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October is here, and with it the start of the U.S. “holiday season.” Halloween costumes are stacked on the shelves next to the cornucopias and twinkle lights. This can be an especially hectic time of year but also a time filled with promise and expectation. When expectation and reality don’t match, however, stress can result. The management of expectation, both our own and that of others, is important throughout the year but is especially so now as Halloween-Thanksgiving-Hanukkah-Christmas-Kwanzaa-New-Year approaches.

Remember to take time to manage your own expectations and reduce your stress. This article from Harvard Business Review sums it up quite nicely. We have the power to change our own expectations and we have the power to put the things that don’t meet our expectations in perspective. Was I expecting to spend Thanksgiving with my sister and her family this year? Yes. Do I have to teach a class the day before Thanksgiving? Yes, meaning I can’t get to her house in time to eat turkey and watch football. Did my expectation and reality collide, resulting in disappointment and stress? You betcha. After taking time for reflection, I realized I had been handed an opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving in my own home without the stress of holiday travel. I am looking forward to making pumpkin pie with my five year old, without the chaos of a big family gathering. I will miss my extended family, but I put this extremely small problem in perspective and remembered to make the most of this holiday: family, food, and fun at my own house!

Perhaps your expectations include taking more leadership within your organization. Leadership is not about titles – many of the most influential leaders in the workplace are not managers or bosses. Opportunities abound in SWALL to exercise your leadership muscle. The 2015-16 SWALL committee rosters are published in this issue of the newsletter; many thanks to the members who have volunteered their time and talents! This doesn’t mean your opportunity has passed, however. If you see a committee of interest, please contact me. We can add new committee members at any time during the year. If you are interested in taking on the responsibility (and fun!) of an Executive
Board position, please contact Alexandra Siek, the 2015-16 chair of the Nominations Committee (siek@law.unm.edu). Next year, be watching for the call for programs for the SEALL-SWALL joint annual meeting. Sharing your expertise and experience with your colleagues further demonstrates your excellence as a leader.

The 2016 AALL Leadership Academy will be held April 1-2 in Oak Brook, Illinois and offers another opportunity to exercise your leadership muscle. The deadline for applications is November 4, 2015. Aside from great networking, the Leadership Academy provides an opportunity to reflect on strength areas, to identify areas for improvement, and to learn how to maximize leadership skills and opportunities. There is an application process so if you are an AALL member and interested in applying, don’t delay.

Holiday expectations too often center on material things and the spending money and time to give and receive gifts. I invite you to join me in the attempt to center on the gifts that really matter: gifts of time, gifts of dedication, and gifts of love. I don’t mean love in the sappy-Hallmark-card sense of the word, but rather I mean love in its most universal sense: kindness, goodwill, benevolence, fellowship, patience. As the parent of a small child, that last one (patience) really trips me up sometimes. The gift I want most this holiday season is to have kindness, goodwill, benevolence and patience for myself so that I can give those things to others. If I spend less time trying to guess what other people think and expect, I’ll have more time to get on with the business of my family, my career, and my community. If I spend less time shopping for presents, I can spend more time talking to my mom on the phone - which I know for a fact is what she really wants for Christmas.

Looking forward to the Spring, please remember to mark your calendar for the joint SEALL-SWALL annual meeting in Dallas, April 14-16 2016. I’m working hard to keep my expectations for this meeting at a reasonable level, but excitement is building around this wonderful joint enterprise. I look forward to seeing many SEALL and SWALL colleagues and enjoying all that Dallas has to offer – see you at Uchi for drinks and dinner? Be watching for more details about the joint meeting and attendee grants after the Halloween-Thanksgiving-Hanukkah-Christmas-Kwanzaa-New-Year season comes to a close. Take care and enjoy the season of love and miracles.

PLEASE NOTE:

The leaves are starting to change to autumn hues and the 2015 AALL Executive Board Election is underway, a harbinger of change in the organization. If you are an AALL member and have not yet voted, please visit this link and let your voice be heard! The election is open until October 31.

The State, Court, and County Law Libraries Committee of SWALL has a new name: Government Law Libraries Committee. SWALL benefits from the involvement of our government law libraries members and SWALL applauds their important work in all government settings!
The Executive Board of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) respectfully requests that the Southwest Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) expand the language of the anti-discrimination in its bylaws clause to include the categories of gender and gender identity.

The current SWALL anti-discrimination clause reads:

2.4 Anti-Discrimination
Membership in the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries or participation in any activity of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries shall not be abridged or denied to any individual on account of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

The AALL-requested language is:

Membership in the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries or participation in any activity of the Southwestern Association of Law Libraries shall not be abridged or denied to any individual on account of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. (emphasis added)

The proposed expansion of the anti-discrimination clause will be included in an upcoming SWALL electronic membership vote. More details will be provided soon via the SWALL email list. If you would prefer a paper ballot for the upcoming electronic membership vote, please contact Stacy Fowler, SWALL Secretary, at sfowler@stmarytx.edu. All bylaws amendments must be affirmed by a vote of two-thirds of the SWALL membership. This notice to the membership of the proposed amendment serves to fulfill the requirement that notice of such changes be provided to all members in good standing at least 30 days prior to the close of balloting.

FROM THE EDITOR

Now that the SWALL Committees are formed (THANKS EVERYONE) I’d like you to send in some reports/articles for the Spring Issue of the Bulletin.
Kathleen Bransford
Denton County (TX) Law Librarian and Immediate Past President

The Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) Executive Board for 2014-2015 was: Kathleen Bransford, President; Jennifer Laws, Vice-President/President Elect; Katy Stein Badeaux, Treasurer; Stacy Fowler, Secretary and Caren Luckie, Immediate Past President.

The 2015 SWALL Annual Meeting was held in Boulder, Colorado from April 9-10, 2015 with 53 Attendees and 8 Exhibitor Representatives. The event was small but cohesive and, thanks to the Boulder Local Arrangement Committee, ended in the black, financially.

Nicholas Harrell, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, and David Selden worked with our Treasurer to promote a Green Conference so as to become a tradition at all SWALL conferences. From these efforts, SWALL is donating $318 to Trees, Water & People in Fort Collins, Colorado as an offset to the carbon emissions from attendees, travel to the conference. Other green initiatives: promoting public transportation, bicycle options, using pitchers instead of bottled water and offering a “green guide”.

At the conclusions of the SWALL conference, Jennifer Laws became President; Mike Martinez, Vice President; Katy Stein Badeauz, Treasurer; Stacy Fowler, Secretary and Kathleen Bransford as Immediate Past President.

A new SWALL member, Kenton Brice, was able to attend the conference thanks to the Mon Yin Lung Scholarship Program. Mon Yin has been an unparalleled force in SWALL for many years and will continue as such with her generosity and promotion of this scholarship to students pursuing a career in law librarianship.

September 2, 2014, SWALL passed a resolution to support Enactment of the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (UELMA) in the States of Arizona, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

In the future, SWALL will be studying a resolution proposed by Sara Campbell under the auspices of the County of Lubbock, Texas, to support legislation establishing a $5.00 fee for all Justice Court filings to benefit County Law Libraries. In 2007 the statutory limit for the amount in controversy in small claim courts was raised, resulting in fewer cases being heard in the District Courts and in turn, loss of fees for law libraries, hurting especially the libraries in the smaller counties.

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be a joint meeting of SWALL and SEALL, Southeastern Association of Law Libraries, in Dallas, TX. The 2017 Annual Meeting will be in Albuquerque, N.M. and the 2018 meeting in Houston, Texas.
FREE TECH TOOLS FOR LAW LIBRARIANS

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Technology has changed the way law libraries operate and everyday law librarians use a number of expensive databases and technologies to do our jobs. However, technology does not have to be expensive. There are many free tools available that can help you with a number of law library-related tasks such as teaching, gathering and organizing information, and researching on the web. All of the tools discussed below are either entirely free or provide a free version that anyone can use. The free versions may not have as many features as the premium or pro options, but they will at least provide you with the basic functionality of the tool and allow you to evaluate whether or not it may be right for you.

Pump Up Your Presentations

If you are tired of using PowerPoint, and you think your audience might be too, you will be happy to know that there are other options that can make your presentations more dynamic. Prezi has emerged as a popular alternative to PowerPoint. Rather than using a linear progression of slides, it allows presenters to zoom around a presentation canvas to better demonstrate how concepts are related to one another. A newer option is Emaze, a cloud-based presentation software that allows you to use 3D and 2D design templates to create lively presentations. Another way to shake up your presentations is to introduce an audience response system that will allow you to engage and assess your students in real-time. Popular choices include Socrative and Poll Everywhere, which both let presenters ask multiple choice, true/false, and short answer questions and immediately view responses.

Create Custom Videos

If you like to create video tutorials for your library users and students, there are several free software options available. If you want to demonstrate how to do something online such as search your library catalog or register for a database, you might try Screencast-o-Matic, which allows you to capture short videos of your screen and share them with others. If you want to make animated videos with voice overs, try Adobe Voice for your iPad. This free app allows you to choose images and music for your video as well as record your own audio content for each segment. Finally, for those who want to make more interactive tutorials, you can use Zaption. This software allows you to add text and questions to videos, so that the viewer is more engaged with the material.
Market Your Library Like a Pro

For those of you who are in charge of creating marketing materials for your library such as signs and brochures, Canva can make your life a little easier. This online tool allows users to easily create graphic designs using images and ready-made templates. Many of the images are free or users can choose to license an image for only $1. If you need to simple way to visually convey a lot of information about your library, you might want to try using infographic software such as Easel.ly. The Easel.ly website provides customizable infographic templates that you can use to creatively display information such as library usage statistics or collection information.

Gather Information With Ease

Sometimes you may need to gather information from a number of people. Luckily, there are also tools that can help you conveniently collect and organize this information. If you are trying to get people to sign up for a class or project, give Sign Up Genuis a try. With this tool, you just build a custom signup sheet, send the link to all interested parties, and each person can sign up online. If you need a little more information from people, you can use Google Forms, which lets you create customizable online surveys and forms with a variety of question options such as multiple choice, dropdown menus, checkboxes, short answer, and paragraphs. The information provided by respondents is automatically filled into a Google Docs spreadsheet for easy analysis. Finally, if you want to find a convenient time for multiple people to meet, send them all a Doodle poll. This scheduling tool allows several people to indicate their availability and find the perfect time to get together.

Surf the Web Smarter

Most of us spend a considerable amount of time researching information found on the web. A number of free browser tools exist to make web searching easier. For instance, if you find it difficult to read some websites and blogs because of ads and other distractions on the site, try installing Clearly on your browser. This add-on, for Firefox and Chrome, cleans up websites and makes them easier to read. Sometimes when you are web browsing, you may also come across a link to a statute or case that you would like to see. If you install Jureeka! in Chrome or Firefox, those citations will become hyperlinks that will take you directly to free online versions of the materials. A final helpful browser add-on is Resurrect Pages, which will let you access a webpage that is no longer available due to a broken link or other issue. Available for Firefox, this add-on provides easy access to cached versions of websites so that you can still view the information you need.
§ **Sara E. Campbell**, formerly on Lubbock County (Texas), is now the Electronic Services Librarian for the Appellate Court Services Division State of Oregon Law Library with the Oregon Judicial Department, Salem, Oregon.

§ **Stewart Caton** is excited to begin his new position at UNT Dallas College of Law as a Reference Librarian. Stewart began his law library experience while a law student at the University of Oregon. Next, he held a full-time position at the Stanislaus County Law Library in California. Stewart has spent the past year in the law librarianship program at the Gallagher Law Library at the University of Washington.

§ **Charles Finger**, formerly associate director of the law library (St. Mary’s, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library), is now the Deputy Director for Strategic Planning.


§ **Joseph D. Lawson**, Deputy Director, Harris County Law Library, recently had an article published in *The Houston Lawyer*, regarding the 100-year history of the Harris County Law Library. See the article [here.](#)

§ **Mike Martinez**, formerly head of student services (St. Mary’s, Sarita Kenedy East Law Library), is now Deputy Director for Administration. Additionally, Martinez has been promoted to a full professor recently.

§ **Laura Orr** retired as the Washington County (Oregon) law librarian on July 24, 2015. **Lee Van Duzer**, a former U.S. Court of Appeals librarian for the Ninth Circuit, has taken her place. Stephanie Haugen wrote an article in the *Hillsboro Tribune* describing Laura’s work as a public law librarian who believed in access to justice.
Rebecca Sherman, currently a Research & Faculty Services Librarian at Southern Methodist University, will be taking a reference librarian position in November with the Multnomah County Law Library in Portland, Oregon. Rebecca and I began our law librarianship career together, first as classmates in the University of Washington law librarianship program, and then as colleagues at SMU. I know Rebecca will make a fabulous addition to her new team in Portland. On behalf of all of our colleagues at SMU and in SWALL, I wish Rebecca the very best in her new endeavor! - Cassie Dubay

Jeff B. Woodmansee, Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship at the UALR Bowen School of Law, was appointed to serve a three-year term (2015-2018) to the AALL Digital Access to Legal Information Committee; received the 2015 AALL Annual Meeting Chapter Registration Award for the SWALL regional chapter of law libraries, and co-authored a legislative survey of states currently offering tax incentives to attract angel investment for entrepreneurs recently published in Tax Notes and State Tax Notes (Joseph Bell, Michael Watts, and Jeff B. Woodmansee. Equity Investor Tax Credits: Legislative Update. Tax Notes, Vol. 147, No. 12, pp. 1435-1443; State Tax Notes, Vol. 76, No. 13, pp. 1027-1033.) His photography was also featured in a top Arkansas legal publication: “Sun Rising on at MacArthur Park”, Daily Record, Vol. 621, No. 27, pp. 24. He will be a featured presenter discussing OCLC Worldshare ILL updates and other resource sharing issues at next month’s MAALL Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO.

SWALL—Call For Nominations

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The SWALL Nominations Committee is soliciting suggestions for candidates for the offices of Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Please refer to the SWALL bylaws for more information about each of these positions.

If you know a qualified, enthusiastic individual who has interest in contributing to SWALL by serving in one of these positions, please send us a nomination. (we suggest clearing it with the person first.) Self-nominations are also more than welcome. This is an excellent way to get involved with our Association!

Nominations are due December 15th, 2015.
THE RECENT SUPREME COURT RULING AFFECTS LAW LIBRARIES IN TEXAS

June 26th, 2015 was an historic day for marriage and divorce. The United States Supreme Court issued a ruling that allowed same sex marriage in all 50 states. For those States that did not allow same-sex marriages, this ruling has been controversial and sparked much debate regarding whether or not County Clerks could deny marriage licenses when doing so infringed on their personal religious beliefs. And beyond the issue of licenses and marriage, it has also caused many courts to quickly deal with the inevitable topic of divorce.

However, the Courts and County Clerks are not the only offices that are impacted by the Supreme Court Ruling. While it is not as visible result of the ruling, there is a trickle-down effect on law libraries. How does this ruling affect law libraries?

The law library in Ellis County is a smaller library with two employees. We are in a newer beautiful courthouse and every year we have seen our patron numbers increase. We provide services to local attorneys and those from visiting counties, paralegals and pro se litigants. Our services include copying, faxing and notarizing documents. The law library includes a board room which can be rented out for mediation and depositions, and our Attorney’s lounge offers another quiet place along with the law library to study or read.

I have encountered two different instances in respect to same-sex issues within the past couple of months both of which caused me to evaluate the terms I instinctively use. In the first instance a woman came in requesting divorce forms. In explaining the process, I referred to the necessity of having her husband sign the waiver form and having it notarized. Later when she returned with her partner, I realized that it was a same-sex marriage.

My second encounter involved a woman seeking annulment forms. I again explained the necessity of having her husband sign and notarize the waiver. This also turned out to be a same sex couple seeking the proper forms.

Domestic situations are very stressful in and of themselves. We try to help the patrons who utilize our resources to get through the process quickly and without issue. In regards to divorce forms, the forms are already gender neutral. The forms speak only as to a respondent and a petitioner. Although the petitioners never corrected me, I realized I needed to reevaluate my word choice in dealing with patrons. By using a more universal term, such as “spouse”, I believe the issue is remedied.

With the nature of changing laws and regardless of whether or not I agree or disagree with the Supreme Court’s decision, I have an obligation and desire to perform my job well. As a law librarian, it remains my goal to assist the public with respect and compassion.

If you have any experiences with this subject please share. We can all benefit from your knowledge.
I was able to attend the 108th AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Philadelphia this year with the generous support from SWALL and AALL. I cannot thank the grants committee enough for choosing me for this award. No words can express my gratitude. Without the grants I received from SWALL and AALL, attending the annual conference would have been impossible especially because I decided to leave my job at St. Mary’s University Sarita Kenedy East Law Library and returned to Florida this summer to finish my Ph.D.

This year’s AALL Annual Conference was my second Philadelphia meeting. I also attended the one back in 2010. The convention center, reading terminal market, Chinatown and everything else all seemed so familiar. I had a very busy and productive conference. In addition to attending the educational programs, I was responsible for organizing a business meeting/luncheon and a caucus program as the chair of the Asian American Law Librarian Caucus.

Nevertheless, I was able to attend some very informative educational programs. In Monday’s program Confronting the Future of Information Policy, David Mao from the Library of Congress, Amy Bunk from the National Archives and Records Administration, and Mary Alice Bash from the Government Publishing Office talked to us attendees about each agency’s plans, initiatives, collaborative efforts, and challenges regarding digital information. I enjoyed this program as I care a great deal about digital preservation and open access for legal and government information.

Another program I attended was the Asian Caucus program on Chinese Legal Information. Alex Xiaomeng Zhang from the University of Michigan Law Library and Anne Mostad-Jensen from the University of North Dakota Law Library explored practical yet important issues related to English translations of Chinese primary legal materials including availability, accessibility and quality control. They talked about the legal systems in the greater China including Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macao and also shared tips and strategies for using English translations of Chinese primary legal materials with the audience.

One of the most noteworthy programs I attended this year was Sunday’s program 25 Free Technologies for Law Libraries presented by Ellyssa Kroski, Director of Information Technology at the New York Law Institute and Avery Le, Reference Library at the University of Florida Levin College of Law. The presenters demonstrated 25 free and easy to use technology tools such as PBWorks, Zoho Creator, Kahoot and Powtton in a very lively, engaging, and interactive way. There were lots of laughers throughout the session, too. After returning from AALL, I was able to intergrade one of the free online teaching tools into my doctoral class presentation. My fellow Ph.D. students and my professor were definitely very impressed when I told them I had just learned about it from the awesome law librarian conference I attended!
Besides the educational programs, I was able to stop by the exhibit hall and also take advantage of the networking opportunities to catch up with colleagues. Of course I attended the HALL/SWALL/DALL/UNT joint reception at the Moriarty Irish pub and restaurant. It was so great seeing some of the familiar faces and having a good time with my SWALL friends!

I have been a member of SWALL since the start of my law librarian career in 2009. I still remember my very first conference at a SWALL-HALL joint meeting where I also had the opportunity to present. I had been going to SWALL annual meetings ever since and had also served on a couple of SWALL committees. I met so many wonderful like-minded fellow law librarians and received so much support from this incredible organization. SWALL is like a family, it really means a lot to me.

As I am finishing up my Ph.D. in Information Studies and moving closer towards my goal of becoming a Library and Information Science educator, I will (hopefully) have the opportunity to educate the next generation of librarians and information professionals. And some of them will become law librarians. Having been a law librarian myself is truly a blessing; I have learned so much in the past 6-7 years. It is and will forever be a part of my professional identity. In my future career, I will take every opportunity I can to spread the word about law librarianship and SWALL to contribute back to this profession. Again, I greatly appreciate this opportunity to attend the annual conference and I certainly look forward to catching up with everyone at a future SWALL meeting!
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Applications are now being accepted through November 4 for the 2016 AALL Leadership Academy to be held April 1-2, 2016, in Oak Brook, Illinois.

The AALL Rebranding Initiative has been moving forward using the results of the May member survey to inform the process. FAQs and a project update are available to keep you up-to-date on the progress of this project.

AALL WEBINAR OPPORTUNITY

Staffing Circulation and Information Desks: Innovation, Change and Challenges for Law Libraries

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015
Time: 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM (Central Time)
Free for AALL Members; Non-AALL Members - $60;

Please register by October 26.
Approaches to staffing, training and innovation are issues we grapple with from day to day. Join the members of the AALL RIPS-SIS Patron Services Committee in a roundtable discussion on October 29 at 11 a.m. central. The focus of this roundtable will be on the many issues surrounding staffing circulation and information desks, student workers and innovative staffing patterns. Other issues that affect all types of law libraries including security issues and emergency training for access services will also be discussed. We will discuss the relevant issues with an emphasis on discussion so be prepared to join us in what we hope to be a spirited conversation!

Send your questions to Jessica Randall Panella, Head of Access Services, University of Connecticut School of Law Library
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Until I began as Law Librarian for Denton County in 2008 I had not realized the benefits of networking. Within two months of beginning this position I had a call from the Law Librarian in Collin County who suggested that I meet up with her and several other local county law librarians. I met with them in Collin County and not only learned a lot but also made life-long friends; one of whom is the present Law Librarian in Grayson County, Virginia Eldridge.

Virginia and I have made several road trips together, the most recent one being to attend the Harris County Law Library Centennial Celebration October 1, 2015. The event was attended by several dignitaries (see picture), judges and staff from the University of Texas Houston and the public. The Director of the Harris County Law Library, Mariann Sears revealed that Virginia and I were the only county law librarians to travel the distance.

The Harris County Law Library is located on the first floor of Congress Plaza at the corner of Congress and Fannin Streets in downtown Houston. Vince Ryan, Harris County Attorney, welcomed the group of over 300 guests proceeded by Joseph D. Lawson, Law Library Deputy Director, previously the Fort Bend Law Librarian. Joseph was able to span a hundred years of history of the Law Library in his presentation.

Mariann Sears, Director, spoke of the Law Library Today followed by Laura Gibson, Houston Bar Association President speaking of Access to Justice. She was especially proud of the Harris County Law Library developing of a group of attorneys to counsel self-represented litigants in the quest for justice.
The Honorable Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, introduced by the Honorable Brett Busby, Justice of the Fourteenth Court of Appeals, emphasized the need for Access to Justice in the State of Texas. Although funding for Legal Aid has increased, the number of attorneys volunteering pro bono hours is just not enough to meet the need.

Thanks to that initial call from Collin County back in 2008 and to Denton County for recognizing the need for county law librarians to network as our educational curve expands to meet the constantly changing framework of legal access.

From left to right:

**Joseph D. Lawson**, Harris County Law Library Deputy Director

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**Vince Ryan**, Harris County Attorney

**Nathan L. Hecht**, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas

**Laura Gibson**, President, Houston Bar Association

**Brett Busby**, Justice, Fourteenth Court of Appeals and Co-Chair of HBA County Law Library Committee

Great food and wonderful displays of the history of the library are pictured on the next pages. Thanks to the Harris County library staff for all your hard work to make this an outstanding event.
There was standing room only for the afternoon’s program.
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