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Best Wishes to Marnie Warner

One of the most influential members in LLNE's history retires from the Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries

Marnie Warner, Law Library Coordinator for the Massachusetts Trial Court, and active member of LLNE, retired at the end of last year. According to the MA Trial Court Libraries, "her career as a Law Librarian spans almost forty years, most of them in the service of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

The Massachusetts Trial Court was created by Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1978. Previously, all trial courts in the Commonwealth were county or local courts funded through the counties. The individual law libraries functioned as county law libraries, originally established in the first half of the 19th century under a series of state enabling and funding statutes. They were organized

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Five Questions for Marnie

1. What has been the most significant change in Law Librarianship you have observed over the years?

The maturing of law librarians into a profession. When I started in 1973 at Goodwin, Procter and Hoar, I was the first MLS hired to run the library. Law schools had professional librarians, but not many of the law firms or the county or state law libraries. There was no ABLL. During the next two decades, professional law librarians

(M.L.S. and some with JDs) were hired into the growing law firm law library community and into court law libraries. When I interviewed for my position with the Trial Court, I made it a condition of taking the job that when hiring new people they would have an MLS or a JD with law library experience. Several library staff already in positions returned to school to obtain their MLS.

2. How has technology helped your work in law libraries?

I started with no computers. It has helped tremendously. Briefly, technology has organ-

We took this opportunity to ask Marnie Warner five questions about her career, her thoughts on law librarianship, and the future

ized our collections and allowed us to share them (MARC records are a great innovation), allowed us work together even when we are physically separated, gave us the opportunity through

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Editor's Note

Happy Spring and welcome to another addition of the LLNE Newsletter!

This issue is being released concurrently with the launch of the new website LLNE.org. The launch of this new resource for our community, integrating news, updates, and information about LLNE, should be a fantastic addition to our organization.

We have some great articles to offer this issue: We are honor-

ing our great friend and colleague, Marnie Warner, the former Head of the Trial Court Libraries of Massachusetts. We hear about the re-opening of a trial court law library; get a fresh perspective on interning at a Boston law firm; our own Stephen Salhany gives us the law librarian's insight into the victory of the Red Sox; and more!

Have a Great Spring -we hope to see you in Connecticut!

- Kyle & Mindy



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LLNE *President's Message*

Greetings from the Berkshires. Here is hoping that everyone is staying warm and weathering all storms that come our way.

Diane D'Angelo and Lisa Junghahn, LLNE Education Directors, are working with Catherine Dunn and her group from UConn to plan the Spring 2014 Meeting. The topic will be Tribal Law and Casinos. Southern New England Law Librarians Association (SNELLA) will be joining us for this meeting. The meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2014; so mark your calendars!

Looking backwards, kudos to Social Law Library for the Fall 2013 Meeting, "The new normal in law libraries," on Oct. 4. Tracy Thompson from NELLCO opened the meeting with an overview of our topic, the need to adapt to constant change. Her presentation was followed by three excellent panels and an un-conference, with plenty of time to meet with each other and exchange our stories. Special thanks go to Sarah Hudson and Kirsten Leary of Social Law for planning the meeting, and the Association of Boston Law Libraries (ABLL) for joining us.

The Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act (UELMA) passed in Connecticut in May of 2013, and will become effective Oct. 1, 2014. Congratulations to the law librarians who worked hard to make this so. The LLNE Government Relations Committee, chaired by Emilie Benoit, is working to see that the law is passed in

other states. Emily Feltren, Director of Government Relations for AALL in Washington, is providing assistance in our endeavors to get the law passed in other states and Michelle Pearse's state subcommittee has been working to see that UELMA is passed in Massachusetts.

Congratulations to former LLNE President Kathy Coolidge who will be the new AALL secretary, with her term beginning July, 2014. AALL Election Results for 2014 are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/Home-page-contents/NewsCallout/AALLElectionResultsfor2014.html>.

Highlights of the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, "rethink your value", are available at <http://www.aallnet.org/conference/more/past-meetings/2013-highlights>. Program recordings from AALL2go are available at <http://aall.sclive-learningcenter.com/index.aspx>. We can look forward to the 2014 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference, "Beyond Boundaries," in San Antonio next July 12-15.

Thank you to Kyle Courtney for getting the newsletter together. Please consider joining an LLNE committee if you haven't already done so. LLNE is a wonderful organization and everybody's participation makes it better and better.

-Barbara Schneider



Fitchburg Law Library Re-Opens

A Law Library re-opens inside the Fitchburg Public Library

By Kyle K. Courtney

On Wednesday, January 15th, the Fitchburg Law Library re-opened at its new location on the second floor of the Fitchburg Public Library, located at 610 Main Street. The 143-year-old law library, which used to be housed in the former Superior Court building on Elm Street, closed in May.

We conducted a short interview by email with Sharon A. Bernard, Director of the Fitchburg Public Library and new home of the new Law Library.

LLNE News: How did the public library get involved with saving the law library? What was your role?

Sharon A. Bernard: When the announcement was made that Fitchburg Law Library was going to close local politicians, lawyers and the public spoke with different people about how the library could be saved. I spoke with the Law Librarian about the possibility of moving into the public library. We determined that we had enough space so I proposed the possibility to my Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees sent a proposal to the Trial Court Law Libraries Administration. They, the Mayor and the City Attorney reviewed the proposal, made a few adjustments and everyone signed it.

LLNE: Was space a consideration – many libraries have space challenges – especially with the potential influx of many, many new law books?

SAB: Space was a bit of a challenge but we had two empty offices and lots of storage in the basement. It was up to the Law Librarian to determine what portion of the collection was most

used and fit that into the second floor offices (with the addition of some shelving moved from the Law Library) and then store the remainder of what they use on shelving in our closed stack area. The space worked beautifully.

LLNE: How do you think this will benefit the community, not just the law community?

SAB: Our patrons will have access to legal reference services two evenings a week. We know that will be a big plus. In the past they were sent to the Law Library but often couldn't go because of the limited hours and accessibility. We are hopeful that the people in North Worcester County will be less intimidated entering the public library than they might have been going into the law library's former building.

LLNE: Do you see any future partnerships between public libraries and public law libraries based on your successful merger?

SAB: That remains to be seen, but so far we have a successful partnership and are looking forward to better serving the public, law enforcement and the law community.

In a Massachusetts Trail Court press release Mr. Spense thanked those that have helped make the move to the new space in the public library. "We'd like to thank Mayor Lisa Wong, Senator Jennifer L. Flanagan, Representative Stephen DiNatale, and the trustees of the library for their efforts to ensure residents of north central Worcester County continue to have access to this important legal resource," Mr. Spense said.



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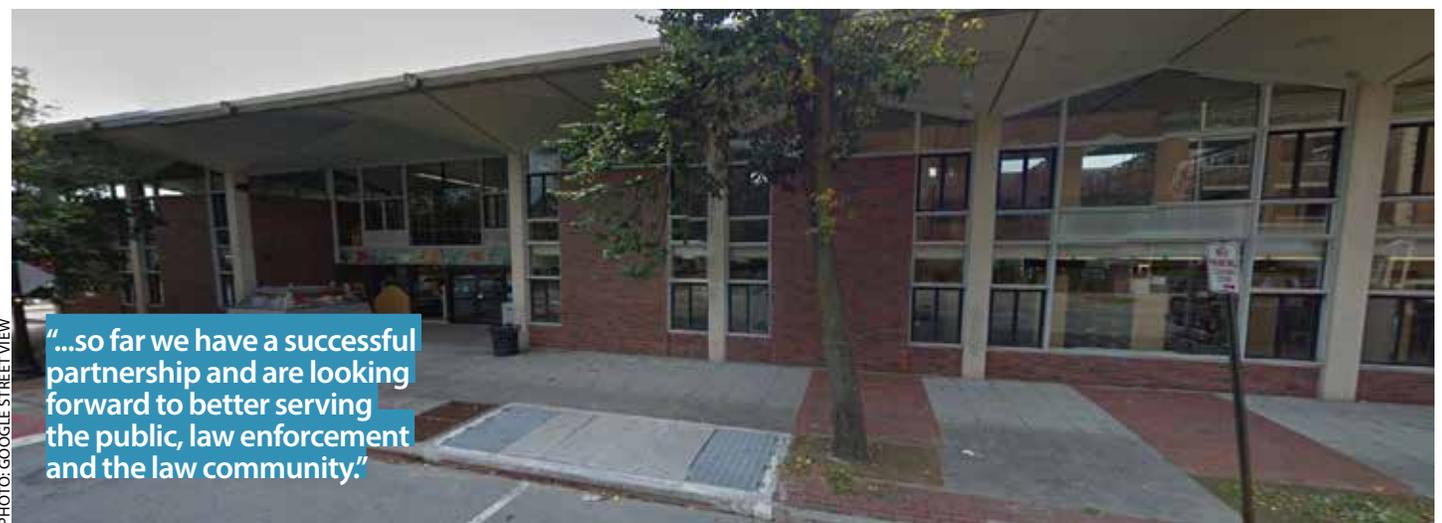


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"...so far we have a successful partnership and are looking forward to better serving the public, law enforcement and the law community."

Laying Down the Law About My Experiential Learning at Seyfarth Shaw LLP

By Sarah Barton

After my first semester of library school at Simmons College in Boston, MA I knew I wanted to work in a corporate library. What really sealed the deal was taking a one-week Corporate Libraries course with Professor Emeritus Jim Matarazzo. The course highlighted the pace, perks, and pitfalls of working in a corporate environment, and I was totally hooked. Armed with nothing more than my desire to go corporate based on what I had learned in class, I faced the age-old dilemma of how to get experience in a corporate library without having any prerequisite corporate library experience.

I reached out to Professor Matarazzo in hopes that he could point me in the right direction. He gave me the contact information for Christine Yost, firm librarian at Seyfarth Shaw LLP in Boston, and said to contact her if I was interested. It was perfect, except for one detail: I know nothing about law except that it is generally best to obey it. Despite my lack of legal knowledge, I was intrigued by the internship and chose to pursue it. My reasons for jumping on the opportunity were twofold: I could learn about law librarianship and gain some corporate library experience. It was a no-brainer.

Conceptions and Misconceptions

Regarding the importance of experiential learning while in library school, Alyson Dalby (2009) asserts that “direct experience is incredibly beneficial to LIS students, giving them an idea of what the day-to-day workings of a library are about and correcting some misconceptions about library work” (p. 585). Before I started at Seyfarth, I was expecting to be thrown into a loud, bustling office with lawyers yelling at their clients in harsh lawyer-speak. I thought that the Seyfarth library would be a large windowed room overlooking Boston Harbor, and I would spend time gazing at the boats coming in and out as I answered reference questions for the lawyers.

Well, I was wrong on both counts.

The office is set up such that there are actually four different small libraries on two different floors. Also, I had very little contact with the lawyers. I saw how Ms. Yost answered their questions and found the sources that they needed, but I was a fly on the wall. As I mentioned, I do not know much about law,

so it was silly to have thought that I would be on the frontline. Instead, I found myself helping with the budget (which takes up far more time than I had ever imagined), preparing books to be cataloged, updating library inter-office materials, and shelf reading. None of those tasks are particularly glamorous, but doing them made me realize how much responsibility outside of reference there is in a small corporate library. Coming to terms with my misconceptions of how a small corporate library functions on a day-to-day basis has been incredibly valuable to my overall understanding of corporate librarianship.

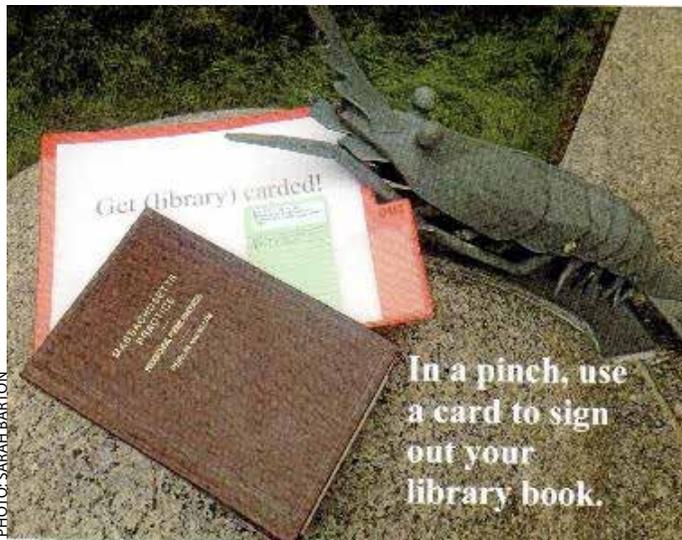
Learning Curve

I spent only twelve hours per week at Seyfarth over the course of the semester, so it took me a few weeks to build up to tasks that were more involved than the ones that I was doing initially. Marian Hoy writes that “the longer the internship the more variety of work could be experienced, helping to make sure students were exposed to the diversity of work ahead” (p. 34). In my first

few weeks I was copying and hole-punching invoices, but was eventually additionally tasked with filing and cross-referencing them with the monthly billing statements. Where at first I was simply photocopying the title and verso pages of new books, I eventually started filling out the associated cataloging sheets and entering the book titles into a spreadsheet. As time went on, I gained new tasks, such as going through recently filed complaints to see whether any of the defendants have connections with Seyfarth lawyers. The more I

did those routine tasks, the more I started feeling more confident in my ability to do them. And, more importantly, I began to understand why I was doing them. It is one thing to go through the motions of doing something, but quite another to understand the why and the how behind what is being done. I felt more fulfilled and reassured when I started to understand the larger picture.

In the midst of those routine tasks, several ad hoc projects cropped up. I helped create a binder of recent case decisions for a lawyer who was planning to write a book chapter, looked into new mobile technology products and services that might be useful to lawyers, and researched topics that my supervisor found relevant to her work (e.g. recent updates to the Family and Medical Leave Act, examples of corporate library revenue streams, background information for potential arbitrators). I also



created a postcard promoting the library that was distributed office-wide (*see photo*). Ms. Yost wanted a postcard to remind lawyers to sign out books from the library instead of just taking them off the shelf and bringing them to their office. When a book has been signed out, it is easy for Ms. Yost to find it if she or someone else needs it. Otherwise, locating it becomes an office-wide search. I thought that the postcard's lobster motif incorporated some local flair, and hopefully helped relay the message. These types of projects added some variability to the work that I had been doing, as well as challenged me to think more practically than methodically. Between my routine tasks and the ad hoc projects, I found myself doing several different types of work that I did not envision during my first few weeks.

A Win-Win Situation

While this internship has been valuable to me, my supervisor, Ms. Yost, profited as well. Marian Hoy (2011) writes that internships bring “benefits to individuals, educators, and employers in different but equally valid ways” (p. 39). Ms. Yost delegated some of the more nitpicky and basic work to me so that she had additional time for the more complicated, pressing, and involved tasks that her job requires. Tasks such as shelf reading and checking books for spine labels and card pockets (which Ms. Yost deems “high-importance, low visibility”) fall low on her to-do list, but need to get done at some point. Filing invoices and checking the monthly ledger are more important, but take a lot of time, and I was able to do all of those things for her. My help in completing those tasks gave Ms. Yost the flexibility to work on other things that more directly market Seyfarth's library services to the lawyers, and also shortened her to-do list.

Culture Shock

One thing that I was not expecting to gain from my internship was a better understanding of corporate culture. Having never worked in a corporate environment, I had heard stories about what the corporate world is like, but had not experienced it firsthand. I cannot say that I have become fully immersed in Seyfarth's culture, but I certainly got a feel for it after only a few weeks. One day I went to a lunch meeting about diversity and community outreach projects for the firm. The lunch was provided, which sounds obvious to someone who is used to working in a corporate environment, but to someone who is not, it was a nice treat. I also receive the firm-wide emails, so I have an idea about the meetings, corporate events, and general happenings within the firm, even though I am not involved in any of them. I recognize that it is impossible to fully ascertain all aspects of corporate culture after being in an organization for only a few months, but even just a basic, very informal understanding of Seyfarth's culture has served as a great introduction to corporate culture more generally.

Going Forward

Despite how much I have learned at and about Seyfarth, I have no expectation of gaining employment at the firm. Dalby (2009) notes that many internship programs “are designed around the

assumption that, on completing the programme, the intern will move into a permanent or professional position with the same organisation. That assumption works in a large organisation that has frequent vacancies, but not in a small library” (p. 588). For me, this experience was not about securing future employment, rather, about gaining exposure to one of the many types of corporate library settings. That said, I noticed that there was a limit to the number of increasingly complicated tasks that I can do as an intern, as it is not in Seyfarth's best interest to teach library interns about complex systems and processes that could jeopardize clients' confidentiality and Seyfarth's institutional knowledge. This internship gave me the opportunity to get a feel for law librarianship without learning too much about Seyfarth's internal processes, especially considering that I could at some point end up working for a different firm.

Even though I have no intention of seeking full-time employment at Seyfarth, this internship will be invaluable to my future job applications, as I have acquired concrete corporate library experience that will be relevant to other corporate library environments. Hoy (2011) found that internship experiences are “an essential element for applying theory to practice and building a profile for future employment” (p. 36), and spending a semester at Seyfarth was an upgrade to my professional profile as I seek future employment. This experience will not only bolster my résumé, but also provide me with the knowledge and connections that are the basis for continued learning as I progress through library school and beyond.

This article was written as part of an independent study with Professor James Matarazzo at the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Boston, MA.

Resources

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LLNE Meeting Feedback!

The LLNE Education Committee is always happy to get feedback on the meetings! Share your thoughts or impressions anytime. This can be on anything. Length of meetings. Location. Content. Format. Food. Anything

Share with Diane & Lisa

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KF3089 *The Sports Book*

After what we saw last year, what can one possibly say about the 2013 Red Sox?

by Stephen Salhany

If the 2004 club was The Idiots and the 2007 team Paps and The Pros, the 2013 Red Sox were the Island of Misfit Toys. After the farcical disaster of the 2012 season, the goal for this year wasn't necessarily to win the World Series, it was not to embarrass themselves. The additions to the team over the offseason were hardly slam-dunks to impress: a first baseman with a bad hip (Mike Napoli). A platoon LFER who was oafish in the field (Jonny Gomes). A 32 year old former speed guy coming off a bad year and signed to a widely-mocked contract in RF (Shane Victorino). JD Drew's younger brother who matched his brother's injury history (Stephen Drew). A starting pitcher who had moved to the AL in 2012 and gotten hammered (Ryan Dempster). An ancient backup catcher (David Ross). A relief pitcher who had pitched so poorly in the play-offs that he been left off his team's World Series roster in 2011 (Koji Uehara). And finally a new manager coming off of two lousy seasons in Toronto (John Farrell).

No one was impressed. Sports Illustrated picked them to finish last in the AL East. The clear favorite seemed to be Toronto this year in the wake of their huge trade to acquire Jose Reyes and others: look at all their new toys! And the gap the Red Sox had to leap was immense: a 15 game improvement over 2012 would have been gratifying and very difficult to pull off, but even such a huge improvement would have put them at 84 wins. When Spring Training ended, they looked like a 3rd place club at best.

And then...they actually played the games. It turned out that the 2013 Sox were a relentless machine. Their win total each month was the steady beat of success: 18, 15, 17, 15, 16, 16. They never lost more than 3 games in a row all season. As the wins grew so did the beards; the hirsute trend being a sign that these guys actually liked each other and the game.

In the wake of the shocking Boston Marathon bombings, the team seemed to embrace the public role in helping the community bond together. David Ortiz' heartfelt and cheerfully profane public exhortation to "stay strong" seemed to set the perfect tone

for the region going forward from the tragic events of that week.

The club churned through closers like Kim Kardashian does husbands and even that didn't slow them down much: Uehara was the 4th choice for the role due to injuries, and all he did was put up perhaps the greatest relief season in recent baseball history. In September the club fought off one final threat from Tampa Bay and cruised to the AL East title. This by itself would have made for a great season.

And when the playoffs began, the initial fear was that the Sox wouldn't be able to muster enough offense to beat all the great starting pitching they'd see. And then...they actually played the games. They faced Tampa in the ALDS and promptly beat Moore and Price. They faced Detroit for the pennant and promptly beat Verlander, Sanchez, and Scherzer. They faced St. Louis for the title and beat Wainwright (twice) and Wacha.

The playoffs brought their own set of indelible images that would linger. David Ortiz' tying grand slam against Detroit that had Torri Hunter flipping into the bullpen while bullpen cop Steve Horgan raised his arms in triumph to match Hunter's up-raised legs as he fell. Shane Victorino's decisive grand slam against Detroit which lifted the Sox to the pennant. The insane endings of both Games 3 and 4 in St. Louis, featuring a walkoff obstruction

call and a walkoff pickoff. And finally, the sight of Fenway Park literally shaking

as Victorino hit a 3 run double in the final game, concluded by the unflappable Uehara throwing one final nasty splitter to end the game and make the Sox World Champions.

And at the conclusion of it all, after this crazy, unexpected run, the most unbelievable thing of all occurred. Fans at Fenway were chanting John Lackey's name. This was the same John Lackey who was perhaps the most despised sports figure in New England after the 2011 season. No one could have possibly foreseen such a dramatic reversal of fortune for him. It matched that of the team.

In some ways this year was reminiscent of the Patriots run to the Super Bowl in 2001. Expectations for both teams at the beginning of the seasons were nil. The unexpected success of both teams makes these championships feel a bit different from all the others we've been blessed to see. It's impossible to choose a favorite memory from all of these; you might as well ask to choose which one of your children you love the most. But this was one incredible, breathtaking year.

For a Boston sports fan, these really are the Good Old Days..



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Seattle Odds & Ends: Collection Development

by Lisa Junghahn

At the annual meeting in Seattle, I participated in two separate collection development gatherings. The first was an ALL-SIS collection development roundtable, and the second a coffee talk on the Proposed Revisions to ABA Standard 606.

The coffee talk was early – and attended by six academic librarians – mostly from New England, with one from Villanova and another from San Diego.

Librarians discussed getting ahead of changes to Standard 606. The new standard would emphasize ongoing “reliable access” to databases or participation in formal resource-sharing arrangements.

There is a sense that deans and other administrators will interpret the language broadly and shed the collection for “e-access.” E-access feels unreliable and potentially costly in the long term. And, in the short term, librarians and patrons still prefer print for certain monographs and primary laws – like statutes.

Space was discussed. Two libraries have short term plans to make room for study carrels and collaborative zones. Collaboration was also discussed. The San Diego Law School library share resources through a California consortium. Maine works with schools across the state, and has a robust mailing system.

The roundtable was attended by about 20 librarians from all over and from a range of roles, including reference, acquisitions, cataloging and collections. It was an active and meandering conversation.

Participants expressed an interest in building a tool kit to guide libraries as they transition from traditional collections. One thing would be to conduct a survey on recent practices and experiences. The tool kit could provide sample workflows and advice on how to manage standing orders and bundled packages. (There was generally a bad feeling on bundled packages.)

The Vermont Law School library recently underwent changes to its collection (and had an ABA inspection). The library was methodical and moved slowly over time. The library kept unique print, and adjusted its online content. One change is that the library can now rationalize what it pays for. The law school also recently had an ABA inspection. Library inspectors focused on issues of space and light, and understood the collection.

Some law school collections are starting to look more like those of law firms. Libraries are letting go of print, getting things “just on time,” and matching the collection closely to what patrons need today. Libraries now focus on monographs and select serials. There is no longer duplication for print and online and for the same content online, e.g., careful not to get

the same content in Hein and Oxford.

Libraries are focusing on fewer resources. In some instances, libraries are getting expensive resources that closely match the curriculum and school mission. Libraries try to work with faculty, and will often get one-year licenses for special stuff. Faculty have not complained about cancellations, and seem to understand about budgets.

In none of my conversations at AALL was there an answer on how libraries should consider issues of stewardship and preservation. Maybe we could all benefit from a digital collection strategy.

Former LLNE President Elected to AALL Executive Board

by Kyle K. Courtney

Another LLNE member has risen to the challenge of serving our community on the national level. Our fellow LLNE member, Katherine K. Coolidge, Esq. has been elected secretary of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). As many of us know, Kathy is law firm librarian at Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas, LLP in Springfield, MA. Her three-year term will begin this July at the AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

She has been an active member of LLNE since 2002. Kathy previously served as LLNE Secretary from 2008-2010, then President of LLNE in 2011-2012, and successfully co-chaired the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2012 AALL Annual conference in Boston. In 2004, Kathy was the recipient of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award, Student Division.

In an interview with Kathy in the Belcher Town Sentinel she said “My colleagues have voiced their confidence in me by electing me to serve on the AALL Executive Board with other thought leaders in our profession. I am honored by the esteem in which they hold me, and I intend to serve as their voice to maintain the association’s high quality and standards—and to increase recognition for the value and service they bring to their employers and patrons. I am truly grateful for this opportunity to shape our profession at the national level.”

Kathy received her MLIS from Simmons College, her JD from the Western New England University School of Law, and her B.A. from Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota.

Many heartfelt congratulations Kathy! We wish you the best of luck and success in your term!

The (Past) Future of Computers

By Heather Pierce, Archives Committee

LLNE meetings have been hosted by Northeastern University School of Law for decades. Found deep in the LLNE archives, this flyer described a 1976 conference looking at the role of computerization and law libraries. LLNE still has conferences covering cutting edge issues like this today – instead of “computerization,” we talk about digitization, text mining, electronic books, and big data!

LAW LIBRARIANS OF NEW ENGLAND
FALL CONFERENCE
October 22-23, 1976
Northeastern University's Henderson House
Weston, Massachusetts

LAW LIBRARIES AND COMPUTERIZATION

Friday, Oct. 22

5:30 p.m. Registration
Scheduling for Saturday demonstrations
Cocktail hour

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. "Funding for Legal Research Computers in
Law Libraries"
Speaker: The Honorable David Dixon,
Judge of the Missouri Court of Appeals
in Kansas City. Judge Dixon has been
influential in obtaining LEAA grants for
adding the Missouri court reports to the
LEXIS data base, for providing LEXIS ter-
minals in several Missouri law libraries,
and for similar projects in other states.

8:30 p.m. "Computerized Research from the User's
Perspective"
Panel:
James Shelar, Librarian
Arnold & Porter, Washington, D.C.
Mary Fisher, Librarian
General Electric, Fairfield, Ct.
Lynn Gill, Head Cataloger
Connecticut State Library, Hartford

Saturday, Oct. 23

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Danish

9:00 - 1:00 p.m. Demonstrations (by group rotation)
LEXIS, OCLC, SDC Search Service, WESTLAW

1:00 p.m. Luncheon

2:00 p.m. "The Future of Computers"
Speaker: Margaret M. Moody, Assistant
Librarian for Planning and Publications,
Harvard Law School Library

The registration fee for the entire conference is \$25, which includes cocktails Friday evening, the opening dinner (prime ribs of beef), coffee and Danish Saturday morning, and the luncheon (breasts of chicken).
Hotel accommodations are not available at Henderson House. A list of nearby motels is provided with the enclosed map, and participants are advised to make reservations as soon as possible.

"Law Libraries and
Computerization,"
A Program from the LLNE Fall
Conference 1976

Also of note: the program included cocktails Friday evening with a prime rib opening dinner. On Saturday morning there was coffee and Danish, followed by a chicken lunch!

More interesting was the presence of LLNE member Margaret M. Moody. Margaret and her sister, Murtle, were legendary figures in foreign and comparative law librarianship. In 1943, Margaret and Murtle both started work as assistant librarians at Harvard Law School Library. The two sisters later created the famous Moody Classification system - a way of cataloging foreign law literature with country codes featuring the Moody's own numbering system.

Margaret attended the University of Minnesota, where she majored in Foreign Languages and Library Science. She was proficient in 9 languages, and, apparent from the flyer, was thinking ahead of her time on the role of technology and law librarianship.

Who is Mr. Pakison?

By Meg Kribble

The Harvard Law School Library was a den of gossip this spring. Will Lady Edith find happiness? Does Lady Rose annoy you too? Wouldn't Carson and Hughes make a great couple? Is Lord Grantham going to lose the estate yet again?! Poor Anna!

Yes, that's right. We have an avid bunch of *Downton Abbey* fans here. One of the benefits of having a large staff is that there is always someone who shares your interests, and in this case, a dozen someones. The HLS *Downton* fans meet weekly for lunch after each episode—allowing a few days for everyone to catch up—to discuss, dissect, and try to guess what would happen next. One member of our group had already seen the entire season, but carefully kept mum on the spoilers. When she knew we'd be upset over a recent episode, she brought a copy of the adorable *Mouseton Abbey* to cheer us up!

Because we lack a kitchen staff, our lunches are brown bags, though we went out to be waited on at a tiaras-optional lunch



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at the end of the season.

The love for period drama at HLSL is not confined to the early twentieth century: we also have a very small Mad Men club that will resume meeting later in the spring when the new season starts.

So, who is Mr. Pakison? He's the never seen librarian at *Downton Abbey*, and apparently the only person who knows where to find the Gutenberg Bible owned by the Crawley family.

Spring Meeting Book Drive!

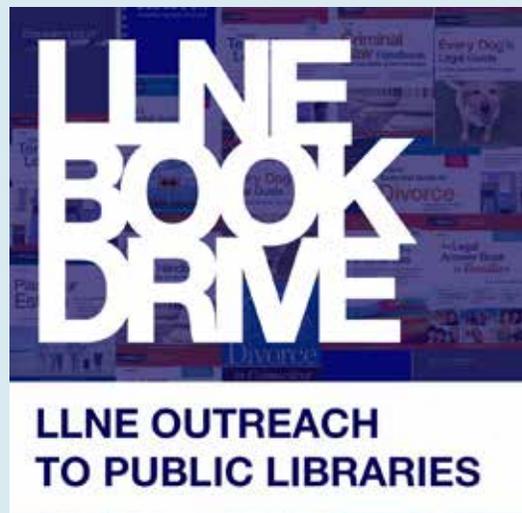
In conjunction with the LLNE Outreach to Public Libraries Service Initiative, we are sponsoring a book drive to collect a mini-collection of law books to donate to a Connecticut public library in need. We welcome nominations of recipient public libraries. We hope to donate the collection to a library which is not in close proximity to existing law library resources.

Donations of books or funds will be collected at the Spring Meeting. New books are preferred, but recently superseded editions withdrawn from your own library's collections are also welcome.

Checks may be made payable to LLNE and specify "Public Libraries Book Drive" in the memo field

We have developed the following wish-list of titles:

NOLO'S ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO DIVORCE (4th, 2012) - \$19.99
EVERY DOG'S LEGAL GUIDE (7th, 2012) - \$15.99
EVERY TENANT'S LEGAL GUIDE (7th, 2012) - \$27.99
NEIGHBOR LAW (7th, 2011) - \$23.99
DIVORCE IN CONNECTICUT (Renee C. Bauer; 2014) - \$21.95
CONNECTICUT PRACTICE BOOK (Revision of 1998; 2014) - \$38.00
PROBATE RULES OF CONNECTICUT PROCEDURE (effective 7/1/2013) - \$30.00
CONNECTICUT CODE OF EVIDENCE (2009) - \$15.00
THE CONNECTICUT STATE CONSTITUTION (2d, 2012, Wesley Horton) - \$135.99
CONNECTICUT LAW ENFORCEMENT HANDBOOK FIELD MANUAL (2014) - \$35.00



THE LEGAL ANSWER BOOK FOR FAMILIES (2d, 2014) - \$19.99
101 LAW FORMS FOR PERSONAL USE (9th, 2013) - \$23.99
BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY (9th, 2009) - \$79.95
PLAN YOUR ESTATE (11th, 2012) - \$36.99
THE BLUEBOOK - \$34.00
THE CRIMINAL LAW HANDBOOK (13th, 2013) - \$29.99
HOW TO FILE FOR CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY (18th, 2013) - \$34.99
CHAPTER 13 BANKRUPTCY (11th, 2012) - \$31.99
A COPYRIGHT PRIMER - \$7.95
A TRADEMARK PRIMER - \$7.95.

What are you reading?

Diane D'Angelo

As soon as I finished *A Dance with Dragons* – I was definitely in need of something a lot less heavy. And I mean that both literally and figuratively – after all, I read a hard bound copy. So I turned to *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey. Set in 1920's Alaska, the story follows the lives of a middle aged couple with a sad past as they try to work the land and make a life for themselves in the wilds of Alaska. A young girl enters their lives and with Ivey's beautiful language and story-telling prowess, the reader is never really sure if the events are meant to be real or if there might be the slightest touch of fantasy or magic realism hovering about. If you're like me and you're into fantasy & magic realism but you're also a sucker for a good novel, written by an author who can describe a cold winter's night in such a way that you find yourself shivering and longing for a hot beverage, you'll enjoy this book – I promise.



Mindy Kent



Longbourn by Jo Baker was on the top of my Christmas book list, and I couldn't put it down! *Longbourn* reimagines *Pride and Prejudice* through the perspective of the servants of the Bennets. The

events of *Pride and Prejudice* frame the story, but Sarah and Polly, the housemaids, Mrs. Hill, the housekeeper, James, the new footman and the other servants take center stage. Baker brings the physical textures of early nineteenth life into sharp relief, revealing the hard work that was required to keep a gentleman's household in order. She also brings you vividly into the minds and dreams of characters who, while necessary, were almost entirely invisible in the original novel. Their story is as involving and satisfying as the familiar drama of Elizabeth and Mr. Darcy and stands on its own as a moving and entertaining novel.

This Issue in Massachusetts History

(We will feature other New England states each issue)

January 7, 1822

Town of Boston petitions the Legislature for a City Charter

January 11, 1798

Opening of Bulfinch State House on Beacon Street

January 31, 1770

In protest against Parliament's tax programs, the women of Boston organize an Anti-Tea Drinking Society

February 4th, 1870

Museum of Fine Arts incorporated (Boston)

February 6th, 1788

Massachusetts becomes the 6th state to ratify the U.S. Constitution

February 19th, 1780

African-Americans, led by free-born Paul Cuffe, petition against "taxation without representation" and refuse to pay taxes (Dartmouth)

March 4th, 1872

First issue of Boston Globe published

March 7th, 1850

U.S. senator Daniel Webster defends Compromise of 1850

March 11th, 1895

Boston Public Library opens at Copley Square

March 15, 1820

Maine's formal separation from Massachusetts as a result of the signing of the Missouri Compromise

March 22, 1638

Anne Hutchinson is expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony

April 2, 1722

The Boston paper *The Courant* first published a letter from a widow named Silence Dogood with a keen wit and a gift for satire. Ms. Dogood later was revealed to be 16 year-old Benjamin Franklin, an apprentice in his brother's print shop.

May 13, 1675

A Boston jury reached a verdict in the case of Mary Bliss Parsons of Northampton: they found her not guilty of witchcraft.



Best Wishes

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and administered in the respective counties by associations of attorneys and funded by the counties to provide for the research needs of the bench and the bar.

Marnie was hired as the first Law Library Coordinator under the court re-organization act. It was “her vision, her boundless energy, and her heartfelt concern for all whom she supervised” said a post from the Trail Court Libraries, “that transformed seventeen county law libraries into a unified system of professionals.” These professionals, with Marnie’s leadership and the continuing support of the Trial Court, have worked to ensure that legal information is available to the bench, the legal community and the general public.



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Five Questions

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websites to anticipate people’s needs for legal information and provide the information and through chat and email people do not always have to come to the library. When I put the first Westlaw terminal into the Trial Court, it was the size of a dishwasher, now Westlaw is available in your hand with a smart phone—amazing.

3. What are some of the challenges that libraries faced in the past and some that the community faces in the future (are there familiar themes)?

Libraries continue to face the challenge of advocating for budgets in difficult economic times and educating decision makers to the economics and costs of legal information. As the world of electronic information grows, the challenges identified in UELMA (authenticating, preserving and ensuring the public has continued access to information) will need to be resolved and librarians will need to continually explain to people why this matters and why we need to preserve the law for future generations.

4. What has been the most rewarding experience for you as a law librarian?

I had the chance to work with a wonderful staff at the Trial Court to transition 17 independent county law libraries into a system. When I started at the Trial Court, some libraries would

not allow their books to circulate. Over the years, we developed services that lived out our mission to address the legal information needs of the court, the legal community and the public. Some services were basic like becoming part of OCLC and some were cutting edge like our website, offering chat and the court rules as e-books. Although challenging, it was fun as we learned together how to serve in the ever changing world of information.

5. What plans do you have for your future (research, advocacy, etc.)?

I am currently working with LLNE folks on passage of UELMA in Massachusetts. I am volunteering at the Congregational Library in Boston working on the United Church of Christ’s Coalition for GLBT Concerns collection which includes 40 years of history of the gay movement in the church. I am open to consulting—my speciality is offering workshops on meeting management and team development. I want to stay involved with librarians—they are great, stimulating and interesting people.

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