



Virginia Association of Law Libraries

2023-2024 Annual Report

2023-2024 Executive Board Members

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Chapter Activities and Achievements in 2023-2024

- Access to Justice
 - The Access to Justice Committee finalized and published [A Guide to Virginia Legal Information Resources - General Legal and Self-Help Titles](#) to the Virginia Courts website. A link to the resource was added to the VALL website.
 - The Access to Justice Committee became a full standing committee and was charged with updating [A Guide to Virginia Legal Information Resources - General Legal and Self-Help Titles](#) biennially.
- Bylaws
 - The Bylaws were updated to remove language requiring distribution of information and voting via the now defunct chapter list-serv and by mail.
 - The Bylaws Committee created and submitted a draft Bylaws to the AALL Bylaws Committee that would merge the Constitution and Bylaws and make other significant changes to the Bylaws to bring them into conformity with the bylaws of other AALL Chapters.
- Meetings/Programs
 - [Luncheon at the 2023 AALL Conference](#) - Twenty VALL members met for lunch at Trident Café on July 17th, during the 2023 AALL Annual Conference in Boston.
 - [Fall Meeting](#)
 - Forty in-person attendees met at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia on Friday, November 10th, and fourteen attendees joined in virtually.
 - Member rates for the meeting were extended to members of LLSDC.
 - Programs included:
 - [Access to Justice: Initiative and Opportunities for Law Libraries](#) moderated by Mara Wessel, Law Librarian at the Walter T. McCarthy Law Library. Panelists included: Rebecca Katz, Executive Director at Justice Access, Devanshi Patel, CEO at Center for Youth and Family Advocacy, Patty Petroccione, Law Librarian at the Walter T. McCarthy Law Library, and Tom Pulver, Director at Fairfax Public Law Library.

- Vendor Showcase – Thomson Reuters (Gold Sponsor), Bloomberg Law (Silver Sponsor).
- AALL Executive Board Member Chapter Visit Address by Elizabeth Adelman, AALL Immediate Past President.
- Teaching Legal Technology to Students and Practitioners moderated by Emily Florio, Director of Knowledge, Research, & Resources at DLA Piper. Panelists included: Scott Bailey, Director of Research & Knowledge Services at Eversheds Sutherland, Jessica Perovich, Circuit Librarian at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit and Rob Willey, Faculty Services Librarian & Assistant Director of Communications at GMU Antonin Scalia Law School.
- GMU Antonin Scalia Law School & Library Tour conducted by GMU Law Library staff.
- VALL & LLSDC Happy Hour at Northside Social, Arlington, VA.
- Spring Meeting
 - Forty-two in-person attendees met at Williams Mullen in Richmond, Virginia, on Wednesday, May 8th, and eight virtual attendees participated via Zoom.
 - Programs included:
 - Demonstrating Law Library Value with Assessment-Based Approaches presented by Leslie Street, Clinical Professor of Legal Research & Director of the Wolf Law Library at William & Mary Law School, and Suzanne Corriell, Circuit Librarian, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.
 - Vendor Showcase – Thomson Reuters (Gold Sponsor), Bloomberg Law (Silver Sponsor), LexisNexis (Silver Sponsor), vLex (Silver Sponsor).
 - 40th Anniversary Celebration
 - Preparing for Generative AI’s Impact on Collection Management presented by Jean O’Grady, Director of Research & Knowledge at Venable LLP (retired) and Publisher of the Dewey B. Strategic blog.
 - Supreme Court of Virginia Tour
 - Library of Virginia Tour
- Public Relations - The Public Relations Committee launched the inaugural issues of eVALL, an email newsletter for VALL members that includes a President’s message, member news, recent VALL member publications in Virginia Lawyer, legislative updates, and short articles on hot topics.
- Publications - VALL members contributed articles to the *Virginia Lawyer*, the magazine of the Virginia State Bar, for its “Law Libraries” column. These articles covered legal research topics such as improvements in health law research, succession planning, updates on access to justice, and tips for researching Virginia statutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alison Mallonee, President 2023-2024