

LLNE News

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LLNE Strategic Plan

by Kathy Fletcher, LLNE President

The Executive Board of LLNE met on Friday, January 25th for a very productive day of strategic planning. The task for the day was to produce clear core values and strategic directions that would guide the Board's actions for the next five years. The current Board members were aided in this task by Susan Sullivan, LLNE Past President (2003-2004) and previously a long-term Board member. Susan agreed to act as our facilitator for this process—to steer the discussions, keep us on track, and help us focus our work.

The morning began by creating a mission statement. We split into small discussion groups. Each group worked with the "Statement of Purpose" from our by-laws and formed its own draft mission. The full group then merged, and massaged the language to come up with a new mission statement for LLNE.

Once we agreed on a mission statement, we had a lively discussion about what we perceived to be LLNE's core values. After the values were agreed upon and the language of each captured, we split up into small groups again. Each small group took a "value" and from it, created a draft "direction," guided by the value. Again, the full group returned together to share, make suggestions, and edit each direction.

The result of the day's work is a collection of new strategic directions for LLNE. We now share these with you (the LLNE membership) so that you

can see where we're headed. The next phase of the planning is for the Board to pass these strategic directions on to LLNE's Committee chairs so that they can prepare goals and objectives to be accomplished in the next five years.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Law Librarians of New England is to facilitate the professional education, collaboration, and development of its members and to promote the values of the profession.

Core Values: 1) Education, 2) Communication, 3) Leadership, 4) Innovation, 5) Cooperation, Collaboration, Networking and Fun.

Strategic Directions

Education – LLNE will provide educational opportunities to its members and other users of legal information.

Communication – LLNE will provide timely information to members and promote information exchange within the community.

Leadership – Members of LLNE will be recognized and valued as New England's foremost leaders and experts in legal information, research, and technology.

Innovation – LLNE will actively pursue and develop new or improved ways of providing dynamic programs and services.

Cooperation, Collaboration, Networking and Fun (CCN&F) – LLNE will encourage CCN&F among members, in both formal and informal settings, in order to build relationships, share information, solve problems, and stimulate creativity.

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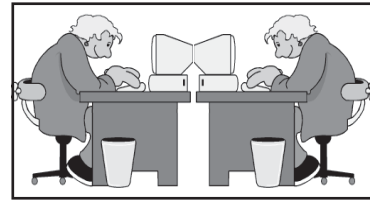
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Editors' Note

Greetings and Happy Spring! Since the weather is finally turning pleasant in New England, we chose to open this issue with a Mark Twain quote about our favorite season:

“It’s spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you’ve got it, you want - oh, you don’t quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!”

Well, the LLNE News has spring fever! This issue features the new LLNE Strategic Plan, notes on the upcoming LLNE Spring Meeting, an article on the New England Historic Genealogical Society and much more!

Many thanks to those who have contributed to our newsletter for the first time! This issue of the newsletter also continues our regular favorites such as Access Points and This Issue in State History. Miss Nomer even has a “Best of...” edition!

Lastly, I would like to congratulate LLNE News editor Susan Vaughn on the birth of her beautiful daughter Margaret (Maggie) James Vaughn (3/27/08, 5 pounds, 7 ounces & 18 inches long)!

Happy First Spring, Maggie!

Until the LLNE Spring Meeting in Maine!

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President's Message

According to the experts, as a member of "Generation X," I am "task-oriented and independent. ... don't like being over-supervised or 'punching a time clock.'" (Kay Kavanagh, Paula Nailon, *Excellence in the Workplace: Legal and Life Skills 242*, (2007)). True enough. This book, *Excellence in the Workplace* (a "nutshell" no less), was one of several pieces of a puzzle that clicked together in my head and inspired me to propose the topic of the Spring LLNE meeting, "Talking 'bout my Generation," to Chris Nott and Christine Hepler.

If you've read the library literature, one of the biggest challenges soon to be facing libraries is that a majority of directors are in the "baby boom" generation and eligible for retirement in the next 10-15 years. The program as I had envisioned it, would answer the question, "How can today's leaders communicate the vision and mission of the library, when its handed off to the next generation of librarians?" The good folks at the University of Maine Law School have put together an excellent day of programming that will start that communication process rolling. I look forward to seeing you there.

The spring meeting will also give your Executive Board the opportunity to introduce you to the new strategic directions we developed this winter for LLNE. We had a very successful one-day strategic planning meeting in January. (Please see the accom-

panying article describing the process and results.) These directions will guide our executive board decision making for the next three years. One of the directions we have come up with is "Communication, Collaboration, Networking and Fun!" I know that all four will take place in Freeport.

And finally, this is the time of year when we put together a Nominating Committee to select new officers for LLNE. The open positions this year are Secretary, Education Co-Director, and Vice President/President Elect. If you get a call from a Nominating Committee member, I would urge you to say "Yes." *Join the Executive Board*. Or, volunteer to chair a committee. The work you'll do for LLNE will be rewarding. The board is filled with smart, dedicated librarians who are committed to excellence. Won't you add your talents and expertise?

Thank you.

Kathy Fletcher



LLNE News

Raquel M. Ortiz has been appointed the Associate Director of the Law Library at Boston University's Pappas Law Library, replacing Marlene Alderman, who was appointed Director of the Law Library in December. Raquel was previously the Head of Reference Services from 2002-2008 and Senior Reference & Electronic Services Librarian from 1999-2002. Prior to joining Boston University, Raquel was the Document Delivery Librarian at the Harvard Law School Library from 1996-1999.

Northeastern University School of Law is pleased to announce that Lydia Lafionatis joined the Law Library in January as the Head of Access Services. Lydia will be working closely with staff in the areas of Circulation, Stacks Management, Interlibrary Loan and Access. Lydia was most recently the Technical Services Librarian at Choate, Hall and Stewart in Boston, MA.

Femi Cadmus has been chosen as the new Associate Librarian for Administration at Lillian Goldman Library, Yale Law School. She will be taking the place of Bonnie Collier, who will retire in July 2008. Femi was formerly Associate Law Librarian, Collection and Administrative Services at George Mason University Law Library. Femi has been working in law libraries for 15 years. She has experience in administration, access services, collection development and reference.

Lynn E. Randall resigned from the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library effective August 10, 2007, having served for more than 27 years, the last 18 as Director and State Law Librarian. Under Lynn's leadership the Library grew in numerous new and exciting directions. LLNE wishes you the best on your retirement!

On January 2, 2008, John R. Barden began his tenure as the new Director the Maine State Law and Legislative Reference Library. John comes to Maine from the Muse Law Library, University of Richmond School of Law, where he served as Head, Reference and Research Services. He has a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and a M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In addition to his interests in law librarianship, he is also a history buff with ongoing projects in colonial American libraries and Civil War soldiers' narratives. Welcome to LLNE, John!

Finally, LLNE News editor Susan Vaughn gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter! Margaret (Maggie) James Vaughn was born on March 27th, 2008 and weighed 5 pounds, 7 ounces. Congratulations!

LLNE REMINDERS

The 2008 AALL Meeting in Portland is only a few months away. The LLNE Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for support to help pay the costs of attending. Applications are due by April 30th. The policies and application forms are available on the LLNE website at:
<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llne/forms/index.htm>.

Completed applications should be sent by mail or fax to:

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The Library of the New England Historic Genealogical Society

by Ginny McVarish

The New England Historic Genealogical Society (“NEHGS”) is the oldest genealogical organization in the country. It was founded in 1845 with the goals of “collecting, preserving, and publishing (occasionally) genealogical and historical matter relating to



NEHGS Library, Newbury St. Boston, MA

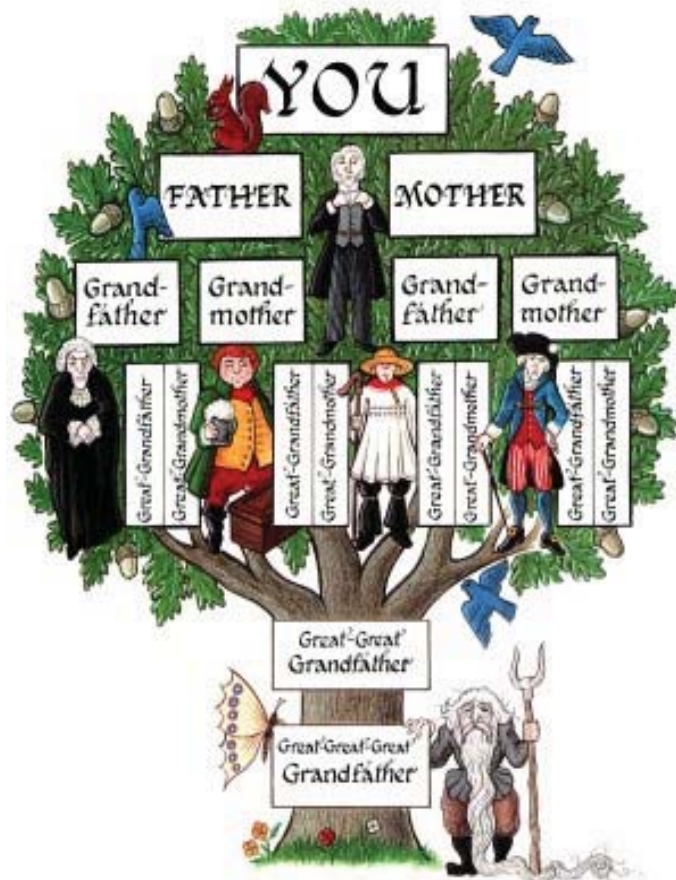
New England families.” The Society currently has 20,000 members and is located at 99-101 Newbury Street in Boston’s Back Bay. It now focuses on genealogies of families of New England, New York, and eastern Canada, especially the provinces of Atlantic Canada, and on the genealogy of those of Irish heritage. However the resources on the genealogy of those from other backgrounds may be available through NEHGS, both online and in print.

NEHGS conducts and maintains a variety of programs and resources. However, I will focus on the NEHGS library, where I began volunteering last December. The NEHGS library is a private library, open to members as a benefit of membership and to the public (except for the manuscript and rare books collections) for a fee of \$15/day. The library consists of over 200,000 books, periodicals and microforms on four floors (with rare books on a fifth floor), CD-ROMs, electronic resources and 1,000,000 manuscripts. A range of online tutorials, presented by the Society’s staff, is available on the NEHGS website, www.newenglandancestors.org.

In describing the library’s resources in more detail, I will rely heavily on “NEHGS Research Library Resources” by Marie E. Daly, Director of the Library, which can be found on the NEHGS website.

The sixth floor’s Ruth C. Bishop Reading Room contains resources that will assist those descended from seventeenth and eighteenth century New England families. This floor is comprised of current genealogical periodicals, reference books, and a large number of published Canadian and American genealogies. The Reading Room holds frequently used sources such as Massachusetts vital records to 1850, New England marriages to 1870, and “The Great Migration Begins,” as well as other leading genealogical quarterlies.

Floor 5A’s R. Stanton Avery Special Collections Department contains unpublished genealogies, maps, artwork, photographs, letters, diaries, journals, account books, business and institutional records, deeds and cemetery transcriptions.



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The Library's fifth floor is the Local History floor, devoted to local histories, probate and deed indexes, maps, atlases, vital records, cemetery records, newspaper abstracts and college alumni directories.

The fourth floor, the Dean C. and Roberta J. Smith Technology Room, is where many visitors begin their genealogical research at NEHGS. It is also the place to begin, Daly advises in her piece, if your ancestors were nineteenth or twentieth century immigrants, since the genealogists on this floor specialize in nineteenth and twentieth century research. On this floor, the researcher can access United States federal and state census records on microfilm or on the Web through the Society's subscription to the database ancestry.com. The fourth floor also holds most vital records for the New England states, and is especially strong for Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine. The actual birth, marriage and death records for Massachusetts from 1841 to 1915 are found here on microfilm. The Smith room also has deed and probate records on microfilm for most counties in New England. The microfiche city directory collection includes most towns in Massachusetts, and the room has Boston city directories for almost every year from 1789 through 1981. The room has some newspapers on microfilm as well.

NEHGS has a large collection of microforms and books relating to eastern Canada. The fourth floor holds all available Canadian census records up to 1901, as well as a variety of other records for Quebec, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The fourth floor at NEHGS is also the location to begin researching Irish ancestors. Additionally, the room has indexes to Boston Passenger Lists 1848 through 1891 and to New England naturalization petitions.

The first floor of the NEHGS building, the Treat Rotunda and the Constance Wadley Fuller Reading Room, is the place to locate detailed historical and genealogical information on European countries, especially Ireland, England and Scotland. Local and county histories, published vital records, parish registers, historical and genealogical periodicals, heraldry books and general guides may be found here. The International Reference section

contains books on how to trace ancestors in various European countries, topographical dictionaries, place indexes, and pedigree and peerage books.

This is but a brief summary description of a very pleasant library with a congenial and knowledgeable staff and a wealth of genealogical information, especially about families from the New Eng-



land states, New York, eastern Canada, and Ireland.

When I inquired about volunteering at the NEHGS library last fall, my goal was to be a reference volunteer, covering the reference desk during the librarians' breaks, and helping to answer queries when the desks are busy. However, although I have been working on my family's genealogy for many years, my sources are mostly anecdotal. I have found that I need to learn what an authoritative record is for the type of family data a genealogist will be seeking. I also need to learn the sources for such data, which sources NEHGS owns, and where data can be located if the Society does not have access.

To sum up, my activities at NEHGS to date have included a combination of observing reference librarians, reading genealogical reference books, and doing other volunteer tasks, such as checking the microfiche of Massachusetts City Directories to make sure they are filed correctly.

During my breaks in my microfiche checking shifts, I have been doing my own family history research, which has been most enjoyable. Thus far I have focused mostly on three brothers in my family, distant cousins of mine who emigrated from Cape Breton to Gloucester. I have discovered that two of the brothers served in the Union Navy during the Civil War, and one served time in the Essex County, Massachusetts Jail and House of Correction. In genealogy, as in law, there is always more to learn and another puzzle!

Dear Miss Nomer

The Best of Miss Nomer's Definitions

Dear Miss Nomer:

At an AALL meeting, Thomson West gave us a copy of *Black's Law Dictionary* in celebration of AALL's 100th Anniversary. I am having a hard time trying to define a couple of concepts. Can you set me on the straight and narrow?

Lost in Translation



Definitely, Dear:

A couple? Rather than tackle your entire A - Z list, I will start with S and give you the rest at a later time.

STANDING: the opposite of sitting

TARGET CORPORATION: Wal-Mart competitor

UNDIGESTED OFFERING: Grandma's fruitcake

VISA: used when MasterCard over limit and vice versa

WAIVER OF TORT: on a diet

XDIS or AXDAT: I really don't care

YELLOW DOG CONTRACT: Lassie's employment agreement

ZERO-BRACKET AMOUNT: Law Librarian salary compared to other professions; see VASSALAGE

Dear Miss Nomer:

I know about "blogging," but what is this "vlogging" buzz about? I'm gunning to catch the current craze at <http://mylawlibraryrocks.blogspot.com>

Boston Blogger

Dear BB:

Miss Nomer shoots, she scores, she blowgs the wave for all you blogerati in the blogosphere, and explains in A-Z fashion the latest trendy terminology in 'logging.

alogging - "alogging we will go, alogging we will go, hi ho the merrio, alogging we will go," sing library blogger elves, blazing their trails of digital delights

blogging - blah, blah, blahing blurbs of every description for everyone in this brave, new world, where silence is never golden

clogging - coalescing two or more colleagues clutched like corralled cattle in front of your work area to yak away hours relieving you from doing any real or unreal work

dlogging - ditching deader than doornail blogs languishing in cyberspace since last updated on the day of their creation



eloggng - electronically tracking in binary code the number of postings and visits to your blog

floggng - facing down members of the staff who pompously proclaim, "Let's do a library blog!"

gloggng - gulping gargantuan quantities of energizing caffeinated beverages while reading and writing blogs

hloggng - hitching your blog to each and every blog related to your area to create one humongous tumbleweed of a blogroll

jloggng - jaywalking across blogs cutting and pasting items for your blogging

klloggng - kicking with both shoes anyone who corners you with "Have you seen my blog today?"

nloggng - nulling and voiding thoughts of human contact when actively logging

olloggng - organizing logs in stacked info packets beginning with captain's blawg on blogdate

sloggng - slurping coffee, Miss Nomer swears she is not making this up: "Slog - v. to social network and blog. The activity of social networking and blogging together in a combined environment. This is the natural progression within the recent growth of social networks and blogs. With the rapid development of blogs (e.g. Blogger, Xanga, TypePad) and social networks (e.g. Friendster, Orkut, LinkedIn), the next step is the combination of both into one environment. Some early stages of slogs are AlwaysOn, a high-tech community, and 1UP.com, a video gamers' community." en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slog "Shakespeare, Shakespeare, where for art thou?" shrugs Miss Nomer.

yloggng - "y not logging?" asks Miss Nomer who cashes in greatly with marvelous merchandise at missnomerrakesitin.blogspot.com

zloggng - zeroing in on the loss of hours snoring from exhaustion through tirelessly keeping up with googolplexplus blogs

Until next time, I remain fondly yours,

Miss Nomer

Miss Nomer Official Logo Contest!

Have a knack for design? A special interest in drawing or graphics design? Do you just LOVE Miss Nomer?

If so, please consider entering the LLNE News Miss Nomer Logo Contest! Miss Nomer has been without a official logo for three issues, and the LLNE editors are eager to see some new designs. So, if you have an idea for Miss Nomer's logo, please email the LLNE news editors, Susan Vaughn or Kyle Courtney, with your designs, graphics, and ideas.

The Winner will get to meet Miss Nomer and have their logo added to the Miss Nomer column. Plus, you'll win a \$10 Starbucks Card! The contest runs until July 31st. Good Luck!

Thoughts on What I Do and Why it Matters

by Katherine K. Coolidge
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In October 2007, LLNE granted me a scholarship to attend the Northeast Regional Law Libraries meeting, Libraries Without Borders, in Toronto. I am grateful to the Scholarship Committee and to the entire LLNE membership for this sponsorship of my professional development. It was a great experience and opportunity to network with colleagues from all the sponsoring chapters. I was particularly inspired by the address of Michael Ignatieff to the attendees and I have spent the last six months thinking about his opening words and how they might shape a strategy for leadership – even in my realm of solo law librarianship where leadership would seem to be an incongruity. [If you are the only law librarian on staff, whom are you leading and who leads you? But I digress.]

Mr. Ignatieff's words struck me as being quite profound. Instead of beginning his address with a quaint anecdote about his "favorite librarian," he simply said, "I know what you do. And I know why it matters." His message was directed at acknowledging the critical role librarians play in preserving the heritage of our communities, our institutions, our culture or other defined group. His focus seemed to be on preserving the past as a means of protecting the future. But as I sat there, I felt the concept was equally important in shaping a strategy for leadership. When, I thought, was the last time anyone said he or she knew what I did and then acknowledged why it mattered? When was the last time I said these statements to those I lead or to those who lead me?

But, there is really no need to wait for someone to make the statements. They are equally as useful for self-evaluation. If I can only answer

the underlying question of one statement, then the task either is not worth doing because it does not matter or I have not determined the right task to do to accomplish what matters. Expanding the evaluative tool to a leadership role, the statements can be used to bring the right resources to bear at the right time. A leader can discern the difference of what matters and why, and then can evaluate performance and delegate responsibility in the context of the two statements.

When I examine whether I truly know what others do and why it matters, I fear I may fall short. Too often, I am running so fast that I do not take the time to learn what others do and why it matters. This may be a limitation of being a solo practitioner who must necessarily cover a lot of ground and a lot of skill sets, or it may be my personal limitation. I have challenged myself to improve in this area. Good leaders I have known take the time to know what those they lead do and why it matters. Effective leaders communicate this understanding to those they lead. On both sides of the equation, the leaders and the led are empowered.

I was recently at a Simmons Alumni Day program where Ann Wolpert of MIT was the keynote speaker. Her topic was leadership. Unlike Mr. Ignatieff's address, I was not inspired by Ms. Wolpert's opening words, but rather by her closing words. She said, "It is not what you do as a leader that matters, but rather how the people you lead behave." Getting to the desired behavior may be a natural outcome of knowing not only what you do and why it matters, but also what others you lead do and why it matters. Perhaps these concepts can inform us as we strategize for the future of our profession and succession planning for future leaders.



LLNE Spring Meeting: Talkin' About My Generation Recruiting, Retaining and Mentoring the Next Generation of Librarians

The LLNE Spring meeting is approaching fast! The theme this year is Talkin' About My Generation: Recruiting, Retaining and Mentoring the Next Generation of Librarians. We invite you to come and learn the strategies you can use to ensure the continuing and future success of your library from our dynamic expert speakers.

The staff of the Garbrecht Law Library look forward to welcoming you to Freeport, Maine. The following is a brief preview of the speakers and program:

Rachel Singer Gordon is Consulting Editor, Information Today, Inc., Book Publishing Division, and webmaster, LISjobs.com. She publishes the electronic newsletter *Info Career Trends*, blogs at *The Liminal Librarian*, and co-authors *Beyond the Job*, a professional development weblog for librarians.

Ms. Gordon is the "Computer Media" review columnist for *Library Journal*; she has been a frequent contributor to *LJ's* "NextGen" column, writes Emerald's "Publish, Don't Perish" Library Link column, and co-authors "Tech Tips for Every Librarian" in *Computers in Libraries* magazine.

Her published work includes *The Librarian's Guide To Writing for Publication* (Scarecrow, 2004), *The Accidental Library Manager* (ITI, 2005), *The Next-Gen Librarian's Survival Guide* (ITI, 2006), and *Information Tomorrow* (ITI, 2007).

Ms. Gordon holds an MLIS from Dominican University and an MA from Northwestern University.

At this meeting Ms. Gordon will be presenting:

The Cross-Generational Workforce

Today's multigenerational library workforce faces a number of both internal and external challenges. To meet these challenges, we need to pay attention to succession planning, passing on institutional wisdom, and recruiting, retaining, and mentoring the

next generation of librarians. Understanding generational differences and clearing up misperceptions can help us overcome workplace challenges and plan for a successful future.

Gayle Lynn-Nelson is a Senior Librarian Relations Consultant for LexisNexis. She serves librarians in New York and New Jersey. Gayle has nineteen years of professional experience in law firm and court libraries. She is active at the national, regional and local level in professional library associations and is a past president of the New Jersey Law Librarian Association (NJLLA), as well as a faculty member of the Technology Committee for the Law Librarians Association of Greater New York (LLAGNY). She has also chaired and served on various AALL and SLA committees.

In addition to her professional affiliations, Ms. Lynn-Nelson has written various articles which have appeared in *NJLLA In Brief*, *PLL Perspectives*, *SLA Chapter News*, *Information Outlook* and *Trends in Law Library Management and Technology*. She has been a featured speaker at national, regional and local library association conferences.

Ms. Lynn-Nelson received her J.D. from Western State University College of Law and her M.L.S. from Rutgers University School of Library Information Studies. Most recently, Ms. Lynn-Nelson was awarded the H.W. Wilson award at the SLA Annual Conference 2005 held in Toronto, Canada for her article titled, "The Millennial Invasion: Are you Ready?" published in *Information Outlook*, November 2004.

At this meeting Ms. Lynn-Nelson will be presenting:

One Size Does Not Fit All: Training Issues Law Librarians Face in the 21st Century

There are a number of issues facing law firms today and training is one of them. As we know, a [cont'd on page 14]

Agents For The Books No. 4 **TERROR AT CHECK OUT**

By Warren Lee

There it is my lovesies, the dream of dreams and the place of all places. Yes, destiny we have your license plate number now!

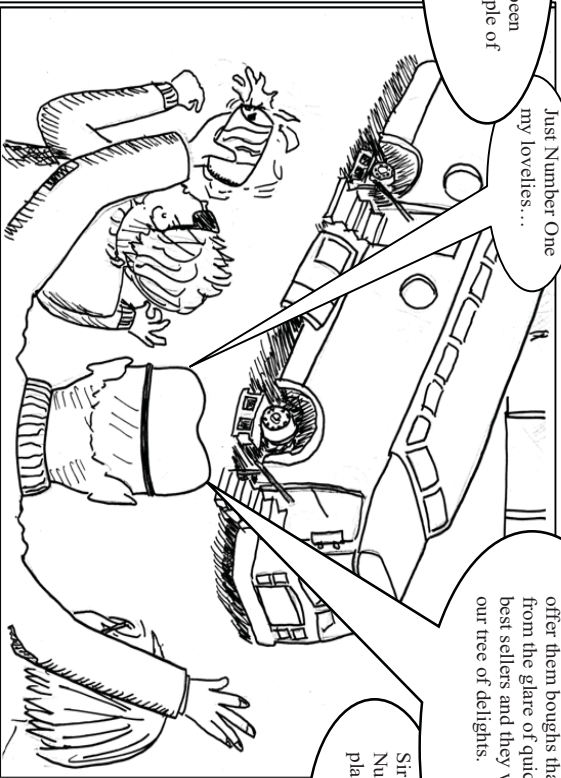
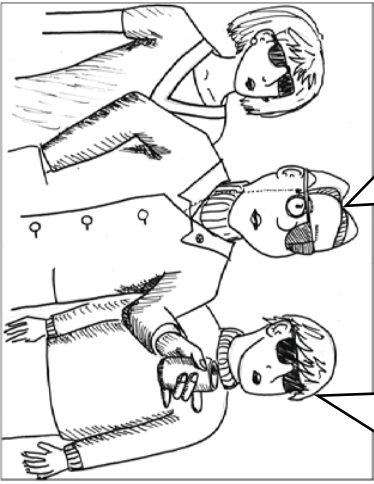
Ah, Sir... its not been on the road in a couple of decades.

Just Number One my lovesies...

Inside, awaits the treasures for the mind. The plan is simple... We offer them boughts that shade them from the glare of quick and easy best sellers and they will roost in our tree of delights.

Sir... er ah... Number One... Number One... plan?

Simple my lovesies, I've put the word out... and words they will find.



Yes, come in my lovesies, come... come in. It waits for you all. In moments you will be reunited with what your minds have been wanting see again.

Wow, the selection!

Oh my... these are magnificent!

Wow, so many and still coming



My gosh, its here.

Now that's a classic.

How about that! I thought I would never read it again.



A malfunction with the scanner it seems and it's the only one here.

Yikes! How will I check out my book?

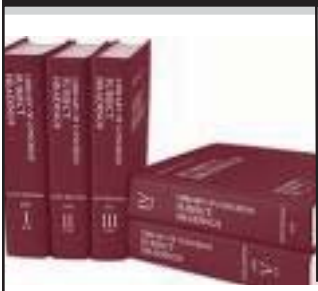
No, I can't leave without this book!

Keep calm every one... It's only a swamp rat.



Next time: No.5 The Broken Spine in the Isles

Hmm... reading swamp rats...



Introducing a new column with a cataloger's point of view...

ACCESS POINTS

Foreclosures: A Look at Subject Headings by Stephanie Hudner and Laura Hartnett

The collage below depicts subject headings related to the current mortgage foreclosure crisis. Authorized Library of Congress subject headings appear in bold and familiar but *unauthorized* terms appear below the subject headings in the smaller font. Subject headings for terms such as predatory lending, subprime mortgages and housing bubble do not yet exist, so it is most effective to conduct keyword and/or broad subject heading searches for works on such topics. While the chart below is not comprehensive, we hope it will be helpful.



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new generation of associates is entering the law firm market and their training needs are not the same as those of the associates that preceded them. This session will address the issues facing law librarians today when dealing with training their incoming associates, their staffs and even those old-timers like partners and of counsel. Then there is the issue of training librarians themselves. We will examine all the facets of training the different groups and levels of learners, and provide practical tips and techniques.

On behalf of the Donald L. Garbrecht Law Library of the University of Maine School of Law, we look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, any member of the program committee will be happy to respond to you.



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Attractions in and Around Freeport, ME

Wolfe's Neck Woods State Park

The park offers self-guided hiking and nature walks. It features varied forest ecosystems, a rocky shore-

line, and salt marsh estuaries. Watch for nesting osprey and view the islands of Casco Bay. Admission is charged. Tel. (207) 865-4465 (seasonal)

Wolfe's Neck Farm

The farm raises 300-400 beef cattle on the Wolf Neck peninsula. In the early spring and fall, the public is invited to share in the calving process. Year-round visitors are welcome to visit the cattle and other small barnyard animals. There is a gift shop at the farm where the farm's products may be purchased. Tel. (207) 865-4469

Bradbury Mountain State Park

For those of you who are more ambitious hikers, you may want to try Bradbury Mountain. Bradbury Mountain State Park in Pownal, Maine, is five miles from the Freeport-Durham exit off U.S. 95. A picnic area and shelter, playground, ball field, hiking trails, and 41 campsites are available to visitors. A short hike to the 460-foot summit of Bradbury Mountain allows a view of Casco Bay and the surrounding countryside.

Hedgehog Mountain

This moderate hill, not mountain, is the highest point in Freeport and a nice LITTLE hike especially in the spring when the air is so fresh!! Hedgehog Mountain is located approximately 1.9 miles from the center of Freeport. From Main Street turn onto Mallet Dr. and go to the end. Turn left (as if going to Bradbury Mt.) onto Landfill Rd. Just before the gate to the Landfill there is parking space for about 4 cars. Enjoy.

Mangy Moose or Cool As A Moose

Contrary to popular belief, the Maine state animal is not the Maine Black Bear. (Don't tell that to the hockey fans at the University of Maine!!) It is the MOOSE! So take one home with you!! Visit the Mangy Moose (112 Main Street) or Cool as a Moose (10 Bow Street) where you can find all things Moose, from stuffed animals, t-shirts and hats to mugs and dinnerware sets.

For more information about the LLNE Spring meeting, visit:

<http://www.usm.maine.edu/~chepler/>

This Issue in Connecticut History

(We will feature other New England States every issue)

December 15, 1814 - Delegations from New England gathered at the Hartford Convention to discuss secession from the United States, due to their opposition to the War of 1812.

January 5, 1815 - The Hartford Convention's final report proposed several amendments to the U.S. Constitution. These amendments attempted to combat the policies of the Republican party by: 1) Prohibiting any trade embargo lasting over 60 days; 2) Requiring a two-thirds Congressional majority for declaration of war, admission of a new state, or interdiction of foreign commerce; 3) Removing the three-fifths representation advantage of the South; 4) Limiting future Presidents to one term; and 5) Requiring each President to be from a different state than his predecessor.

January 7, 1925 - Hiram Bingham, elected Governor of Connecticut, serves one day in office, before moving to his position in the United States Senate. (Bingham is also known for his rediscovery of the forgotten Incan city of Machu Picchu).

January 14, 1639 – The Fundamental Orders, the basic law of the Connecticut colony from 1639 to 1662, is formally adopted by representatives from the towns of Hartford, Wethersfield, and Windsor, meeting at Hartford.

March 1, 1781 - Samuel Huntington (later a Governor of Connecticut) becomes the first “President of the United States in Congress Assembled,” when he oversees the ratification of the Articles of Confederation.

March 4, 1925 - J. Agnes Burns, the first graduate admitted to the Connecticut Bar, is the first woman to plead before the Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors.

April 19, 1939 – The Bill of Rights proposed on September 25, 1789 is finally ratified by Connecticut.

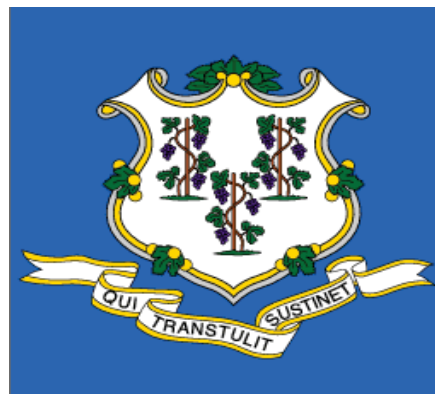
May 1, 1637 – The first Government of the Connecticut Colony is formed with the guidance of Thomas Hooker, John Haynes, and Roger Ludlow. They raise a militia and place John Mason in command to fight in the Pequot War.

June 1633 – The Dutch buy a strip of land on the Connecticut River (called Quinni-tukq-ut or Quoneh-ta-cut, meaning long tidal river) for “one piece of duffel (cloth) twenty-seven ells long, six axes, six kettles, eighteen knives, one sword-blade, one pair of shears, some toys and a musket.” This purchase was for what is now the city of Hartford, CT.

June 1633 – Thomas Hooker, the minister of Cambridge, MA, leads one hundred members of his church to new homes in Connecticut.

June 1, 1842 - Wadsworth Atheneum, the oldest public art museum in the United States, is incorporated in Hartford, CT.

July 1925 - The Connecticut General Assembly granted the College of Law a special charter under Special Act, 1925, Senate Bill No. 190-292 as a private educational institution.



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