Mainstream Loudoun, et al. v. Bd. of Trustees of the Loudoun County Library*, where she found Loudoun County Library's policies regarding limited patron access to the Internet unconstitutional. 24 F. Supp. 2d 552 (E.D. Va. 1998). Later she was assigned to the *Moussaoui* trial, which offered many examples of the information access issues librarians address regularly.

Judge Brinkema grew up in New Jersey, attended Douglas College, then Rutgers to get her M.L.S. (then Masters in Library "Services"). She worked in a Community College environment where she had an FAQ box of index cards at the reference desk. Her favorite was "what were the names of the seven dwarves?" When she served as the employee representative in collective bargaining proceedings, she became interested in legal research.



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She returned to Rutgers for law school.

At the time Judge Brinkema was appointed to the bench, there was an effort to increase the number of women on the judiciary. Senator John Warner first moved her name forward to the George H.W. Bush administration, but Warner told her there was another candidate who would probably be chosen. Later Senator Robb submitted her name to the Clinton administration and she was appointed in a record-breaking two months.



As court filings move into the electronic mode, Judge Brinkema sees the biggest challenge we have with access to legal information is securing privacy. Many documents come across her desk with minors' names or Social Security Numbers. It's those kinds of details where legal professionals need to focus so future access is stable.

When she was assigned to the *Moussaoui* case, she knew it would be historic and researchers would be requesting access to the docket for many years. Her librarianship skills allowed her to think about the organizational needs of the docket and from the outset she sought approval for all documents – sealed or unsealed – to be formatted for online access, when and if any privileged material is released.

Judge Brinkema admits that she uses the library less frequently than she used to. Her clerks do 90% of the research for her. She still believes in the strengths of digests and in challenges with her clerks, she claims to find results on point 80% of the time more quickly than her clerks who rely on online systems. If she were to recommend a focus on instruction for law students, it would be in legislative history. She said she usually throws up her hands and calls Richmond.

Judge Brinkema responded to questions for advice for law students about legal writing. She said she settles disagreements with *Strunk & White*. She despises legalese and focuses on concision, deleting regularly phrases like “the fact that.” Incorrect citations “waste her time” and make her wonder what else is missing in a brief if the writer doesn't pay attention to citation detail.

Her final bit of wisdom was in response to a question about the impact of religion on the *Moussaoui* trial. She said “never assume anything.” Mr. Moussaoui requested a Qur'an for use during his isolation. She thought it was a reasonable request, but decided to have the U.S. Marshals' Service review the proposal. They discovered that if infidels

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touch the Qur'an it could incite more problems, and they recommended that she deny the request.

The Honorable Elizabeth B. Lacy

Justice Elizabeth Lacy spoke to University of Richmond law students at the annual *Bridge the Gap* program. Justice Lacy was a woman of “firsts” in Virginia. She was appointed by Governor Robb as the first woman to serve on the State Corporation Commission. Then in 1988, Governor Baliles appointed her to the Virginia Supreme Court, where she was the first woman justice in Virginia. She moved to Senior status in 2007 and the University of Richmond has benefited from her time and experience in its Law Skills program.



Justice Lacy spoke about many of the expectations she has of her clerks, including punctuality, legal research skills and attention to detail. Like Judge Brinkema, she cautioned the students about dependence on keyword searching. It is her experience that many times her clerks will find the “perfect phrase” in a decision, but when she reads the entire decision, the facts frequently are distinguishable.

One routine assignment she has her clerks do is review court filings to see if they meet the procedural rules – timing, length, format, etc. This is an assignment I had not heard clerks describe. Coincidentally, in research I was doing the following week on the “beach driving” case in the Eastern District of North Carolina before Judge Boyle, I noticed the docket had several interesting entries. The first was a “Notice of Deficiency” for lack of a certificate of service. Another was a “Notice of Correction.” One motion was filed as an “Intervenor Complaint” when it should have been titled “Motion to Intervene as Defendants.” A second “Notice of Deficiency” was for lack of proper electronic signature. Finally, there was a “Reminder to Counsel” pursuant to Judge Boyle’s Practices and Procedures regarding submitting courtesy copies of court papers. It was clear that Judge Boyle’s clerks check court documents for proper procedure as well.



Light Rail—It's More Than Transportation

Jeanne Ullian

Williams Mullen, Richmond, Virginia

In the July 28, 2008 issue of the *New Yorker* I came across an article by Jonah Lehrer entitled “The Eureka Hunt: Why do good ideas come to us when they do?” The premise is that the left hemisphere of our brain focuses on single issues whereas the right hemisphere, with its remote associations, provides insight (ideas). Lehrer believes that a period of relaxation is required—that the brain must be allowed to wander—in order for the right hemisphere to intervene. Two of my favorite quotes from the article are: “That’s why so many insights happen during warm showers.” and “We do some of our best thinking when we’re still half asleep.”

I thought of this article each morning at AALL in Portland as I walked the short block to the MAX Light Rail stop and boarded the train for the 20-minute ride over the Willamette River to the Oregon Convention Center. At 6:30 am this mindless walk/ride on the frequent, free, clean, reliable, and comfortable train freed my mind to wander—to get ready for the day. What a joy compared to the stress I incur on my daily drive to work.



In 2001, when I last attended AALL, Knowledge Management (KM) was the hot topic; this year it was all about Competitive Intelligence (CI). And just as it was comforting to learn in 2001 that I was already doing KM even though we didn’t call it that in our firm,

the same holds true for CI. It’s mainly a difference in scale, as I learned from presenters who described pricey CI tools, scrolled quickly through sample CI reports, and counted the number of staff involved in CI at their firm. Pulling the data from a company website could

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be considered CI, but ramp that up several notches and you have what these people were discussing. They know the sources, know which to use, and perhaps most importantly know how to analyze and present what they find in an efficient and effective report.

With CI demystified I figured the program on “Patent Searching Demystified” would work the same. Wrong! I decided quickly that this is one area in which I do not wish to devote my entire research life because proficiency would take many more years than I have left. Likewise I will never report on a research project of the caliber of that done by Richard Matula. His presentation on two controlled studies on patent litigation in U.S. District Courts in three products (LitAlert, Courtlink, and CourtExpress) clearly showed why more than one product must be searched for the most complete results. Matula went even further by showing what searching all three products missed, how a searcher could improve their results in each product, and what vendors could do to improve their product.

I believe it was the passion shown by Matula that left me wanting more in many of the other sessions I attended. Matula even suggested questions we should ask of him during the Q&A period so he could elaborate on his findings. I personally believe the Q&A time is very important so that it was distressing to see no one asking questions when there was time and even more distressing to attend presentations where no time was left for questions. I don't see much point in attending a meeting in person when this interactive component of question, comment, critique is left out. Hearing the reactions of others to the presentation enhances the subject and expands the network of people you know are passionate about the subject.

My favorite long session was the intensive four-hour AALLNET Advisory Committee Webmasters Workshop (by invitation only). It was about RSS and CSS and it was hands-on training in specific aspects of these two topics targeted to law librarians. This annual session, I learned, attracts a steady group of attendees who provide input on what they would like covered in the next year's session. This free session is one of the best kept secrets in AALL educational opportunities.

I have already recommended two programs to Fred Dingley for one of our 2008-09 VALL Meetings. One program is the skillfully choreographed 30-minute session “Energize Your Presentations” by Cindy Carlson and Mark Schwartz. The other is the survey/game component of “Evolving Fair Use Policies in the Private Law Firm” with James Heller, et al. I thought the results of the informal survey on fair use was alarming and would like to see this issue discussed more fully.

On the long plane ride home I had lots of time to let my mind wander, and wander it did

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into the more direct relationship of light rail to librarians. People waiting for the trains in Portland were reading; people riding on the trains were reading. Now that Norfolk, where I live, is building its first light rail system, maybe we need a bumper sticker that reads “Librarians for Light Rail.” Then I remembered Norfolk is tearing down the downtown public library to build a light rail station.





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