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Washington, D.C.: A Capital City for the Profession

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As a reference librarian working in an academic law library in the nation's capital, the most striking aspect of being in Washington, D.C. is the immediacy of everything. Yes, New York City has more law firms. Yes, a few New England cities arguably have more prestigious law schools; but here in Washington we are literally surrounded by our government and its legal institutions. It is here that the Constitution comes alive as we witness the three branches of government in operation. As law librarians, we cannot help but sense that somehow we are at the epicenter of our profession.

On a day to day basis, does this feeling of being at the center of it all impact our work? Surprisingly, the answer is yes. Before moving to Washington, D.C., I had worked for a number of years at the law library at the University of Texas at Austin. I spent many of those years researching and teaching aspects of legislative history, the work of the U.S. Supreme Court, and the vast amounts of material promulgated by federal government agencies. I certainly felt like I had a good familiarity with how the branches of government created, applied,

and interpreted the law. However, it was not until spending time in Washington that a far more tangible aspect to this familiarity took hold. Reading about an oral argument before the U.S. Supreme Court and attending one are completely different things. To see how counsel presents their case before the justices, and then to see how the justices use counsel to make their own arguments, is not fully appreciated by a mere reading of the transcript. Obviously, this discussion is not limited to just the third branch of government, the same could be said about Congressional and agency hearings.



Before continuing with this article, I think it is important to avoid a parochial tone. My experience in Texas, and prior to that in the Midwest, taught me that this is not a nation comprised of two coasts separated by "fly over" country. I initially argued that Washington is at the epicenter of law librarianship, yet it would be impossible not to recognize the exciting and unique professional opportunities offered law librarians throughout the country. But for our profession there is no denying that Washington, D.C. holds a special place.

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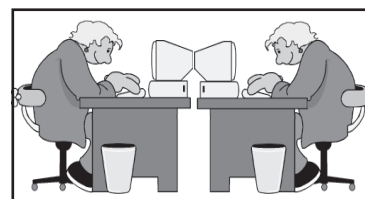
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Editors' Note

Welcome to another addition of the LLNE Newsletter! We have some great articles to offer this issue. Our guest author, Steve Young, provides a compelling snapshot of life as a law librarian in the capital city. Our own Stephen Salhany gives us his insight into working through a real life calamity.

This issue of the newsletter also continues our regular favorites such as Miss. Nomer, Access Points, and a continuation of the series "Agents for the Books." Lastly, we have some great information on the upcoming Fall LLNE meeting; sounds like a winner!

Many thanks to all those who contribute to our newsletter!

Your Editors



President's Message

Dear Friends,

It is a cold and rainy July here in Maine, which doesn't make for much of a change from the cold and rainy June. Our morning glories and hydrangeas seem to be doing fine, but the tomatoes seem to be standing around, waiting (in vain, I fear) for some hot, sunny, dry days. I know how they feel. I hope your summers have been restful or productive, or both. The new academic year, and a new year for LLNE, is right around the corner.

At the end of my term as President of LLNE, I want to take a moment to thank the people who really make this organization great: you, the membership. When I moved to Maine in 2006 and first became involved with LLNE, I was told that the strength of the organization lay in the fact that it is member driven, and not officer driven. I see now how true those words are. The energy, collegiality, and professionalism of this group is amazing and inspiring. I would especially like to thank Sue Zago, this year's Vice-President and your next LLNE President, for all her hard work this year. She will make a superb LLNE President. In addition, please join me in thanking the Executive Board, chairs and members of LLNE's committees, the newsletter and blog editors and contributors, and all the other volunteers who make this organization strong. This year's slate of nominees, Christine Hepler (Vice-President/President Elect), Karen Quinn (Treasurer), and Diane D'Angelo (Education Director), will help ensure LLNE's continued strength in the future.

This year saw two great meetings, offering useful and interesting programming, participation by many members, and an opportunity to meet face to face with peers and friends across our region. The Fall meeting, hosted by our colleagues at the Pappas

Law Library at Boston University School of Law, featured an excellent program, "Employment Law in the 21st Century: The Impact of Technology on the Workplace" which was enthusiastically received by all those in attendance. The Spring meeting, hosted by the Quinnipiac University School of Law Library, focused on Animal Law, and provided a fascinating look at this emerging area of law. Kudos and many thanks to BU and Quinnipiac for hosting, and for developing the kind of valuable programming that makes these meetings valuable and fun. The next meeting, which will be held on October 23, 2009, will take place at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. This program will cover a number of sports law topics, and promises to be another terrific LLNE meeting. I hope many of you will attend.

I hope to see you all soon. Thanks again to all of you for making LLNE the excellent chapter it is and will continue to be. I'm very proud an LLNE member.

Thank you.

Christopher Knott



LLNE News

LLNE offers hearty congratulations to our award-winning members: Sarah Hooke Lee, Carl A. Yirka, Elaine Apostola, and Betsy McKenzie.

Sarah Hooke Lee, Assistant Dean and Director of Information and Research Services at Northeastern University School of Law Library, was awarded the Law Library Journal Article of the Year. This award honors outstanding achievement in researching and writing an article published in Law Library Journal for the preceding volume year. Her article is titled "Preserving Our Heritage: Protecting Law Library Core Missions through Updated Library Quality Assessment Standards."

Carl A. Yirka, Director of the Julien and Virginia Cornell Library at Vermont Law School, won the 2009 AALL Spectrum Article of the Year. This award honors outstanding achievement in writing an article that contributes to topics relating to librarianship, law librarianship, and practical applications for library work or to professional and staff training and development. His article is titled "The Yirka Question and Yirka's Answer: What Should Law Libraries Stop Doing in Order to Address Higher Priority Initiatives?"



We have made both citations and links available below.

Congratulations!

Sarah Hooke Lee, Northeastern University School of Law Library, "[Preserving Our Heritage: Protecting Law Library Core Missions through Updated Library Quality Assessment Standards](#)," 100 Law Library Journal 9 (2008)

Carl A. Yirka, Julien and Virginia Cornell Library, Vermont Law School, "[The Yirka Question and Yirka's Answer: What Should Law Libraries Stop Doing in Order to Address Higher Priority Initiatives?](#)" AALL Spectrum, July 2008

Also, Elaine Apostola, Principal Law Librarian for Public Services, at the Maine State Law and Legislative Library was awarded an AALL grant to attend the meeting in Washington, D.C. this year. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to law librarians or graduate students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Congratulations, Elaine!

Lastly, Betsy McKenzie, Director of the Moakley Law Library at Suffolk University School of Law, made the list of top 100 Twitter feeds for law students. The list is available here: <http://www.onlinebestcolleges.com/blog/2009/top-100-twitter-feeds-for-law-students/>



Forward Membership News items to the [Editor](#).

Of ACL and AACR2: One Cataloger's Tale

by Stephen Salhany, Serials/Catalog Law Librarian
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It's not a revelation to say that real life calamities can unfortunately collide with one's regular work day. I found this out last fall all too well, even though my position at the UMaine Law Library doesn't entail much more physical activity than sitting at a desk and perhaps walking a few flights of stairs each day. When one gets unexpectedly physically impaired in some way it can be a stunning reminder how much we really take every day physical capabilities for granted. This was proved to me last year with sobering force. In a misguided attempt to show the world that I'm still as good of a soccer player at 37 as I was at 19, I joined an adult outdoor soccer league last summer. Unfortunately, the laws of nature cannot be denied and my experience in the soccer league left me with no goals, 1 yellow card and ultimately a torn ACL in my left knee as a result of slipping on a field turf surface. Resigning myself to the inevitable knee surgery and physical therapy sessions was easy enough to do because realistically I had no choice. What was truly shocking was the profound effect my injury had on my usual work day. I've thrown together a few quick thoughts based on my experiences in **Librarian Hopelessness**.

**** You are going to be far more impaired at work than you ever thought possible.*** My job usually consists of a lot of computer work at my desk. When I first injured myself I didn't think much about it affecting my job because, hey, it's OPAC work, not rock climbing. I'd have to use crutches, of course, but that would simply slow me down, so I thought. But I sit in a desk chair for 90% of the day, and I quickly found that sitting for long stretches with a huge brace on my leg holding it out straight was

very uncomfortable indeed. After an hour or so the pain became quite distracting, and I found myself constantly moving in my chair throughout the day in a desperate effort to find a comfortable position. Sitting through collection development meetings was a chore due to the discomfort. Herding students around the reference desk became a near-impossibility. Just keep in mind that things are going to be far more difficult than you expect at first.

**** Don't be afraid to ask for help from your colleagues, even with mundane tasks.*** Reaching for the phone? Potentially painful. Using crutches to get to the lunch room? Tiring and awkward. Getting up and grabbing a manual from my shelf?



Extremely difficult. Pushing a book cart? Completely out of the question. I very quickly realized that I would have to depend on my co-workers to help me complete my tasks each day. Fortunately they were all more than happy to do so. They would get the mail cart from the law school offices, offer to carry my lunch bag in for me as I staggered in through the front door, and generally made sure that I didn't feel completely overwhelmed as I adjusted to my

temporary helplessness.

**** Work-study students are your friends.*** While it's always paramount to treat one's work-study students with respect, I did lean on them to help me out with other, routine tasks. If I needed a periodical from the open stacks, I asked our work-study to get it for me. If I needed a comparison of call numbers, I asked her for those as well. While it wasn't the most exciting use of her time, it did help out the department by helping me accomplish my daily tasks with a minimum of difficulty. They are there to help out, and our work studies were cheerfully willing to do so.

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**Be flexible, and ask others to be the same.* My surgery took me out of work for 2 days. My intensive physical therapy schedule required three trips a week to the clinic for an hour to an hour and a half at a time, at odd times of the day, over a period of 6 months. Fortunately my director and my supervisor allowed me the flexibility and the time to go to these appointments and understood that my usual work day would be more fractured than usual. I would also work late on occasion when my time out of the office exceeded my given lunch hour. I also found the professors and students that I worked with to be exceedingly understanding of my physical limitations, even if they were working under strict deadlines. Most people are going to be very empathetic to your position.

** Be patient.* It was only natural to think I'd make steady progress in my rehab and be 100% at work in short order. Unfortunately physical therapy progress often plateaus and there was a long period of time where I simply could not progress as rapidly as I would have liked. Bear this in mind and be sure to ask patience of both yourself and your co-workers. I found everyone to be more than understanding in the length of time it took to finally become fully ambulatory.

Most of this is common sense, of course, but like many such situations this common sense did not become apparent until I was in the midst of it. Now healed and chastened, I am now fully independent at work and hopefully will not have to suffer through such a situation again. There is that men's hockey league taking place this fall, though...

What are you reading this Summer? Some Hot Ideas for the Beach (Also Good for Rainy Days)

Oprah's Top Picks

<http://www.oprah.com/article/omagazine/200907-omag-summer-reading-list>

Family Educations' Recommended Reading Lists for All Ages

<http://school.familyeducation.com/literature/reading/34576.html>

Can sort by age or genre.

Modern Library's 100 Best Novels

<http://www.randomhouse.com/modernlibrary/100bestnovels.html>

NPR's Best Beach Books

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=106803845>

The top 200 finalists in NPR's Best Beach Book ever vote.



The Patrons

Perhaps the clearest signs to me that I work in Washington, D.C. are not the monuments or the famous buildings that I pass by on the way to work, but the people with whom I interact with at the law school. Each day I come into contact with many students who are either just coming from or are just going to their job on Capitol Hill, or their internship/externship at the Department of Justice, or a class outing to the Supreme Court. These are students whose understanding of how law is made and how it is implemented is derived from seeing it in action, not from a legal text or a lecture. This can make for an interesting time in class. I was recently teaching an upper-class course on legal research using the Internet, and in the process evaluating the U.S. Supreme Court's website as a legal research tool. I was unaware, until her hand shot up, that I had a student who works in the data systems division of the Supreme Court, and someone who could provide a far more nuanced description and analysis of the Court's website than me.

Our law school faculty members at Catholic, both full-time and adjunct, are often involved in the workings of government. Many times I know that the research I am doing for them will be used as part of their testimony before a Congressional committee hearing, or may be incorporated into the drafting of an agency regulation, or heard on N.P.R.'s All Things Considered later that day. Last year, I had the unique opportunity of providing research assistance to one of our faculty who had been appointed by the Supreme Court to brief and argue a case in support of the underlying judgment (the Court rarely appoints counsel to argue a case, but on occasion may do so if it decides that a certain point of view is not being fully represented). To be so involved with a Supreme Court case, and then to be present in the courtroom while your research is being actively used as part of the oral argument, is an opportunity that is not af-

forded every law librarian. I have no doubt that if I were working in another city, I would not have been able to hear the justices react and respond to arguments based on research I helped compile.

The many events and invited speakers hosted by our law school also reflect the status of Washington as a world city. It is certainly not uncommon to have a high ranking government official or a representative of a foreign country attend symposia or present lectures. Commencement addresses are often provided by such dignitaries as Supreme Court justices, members of Congress, and Cabinet members. In recent years, our law school has also hosted heads of state. I know from speaking with my colleagues across town that the other law schools in the area also benefit in very similar ways from this proximity to power.

More Than Just a Federal City

So far I have mentioned the enormous influence that the federal government has on this city, but it would

be wrong not to also mention the many other players who make up the Washington, D.C. scene. This includes various think tanks, the very many national and international associations who maintain their headquarters here, the foreign embassies, the various non-governmental organizations such as the World Bank and the International

Monetary Fund, and the various branches of the armed services. The private law firms also have a very large and strong presence here in the nation's capital. A number of prestigious law firms are headquartered here in the District, and many of the country's largest law firms maintain a sizeable office in the Washington, D.C. metro area.



Washington is also home to seven ABA-accredited law schools: American, Catholic, George Mason (technically it is located across the Potomac River in Arlington, Virginia, but we are happy to count it as a D.C. law school), George Washington, Georgetown, Howard, and the University of the District of Columbia. This conglomeration of academic law libraries provides us with a rich and diverse group of colleagues throughout the city whom we can call upon for assistance and counsel. Together, the combined resources of these institutions, both in personnel and collections, provide extraordinary opportunities for law librarians and their patrons alike. With these resources to draw upon, there also comes a sense of responsibility: the belief that the answer to a question must lie somewhere here in the very many libraries and institutions that inhabit this city.

The Local Chapter

No discussion of law librarianship in the Washington, D.C. area is complete without at least mentioning the local professional society, the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. (LLSDC). As the largest chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), LLSDC serves as both a valuable resource for sharing information and ideas, as well as a wonderful vehicle for exploring opportunities in professional development. These opportunities might involve the obvious, such as serving on a committee or on the executive board, or the less obvious, such as participating in the chapter's highly recognized annual Legal Research Institute or contributing an article to *Law Library Lights*. The chapter's full calendar of events, speakers, and social gatherings ensures that all law librarians in the area are offered opportunities to network and actively participate in the profession. Although many local chapters offer similar opportunities, LLSDC benefits from the

sheer size of its membership and the relative proximity of most of its members.

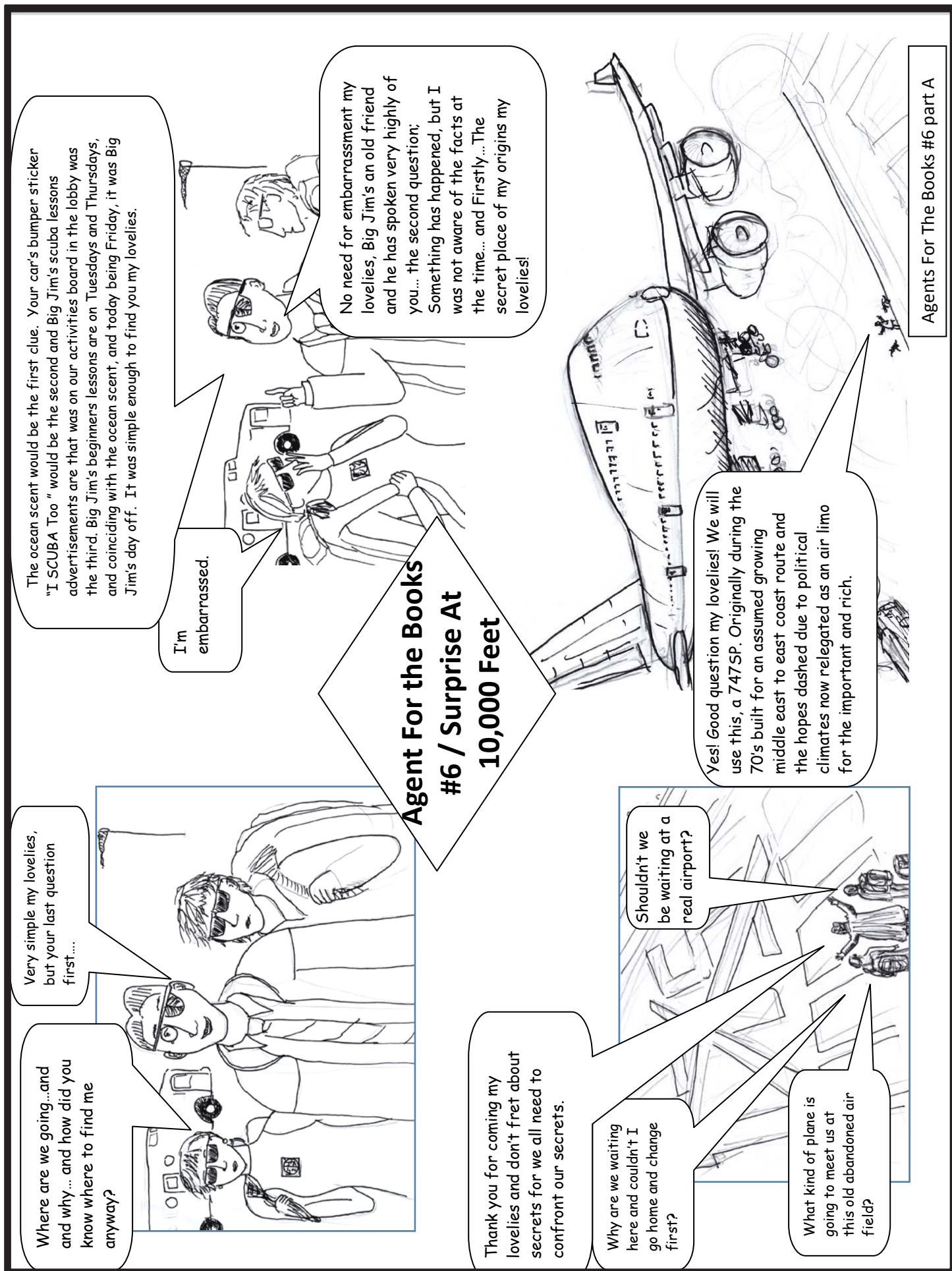
Beyond the professional dimension, the fabric of Washington, D.C. is also woven into our personal lives. It is interesting to note that many of us have friends who work on Capitol Hill, or who work in the Executive Office of the President, or one of the many government agencies around town. Social events almost invariably involve some discussion of what is happening in the city, and obtaining first-hand accounts of events that appear on the

nightly news. Often these discussions provide useful insights into the workings of government, which in turn can spice up a lecture on legislative history with an anecdotal comment. And just as often these conversations come to a quick end when we realize that the next comment has to be "no comment."



Conclusion

As Washington, D.C. gets set to host the 102nd Annual Meeting and Conference of the American Association of Law Libraries, there is a sense that we, the local law library community, are welcoming our colleagues to the home of law librarianship. No doubt many conference attendees will visit the Capitol building, peer between the railings of the White House, and walk through the marble halls of the Supreme Court building. In so doing, we hope that during their short time here our colleagues from all over the country and from other nations will get to experience the uniqueness that makes living and working in Washington, D.C. so rewarding to those of us who call law librarianship their profession.



A tricky thing my lovelies, we will need to assist in keeping this sanctuary for our special librarians as little known as possible.



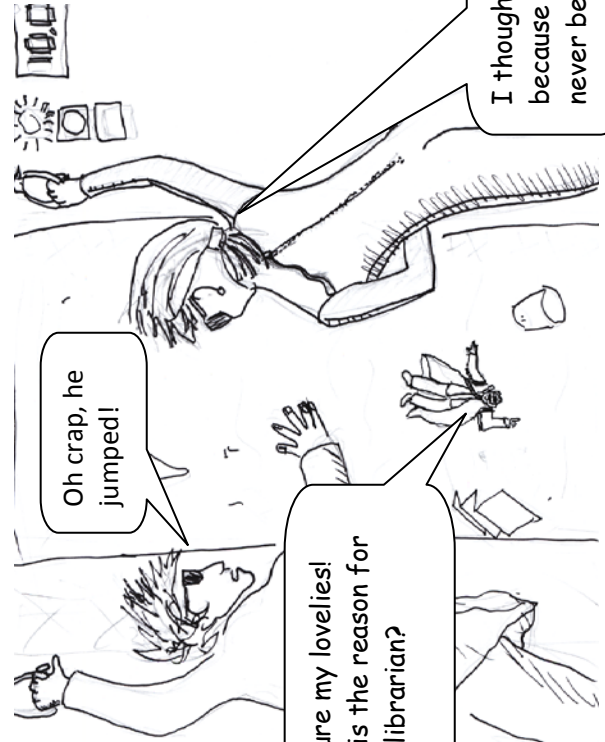
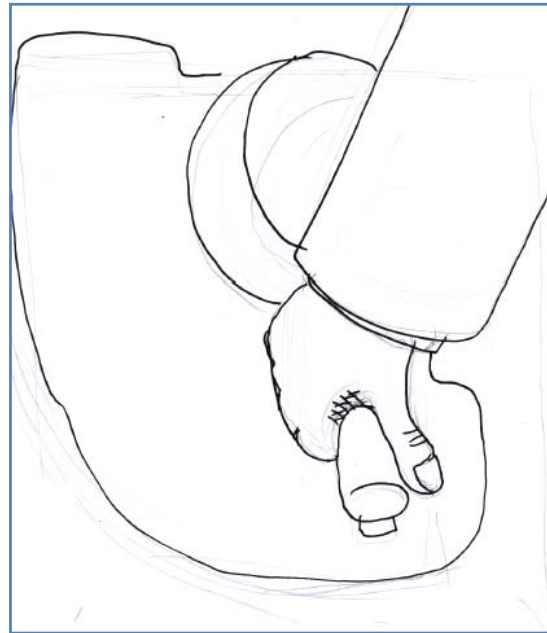
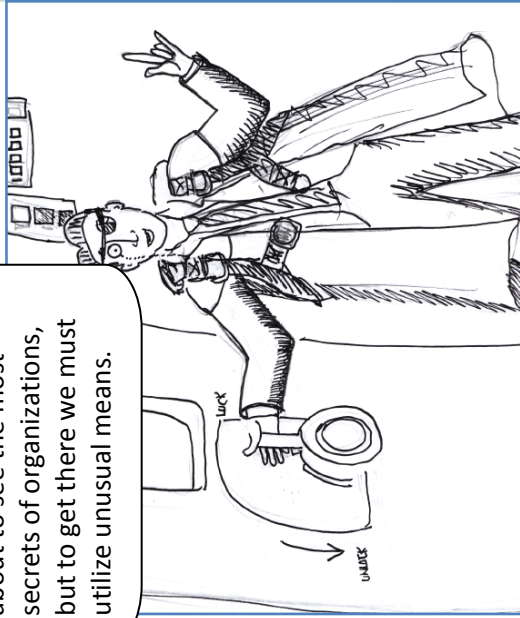
We will have to make our landing at 10,000 feet.

What 10,000 feet! We are not landing!



Are we jumping off a perfectly good jumbo jet at 10,000 feet?

Yes my lovelies, you are about to see the most secrets of organizations, but to get there we must utilize unusual means.



Oh crap, he jumped!

Adventure my lovelies! Isn't this the reason for being a librarian?

I thought it was because I enjoyed never being rich.

Announcing the Web 2.0 Challenge 2009: A Free, Online Course to Introduce Law Librarians to Web 2.0 Technologies

Last year the AALL Computing Services Special Interest Section sponsored the first Web 2.0 Challenge, an online course to introduce law librarians to social software and how to use it in their libraries. The course was so popular CS-SIS is sponsoring it again in 2009.

The Web 2.0 Challenge will provide a free, comprehensive, and social online learning opportunity designed for law librarians that incorporates hands-on use of these technologies. The course is intended for law librarians who have little experience with these technologies but are interested in learning more.

The online course will take place between **August 3 and September 6**. The five week course will cover these areas:

Week 1: Blogs & RSS
Week 2: Flickr & Social Bookmarking Software
Week 3: Social Networking Software and Twitter
Week 4: Wikis and LibGuides
Week 5: Web 2.0 @ Your Library

Participants will be required to complete a series of weekly activities, including viewing an instructional screencast; completing hands-on exercises based on the lesson; weekly blogging about their experience; and participating in a weekly small group chat session. The course will culminate with each participant developing a proposal for implementing a specific social software tool in their library.

Full enrollment will be limited to approximately one hundred participants. However, course content will be freely viewable to anyone who wishes to follow along. Enrolled participants who complete all activities are eligible for final prize drawings (prizes provided by CS-SIS). Certificates will also be awarded to all participants who complete the course.

There is no charge for this course and enrollment will be offered on a first come first served basis.

For more information, visit the [CS-SIS website](#). If you have any questions, you can contact Meg Kribble (mkribble AT law.harvard.edu) or Sally Irvin (irvinsa AT wfu.edu).



Dear Miss Nomer

Dear Miss Nomer:

Thomson West released the new, green 10th edition of Black's Law Dictionary this year. I am having a hard time trying to define a couple of concepts in this confusingly titled green book. Can you set me on the straight and narrow?

It's Not Easy Being Green

Definitely, Dear:

A couple of concepts? 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 VASSAL-AGE

Dear Miss Nomer:

I heard that the library where you work has a great collection in my area of interest. May I use your facilities?

Need to Go In
Miss Issippi

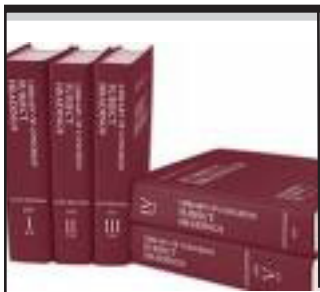
Dear Needy:

Er, I suppose, I mean, if you want to, if you need to, that is, Miss Nomer is very delicate in these matters, well, um, they're right down the hall, next to the elevators, try not to miss them

until next time, I remain fondly yours,

Miss Nomer





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

ACCESS POINTS

Northeastern University Libraries Selected for RDA Testing

by Stephanie Hudner and Laura Hartnett
Northeastern University School of Law Library

Northeastern University was recently selected as one of 26 test partners of Resource Description and Access (RDA), the anticipated successor to the 2nd edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR2). Both the University's main library and law library will participate in the testing organized by the U.S. National Libraries RDA Test Steering Committee. Four other universities with law libraries were also selected as test partners: Stanford University, Emory University, Columbia University, and the University of Chicago. The test partners include a broad range of institutions using various integrated library systems, OPACs, cataloging rules and schema.

RDA is currently available in draft form at <http://www.rdaonline.org/constituencyreview>. The six-month RDA testing period will commence when the final online version of RDA is released at the end of 2009. At the conclusion of the test, the U.S. National Libraries RDA Test Steering Committee will analyze the results and prepare a report that will be shared with the U.S. library community. Based on the results of the test, the Library of Congress, the National Library of Medicine, and the National Agricultural Library will make a joint decision on whether to implement RDA.

If you are interested in reading more about RDA, we have compiled a brief list of helpful resources:

RDA FAQ's from the Joint Steering Committee for Development of RDA

<http://www.rda-jsc.org/rdafaq.html>

Knight, F. T. (2009). Cataloging Rules! The Road to RDA.

http://pi.library.yorku.ca/dspace/bitstream/handle/10315/2550/RDA_TALL_2009_final.pdf?sequence=1

Miska, S. D. (2009). Resource Description and Access (RDA) and new research potentials. *Bulletin of the American Society of Information Science and Technology* (35 (5), 47-51.

http://www.asis.org/Bulletin/Jun-09/JunJul09_Mik-sa.pdf

PowerPoint presentations from the Canadian Library Association's May 2009 Pre-Conference on RDA

<http://tsig.wikispaces.com/Pre-conference+2009+presentation+materials>



LLNE CONFERENCE PLANNED FOR FALL 2009

ADVANCING THE BALL – ADVANCING THE LAW:
*MAKING POINTS IN SPORTS LAW ON THE COURT AND IN
THE COURTS*

BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME – SPRINGFIELD, MA –
OCTOBER 23, 2009

IT'S A TEAM EFFORT

On behalf of the Planning Committee for the Fall 2009 LLNE Meeting and Conference, I invite you to Springfield, MA, often called “The City in the Country” and nestled in the heart of the Connecticut River Valley. We have a great series of speakers lined up to inform and engage you in the topic of sports law. Please see the sidebar.

Springfield is the state’s third largest city and is home to the Basketball Hall of Fame, the venue for our conference. (<http://www.hoophall.com/>) It is easily accessible from I-91 and the Massachusetts Turnpike (I-90). The Hilton Garden Hotel is on the “campus” of the BHF, along with several fine restaurants.

The Planning Committee realizes that in the current economic climate, a great line-up of speakers, an interesting and entertaining venue and a convenient location are not enough. So, with the generous support of the LLNE Board, we have adopted a Win-Win strategy to help everyone attend and benefit from the conference.

HOLDING THE LINE? – YOU BET! The Planning Committee has established its meeting budget with an attendance goal of 85 people. This will allow us to hold the line on the registration fee to keep it at \$65.00 per person. The registration fee includes the \$17.00 admission to the Basketball Hall of Fame. We have planned time throughout the day for you to enjoy the exhibits and explore the artifacts and history of the game.

GETTING THERE? – GO GREEN! We are chartering a bus for the round trip from the Boston Common to the BHF. Our goal is to fill all 55 seats to keep the bus ticket price to an afford-

able cost of \$20.00 per person. Round trip bus fare on other carriers is \$46.00 and the schedules do not allow for a timely arrival on the day of the conference, so going green is quite a bargain. And just think – you’ll be able to enjoy the closing reception with no worries for the drive home!

VALUE ADDED? – MORE SPONSORS!

We are working diligently to attract more sponsors with a smaller sponsorship for each. We recognize that even our sponsors are having difficulty being as generous as they could in the past. We also recognize that when vendors withdraw from supporting conferences it hurts all of us. The vendor loses the opportunity to promote its product and our membership loses the opportunity to learn about the latest and greatest vendor innovations. Our goal is to gain the support of 10 vendors each sponsoring the conference in the range of \$300 to 400. You can help us by recommending sponsors and forwarding their contact information to me.

BUSINESS & PLEASURE? – BRING THE FAMILY, COME FOR THE WEEKEND! Turn the weekend into a mini vacation with the family. The Greater Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau is providing “Goodie Bags” filled with local information and coupons for area attractions and restaurants. Visit <http://www.valleyvisitor.com/> to learn more about what is available in the Pioneer Valley. Take advantage of the discounted room rate at the Hilton Garden Inn. (<http://www.hiltongardeninn.com/en/gi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=SFYMAGI>) The \$109 rate is available all weekend. Six Flags New England is still open on the weekend of the conference with special Halloween events scheduled. (<http://www.sixflags.com/newEngland/index.aspx>) For anyone arriving the night before the conference, the Planning Committee will make sure your “Goodie Bag” is available for you.

GET IN THE GAME – MAKE A COMMITMENT TO ATTEND! With a committed team effort we can make this conference a great success in spite of the economy. Watch for the conference website launch in August!

Advancing the Ball – Advancing the Law: Making Points in Sports Law on the Court and in the Courts

LLNE Fall 2009 Meeting
Basketball Hall of Fame
Springfield, Massachusetts
October 23, 2009

PRE-GAME SHOW

8:00 to 8:50 AM Executive Board Meeting
8:00 to 9:00 AM Registration & Continental Breakfast, Free Time to Tour Hall

TIP-OFF

9:05 to 9:15 AM Welcome to Springfield – Domenic J. Sarno, Mayor of the City of Springfield
9:15 to 9:25 AM Introductions & General Information – Katherine Coolidge, Program Chair

FIRST QUARTER

9:30 to 10:45 AM Recent Developments in Sports Law
Prof. Glenn M. Wong, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

FAST BREAK

10:45 to 11:00 AM Break

SECOND QUARTER

11:00 AM to 12:15 PM Gender Discrimination in Sports
Prof. Erin Buzuvis, WNEC School of Law

HALF TIME

12:15 to 1:30 PM Lunch & Business Meeting

THIRD QUARTER

1:30 to 2:45 PM The Politics of Olympic Bidding
Prof. Curt Hamakawa, Western New England College

TIME OUT

2:45 to 3:00 PM Break

FOURTH QUARTER

3:00 to 3:30 PM Basketball Archives at Springfield College and the Historical Perspective on the Game
Rachael Naismith, Assistant Director for Information and Research and Jeffrey Monseau, College Archivist – Springfield College

OVERTIME

3:30 to 4:00 PM Free Time to Tour Hall

POST-GAME WRAP-UP

4:00 to 5:00 PM Reception

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This Issue in Vermont History

(We will feature other New England States every issue)

July 8, 1777 - The Constitution of the Vermont Republic was adopted at a tavern in Windsor now known as the Old Constitution House.

July 8, 1777 - The name of the Vermont Republic was changed from the “Republic of New Connecticut” to “Vermont” from the French for Green Mountains, les Verts Monts. The name change was suggested Dr. Thomas Young, a Boston Tea Party leader.

On July 31, 1790 - United States Patent Number One, signed by George Washington, was issued in 1790 to Samuel Hopkins of Pittsford, Vermont for a process he developed for making potash out of wood ashes.

July 30, 1609 - French explorer Samuel de Champlain claimed the area of what is now Lake Champlain, giving to the mountains the appellation of les Verts Monts (the Green Mountains).

August 18, 1920 – Edna Beard was the first woman to run in the Vermont general election and won a seat in the Vermont House.

September 11, 1814 - Commodore MacDonough’s fleet is victorious against British in Battle of Plattsburgh, saving Vermont from certain invasion.

September 14, 1941 - Vermont Legislature declares war on Germany in order to make sure the Vermont military servicemen are paid a wartime pay bonus.

October 3, 1828 - William Lloyd Garrison begins publishing Journal of the Times, an abolitionist paper, in Bennington, Vermont.

October 19, 1864 – “St. Albans Raid.” Confederate soldiers attacked citizens, stole a total of \$208,000 from the banks in St. Albans, and fled to Canada. The raid was the northernmost land action of the Civil War, taking place exclusively in St. Albans, Vermont.

October 22, 1763 - Daniel Chipman, the first reporter of Vermont Supreme Court decisions is born in Salisbury, Conn.

November 3, 1838 – Legislature abolishes law that requires any imprisonment for financial debts

November 17, 1825 – Vermont State Library created

December 18, 1880 - Women were first allowed to cast a vote in Vermont in school district elections.



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