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LLNE Goes Public

This year, with the goal of increasing access to legal information in our communities, the Service Committee selected a theme of Outreach to Public Libraries.

by Catherine Biondo and Rebecca Martin

For our first project, we chose to organize a book drive of legal reference-type books on common topics we thought might be of interest to many, including family

law, estate planning, and landlord-tenant law, to name a few. Guided in part by the AALL's Public Library Toolkit¹, we developed a wish list of titles to create a mini-collection for a Massachusetts

public library and launched our book drive at the 2013 fall meeting at the Social Law Library.

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Encouraged by the positive response from the Massachusetts book drive, we decided to expand our efforts and create collections for all New England states. In advance of the 2014 spring meeting at University of Connecticut School of Law, we coordinated with the Southern New England Law Library Association (SNELLA) to assemble a list of titles for a Connecticut public library, therefore tying in the book drive with the meeting's locale. Later, we advertised the drive with fliers for each state on our committee's webpage² and at the LLNE table at AALL in San Antonio.

As a committee, we have been hard at work on the various aspects of running the drive, including creating the wish lists of books for each state; advertising the drive to the LLNE membership and collecting book and monetary donations; collaborating with meeting hosts and other librarian organizations; soliciting book donations and discounts from publishers and vendors; and identifying

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TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

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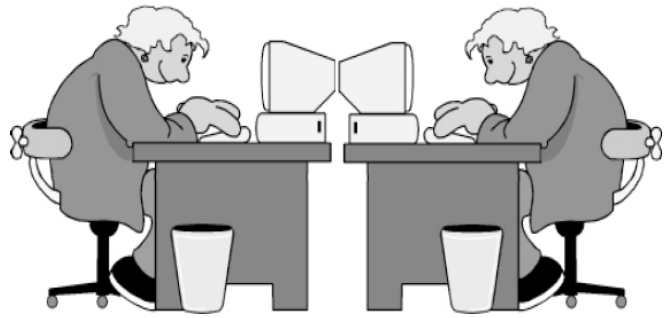
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Editor's Note

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

I am particular delighted to welcome Tiffany Camp of the University of Connecticut School of Law Library as the new co-editor for LLNE News. Tiffany is in the Access Services department and has worked at the UConn Law Library since 2012. Welcome!

This issue we are thankful for the contributions from our members - both new and old! We can read about the AALL annual pre-conference from our scout reporter Lisa Junghahn.

We welcome some new LLNE members to our community with 5 Questions With..., explore the mysteries the 1980's LLNE Cookbook, and learn about the latest-and-greatest in social media - the elusive and invite-only Ello. This issue of the newsletter also continues our regular favorites such as What Are You Reading?, This Issue in History, From the Archives, and more...

We wish you a fantastic and productive Fall, and we look forward to seeing you at the LLNE Fall Meeting at Boston College's Conner Center in Dover MA.

- Kyle and Tiffany



LLNE President's Message

Greetings from Cambridge! I hope everyone is enjoying the fall. Leaves are near peak, pumpkins are appearing on doorsteps and rowers are recovering from last weekend's Head of the Charles Regatta.

Our colleagues at the Boston College Law Library have been busy planning our joint 2014 LLNE/ABLL Fall Meeting, *Reinventing the Law Library: Meeting the Challenge*. I hope to see you all on October 24 for this exciting and relevant program.

The LLNE/SNELLA Spring Meeting on *American Tribal Law & Culture* was another informative program. Thank you to everyone at the University of Connecticut Law Library for organizing such a varied and vibrant event. As a history and archaeology buff, I particularly enjoyed the presentation on Cultural Collections. If you attended, what did you learn?

LLNE continues to host interesting and educational programs for our members. Planning these meetings for our membership takes organization, dedication and lots of hard work. Thanks go out to both to local planners and volunteers and to the LLNE Education Directors for their behind the scenes programming support. In July, Diane D'Angelo and Lisa Junghahn both stepped down and Elliott Hibbler and Bob DeFabrizio have taken on the job. Thank you, Diane and Lisa, for all of your hard work and welcome to Elliott and Bob.

In other news, this issue's front page article talks about the exciting work of the LLNE Service Committee. Thanks to the efforts of the members of the Service Committee, as well as donations from you and from legal publishers, a mini-collection of books on Massachusetts law (including my favorite, Every Dog's Legal Guide) has been gathered to be donated to a Massachusetts public library. The drive will continue through the end of 2014, and collection lists have been developed for each New England state. Check the Committee's webpage and contact the members of the Committee to help complete your state's collection.

The Scholarship Committee continues its support for the educational development of our members. Last year we gave academic and meeting scholarships to members across New England. We hope you enjoy one scholarship recipient's perspective on the AALL Annual Meeting in San

Antonio in this issue. A new call recently went out for new applicants for this year's academic and Fall Meeting scholarships. Good luck to all applicants.

As a member driven organization, our activities are only limited by what we can imagine. If you know a way in which LLNE can better serve our community, please reach out. I am here to represent you, so please contact me whether you've got a great idea, some time to volunteer, or something you think we could be doing better. I am honored to be representing you all as President and look forward to hearing from you over the next year!

-Mindy Kent



Vendor relations in San Antonio!

5 Questions for... Ron Wheeler, Suffolk



1. What is your current position?

I am Director of the Law Library & Information Resources on the faculty at Suffolk University Law School.

2. How did you come to law librarianship as a career?

Oh gosh! During my first year of law school I met a guy that was in library school, and his studies

seemed so fun and interesting to me, far more fun than law school. Nevertheless, I finished law school, briefly did public defense work then worked for AIDS nonprofits for several years. Finally, I decided I needed a change, and I recalled that library school guy and how happy he seemed. I'd always enjoyed the academic environment, so I decided to pursue academic librarianship. It wasn't until I was in library school that my professors insisted that law librarianship should be my focus.

3. What do you like best about your work?

The people. I really enjoy the personnel management portion of my duties. I also love teaching and interacting with students.

4. What do you do for fun when you are not at the library?

Sip Chardonnay, attend live music events (mostly the BSO or the Boston Lyric Opera), spend time with my godsons in Brookline ages 7 and 9, shopping at Nordstrom

5. Any guilty pleasure reading to recommend?

I love books that make me cry. So, I recently read *Still Alice* about a 50 year old woman with early onset Alzheimer's disease. It was a real downer, and I loved it. Also the novel *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* which was laugh-out-loud funny but also poignant and touching. That one is a must!

5 Questions for... Jenna Fegreus, BU

1. What is your current position?

Legal Information and Student Services Librarian at the Fineman and Pappas Law Libraries, Boston University School of Law

2. How did you come to law librarianship as a career?

I have always been interested in working in libraries and in the legal field, and I decided to explore how these fields could be combined.

3. What do you like best about your work?

This position enables me to help others gain access to the resources that they need, and also to work on a variety of topics.

4. What do you do for fun when you are not at the library?

I love reading and traveling.



5. Any guilty pleasure reading to recommend?

I just finished reading *The Violinist's Thumb* by Sam Kean, which was a really fun and interesting book.

AALL Annual Meeting, San Antonio 2014

Lusiella Fazzino

As a recipient of an LLNE Scholarship to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, I am grateful to have had the opportunity to participate in yet another memorable conference.

This year's AALL Annual Meeting in San Antonio was abundant with meetings, sessions and activities. Being busy with the conference and tucked in the cool temps of the convention center and hotel meeting rooms did not leave much time to notice the mid 90 degree temperatures outdoors.

The conference was packed with round tables, chapter and special interest section meetings. That daily schedule went from early morning until evening. The sessions that I attended were extremely valuable but the highlight was the pre conference Hackathon.

There was a deep dive offered on institutional repositories. Using Digital Commons as a platform, Duke University Law totally digitized its law journals. Pennsylvania State University Law School also digitized its Journal of Law and International Affairs. Librarians from both institutions presented the challenges that were encountered and the strategies used for meeting them. Both schools presented the download statistics versus the number of print subscriptions to their administrations and faculty to support the decision to turn to digital format. "Print on demand" was also presented as an option for faculty who must have the print copy.

Another session on "Making a MOOC" was presented by Loren Turner of the University of Florida's Levin College of Law and Kyle Courtney of Harvard Law. Kyle described ways to use images legally in digital presentations. If an item is used solely for aesthetics, using materials from Creative Commons or images from flickr was emphasized. Checking for open access or public domain availability is also an option.

The University of Florida's Levin College of Law was contacted by Coursera, one of the premiere MOOC platforms, to make a legal MOOC. Loren recounted the experience of offering a legal MOOC, The Global Student's Introduction to U.S. Law, to international L.L.M. students around the globe. Law has a special place in massive open online courses since case law and statutes are open access and freely available in the U.S. Loren narrated how excited international students were to be able to access actual law materials given that many of them could never have such access to legal materials in their own countries. Although the MOOC was costly in terms of hours, faculty, librarians and staff dedicated to the project, Loren noted that the amount of traffic the website received in response to the MOOC, from the international students, had grown exponentially.

For me, the highlight of the AALL Annual meeting was the pre-conference workshop, my very first hackathon, entitled the AALL Hackathon: Building the Information Future. It was exceedingly popular with about 30 librarians present. Unfortunately, only one of the ten programmers who had enrolled attended. So there was a deficit of programmers. The class was divided into five groups yet only one had a programmer. Luckily, several of the librarians remained, eager to brainstorm and learn.

We realized that due to the lack of programmers, our team's project would be much more conceptual rather than a finished product by the end of the day and we worked within that confine. Our team was fortunate to have a member who was familiar with designing user interfaces and this aided our project.

Tom Lee, director of Sunlight Foundation opened the Hackathon with a talk about his organization and the benefits of hacking for civic causes. Sunlight aims to "use technology to make government more accountable".

We called our team's project OSACCO, the Online State Administrative Code Consolidation Organization. As law librarians know, websites for state administrative codes can be quite unintuitive, leaving users unable to find the information that they are searching. Archived state administrative code in an electronic format can be very difficult to locate as well.

OSACCO's goal was to make current and administrative state codes easily and freely searchable, yet provide a robust and uniform way to search and access both archived and current administrative codes. This would hold true whether one was searching within an individual state, a selection of states or across all states.

A consistent interface and display page would be used, highlighting keyword, natural language and boolean searching capabilities. The concept was to have one legal institution or perhaps a AALL Chapter take responsibility for an individual state's code or a region of states. In order to find legal institutions or AALL Chapters who could be responsible for this task of storing a specific state or a region of states' administrative code on their servers, crowdsourcing would be utilized.

The source code, written by a computer programmer, which would be used to scrape the state's administrative code website information for past and updated versions would be made available as open source on a site like sourceforge or github.

The goal would be to then have the delegated institutions within that state regularly scrape the state administrative databases for any updated information and collect the archived and current code information and store it on their own servers. Once this was accomplished, a database consolidator, an organization like

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Boulder in San Antonio

By Lisa Junghahn

This year, I had the good fortune to participate in the Sixth Annual Boulder Conference on Legal Information: Scholarship and Teaching, otherwise known as Boulder-in-San Antonio.

The Boulder Conference began in 2009, when librarians got together to discuss best practices for research instruction. A theme of this first discussion was experiential learning. It was concluded that research instruction should give students every opportunity to understand the legal system, in which client issues arise, and to find and evaluate resources in the context of the system (in addition to the specific nature of the client) - always in real world contexts.

In 2010, the second Boulder Conference on Legal Information convened and produced the Boulder Statement on Legal Research Education. This statement provides a framework for legal research instruction, and suggests law librarians apply a range of teaching methodologies to show the relationship of legal structure to legal tools.

Since then, each year, librarians are invited to submit papers generally related to research and instruction. With the support of my library director, I decided to write something on creating an integrated learning experience for the foreign LLM. I had three goals:

1. Experience research and writing in a new discipline to help me better relate to my students
2. Learn more about teaching theory and practice
3. Prepare myself for the development of a 5-credit (2-quarter) legal, research & writing class

I met my second two goals. As for the first one, it was a really funny experience. I did all the classic things that students do. For example, I checked the discipline specific databases, but failed to get help from my colleagues in the Education Library, the experts on pedagogy resources. I printed a ton of articles, and then failed to look at them for three months. And, finally, when I was under deadline, I failed to start by summarizing the materials. (Very embarrassingly, I somehow managed to find self-published articles, and to miss a key article from the Law Library Journal.)

Clearly, I needed some help. Day one of the conference started with coffee and bagels in a light and airy hotel meeting room. I met the 14 attendees, and we talked about Texas. Then, one-by-one, those of us who had submitted papers received feedback. It was amazing just to learn about all the paper topics. Everything from organizing grey literature to

accessibility issues on course sites. I also learned a lot about how librarians teach. One thing many ALR instructors spend time making sure students take a critical-thinking approach to resources. Students, for example, should consider who is producing and providing materials. This came up in the context of a serial treatise on Native American law, which was written with undue influence from Congress.

As for my paper, it needs work. One thing that was positive was my approach to assessment, which I would describe as being daily, clear, and mostly nurturing. This seems especially correct where research is an iterative process - that can begin in many places.

After nine hours of work-shopping papers, we headed to dinner at Guadalajara Grill. The next day, we reconvened for a morning discussion on envisioning best practices in teaching.

We began by talking about the Boulder Statement, and learning a bit about past conference discussions. Then, with the help of two skilled librarians, we established a basic framework; and divided into four groups to discuss our themes: pedagogy, student competencies, outcomes, and best practices. Each group then shared with the larger.

It would be too lengthy to share everything here. We all agreed the basic parts of a class are: creating the syllabus and lesson plans; implementing the course; engaging and assessing students; and evaluating the work of the instructor. There were a few things that came up under best practices, such as we need to make learning outcomes explicit, and we need to do more with dockets. Two of my favorite terms of wisdom: There was no golden age of good research skills; and we don't create practice ready attorneys, we only prepare for practice.

Excitingly, at the end of the conference, we learned that AALL and others are getting closer to making research competencies a part of the multistate bar exam.

Overall, it was an amazing experience. There were so many smart and great librarians all thinking about what we do with students and how to make instruction more relevant to the practice of law. I also met some legends of law librarianship, and walked away with an amazing bibliography.

Robert Magers, *Preparing Instructional Objectives* (1997) http://www.amazon.com/Preparing-Instructional-Objectives-Development-Instruction/dp/1879618036/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1409010660&sr=8-1&keywords=Robert+Magers

The Boulder Statements on Legal Research Education (Susan Nevelow Mart ed., 2014) http://www.amazon.com/Boulder-Statements-Legal-Research-Education/dp/0837738733/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1409010995&sr=8-1&keywords=The+Boulder+statements+on+legal+research+education

Blog: lawteaching.org

CALI or Cornell's LII for example, would be found to host the information collected from all the fifty states. The consolidator's role would be to then consolidate the administrative code information kept on the 50 different servers onto its own server. The consolidator would also routinely scrape those 50 servers for updates and archive older versions of the administrative code.

Our team member Iain Barksdale, Head of Reference Services Librarian from the University of Alabama School of Law, who envisioned this model, found it quite sustainable as individual states or regions would be responsible for that area's administrative code being scraped and updated while the consolidator would be responsible for updating and storing the information on the national scale. This would help to evenly distribute workload. Mirror sites for the servers would also be key in keeping the

information online and available in the event of a problem with a server in one location.

While our team was unable to actualize the project without a programmer, we are confident that OSACCO is a viable project worthy of realization at a future legal hackathon. The benefit of having easily accessible and archived free state administrative code, using a friendly interface, would be great to the lay person as well as professionals in the legal community.

The knowledge and experience that I garnered from attending AALL this year was immeasurable and technologically applicable to law libraries today. I have been able to update my librarian toolbox with knowledge about institutional repositories, massive open online courses and hacking for civic causes in the area of law.

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 Bob & Elliot

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Ello: What's Up With The New Social Network That's Suddenly Exploding In Popularity?

Last month, the new social media service Ello (<http://ello.co>) experienced a sudden surge in popularity. If you were on Twitter or Facebook, you may have started to see references to the service or even pleas for invitations since it is still in private, invitation-only beta. It has even made the mainstream media, with features about it appearing in *Wired*, *Forbes*, and *USA Today*. In fact, the site started growing so quickly that the nascent network had to stop accepting new members with invitations in tow for a period of time. The question remains though, is Ello worth the effort? Will it really succeed in replacing other services like Facebook and Twitter? What is all the fuss about?

In basic terms, Ello is a new social network that was developed by artists and designers and assures its members that it is and always will remain ad-free. Moreover, the creators have promised that Ello does not "sell data about you to third parties." In a world with increasing concerns about online privacy, many

observers have said that these features account for its abrupt expansion. However, as with so many things on the Internet, there has also been a backlash and a significant degree of skepticism. Some, such as Andy Baio, have voiced concerns that Ello won't be able to stay true to its ethos in light of the fact that it has accepted money from venture capitalists and others, such as *The New Yorker*, have noted that the current version of the site doesn't have many privacy options. The company has responded to these concerns by saying that it will sell premium features to generate revenue and that new features, including privacy options, are on the way, but skeptics still abound.

Perhaps even worse for Ello, many users are finding that some of the features that actually have launched don't always work. The user interface is very streamlined, but despite the attractive look, it is clearly a product that has grown much faster than its creators expected. This can spawn several problems, including flaws with the search feature and issues with how to organize information on a site that currently doesn't support hashtags or any equivalent labels. So far, however, Ello has been moving fast to launch new features and address these concerns, so it remains to be seen what it will look like in another

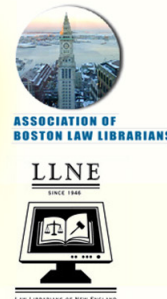
Join Us at the Fall Meeting

In an environment characterized by dramatic and ongoing change, law librarians are transforming their libraries and services to meet ever-evolving challenges and demands. Please join the Law Librarians of New England and the Association of Boston Law Librarians for a fall meeting exploring the present and future of law libraries, and learn how your colleagues are surviving and thriving, surmounting new challenges and seizing emerging opportunities.

Keynote speaker Matt McTygue of Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP will address the challenges and opportunities currently facing law firms and law libraries. Panels will focus on the research needs of young attorneys, on innovative and effective training methods, and on resource management. As law firms and law schools react to the changing environment, law libraries are redefining their role within their home institutions and the legal profession, and our closing speakers, Robert Ambrogi and Stephanie Godley

Reinventing the Law Library: Meeting the Challenge

LLNE/ABLL Fall 2014 Meeting
October 24, 2014



Murphy will present their views on these changes.

The LLNE/ABLL Fall 2014 Meeting will be hosted by Boston College Law Library and ABLL at Boston College's Connors Center in Dover, MA on October 24, 2014. For more detailed information on this program, our speakers, and sponsors, see the materials posted on <http://llne.org/2014-llneabll-fall-meeting/>

six months. What also remains to be seen is whether users will stick around for that long. However, if a user is inclined to give the newest platform a chance, or is curious or concerned about missing features, Ello tracks its progress and future plans on a Feature List page.

If you do decide to give Ello a try, you will find a service that shares, in looks and usability, some of the key features of Facebook, Twitter, and Tumblr mixed together and presented on a clean, minimalist site. Right now, Ello offers the option to share longer posts than Twitter and offers nice integration for emojis, GIFs, and images (right now there is little to no video integration, but that is on the "Coming Soon" list). As noted above, there are few privacy options, which means that anything you share on Ello can be seen by anyone who has a link to the post, regardless of whether they have an Ello account themselves. It also means that you can't block users or flag inappropriate content, though both of those features are also on the "Coming Soon" list.

Presently, most Ello users I follow don't seem to have switched to Ello as their primary social network and are instead testing it out to see how it works. It will

be very interesting to see whether it can live up to its promise of competing with Facebook or whether it will fall by the wayside. But in the meantime, it is fascinating to watch Ello develop and listen to the debate swirling around it, which has highlighted many concerns that users have about social media more generally. If you want to check it out while it is still invite-only, let me know (cspina@law.harvard.edu or @CarliSpina on Twitter) and I am happy to share an invite with you!

Treasurer's Report, FY 2014

LLNE Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year 2014
July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014
Submitted by Rick Buckingham

Summary

Account	Opening Balance	Closing Balance	Change
Checking	\$18,269.07	\$17,911.52	- \$357.55
Savings	\$6,449.37	\$6,451.47	+ \$2.10
CD	\$10,528.19	\$10,546.86	+ \$18.67
PayPal	\$0.00	\$231.84	+ \$231.84
Total	\$35,246.63	\$35,141.69	- \$104.94

Checking Transactions

Deposits	\$19,085.26
Withdrawals	\$19,442.81
Change	- \$357.55

Savings Transactions

Deposits (interest)	\$2.10
Withdrawals	\$0
Change	+ \$2.10

CD Transactions

Deposits (interest)	\$18.67
Withdrawals	\$0
Change	+ \$18.67

PayPal Transactions (account created May 9, 2014)

Deposits	\$1261.95
Withdrawals (transfer to checking)	\$985.16
Fees	\$44.95
Change	+ \$231.84

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and selecting libraries to which we can donate the completed mini-collections. We are excited to announce that we completed our Massachusetts collection – our first of the book drive – this summer, and we will announce the recipient library at the 2014 fall meeting at Boston College. Stay tuned also for an article to appear in the AALL Spectrum chronicling our experiences with the book drive and offering advice for other chapters interested in similar projects.

We are grateful for the generosity of LLNE members, book publishers and vendors, our fall and spring meeting hosts, and SNELLA – all of whom have helped make our project a success. Those who have donated books or have made monetary contributions to the drive are being recognized with book plates in the donated books – and in the case of publishers and vendors, mentioned at LLNE meetings with an opportunity to distribute promotional material.

What remains – and a call for volunteers

Although we've made great strides, the book drive is not over yet. Here are some ways you can help:

* Help us identify recipient libraries in Connecticut and Vermont

o We selected a library in Massachusetts, and have candidates in mind for Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire, but we could use your help finding a public library in Connecticut and Vermont to receive our donation.

* Are you on a listserv in those two states, and would be willing to send out a query on our behalf? Are there great public libraries (and librarians) there you have worked with in the past you would personally like to recommend? Let us know.

* Donate, donate, donate

o The Massachusetts collection may be complete, but we still have a number of titles left before we can complete our mini-collections for the remaining five New England states.

* Book donations or monetary contributions of any amount are welcome!

Check out our webpage (www.llne.org/committees/service/) for the list of remaining titles.

* If you are interested in donating one of the remaining titles, kindly contact us first so we can avoid duplication.

* Help us liaise with public libraries beyond Massachusetts

o When we donate our mini collections to public libraries in each state, it would be great if we could point the libraries to a local LLNE expert to answer any questions they might have about the purpose/use of the materials.

* Do you live/work in Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Maine? Would you be willing to be a liaison to the public library we donate our collection to? Let us know.

Scholarship for public librarians

As a complement to the book drive, the Service Committee also wanted to do something to benefit public librarians. This spring, with the support of the LLNE Executive Board – and with thanks to former Education Director Lisa Junghahn – we sponsored two scholarships for area public librarians to attend the LLNE Legal Research Instruction Program at Harvard Law School. The scholarships went to two deserving recipients, each of whom submitted excellent applications: Philip Peck of the Somerville, MA Public Library, and Jean Slavkovsky of the Malden, MA Public Library. Both enjoyed the program, and we hope will put their new skills to use at their respective libraries.

Conclusion

We would like to thank everyone again for their sup-

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port in getting this year's Outreach to Public Libraries project off to a great start, and would like to ask your support to bring it to a successful conclusion. Please contact any member of the Service Committee with questions or suggestions.

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1 American Association of Law Libraries, Legal Information Service to the Public Special Interest Section, Public Library Toolkit, available at <http://www.aallnet.org/sections/lisp/Public-Library-Toolkit> (last visited October 5, 2014).

2 Law Librarians of New England, Service Committee, <http://llne.org/committees/service/> (last visited October 5, 2014).

Is Bestlaw, the best?

Enhance Your WestlawNext Experience with Bestlaw

Carli Spina

When WestlawNext launched, many of its new features were aimed at improving the searching and reading experience for users. While users may differ on whether this has proven to be the case, many feel that there are still some features that are missing. One such user, Joe Mornin, a 3L at the University of California Berkeley School of Law and an editor of the Berkeley Technology Law Journal, has developed a browser extension called Bestlaw (<http://www.bestlaw.io/>) that adds in some features users may have been hoping for and some others that they probably never even considered.

Once you have installed Bestlaw (which is an easy two-click process), it will automatically activate each time you log into WestlawNext and will display just below the document toolbar. The Bestlaw toolbar includes dropdown options relating to altering your display, using their tools, searching, sharing and getting help. The first link in the Bestlaw toolbar takes you directly to the Bestlaw website in the same window, which means that you will want to avoid inadvertently clicking it while using the toolbar.

The Display dropdown menu offers a “readable view” which is simply a version of the page with all of the extraneous links to other sources and all of the WestlawNext and Bestlaw header bars removed. The readable view does not hide additional case information such as headnotes, nor does it remove the footer menu options. In addition, this dropdown also offers the option to jump to the top of the document and, is also responsive enough to offer the option to move to the footnotes, show the table of contents, or remove search term highlights only in instances where those options are applicable.

The Tools menu offers options for copying various information from the document and its metadata. Most notably, it offers the option to copy the document's Bluebook citation, which the company's website maintains will be “perfect.” Though this seems like a bold claim to make, this feature, which is currently only available for reported federal cases, seems to work effectively. It also includes options to copy the title, citation, docket number (where relevant), or full text of the document you are viewing.

The Search menu is one of the more interesting components of the extension as it allows you to search for the item you are reading in CourtListener, Cornell LII, CaseText, Google Scholar and Wikipedia. Results from those other platforms are displayed in a new browser tab, though initial testing suggests that this feature is not always completely effective as attempts to use the CaseText link did not retrieve results even for cases that were available in CaseText's database.

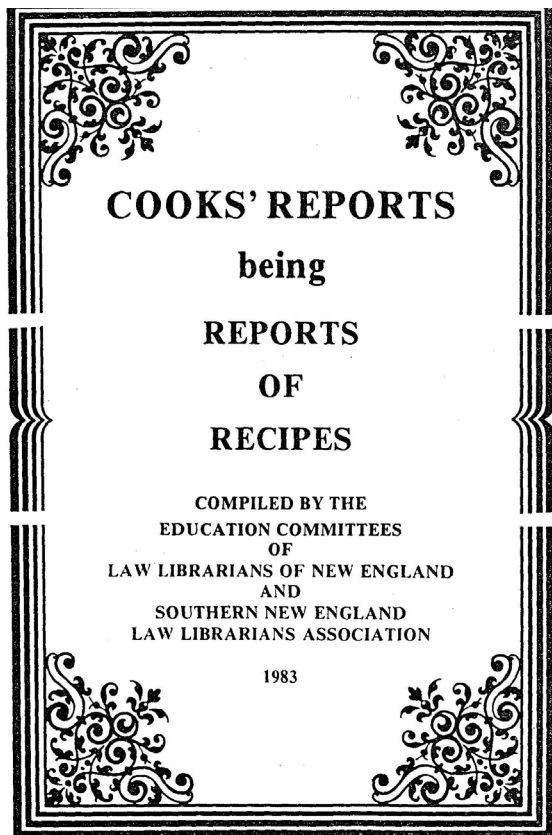
The Share menu offers options to share a link to the document via email, Facebook, Twitter, or Google+ and the final menu, labeled Help, includes links to the Bestlaw FAQ as well as the option to ask a question, report any issues, or suggest additional features for future development. Each of those last three options will automatically open an email addressed to Bestlaw to streamline the process of submitting your comment.

If at any point you decide that you would like to disable Bestlaw (for example, while demonstrating WestlawNext to students who may not have the extension), it is easy to temporarily disable the extension and the website provides full instructions on the process. There are also helpful instructions for uninstalling the extension entirely if you decide to take that approach instead. While Bestlaw is currently only available for WestlawNext and the Chrome browser, the website for the tool says that features for Lexis and a version for Firefox are planned for the future. It will be interesting to see how this browser extension continues to develop in the future.

What's Cooking in LLNE?

By Heather Pierce, Archives Committee

*I was sent a box of LLNE things several months ago and in the box was a rad recipe book titled: **Cook's Reports**. This recipe book was compiled by the Education Committee of LLNE back in 1983*



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Recipes include
dueling apple pies
from Maine and
Connecticut, and old
fashioned Elderberry
wine from Hebron
NH.

Contact Heather for
more!

Philip A. Hazelton
Hebron, NH

ELDERBERRY WINE

Use 1 quart elderberries, picked from stem. Cover with water. Boil. Put through jelly bag. Use ratio of 3 pounds sugar to 1 gallon juice. Boil sugar and juice for 15 minutes. When lukewarm, stir in yeast the size of a pea. Put in crock. Stir and skim for a month. Bottle tightly.

"This is the than-whicher there is no than which."

Philip A. Hazelton
Hebron, NH

PIES, PASTRIES AND BREADS

PIES

APPLE PIE

5 large apples
1/2 c. sugar
2 Tbsp. flour
Salt

1 c. crushed pineapple,
drained
1/4 c. cinnamon candy
1 tsp. lemon juice
2 Tbsp. butter

Preheat oven to 400°. Peel and slice the apples into a 9 inch unbaked pie shell. Mix remaining ingredients; add to apples. Dot with butter. Cover with top crust. Bake 15 minutes at 400°, 30 minutes at 375°.

Lynn E. Randall

Law and Legislative Reference Library/Augusta, ME

APPLE PIE IN STIR-N-ROLL PIE CRUST

2 c. sifted white flour
1 1/2 tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. wheat germ

1/4 c. cold milk
1/2 c. oil (safflower or
sesame)

Mix flour, salt, wheat germ. Pour oil and milk into measuring cup; do not stir. Mix with flour. Press into a ball. Cut in half. Place half between waxed paper (12 inch square). Lightly dampen counter surface to prevent slipping. Roll out until circle reaches edges. Peel off top paper. Place paper-side up in an 8 or 9 inch pie pan. Peel off paper. Ease into pan. Fill with fruit or meat filling. Roll top crust in same manner and place over filling. Tuck edges under bottom crust, seal and make 4 slits in top near center. Bake at 425° (hot oven) for about 40 minutes.

Note: Keep all ingredients cold for a crisp crust.

Filling:

1 can plain apples
3/4 tsp. cinnamon
Honey (or sugar substitute
for sugarless pie filling)
2 Tbsp. flour

1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. nutmeg
2 Tbsp. butter
Powdered milk
Wheat germ

Place ingredients, except milk and wheat germ, in pie

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shell. Sprinkle powdered milk and wheat germ thickly over ingredients before placing top crust over the pie.

Helen Ingram Shulman
Court Reporters/New Haven, CT

This Issue in Vermont History

(We will feature other New England states each issue)

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).

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.

August 3, 1923: At his family home at Plymouth, vice-president Calvin Coolidge was awakened in the night and sworn in as the thirtieth president of the United States, after president Warren G. Harding died. His father, John Coolidge, a notary public, administered the oath of office.

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 14, 1795: Ethan Allen's brother Ira offered to pay the University of Vermont 1,000 pounds sterling if it would change its name to Allen University.

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.



What are you reading?

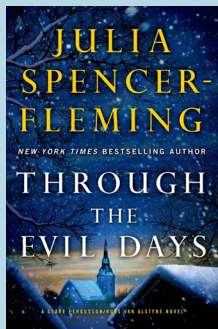
Anna Lawless, BU Law Library

I'm reading ***Orphan Train*** by **Christina Baker Kline** for a book club. The story goes back and forth between a young Irish immigrant, Vivian, orphaned in New York City in the 1920s and 30s, and a young woman in foster care, Molly, in 2011. Molly is struggling with her past and her future as her present remains unstable, but she begins to form a friendship with Vivian as they go through her attic and Molly learns about Vivian's past and her journey on the Orphan Train from New York to Minnesota. Vivian lived with a few families in very different circumstances and learning about Vivian's past provides a way for Molly to connect with her. It's an incredibly absorbing story with very compelling characters. I haven't been able to put it down. Vivian's story is at once heartbreaking and uplifting, and watching the friendship form between the women is a rewarding experience. I'd highly recommend it.



Kathy Fletcher, UNH School of Law Library

As usual, I am reading three books at the same time. The fiction book, however, is ***Through the Evil Days***, by Julia Spencer-Fleming. It is the latest in a series of mysteries featuring Claire Furgeson (an Episcopal priest) and Russ van Alstyne (the local chief of police.) These are mysteries that take place in the fictional town of Millers Kill, New York. Light reading, forbidden romance, and (just a little) spiritual reflection.



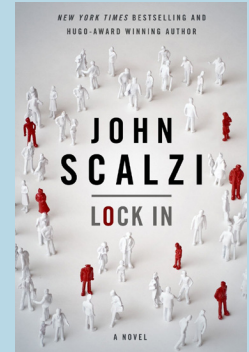
While the books are fun, it's really the author who interested me. Julia Spencer-Fleming was a luncheon speaker and guest author

at a New Hampshire Library Association conference I attended several years ago. She's a graduate of the University of Maine School of Law. She was working as a personal injury attorney when on a maternity leave she wrote her first novel. (Who can do that?) In her speech to the librarians she said that she wanted to write a good novel so, she read other award-winning mystery fiction and made an outline of the essential elements contained in each. Her first novel *In the Bleak Mid-Winter*, was published after she won the "St. Martin's Minotaur/ Mystery Writers of America First Crime Novel Competition" of 2001. After that

introduction, I felt I must read the first novel. I'm glad it did.

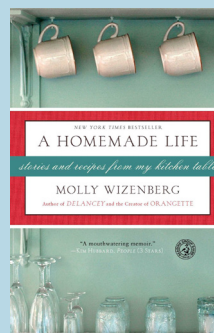
Meg Kribble, Harvard Law Library

John Scalzi is my favorite sci-fi author, and his latest novel, ***Lock In***, did not disappoint. Imagine a world which a viral epidemic leaves millions with functioning brains in bodies they can't control, but through technology, they can interact with the world through robot-like surrogate bodies ("threeps") or even borrow the bodies of others. This is a world rife with both fascinating legal issues (should a threep sitting with friends in a crowded bar be compelled to give up his or her seat to a flesh body?) and criminal possibilities (who was in control of a body that committed suicide--or was it a murder?), which Scalzi explores in a fun, fast-paced detective story with his signature brand of humor. He also subtly weaves in some social commentary--pay close attention to the protagonist's gender!



Diane D'Angelo, Suffolk Law Library

Some of you foodies out there might be familiar with the wonderful food blog Orangette. It's written by Molly Wizenberg – an award winning food blogger. I've been following this blog for a number of years now, and have long admired the simplicity of her recipes. I was excited when Wizenberg's first book was released back in 2009: ***A Homemade Life: Stories and Recipes from My Kitchen Table***.



A Homemade Life is a beautiful memoir & filled with great recipes (some of my favorites include her winning hearts and minds chocolate cake and a fantastic banana bread recipe that has no butter or oil, but is loaded with bananas, a hint of cinnamon and a handful of chocolate chips and is a staple in my home. This past May she released her second book: ***Delancey: A Man, a Woman, a Restaurant, a Marriage***. Like her first book, the writing is beautiful and she gives the reader a lovely glimpse into her personal life and how she navigates it all. I highly recommend them both -- but if I was just going by the recipes alone – my vote, hands down, would go to ***Homemade Life***.

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