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From Freeport to the Freedom Trail... LLNE Members Look Forward to Upcoming Meetings in New England



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LLNE Spring Meeting in Freeport, Maine**

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on the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston**



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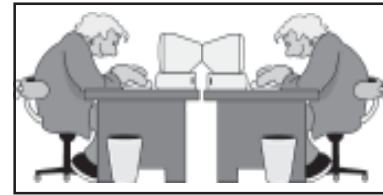
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CO-EDITORS' NOTE

Spring is in the air, and our thoughts turn our upcoming LLNE Spring Meeting in Freeport, Maine. Find more information about the meeting in this issue. We hope to see many of you there!

Before you know it, summer will be fast approaching, with the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston., July 10-14. Make sure that you read *LLNE News* for information about recent developments and ways in which you can get involved!

If you are interested in contributing an article or announcement for the next issue, please contact Michelle Pearse (mpearse@law.harvard.edu) or John Pedini (jpedini@socialaw.com).

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Maine!

Michelle Pearse and John Pedini,
Co-Editors



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings!

We have passed through the winter months so quickly. Very soon our library colleagues from around the world will be journeying to Boston for the 97th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Librarians. Boston is merely the physical location of the meeting. Our entire New England law library community continues to work hard to make the meeting an educational and fun experience. We need to come together as a world library community to share our expertise, knowledge, skills and diverse ideas about access to legal information and the future of our profession.

As I browsed the workshop, events and session descriptions in the preliminary program I was impressed by the AALL Program committee's attempt to balance "technology" topics (so elemental to today's law libraries) with management, service and career topics. I also wondered what the program for the 1st Annual Meeting was like. Although technology in law library's was not even on the horizon at that meeting, I am certain that the sessions, discussions and events were about how to maximize the service to our patrons or clients. While the ways in which legal information is acquired, processed and organized have become radically different, the reasons for being a law librarian have not. I sincerely hope many of you will take advantage of the near location of the Annual meeting to join with all your colleagues in advancing and celebrating our profession.

The LLNE Executive Board will be meeting on April 30 at the LLNE Spring Meeting in Freeport Maine. Look for the next President's column to say a few words on the activities of our chapter. Hope to see many of you in Boston, July 10 – 14.

Susan C. Sullivan

Calendar of LLNE Meetings

Spring 2004

Maine State Law and Legislative
Reference Library and University of
Maine Law Library
Freeport, ME,
Friday April 30, 2004

Fall 2004

Mirck O'Connell (Worcester), Bowditch &
Dewey and the Worcester Law
Library - Massachusetts Trial Court
Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA
Friday, October 15, 2004

Spring 2005

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Fall 2005

Roger Williams University School of Law
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Member News

Janet Katz (Harvard Law School Library) attended the Joint Study Institute (JSI) program “Australia and New Zealand: Access to the World” at Sydney University from February 20 through 23. Co-sponsored by the American Association of Law Libraries, the British and Irish Association of Law Libraries, the Canadian Association of Law Libraries/ Association Canadienne des Bibliothèques de Droit and the Australian Law Librarians Group, it exists to permit law librarians from various jurisdictions to meet and discuss widespread and related issues. The meetings are held every two years in different locations and provide participants the opportunity to learn about the host country’s legal heritage and tradition.

Anne Myers (Boston University School of Law Library) has been elected to the Executive Board of AALL. She will serve as an Executive Board member.

Pat Newcombe has been named Associate Director of Western New England College School of Law Library. Pat has been at the library for nine years, most recently as Head of Research Services.

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

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no. 3 - August 6, 2004

no. 4 - November 19, 2004

Vermont Law Students Study Environmental Challenges in the Virgin Islands

By Diane Frake, Vermont Law School

I jumped at the opportunity to co-teach a class focused on the US Virgin Islands National Park. A long-time visitor and number one fan of the Park, I spend time every winter camping at Cinnamon Bay Campground, snorkeling the reefs and hiking the trails of this lovely island. Over the years, I have observed the degradation of the environment, including coral reef destruction, depleted fish populations, the effects of escalating numbers of rental cars and the influx of big land developers. The course, “Conservation Field Study: Virgin Islands National Park”, was an opportunity for students to closely study environmental challenges, examine community and cultural issues and investigate the laws and policies influencing Park regulation.

Co-taught by Belinda Sifford, classes were held at Vermont Law School the last two weeks of February, followed by a week of on-site instruction at the National Park. Presentations at VLS included: a history and overview of the US Virgin Islands and the US Virgin Islands National Park; US territorial law; the history and development of US National Parks; new paradigms for National Park administration, major issues facing the US Virgin Islands National Park, current strategies for solutions, and, an anthropological study of the relationship between the National Park and the St. John community.

Classes continued during spring break on St. John. Students stayed at Maho Bay Camps, an eco-friendly, up-scale camping alternative to traditional accommodations. Classes focused on the situations creating tension between the Park and the community, issues for the new Virgin Islands National Park superintendent, research on disease and other threats to St. John’s coral reefs, a St. Johnian’s perspective of land development and establishment of a St. John public land trust, preservation of the rich archeological resources of St. John, the Coral Reef National Monument, and supplementing the resources of the Park through a Friends of the Virgin Islands organization.

The class toured the island to get first hand views of land use, land acquisition and development, park waters, terrain and vegetation, and historical and cultural archeological sites. Students examined sites of controversy for the Park; e.g., where the town would like to build a new school complex on Park lands, land currently the topic of a court battle to separate interests where the Park owns a 3/11 interest, scarring of the land and runoff problems where new developments are being built, proposed sites for a new road which would cut through Park land, and the transformation of a polluted pond into new dockage for commercial water vehicles.

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LLNE Activities and Business/Committee News

LLNE Members Host Information Session for Simmons GSLIS-West

By Kathy Coolidge, Bulkley, Richardson & Gelinas, LLP

On February 14, 2004, three LLNE members hosted Simmons GSLIS-West students in South Hadley, MA, for a pizza lunch and information session about the advantages of membership in LLNE. Making the presentation were Barbara Morgan, Law Librarian, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, Kate Dixon, Reference Law Librarian (and current law student), Western New England College School of Law, Springfield, MA, and Katherine Coolidge, Law Librarian (and current Simmons GSLIS-West student), Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLP, Springfield, MA. Helping to plan the session, but unable to attend, was Kate Flynn, Director, Hampden County Trial Court Law Library, Springfield, MA.

Approximately a dozen Simmons GSLIS-West students attended the hour-long session in which the LLNE members described their current careers and the variety of pathways that led them to this career choice. The members stressed the importance of networking through professional associations and the advantage of effectively using the LLNE listserv to enlist reference assistance when necessary. The students asked great questions about legal research, government documents and court forms and responded well to the enthusiasm of the LLNE members regarding the practice of law librarianship. The students were encouraged to explore LLNE through student membership and to participate in AALL this summer in Boston. The availability of scholarships for both graduate study and attendance at AALL and LLNE meetings was made known to the students.

The LLNE members extend their appreciation to Simmons GSLIS-West for the use of the student lounge for the presentation and to Hillary Garrett, Simmons GSLIS-West Student Events Coordinator, for publicizing the event. ☐

LLNE Member Bibliography

Have you delivered a noteworthy presentation or had your work published in a journal, law review, book or book chapter in the past ten years? If so, the LLNE Public Relations Committee wants to hear from you. In an effort to publicize member accomplishments, the Committee is compiling a bibliography of LLNE member publications and presentations which will be posted on the LLNE website and featured at the events table at AALL meetings. If you don't have anything to submit this time around, fear not - the bibliography will be updated annually.

Submission Guidelines:

- Articles & Books: law or library related works that appeared in professional journals, law reviews, books & book chapters, within the last ten years.
- Presentations: we're interested in presentations delivered at AALL or any other professional legal or library organization, within the last ten years.
- Citations should conform to *The Bluebook*. For matters not covered in *The Bluebook*, use *The Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Microsoft Word format is preferred.
- Annotations of no more than 50 words are encouraged but not required.
- Please submit entries to Diane D'Angelo, Public Relations Chair, ddangelo@suffolk.edu
- Submission deadline is June 1, 2004. ☐

Chapter Elections

LLNE President, Susan Sullivan, has appointed Joan Shear (chair), Michael Hughes, and Diane Frake to serve on this year's chapter Nominating Committee. The committee is charged with choosing and submitting nominees for the chapter offices up for election this year. Those offices are Vice President/President Elect, Secretary and one Education Director. If there is a particular LLNE member you would like to nominate for one of the open offices please send an email to Joan Shear at shearj@bc.edu by May 12. The nominees will be announced to the membership via the listserv and newsletter. The election of officers will take place at the LLNE Annual Business Meeting, Tuesday, July 12, 2004. The Business Meeting is part of the Joint LLNE/SNELLA luncheon at AALL. (See page 16 for more information about the luncheon.) ☐

Spring Meeting in Maine

The LLNE Spring Meeting will be held in Freeport, Maine on Friday, April 30 for a program focused on Finding the Information Needle in the Haystack. Featured speakers include Ran Hock of Online Solutions on improving your search effectiveness with the right strategy and the right tools; Karen Calhoun, Associate University Librarian at Cornell University on lists, catalogs, and portals as tools for electronic resource access; and Jim Henderson, Maine State Archivist on preservation of electronic information. The meeting will be held at the Stone House Conference Center, a former estate property located on the water just a short drive outside Freeport. Your hosts are the University of Maine School of Law Library and the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library. For more information, please consult the meeting web page at <http://www.state.me.us/legis/lawlib/llne.htm>. We look forward to seeing you!

Getting There...

By Christine Hepler, University of Maine

The following are some transportation options for getting to Freeport if you are not driving. One thing Maine is short on is public transportation. As such, there is not public transportation to Freeport.

Transportation to Freeport, Maine (from the Freeport Chamber of Commerce website <http://www.freeportusa.com/map.html>)

Freeport is accessible by car or taxi. At this time there is no public transportation directly to Freeport but you can take the Concord Trailways busline to Portland, Maine, 25 miles south of Freeport and then take a public taxi to Freeport.

Concord Trailways General Information: http://www.concordtrailways.com/concord_trailways.htm

Concord Trailways Schedule: http://www.concordtrailways.com/images/ME_JAN_2004.pdf

Note: This is a PDF file. Adobe Acrobat Required.

The Downeaster train is another option. You can find their information on the web at <http://www.thedowneaster.com/>.

Suggested Taxi services are Classy Taxi (207-865-0663 / 1-800-499-0663) or Freeport Taxi (207-865-9494). Car rental companies are in Brunswick, Portland and at the Portland Jetport.

If you are coming to the Spring meeting and need a ride, a message to the LLNE list is probably the best way to find one.

Scholarship Committee

The LLNE Scholarship Committee is pleased to report that we have awarded two scholarships for the spring meeting in Freeport, Maine on April 30. The recipients are Sue Drisko and Sharon Persons, both of the Northeastern University School of Law Library.

LLNE is offering scholarships for the AALL Annual Meeting in Boston July 10-14, 2004. Since this meeting is in the home territory of LLNE, we would like to encourage as many people as possible to attend. The application deadline was Friday, April 23. The price of registration goes up on June 1 and we wanted to make sure that the Committee can make its decisions and get checks out early enough so the recipients can register at the lower rate.

The application form for scholarships is on the LLNE website and should be mailed or faxed to Margaret Cianfarini, Harvard Law School Library, Langdell Hall, 1545 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138 fax 617-496-4409 by the deadline.



Looking to hire or be hired?

LLNE job postings are available on the LLNE website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/resources/jobs.htm>. If you wish to post a position, e-mail the the job posting to Stephanie Burke (sjburke@bu.edu). Jobs will be posted for ninety days and then removed, unless otherwise requested.

LLNE Service Committee Activities

See <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/committees/service.htm> for more information about the LLNE Service Committee and other volunteer opportunities in your area.

Earth Day, Saturday, April 24, 2004

In Boston, the Service Committee worked along the Charles River. Participants included Mindy Kent, Elizabeth Winter and Michelle Pearse (all of the Harvard Law School Library) and Stephanie Burke (Boston University School of Law Library). To learn about this effort to help our environment in Boston and beyond, contact Stephanie Burke at sjburke@bu.edu.



Walk for Hunger with LLNE Sunday, May 2, 2004

This year's Walk for Hunger takes place Sunday May 2, starting from the Boston Common. Join your fellow LLNE members on a spring walk through Boston and help raise money to end hunger here in the Boston area and throughout the Commonwealth at the same time.

The Walk for Hunger supports Project Bread, which helps nearly 400 food banks, soup kitchens, food pantries and food salvage programs across Massachusetts.

While the entire walk is 20 miles, you definitely need not walk that far to participate. Two miles (or even one) is fine — buses circling the course will take you back to the Boston Common from any checkpoint.

And if you cannot join the walk, but would like to sponsor an LLNE walker and support Project Bread, see the team page to sponsor a walker online! <http://www.projectbread.org/teampage.asp?t=637> You may also contact Ginny McVarish at mcvarish@fas.harvard.edu or 617-495-2422, and she will match you up with a member who is walking.

To obtain more information, sign up to walk, or donate, please contact Ginny McVarish at mcvarish@fas.harvard.edu or 617-495-2422.



NELLCO NEWS

by Tracy Thompson, Executive Director of NELLCO

NELLCO Strategic Planning Nearing Completion

After almost a year of development the NELLCO Strategic Plan for 2004-2009 goes to the Board of Directors for formal adoption at the spring Board meeting set for April 28-29 in Freeport, ME. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Strategic Planning Committee members for their commitment to this planning process, for their patience and good humor, and for their fortitude in seeing it through to the end. The Strategic Planning Committee included:

- Filippa Anzalone (Boston College)
- Claire Germain (Cornell)
- Darcy Kirk (University of Connecticut)
- Terry Martin (Harvard)
- Kent McKeever (Columbia)
- Betsy McKenzie (Suffolk)
- Marnie Warner (Massachusetts Trial Courts)

We began this cycle of strategic planning with a meeting at the Boston College Law Library in May of 2003. The process incorporated six committee meetings where the process was designed and the plan was ultimately drafted, and a series of five regional meetings with the membership and a meeting with the Board of Directors at which we undertook modified SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analyses. The results of these exercises were incorporated into the final draft plan. The plan will be posted on the NELLCO web site after the April Board meeting.

One result of the strategic planning process was the development of the NELLCO Statement of Core Values. We wanted to make it clear to people both within and outside of NELLCO that our internal decision-making processes are influenced by a set of important values that reflect our mission and vision. That statement of core values is included below.

Strategic planning keeps an organization on track over time, and allows the organization to respond to change while remaining faithful to its mission and vision. The process itself may have as much value to the organization as the final plan, since so much can be learned from surveying both the position of the organization and the state of the environment in which the organization operates. For the New England Law Library Consortium this is particularly true. The opportunity to step back and scrutinize, evaluate, consider and question our activities is crucial, and not afforded by the daily pace of the organization. Having made that time during this process will prove to be invaluable to the life of the consortium.

NELLCO STATEMENT OF CORE VALUES

The New England Law Library Consortium, NELLCO, is a member-driven organization. NELLCO exists to meet the resource sharing needs of its members in accordance with the organization's vision and mission statements. NELLCO, once a regional organization, now has members from across the United States. While our intent is to serve the membership, we are aware that often NELLCO's actions may have implications beyond the group. In an effort to be thoughtful, careful and visionary about decision-making within NELLCO we felt it was important to set forth the core values of the organization.

- 1) **LEADERSHIP** – NELLCO strives to be on the leading edge of resource sharing and collaboration between and among law libraries.
- 2) **COOPERATION** – NELLCO recognizes the benefits that accrue to our institutions, our staff and our users - faculty, students, attorneys, judges and the public - as well as to the library profession and to the publishers of legal information when we share our resources, expertise, time and energy.
- 3) **ADAPTABILITY** - NELLCO intends to be a nimble and flexible organization, able to adapt to the evolving needs of members and the shifting landscape of technology.
- 4) **DIVERSITY** – NELLCO members include multi-type libraries with diverse missions, disparate resources and distinct regional needs. Decisions made on behalf of the organization should recognize, respect and support these differences to the extent possible.
- 5) **EDUCATION** – NELLCO values the robust exchange of information and ideas, both among and between our own constituents and with those outside of the consortium with whom we may conduct business.

2004 Computers in Libraries Conference

by Susan Vaughn
Suffolk University Law School Library

The 19th annual *Computers in Libraries* conference, held in Washington, D.C. this March, offered a unique opportunity for information professionals to learn about new tools and technologies and their applications for libraries. Interested in the latest blogging software, rss feeds, digital collection development, using tablet PCs at the reference desk, or developing an A.I. reference assistant for your Web page? This conference had it all and much more.


Clifford Lynch set the tone for the conference with an erudite keynote presentation on *Expectations for Our Digital Future*. He proposed that we, as information professionals, have a responsibility to think about unexpected consequences of technology, to follow shifting expectations, and to watch for changes on the horizon. Two examples he mentioned were the impact of spam on e-mail; and how institutional repositories are changing the practice of scholarship. Many of the speakers at *Computers in Libraries* discussed how they use technology to provide information solutions for their organizations.

Each day the presentations were given in three different program tracks: navigating and searching; web design and development; content management systems and strategies; and working and learning electronically.. Program themes included: navigating and searching; Web design and development; content management systems and strategies; working and learning electronically; search engines; Web tools and practice; optimizing technology; and information and knowledge exchange. There were over one hundred speakers presenting over the course of three days, including such notables as Gary Price of the Resource Shelf and, law librarian extraordinaire, Genie Tyburski, author of *The Virtual Chase*.

I particularly enjoyed a pre-conference workshop on blogging and RSS technology given by Jenny Levine, *The Shifted Librarian*, and Steven Cohen, Rivkin Radler LLP. Like many of the presenters, they discussed how we as information professionals are keenly positioned to find ways to tackle information overload and deliver pertinent content to our patrons. They presented many examples of highly effective library blogs and gave a demonstration of the latest RSS aggregator software. I couldn't wait to set up my Bloglines account and begin having news delivered to me directly via RSS. To learn more about blogging or RSS, you can view their presentation at <http://www.sls.lib.il.us/infotech/presentations/CIL2004/bloggging.pdf>


Besides the structured programs, there were many opportunities to meet individuals from libraries across the country. At a small dinner party, called a "Dine Around", I met a public librarian from Indiana who was working on something I had been thinking about, creating a reference blog. Also at this Dine Around, I got to see the newest toys being sported by the more tech-savvy librarian. I was drooling over a particularly futuristic cell phone/PDA/camera/teleportation device (okay, slight exaggeration).

Although the presentations at *Computers in Libraries* were not geared specifically to law librarians, the programs would be interesting to many different breeds of information professional. This conference is also a great opportunity to find out how librarians are using technology to push their libraries into the future. Follow this link to see additional information about *Computers in Libraries*, including links to some of the presentations:

<http://www.infotoday.com/cil2004/default.shtml> 



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The US Virgin Islands National Park was recently removed from the ten most endangered national parks list; however, it remains seriously under funded and under staffed as are other national parks. Its unique location and status as a US territory add interesting dimensions to the study of the Park. Professor Sifford and I have received very positive reviews for the course. As a result, it will probably be offered again next year. I am also contemplating pursuing a partnership with the US Virgin Islands National Park, much like the one established through the efforts of Professor Sifford this year with the Marsh-Billings National Park in Woodstock, Vermont. 



What Are You Reading?

edited by Hilary Frye, Connecticut State Library

for those of you who know one or who are one, but are still puzzled as to why a Civil War Buff is so... wellso intense

I just finished **Confederates in the Attic**, by Tony Hurwitz. I recommend it to people interested in Civil War history, or anyone trying to understand why someone they know cares about little else. It is a firsthand account of the author's travels to Civil War battlegrounds and his attempt to figure out how the war is understood, distorted, remembered, reinvented, and obsessed over by historians, reenactors, and ordinary folks.

—Philip A. Burr, Bingham & McCutcheon Law Firm,
Boston

for those of you who hope to never meet the Clockwork Orange progeny of Blanche DuBois ...

Judgment Ridge, by Dick Lehr and Mitchell Zuckoff

From the chilling first chapter of this book, you are hooked. A teenage boy approaches a man and his ten-year-old son in a remote vacation home in Vermont after ten o'clock in the evening complaining of car trouble and asking to use the phone. Although accustomed to visits from strangers, the man inside suspects trouble. Refusing the teen entrance, he offers to call a garage, but the phone lines have been cut. Through the window in the door, he waves a pistol, and the confrontation is a standoff. Little does he know, his visitor has a hunting knife, duct tape and plastic ties, and a best friend crouching in the bushes. Also, there is a fresh grave just up the road dug for him.

What starts like a suspense novel is actually the beginning of a true account of the brief but eventually deadly crime career of Robert Tulloch and Jim Parker, two high school students from Chelsea, Vermont. In January, 2001, they brutally killed two Dartmouth College professors, Half and Susanne Zantop. You have probably heard the story, felt the overwhelming grief and shaken your head at the senselessness of the murders, but this book will bring you right into the minds of young killers in the making. What you come away with will haunt you.

Authors Dick Lehr and Mitchell Zuckoff could have easily taken the extraordinary aspects of this case and embellished them for maximum dramatic effect. But being journalists as well as authors, they tell the story in a tense and deliberate narrative, allowing every bit of compelling reality to wreak its own havoc in your heart. Two young men from apparently stable homes randomly seek out total strangers just for the chance to experience the act of murder. They share a strong bond of friendship and mutual reliance, but there are deeper and very disturbing forces at work. Their victims, by their warm and compliant nature, meet a terrible fate when others escaped harm through cunning or indifference. A community is so shaken by the truth of the killings there is paralyzing disbelief and then shame upon every household.

You will gasp at the stark reality and fresh feel of every encounter. You will shudder at the naked daring of two souls who follow a dark and twisted path to the ultimate crime. You will writhe in agony for the fates of the innocent victims. You will wallow for hours in wonder at the subtle ways in which destiny can seem like a foregone conclusion when all else points to the contrary. But a special warning that is very crucial: you will literally never feel you can trust a stranger again.

Special commendations go to the authors for moments of necessary pedantry, like differentiating the meaning of the words "psychotic" and "psychopathic," two important words whose misuse is a common frailty even among erudite types. They also score big by putting the acknowledgements at the end, allowing the reader to become immediately engrossed in what is a fascinating account. And, there's a bibliography!

—John Pedini, Social Law Library, Boston

for those of you who appear in the Kangaroo Court of the Marsupial Circuit...

I just finished **I Don't Know How She Does It**, by Allison Pearson. For any working mother, especially a professional woman, this book will really resonate. The author perfectly captures the internal conflicts of someone trying to balance the demands of a high-profile career with the desire to raise well-adjusted children, and still make time for herself, her partner and her friends. The book begins with Kate, the central character, 'distressing' a store bought pie in an effort to escape the harsh scrutiny of the moms who stay home and actually bake. In Kate's dreams these women morph into the unrelenting and endlessly judgmental 'court of motherhood,' constantly decrying Kate's parenting skills as lacking in the extreme. By the end of the story Kate learns what is really important and finds her way back to herself. While a bit formulaic with its happily-ever-after ending, the book provides lots of laugh-out-loud levity offset by many been-there done-that moments.

—Tracy L. Thompson, New England Law Library Consortium
(NELLCO), Keene, New Hampshire

for those of you who would rather practice on the other side of the Pond ...

Here's a quartet of delightful murder mysteries from Sarah Caudwell, a barrister in England. It's Rumpole of the Bailey, but at the Chancery Bar. Daily life for these barristers at New Square chambers in London is a far cry from the American law firm grind as depicted by John Grisham. Billable hours do not rule their lives. The sordid business of fee negotiation is left to the rather fierce "clerk" of chambers who is motivated by the fact that his compensation is ten per cent of whatever the members of chambers bring in. (Does anyone know if the number of barristers is restricted in England through some device called "pupillage"?) Members of these particular chambers spend an enormous amount of time having elevenses, going out for liquid lunches, indulging in tea at 4:00 p.m. Of course, they do stay on into the evening and usually meet at 8 p.m. or later for dinner and drinks at a wine bar or restaurant. Thus, they have time to solve the odd murder mystery, despite the fact that they are at the Chancery Bar, despite the fact that excursions into murder mysteries enrage Henry the clerk.

They are assisted most ably in the solution of murder mysteries by Hilary Tamar, an Oxford law don, who is a chum of theirs and who employs the "scholarly method." The characters are all endearingly eccentric, especially Julia, a tax expert who forgets to pay her own Inland Revenue bills. There are numerous, detailed descriptions of offshore tax dodge stratagems and other interesting ploys. (So that's how they handle the confiscatory nature of the British tax system!) Other members of chambers are Selena Jardin, of the persuasive honeyed voice; Desmond Ragwort, who is unattainably elegant; and Michael Cantrip, who becomes besotted of the new telex machine and sends several anonymous telexes to the Law Judges consisting of the message "Give Cantrip silk." Cantrip is the only one who has not graduated from Oxford. He is from Cambridge and allowances are made for him because of this sad fact.

So, for some light-hearted fun read these titles: **The Sibyl in Her Grave**, **The Shortest Way to Hades**, **Thus was Adonis Murdered** and **The Sirens Sang of Murder**.

—Hilary Frye, Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Connecticut



The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

OK, this book has a lot of flaws, but I loved it anyway. **The Da Vinci Code** is the story of Robert Langdon, a professor of Symbology at Harvard, and Sophie Neveu, a cryptologist with the French police, as they investigate the murder of the curator of the Louvre. They discover that the curator was killed because he was a member of a centuries-old clandestine society, the Priory of Sion, which exists to protect a secret that, if revealed, would shake the foundation of the Roman Catholic Church. That secret is that not only was Mary Magdalene Jesus' most loved and trusted disciple and the one who was to carry on Jesus' teachings after his death, but that she was also his wife. After Jesus' death Mary Magdalene and Mary and Jesus' child fled to France, where descendants of that child may still live today. Famous members of the Priory of Sion throughout history include Botticelli, Leonardo Da Vinci, Victor Hugo, Isaac Newton and Jean Cocteau.

The book is definitely a page-turner. Its 454 pages contain 105 very short chapters, and the last sentence of each chapter is always a cliffhanger. It is easy to stay up all night with such a book because the chapters are so short it is always possible to finish *just one more* before you absolutely have to go to bed, but about 2 a.m. I started to feel manipulated. How *could* the police be so stupid, really? And many of the characters seemed so familiar—I mean, does every murder mystery have to have an eccentric English millionaire in it? Nonetheless, it was a fun book, full of riddles that I could actually solve, art history tidbits, and a villain everyone loves to hate: the Catholic Church. Did the early church hierarchy suppress the role of women in the church for political gain? After reading this book, my answer is, "Heck, yea!" Of course, Dan Brown was preaching to the choir.

—Kelly Browne, University of Connecticut School of Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut

When you read something you like, do you recommend it to people? Why not recommend it to the readers of *LLNE News*? If you have read something that you recommend, send Hilary Frye, hfrye@cslib.org the author, title, and a few sentences about why you recommend it. It can be a book, magazine, or article of any genre.

The Law Librarians Are Coming, The Law Librarians Are Coming... Get Ready for AALL Boston 2004

This year's AALL Annual Meeting is in Boston! Your Local Advisory Committee and LLNE will be looking for your support in helping to make this meeting one of the best ever!



**97th AALL Annual
Meeting & Conference**
July 10 - 14, 2004
Boston, Massachusetts



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The Hospitality and Restaurant Guide Subcommittee have already been hard at work putting together resources. (See <http://www.aallnet.org/events/local04/>) Have a favorite spot in the area? Send them your suggestions!

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LLNE Members' Best of Boston?

Do you have a favorite place you like to visit in the Boston area? LLNE News wants to know! We are looking for reviews of your favorite restaurants, bars, museums, stores, etc... Send your suggestions to Michelle Pearse (mpearse@law.harvard.edu) by May 14th for publication in the next issue of *LLNE News*. Reviews can be as short as one sentence—We just want to know what you would recommend and why!

Association Luncheon

The Association Luncheon on Monday, July 12, will follow the international theme of the meeting and provide a wonderfully fragrant taste of the Middle East.

The theme will carry to the table centerpiece as well. We've joined with the Social Responsibilities SIS, and are asking luncheon attendees to bring along a book to add to the basket in the center of each table. These books will be donated to the "ReadBoston" program, which addresses problems in early childhood literacy. Their goal is to have the children of Boston reading by the third grade.

We are asking you to select a book, appropriate to grades K-3, whose story or main character is from another country or culture. Softcover or hardbound books are appropriate. Borders, Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com or your local book store will be happy to help you find the perfect selection. Your contribution will help us show our appreciation to Boston, and make this

Simmons College GSLIS Reception

This year's reception will be held 6:30-8:15pm on Sunday, July 11, 2004. For more information, contact Stephanie Burke (sjburke@bu.edu) or Raquel Ortiz (rmortiz@bu.edu).



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 - a city education support initiative.

"Helping kids learn to read is everyone's job -not only parents and educators but also civic and religious leaders, medical professionals, business people, friends, neighbors, you and I." These words spoken by Mayor Thomas M. Menino during our "Book Bonanza" are what ReadBoston is all about. In Boston, close to 50% of third graders do not read at grade level. It is the mission of ReadBoston to ensure that all children in Boston are fluent readers by the end of the third grade.¹

The program includes: 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.

Think about how you would like to donate next year. 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 and your donation will be shipped directly to the Book Drive team!²

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

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(Footnotes)

¹ Quotation courtesy of the City of Boston website. <http://www.cityofboston.gov/bra/ReadBoston/JCSRBA.asp>

² Go to Amazon.com - Click on top link for "Wish List". Search for AALL Book Drive or Read Boston.

Please Join Us in Boston!

(Check final Program for room location)



LLNE/SNELLA Joint Chapter Luncheon

Tuesday, July 13, 2004 from 11:45 am – 1:00 pm
Sheraton Hotel

Menu

New England Clam Chowder
Tri-Colored Pasta Salad with Pesto
Balsamic Roasted Vegetable Salad
Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap
Tuna Salad with Celery and Onions on a Large Croissant
Baked Ham and Swiss on Focaccia Roll
Oven Roasted Turkey and Havarti Cheese on a Sesame Bulkie
Assorted Spreads, Chips, Pretzels
Selection of Miniature Pastries
Freshly Brewed Regular and Decaffeinated Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda

\$30.00 per person

Please send the form below and a check payable to SNELLA by June 10, 2004 to:

Susan Scoville
Library
Pepe & Hazard LLP
225 Asylum St.
Hartford, CT 06103

Please also email library@pepehazard.com that you will attend.

Yes, I'll see you at the LLNE / SNELLA Joint Chapter Luncheon in Boston

Name: _____ Email: _____

Institution: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

Volunteers Needed for 2004 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference

We need you! The 2004 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in Boston from July 10-14. There are many opportunities for LLNE members to volunteer their time to help make this meeting run smoothly. Volunteers are needed to stuff conference bags and staff the Registration Desk. Volunteers with a flair for news gathering and reporting are needed for the daily newspaper. Volunteers familiar with the Boston area, activities and transportation system are needed to staff the Hospitality Desk and to escort groups for local library tours and dining events. Volunteers who enjoy working with kids are needed to set up games, blow up balloons, and staff game booths for the Family Social Hour on July 10th. Volunteers are also needed to help with final details for the Opening Event, the Association Luncheon and the Closing Banquet. So consider donating some time to make the 2004 Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston a great success. If you are interesting in volunteering, please select activities that interest you most and complete and return this form or register online at <http://www.bu.edu/lawlibrary/surveys/LLNE/volunteer.htm> by May 31, 2004. Questions? Contact Judy Gire (see below). **Thanks for your help!**

Are you a member of AALL? YES NO
(Volunteers do not have to be AALL members)

I will help with:

- Registration Desk
- Conference Bag Stuffing (Friday, July 9 only)
- Hospitality Desk (familiarity with Boston area, activities and transportation required)
- Family Social Hour (Saturday, July 10 only)
- Daily Newspaper
- Main Events (Opening Event, Association Luncheon or Closing Banquet)
- Escort for library tours and dining out
- Anywhere I am needed!

Please complete this form and mail, fax, or e-mail it by May 31, 2004, to:

Judy Gire, Volunteer Chair, Franklin Pierce Law Center Library, 2 White Street, Concord, NH, 03301, Phone: (603) 228-1541 ext. 1129, Fax: (603) 228-0388, jgire@piercelaw.edu

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It's almost here . . . are you ready? Let the excitement begin!!

~~~~ William S. Hein & Co., Inc.'s 22nd Annual FUN WALK & RUN

Hosted by William S. Hein & Co., Inc.

Race Director: Dick Spinelli, V.P. of Sales & Marketing

Pre-Registration is encouraged -

All entries must be received by Friday, June 11, 2004. Register online at www.wshein.com, e-mail us at marketing@wshein.com, or call us at 1-800-828-7571 and we'll mail you a registration form.

WHEN: Sunday, July 11, 2004 at 7:00 a.m.

WHERE: Boston, MA - Along the scenic Charles River

The Fun Walk & Run will begin at the foot of the Massachusetts Ave. Bridge and Storrow Dr.

HOTEL PICK-UP: Buses will be at The Sheraton Boston Hotel at 39 Dalton St. beginning at 6:15 a.m. to shuttle runners to the race site. Last bus leaves the Sheraton at 6:30 a.m. sharp!!

REGISTER TODAY! More information to follow in your Fun Walk & Run registration packet.

See http://www.wshein.com/news/special_events/20_results.html for highlights from last year's Hein Fun Walk and Run in Seattle.

Have Foreign/International Educational Handouts?

Do you teach an advanced legal research course that focuses on foreign, comparative or international law? The Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section is re-designing its' webpage and updating our course materials currently accessible at:

<http://brkl.brooklaw.edu/screens/fcilsis.html> We welcome new submissions of all types of course materials including syllabi, reading lists, PowerPoint slides, handouts, bibliographies, assignments, final exams and final projects.

Materials in HTML and non-HTML formats are welcome - the SIS will facilitate conversion to PDF or HTML formats and will host the materials if necessary.

If you know of others who teach ALR-FCIL please encourage them to submit materials.

Please contact Lee Peoples at lpeoples@okcu.edu if you are willing to share your materials.

Travel Grant to Attend AALL'S 2004 Annual Meeting in Boston Now Available

The AALL Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section's Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues is offering a grant to travel to the 2004 AALL Annual Meeting in Boston. The grant is funded by a special bequest to the Standing Committee from former Ohio State University Law Library Director Alan Holoch, who died in 1991. The Alan Holoch Memorial Travel Grant is to assist individuals with travel expenses for the purpose of attending the Annual Meeting. An applicant must be a member of the Social Responsibilities Special Interest Section at the time of the submission and review of the application. Completed applications must be postmarked, faxed or e-mailed by May 1, 2004. To obtain a copy of the application form, please visit the Standing Committee on Lesbian & Gay Issues' web site, <http://www.aallnet.org.sis/srsis/lgbt/> or contact the Chair of the Standing Committee, Scott Fisher at 732-855-6160 or sfisher@wilentz.com.

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

Comments from the 2003 mentee survey:

- * "It was a wonderful opportunity to meet an interesting and enjoyable person in the profession."
- * "I feel that [my mentor] will be a good resource in the future."
- * "I was delighted to have [my mentor] and think he was just the perfect match."
- * "Overall, spending time with my mentor was one of the highlights of the AALL convention."

LLNE member Stephanie Burke participated as a mentor in 2002 and 2003:

"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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