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Happy 200th Anniversary!



Massachusetts Trial Court Libraries Celebrates Its 200th Anniversary

On March 2, 1815, an Act approving the establishment of law libraries by lawyers in each county was approved by Gov. Caleb Strong. Beginning in 1842, these law libraries were open to the public. For 200 years the Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries (MTCLL) have provided access to the law to the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Celebrating a Public Mission

For pro se citizens, as well as solo and firm lawyers, the MTCLL provides free access to legal information and materials that otherwise is available only in the libraries of law schools, law firms, and private, fee-based libraries such as Boston's Social Law Library.

In order to mark this milestone, the MTCLL hosted local celebrations during the first week of March 2015 at some of their 17 branches. Additionally, on March 26th 2015, a large reception was held in the Great Hall of the John Adams Courthouse, where lawyers, government administrators, and fellow law librarians gathered to celebrate one of the true gems of the Massachusetts trial court system.

At the celebration, Trial Court Administrator Harry Spence and Trial Court Chief Justice Paula M. Carey praised

the libraries for enhancing access to justice, vowed to work more closely with them, and asserted the MTCLL's continued importance to the commonwealth.



Trial Court Law Librarians Celebrate!

Levelling the Playing Field

There was also a brief speaking program highlighting the law libraries' service to the Judiciary, the members of Bar Associations, and the public. Of all the speakers, Massachusetts lawyer John Slattery was the most enthusiastic about his work with the MTCLL. He said "The law libraries give us an equal footing with larger law firms.... I'm not afraid to say, 'I don't know,' to a client because there are other people who do know. Nine out of ten times, those people are the law librarians." Attorney Slattery credited a not-guilty verdict he obtained to the research he was able

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Editor's Note

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

This issue we are thankful for the contributions from our members and even from some former LLNE members! We can read about what to do in Philly from our colleague, now in California, Lisa Junghahn. We welcome some new LLNE members to our community with *5 Questions With...*, explore the mysterious summer recipes from the LLNE's 1980's Cookbook, and learn about the latest-and-greatest in sport scandals and summer reading. This issue of the newsletter also continues our regular favorites such as *What Are You Reading?*, *This Issue in History*, *Dear Miss Nomer*, and more...

From Kyle:

I am both sad and happy (at the same time!) to announce that my fellow editor, Tiffany Camp, will be leaving her post on the LLNE News as of this issue. She has been accepted to the prestigious Law Librarianship Program at the University of Washington! Many hearty congratulations, Tiffany! Your good humor, tireless work ethic, and great organizational skills will be missed. It has been a pleasure to work with you! Best of Luck in your future studies!

From Tiffany:

Dear LLNE Members, I want to take a moment to bid farewell to LLNE as I step down as co-editor of the newsletter and thank the organization and its members for the professional growth and development I have gained over the course of my membership. I valued my time with LLNE and thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie, networks and friendships forged.

As I move on to the next phase of my professional life as a library student and future law librarian, I will fondly remember how welcoming and supportive LLNE has been to me. I would like to specifically acknowledge Kyle Courtney for being an exemplary co-editor and showing me the ropes.

So with gratitude, I again say thank you. It has truly been a pleasure.

We wish you a fantastic and productive summer, and we look forward to seeing you at the LLNE Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia!

- Kyle and Tiffany



LLNE President's Message

Did everyone survive the winter? Now that summer is here, it seems hard to remember the record-breaking snow in February. It's probably for the best, otherwise we might all move to the tropics!

LLNE has had a busy year. When the last newsletter went to press, our friends at B.C. were gearing up for the Fall Joint Meeting with ABLL on Reinventing the Law Library: Meeting the Challenge. I'm happy to report that the meeting was success and I know we all enjoyed the beautiful fall setting and the thought provoking panelists.

Thank you also to the librarians at the University of New Hampshire and the New Hampshire Library Association for our recent Spring Meeting. On April 24, we met in Concord, NH for Mindfulness and Librarians: Bridge over Troubled Water. Under the guidance of an excellent slate of speakers, we focused on our breath, tried walking meditation and expressed ourselves through art therapy. I know that I am trying to bring the lessons for attention and focus from the Meeting into my daily routine. Amy Eaton, a member of the AALL Executive Board, also joined us from Seattle, and gave an interesting address on the recent efforts by AALL to create a meaningful volunteer experience for its members.



Signs of summer

We were also pleased to be able to honor some of our outstanding members at the Spring Meeting. LLNE presented our colleague Karen Quinn with the Edgar Award for her sustained contribution to LLNE and to the profession of law librarianship. Her example of advocacy, leadership and mentoring is an inspiration for how we all can give back to our colleagues and our profession. We also granted life memberships to Byron Hill, Denise Jernigan, Cynthia Landau, Karen Quinn, Maureen Well and Susan Zeigfinger in gratitude for their longstanding efforts on behalf of LLNE.

The Scholarship Committee has both continued and expanded

its support for our members. This year, the committee has granted academic scholarships and meeting scholarships to members. The Committee has added a new scholarship to support continuing education, as well. Keep an eye on the blog and listserv for announcements for upcoming scholarship opportunities.

The Service Committee has expanded its outreach to public libraries. The book drive continued, and with the support of our members, we were able to present collections of law books to public libraries in each New England state. The Committee continues to work on its public library web portal project. We hope to be able to unveil it soon!

The Government Relations continues to work to pass UELMA in Massachusetts. Our members attended and testified at the recent hearing before the Joint Committee on the Judiciary. We'll keep our membership posted on the progress of the bill. Bob DeFabrizio and I recently testified at a Mass Trial Court public hearing on access to court records. More information about the hearing is in this issue.

We also have some unfortunate news on the government relations front. In spite of efforts by AALL, LLNE and the Vermont Library Association, our efforts to forestall serious budget cuts in Vermont were not successful. As we continue to monitor the various state budget decisions that affect our colleagues in public law libraries, it's up to us to continue to advocate for the value of our public law libraries to the public in tough financial times.

As an organization, we've tried and accomplished a lot this year, and I expect we will do even more next year! As my term as president winds down, I'd like to thank all of you for making this such a great experience. I look forward to seeing everyone in Philadelphia at the Annual Luncheon and at the LLNE Meet & Greet.

-Mindy Kent

Mindfulness at the Spring Meeting

Keynote Speaker Review

Anna Lawless

The keynote speaker at the LLNE Spring Meeting was Liz Maillott, a lawyer and educator who practices and teaches mindful meditation to various legal professionals. She began her talk by noting the dire straits of the legal profession; attorneys, students, and other members of the legal profession struggle with substance abuse, suicide, depression, anxiety, and a host of other issues. We are constantly fighting stress and worry. At work, we spend our days multi-tasking, which actually slows us down and makes us less productive. Our brains need time to switch between tasks, and we don't take that into account as we work. This leads to an endless negative cycle of more stress.



Liz Maillott at the Spring Meeting

Many of us in the law librarian world are familiar with this; we may have left legal practice, or never practiced in the first place, for some of these reasons. However, we have not left these issues behind completely; as libraries and librarians do more with less, we are feeling many of the stressors we hoped to leave behind. We take on more multi-tasking and try to fit more into the hours of the day available to us.

Mindfulness can help with some of these struggles. Ms. Maillott describes mindfulness as "moment to moment non-judgmental awareness - paying attention in a sustained way to what is happening in a moment." This ability to be present can be cultivated through meditation practice; Ms. Maillott used the two terms somewhat interchangeably. While they do not mean exactly the same thing, meditation does help with mindful awareness.

Normally, we are living in the past or the future, dwelling on things that happened in the past and things that are going to happen in the future. When we keep replaying a stressful meeting in our minds or worrying about a future event, our stress can become chronic, leading to deeper problems down the road. When we pay attention to what is happening in each moment, we temporarily halt our minds' desire to leap backwards and forwards in time. Just by focusing on the breath, we stop our minds from darting around and give it something to focus on in the here and now. Ms. Maillott led us in a brief mindful meditation exercise: we sat upright, feet on the floor, and focused on our breath moving in and out of our bodies. When we noticed our minds wandering, she instructed us to just gently notice that

we were thinking or our minds were wandering, and bring our focus back to the breath. Those little moments of noticing were when we were truly mindful. She emphasized the importance of being gentle with ourselves as we go through this process. We finished the exercise by coming back to the larger room and opening our awareness to everything happening around us.

As a regular practitioner of mindfulness meditation, I found this exercise helpful. I appreciated practicing in a group with my colleagues; for me, it provided a greater sense of community and peace, a feeling of being a part of a cohesive whole. I can understand that not everyone feels that way, which is why I appreciated that Ms. Maillott went on to discuss the science behind the benefits of regular meditation.

There have been numerous studies of the effect of meditation on the mind over the last several years. These studies are showing that mindfulness can reduce stress, improve working memory, increase concentration, and help with depression; there are also recent studies showing actual changes in brain structure with regular meditation. She noted that the benefits of mindfulness come with regular practice, even if it's just ten minutes a day.

Ms. Maillott suggested that our work lives suffer when we live with constant stress. We are in a reactive state; that is, we simply react to stimuli without much consideration. We are distracted and unable to truly be present with what is happening. Mindfulness can help with our work lives by giving us the opportunity to respond to people and situations in a better way. We can be more present when we listen, and that will help us respond to



Other exercises at the Spring Meeting included walking meditation and art therapy

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The Philadelphia Phiphteen

Recommended sights and experiences brought to you by former LLNE'er and former Philadelphia resident Lisa Junghahn (currently a reference librarian UC Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA)



Map: <http://bit.ly/Philly15>

Top 5 Sights

National Constitution Center
<http://constitutioncenter.org/>

Located just steps from Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell in Historic Philadelphia, the National Constitution Center offers innovative, interactive displays for people to come away inspired by the Constitution and its legacy of freedom. Programs include Hail to the Chief, a game-show-inspired presidential trivia competition; Political Cartoons 101, a humorous journey through the history of political cartoons; and gallery talks, which offer an overview what you'll see and learn in the exhibitions.

Rodin Museum
<http://www.rodinmuseum.org/>

Schuylkill River Walk
<http://www.schuylkillrivertrail.com/index.php?/trail/overview/philadelphia/>

Passes the Museum of Fine Arts

Betsy Ross' House
<http://www.betsyrosshouse.org/>

Italian Market
<http://www.phillyitalianmarket.com/>

Top 4 Neighborhoods

Queen Village
http://philadelphia.about.com/od/neighborhoods/a/queen_village.htm

Old City
<http://www.oldcitydistrict.org/>

Rittenhouse Square
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rittenhouse_Square

Park, adjacent to a nice public library

Northern Liberties
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northern_Liberties,_Philadelphia,_Pennsylvania

Top 3 Bars

Nineteen
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/xix---nineteen-philadelphia>

For a great view of the city

Dirty Franks
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/dirty-franks-bar-philadelphia>

For the Pabst set

Midtown Continental
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/continental-midtown-philadelphia>

For the cocktail set; with roof-deck

Top 2 Foods

Gelato at Capogiro
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/capogiro-gelato-philadelphia-3>

Better than Italian wooter ice!

Soft pretzel with mustard
<http://www.yelp.com/biz/center-city-pretzel-co-philadelphia>

Better than cheese steak!

Top 1 City

Philadelphia is a City of Firsts
<http://philadelphiaencyclopedia.org/archive/city-of-firsts/>

Philadelphia 2015: LLNE at AALL

Nominating Committee Report

2015 Slate of Candidates Announced for Voting at the Annual LLNE Business Meeting

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to present the final slate of nominees for the LLNE Board elections to be held this July at the LLNE Luncheon and Business Meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

The 2015/2016 slate includes:

VP/President-Elect: Elaine Apostola

Education Director: Ellen Frentzen

Treasurer: Rick Buckingham

Many thanks,

Jocelyn Kennedy
Marnie Warner
Kyle Courtney

LLNE Award Winners

Congratulations to our LLNE members who received Awards from AALL

Law Library Publications Award - Print Division:

Laurel Davis and Lily Olson (Boston College) for *The Law in Postcards*

AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Award -New Member Division

Nicole Dyszlewski (Roger Williams) as co-author of *Managing Disruptive Patron Behavior in Law Libraries: A Grey Paper*

Emerging Leader Award

Nicole Dyszlewski (Roger Williams)

Innovations in Technology Award

The staff of the Maine State Law and Legislative Library for their Law and Legislative Digital Library

LLNE Events in Philly

LLNE Luncheon and Business Meeting

Tuesday, July 21st, 2015
12:30pm – 2:00pm.

Please join us for the LLNE luncheon and business meeting at the AALL annual conference in Philly.

Details and Registration:

<http://llne.org/meetings/2015-annual-luncheon/>

LLNE Meet & Greet

Sunday, July 19
6 - 8 pm

Vintage Wine Bar
129 South 13th Street

At less than ½ mile from the Philadelphia Marriott, Vintage Wine bar has a relaxed looking vibe and a great menu based on local ingredients. Come for the conversation, then grab a light bite to eat!

Invitation and map:

<http://llne.org/meetings/meet-greet-aall/>

We look forward to seeing many of you in Philly!!

Tech Trends

by Carli Spina

Open Access Button

Though open access policies are being adopted by more institutions all the time and open access scholarship is starting to become a more substantial part of the conversation, the vast majority of scholarship is still only available through paid subscriptions to expensive databases. This is a problem for researchers working outside of an academic or corporate setting, but it is also increasingly a problem for libraries as subscription prices continue to climb.

Open Access Button (<https://www.openaccessbutton.org/>) is one tool that is aimed at turning the tide on this matter by increasing the visibility of the issues surrounding open access and encouraging advocacy on these topics. Using Open Access Button is as easy as downloading and installing the appropriate bookmarklet, plugin, or extension for your preferred browser. Once it has been installed, you continue with your online research and the next time you encounter an article that asks you to pay a fee in order to ac-

cess it, you simply push the Open Access Button. This action prompts two steps. First, the tool will look for a free version of the article that is available online, often in an open access repository. Then, if no free version is available online, information about your request is tracked both to help with advocating for wider adoption of open access generally and to try to get a freely accessible version of the specific article you are trying to find. Open Access Button takes a multi-pronged approach to finding a free version of requested articles by emailing the author to ask that one is posted and by creating web pages for the articles that can be shared with both the author and other researchers to seek a copy of the article. Sometimes it still isn't possible to find an available copy of the paper, but for those situations the Open Access Button team is "building ways to find associated information about a paper such as the facts contained, comments from people who've read it, related information and lay summaries."

Even if Open Access Button does not succeed in its mission of finding open versions of every requested article, it is still an important tool for advocacy. Using the Button helps researchers to find the materials they need, but it also highlights how frequently they struggle to access

scholarship due to restrictions placed by publishers. The data Open Access Button is collecting on the number of times this happens to researchers around the world will paint an even more stark picture of the need for open access scholarship. Whether you are a researcher or an open access advocate, Open Access Button is an interesting tool to watch.

U.S. Copyright Office Fair Use Index

Last month, the U.S. Copyright Office launched their new Fair Use Index (<http://copyright.gov/fair-use/>). According to the website, "[t]he goal of the Index is to make the principles and application of fair use more accessible and understandable to the public by presenting a searchable database of court opinions, including by category and type of use (e.g., music, internet/digitization, parody)." To this end, the Index includes information about court decisions where fair use was a major issue.

Though the database is billed as "searchable" it isn't possible to search for a particular party or keyword. Instead, users navigate through the Index by selecting one or more jurisdiction and one or more category of case. The categories include such things as music, format shifting/

space shifting, and unpublished, as can be seen in this screenshot of the Index. Once you have made your selections, the Index returns a full list of every case that meets your criteria. Rather than posting the full text of the cases, the Index instead offers summaries of the cases that feature sections on the facts, legal issues, and outcomes as well as the full citation for the case.

While this makes the Index of limited value for legal research, it does simplify the topic for those without legal training. Also, because the full citation is included in each summary, it is relatively easy to find the full text of the opinion if necessary and the site includes some tips on sources for this information.

The Index is an interesting new option for those with an interest in fair use and those without legal training who are trying to determine whether fair use would apply to their situation. It certainly won't replace other legal databases for serious copyright research, but it is a good tool to offer to those who frequently need to make fair use determinations.

5 Questions for... Anne Rajotte, U. Conn.

1. What is your current position?

I am a reference librarian at the University of Connecticut School of Law Library.

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

After law school, I was a judicial clerk for two years and a civil litigator for three years. In both of those jobs, legal research was both what I enjoyed and where I excelled. When I started to think about a career change, law librarianship seemed like a natural fit.

3. What do you like best about your work?

I like so many things about my job, but working with patrons and helping them find information is my favorite thing. I also enjoy tracking down difficult-to-find items. It's like a treasure hunt to follow clues until you find the specific document a patron is searching for.



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

When I'm not at the library, I am usually with my two children going to the beach, going hiking, going to museums, and generally taking advantage of living in Connecticut, where there is so much nearby. I also like to read and garden.

5. Any guilty pleasure reading to recommend?

I am four fifths of the way through Tana French's series of mysteries. I don't read many mysteries, but these are very well written with interesting characters.

Dear Miss Nomer...



Dear Miss Nomer,

I have been reading your column for years!

I have noticed that you are a real pun enthusiast. Do you have any good library puns that I can use at work functions, cocktail parties, and open mic nights at AALL annual this year?

Thanks, Pun-Tastic



Dear Pun-Tastic –

Thanks for your letter. Well, law librarians are always going by the book. My friend gave me a book about puns for my birthday and I loved it. It was two meaningful.

-Miss N.

Here are some of my favorites, by category:

For Reference:

I've been trying to read the Encyclopedia Britannica but keep getting thrown out of the library for shouting at the staff. I can never find the right volume!

For the Dating Scene:

I should've brought my library card... 'cause I wanna check you out.

For the Environmentalist:

I had plans to begin reading a book about sinkholes but they fell through.

For the 1st Amendment fan:

The high school music teacher was quite controversial. He told his students to read band books.

For Promotion:

The junior librarian was reincarnated as a bookmark because he always knew his place.

For the Scientist

I'm reading a book about black holes by Stephen Hawking, it really draws you in.

For the Law Abiding:

A policeman accidentally arrested a judge who had dressed as a convict for a costume party. That cop learned never to book a judge by his cover.

A librarian caught stealing had the book thrown at her.

For Laughs:

Mr. Mister goes into a library and says, "Hello. I'm here to see the doctor." The librarian replies, "This is a library." So Mr. Mister lowers his voice and says, "Oh sorry!" Then whispers, "I'm here to see the doctor."

Everyone loves a good cheating story.

By Stephen Salhany

Quick quiz: What do you think really happened in Spygate? What was the actual rules violation?

If you answered anything but “The Patriots filmed opposing coaches’ signals (which was and still is legal) from the wrong location,” you’ve let the national narrative get the better of the truth.

Everyone loves a good cheating story. How else to explain the madness that has gripped this nation’s sports media and fans regarding the profoundly silly details of what’s now known as Deflategate? A salacious blend of supposedly trickery, underhandedness, the Ideal Gas Law and overreaction captured sports fans’ attentions for months....until the next cheating scandal rolled along. And as always, another one is sure to arrive, ready to be dissected and analyzed to death.

Firstly, as of this time there’s now substantial doubt that any violation took place at all regarding the ball pressures of the Patriots’ footballs used in the AFC Championship Game back in January. The NFL spent more than \$5 million to produce the profoundly incomplete and flawed Wells report, allowing Commissioner Roger Goodell to swing the Ginger Hammer down hard on Tom Brady and the Patriots, despite no direct evidence that either the ballboys deflated the balls or any finding of Brady requesting them to deflate the balls to illegal levels. Part of the reasoning for the severe punishments levied (a four game suspension for Brady, the loss of 1st and 4th round draft picks for the team, and a \$1 million fine) was that the league claims Brady did not give his full cooperation by refusing to hand over his personal cell phone. But when did “full compliance with an investigation” become more important than any actual rule breaking itself? Handing over personal cell phone records would set a terrible precedent for the players union, and as a strong union man Brady would never have agreed to such a demand. The league must have known that. It’s the classic dilemma: first you nail them on any supposed rule infraction, and then when they protest you nail them again for “not giving their full cooperation” with an investigation that appears to be, in reality, a farcical witch-hunt.

Worse for the league, in the wake of the issuance of the Wells report, numerous methodological problems with both the techniques used by the officials to measure the balls’ PSI and the Wells report itself have been published, most recently by the American Enterprise Institute think tank, which published an op-ed in the New York Times noting that it’s unlikely any

deliberate deflation took place at all. The officials used different gauges with different margins of error, and neglected to measure all of the Colts’ footballs, and the ones they did measure had been sitting inside a warm room at halftime for almost 15 minutes before being measured.

The “violations” of Deflategate are more akin to the famous Pine Tar Game in baseball back in 1983. Baseball had a rule about how far up the handle of a bat pine tar could be applied. This rule had gone unenforced for years and years, because pine tar was known not to cause the ball to be hit further, but rather simply improved grip on the bat. When George Brett hit a game-winning home run against the Yankees, Yankees manager Billy Martin had the bat checked for a pine tar violation, which was found, and Brett was called out. When the Royals protested the game, the ruling was reversed, because the rule had been unenforced for so long, and because pine tar on a bat did not provide a competitive advantage.

These details are eerily similar to the Deflategate incident: the league had never really paid attention to the inflation levels of the footballs before January, as evidenced by both the paltry \$25,000 fine in place for altering the balls, the lack of any punishment for the Vikings and Panthers warming balls on sideline heaters earlier in the same season, and the incredibly sloppy work done by the officials in inflating balls (shown by Brady’s texts to the equipment manager complaining that some balls after the Jets game were at 16 PSI, far above the legal limits). The NFL has also been allowing quarterbacks to prepare their own footballs for many years, showing that variances in the balls’ grip and feel were perfectly acceptable. Never before had the league shown any interest in the pressure of the balls. A rule that is enforced becomes in essence unenforceable, and therefore null and void.

Never has so much fuss been made over something so literally full of hot air. Fortunately, sports fans in search of a real scandal have just had the gift delivered to them: the St. Louis Cardinals are under investigation for hacking into the Houston Astros computer databases. Not only is that a real rules violation, but it’s also a felony, punishable by up to 5 years in prison for each violation.

Now that’s a good scandal.



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Access to Court Records

Librarians come together at a hearing before the Massachusetts Trial Court Committee on Public Access to Court Records

Melinda Kent, LLNE’s president, recently testified in the recent June 15th public hearing before the Trial Court Public Access to Court Records Committee to provide comment concerning the public’s access to publicly available court case records. Mindy testified:

Judge Lauriat and Members of the Trial Court Public Access to Court Records Committee:

My name is Melinda Kent. I am the Manager of the Research Services department at the Harvard Law School Library and President of LLNE, the Law Librarians of New England. LLNE members work in college and university libraries, law schools, law firms and trial court libraries throughout New England. In each of these settings, we as librarians, and the lawyers, paralegals, faculty, students and members of the public who are our patrons, rely on the availability of court records for their work, study and for access to the justice system.

Public access to court proceedings and records is a fundamental principle of our judicial system. Access to court records is necessary both for those involved in a specific case and for the general public. In previous guidelines and policy statements, the Massachusetts courts have recognized that general public access to court documents allows the public to learn about the operation of the judicial system and fosters discussion of public matters. General public access to court records supports fairness, accountability and public confidence in the judicial system.

Court docket access is particularly crucial to the members of the public who come to law libraries for help navigating the justice system. Any system for providing public access to court records should be tailored to make access technologically, financially and physically easier for those whose access to the courts already faces significant barriers. A system which provided open online access to docket sheets and court documents would allow librarians to help these self-represented litigants and would remove barriers to access created by requiring litigants and researchers to come to the courts during business hours. In turn, this can alleviate the burden on court clerks and other court staff who would otherwise be needed to provide on-site help.

In law school, college and university libraries, scholars and students also use court records in a number of ways. As law schools move towards providing more experiential education, access to court documents becomes even more important. Professors use real court dockets and filings to provide realistic models for students learning trial practice and the nuts and bolts of lawyering.

In addition, many of our students participate in legal clinics, representing real clients who would otherwise have limited access to legal representation. In order to zealously represent these clients, students also need full access to court documents. As more court dockets and records become available online, scholars are also able to use these records to empirically study trends in justice and court administration. These studies in turn may be the catalyst for increases in fairness and efficiency in the courts.

As more material is put online, more is expected to be online. We do our banking via our phones and check out library books in the middle of the night. Modern researchers and lawyers expect quick and easy access to documents and dockets. When I started as a librarian almost fifteen years ago, getting court documents involved phone calls, letters, paid researchers and trips to the court. Increasingly, docket sheets and case documents are available online, saving the time and effort of both users and overworked court staff. Many states currently provide online public access to dockets. According to the National Center for State Courts, over a dozen (including our neighbor Connecticut) also provide online access to some case documents. These systems serve as a model for expanded access.

We ask that any new rules or systems created to provide public and online access to Massachusetts court records take into account the wide range of librarians, lawyers and other members of the public, both in and outside of Massachusetts, who have a vital interest in the work of the Massachusetts courts. With carefully drawn exceptions to protect safety and privacy, the guiding principles for any system should be transparency and open access. Systems for remote access should include at minimum online docket access and ideally should also provide access to court documents as well. Electronic and remote access should mirror onsite access whenever possible. Systems for remote access should also support accessibility and access to justice for all users, rather than create separate classes of access to general court information.

Thank you to the members of the Committee for your work on this issue and for giving me the opportunity to express my views and the views of LLNE. Please also let us know if there is any way that we, as information professionals can assist your Committee. We look forward to continued opportunities to provide public comment on this issue

Mindy was also quoted in Boston Globe article about the proposed changes “Mass. courts hear pleas for Web access: Data is available on federal system” <http://bit.ly/1Lfpnal>

Bob DeFabrizio, LLNE member and Co-Director of Education also testified in his capacity as President of the Association of Boston Law Librarians (ABLL). AALL also submitted testimony which is available on the AALL website. A list of people registered to speak at the hearing and a list of the members of the Trial Court Public Access to Court Records Committee also appear on our website.

Beyond the Book Drive

The LLNE Service committee takes outreach to public libraries beyond the book drive.

This year the Service Committee continued to focus its efforts on making connections and building partnerships with public libraries in the New England region. The committee has significantly expanded from four members working on the book drive to a dozen members working on two new projects. In addition to the much needed and much appreciated new volunteers, the committee also has a new co-chair, Rebecca Martin.

Earlier this year, the Service Committee finalized a book drive service project it began in 2013. The purpose of the book drive was to increase awareness of legal resources (and awareness of LLNE and its members!) among public libraries in New England. In reflecting on the success of the book drive, the Service Committee decided to rededicate its efforts to outreach to public librarians in the form of a multi-year, multi-phase public outreach project.

The Service Committee has established two distinct, yet inter-related outreach projects. One project is a yet-to-be-named web portal on the LLNE website. The project aims to provide public libraries with one portal for comprehensive information on the legal research and information landscape across New England. The web portal subcommittee members have started working to compile this resource by reviewing existing tools and projects by law librarians, bar associations, courts and legal aid conglomerates in each of the states. This subcommittee hopes to have some piece of the portal ready and online by the annual meeting.

Another project is focused on creating a network of law librarians throughout New England who are willing to serve as resources to public librarians with legal research questions. The network of librarians will include individuals willing to be "on-call" for questions that may arise in their state or in their area of expertise, but also individuals willing to travel within their local area to provide in-person, basic legal research trainings to public librarians. The subcommittee is focused on organizing educational and communication initiatives at the state level which targets local public librarians and their professional associations. This project grew out of the committee's book drive as we became more aware of the needs of New England public librarians for access to basic legal research guidance.

In addition to the work of the two subcommittees, the Service Committee worked with the LLNE Education Committee and the Legal Research Instruction Program (LRIP) to offer two scholarships to New England area public librarians interested in taking the LRIP course. The two librarians who received the scholarships in 2015 were Jeanne Bent of the

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- Jeanne Bent, Hope Public Library

Hope Public Library in Scituate, RI and Kathleen Clifford of the Boston Public Library in Boston, MA.

Jeanne expressed the following about her experience in the program:

"LRIP was a valuable overview of law topics and resources along with practical 'hands-on' experience with the major legal databases such as Westlaw Next, Lexis and Bloomberg Law.

For me, this was the best way to learn. We had an opportunity to work through reference problems and then compare notes at the end. It was good to know that the answer to the question could be found in a variety of ways with a variety of sources.

I also came away with a clearer understanding of how each branch of government contributes to the legal system. I also learned about the hierarchy of the court system - both state and federal. This information demystified all the various court names. In learning about some of the secondary sources, I could see how various legal questions could be answered in the public library. Or at the very least, knowing where to send a person for information on the topic.

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As always, the Service Committee could use your support! If you are interested in serving as a trainer or on-call librarian for your state or in your subject area of expertise, please contact us. If you have experience with WordPress and want to help create the web portal, please contact us. We can always use more and louder voices to help get the word out about access to legal information in our region.

Summer Punch Recipe

By Heather Pierce, Archives Committee

It may be a throwback but this Pineapple Punch never goes outta style. Mixologist hipsters ain't got nothing on Betsy Tagg's Pineapple Sherbet Punch recipe from the LLNE's Cooks' Reports.

Guests at your annual Luau party won't be able to get enough of this island hoppin' beverage.

Enjoy!

PINEAPPLE-SHERBET PUNCH

1 can pineapple-grapefruit juice	1 pt. strawberries
1 can orange drink	1 qt. pineapple sherbet, softened
1 can apricot drink	1 qt. club soda

Combine all ingredients in a punch bowl, except club soda. Add club soda just before serving.

Betsy Tagg
Orange, CT

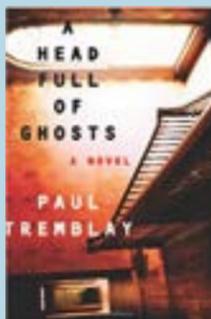


Highlights from *Cook's Reports*, a recipe book compiled by the Education Committee of LLNE back in 1983

What are you reading?

Anna Lawless, BU Law Library

I just finished reading *A Head Full of Ghosts* by Paul Tremblay. It's set in Beverley, MA, but the setting doesn't depart much from the Barrett house, where the 14-year-old daughter, Marjorie, begins to show signs of schizophrenia. At about this same time, the father of the house begins a religious awakening, and becomes convinced his daughter is possessed by a demon. Despite the mother's reservations, the parents sign the family up to be the subjects of a reality television show about Marjorie's possession and possible exorcism. The story is told from the point of view of the younger daughter Merry several years later, through a series of interviews, and through a blog the show. One of the most interesting elements of this story is that the reader never really knows what actually happened. We're relying on edited versions of reality television and Merry's memories, some of which have evolved and blended with stories over time.



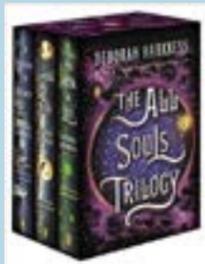
Let me be clear about one thing before I go any further – if you're looking for a series to fill the void left by J.K. Rowling (by the way, who else is super excited about Harry Potter and the Cursed Child and equally disappointed that it'll be a play and not a book?) keep searching – this series is nowhere near as wonderful as the Harry Potter books. But if you're looking for a decent fantasy trilogy, you won't be disappointed. And for all of you who secretly devoured the Twilight books and are too embarrassed to admit it (I'll admit it, I read them all and stayed up into the wee hours finishing each one off), this series is for you. Of the 3, the first was my favorite – but I enjoyed the others as well. If you're looking for some light summer reading that centers on a romance between a witch and a vampire and you're a fan of fantasy – give this trilogy a go.

Carli Spina, Harvard Law Library

She-Hulk Volume 1: Law and Disorder by Charles Soule with illustrations by Javier Pulido – Did you know that She-Hulk (a.k.a. Jennifer Walters) is a lawyer? While this has long been true of the character, the latest incarnation of the series is not only written by a practicing attorney but also focuses on Walters' efforts to start a new solo practice while simultaneously working as a superhero. This, combined with some rave reviews, was enough to convince me to give the series a try. I found it to be a fun combination of a standard superhero story with elements of law firm life. Though it was written to appeal to those who do not have any familiarity with the law, those in the legal field will no doubt relate to many of Walters' struggles either as she leaves her big law firm or as she sets out to carve out her own niche in the legal market. Soule did an excellent job of creating a story that will appeal to a wide audience and keep you reading. If you are a fan of the recent Marvel movies but always wished they had more of a law focus, this series is for you!



Diane D'Angelo, Suffolk Law Library



The All Souls Trilogy by Deborah Harkness
I'm one of those people who re-reads the Harry Potter series from time to time. And like many Harry Potter fans, I'm always on the look-out for a well written series that transports the reader to a wonderfully detailed magical world. In fact, I think I first stumbled across A

Discovery of Witches, the first novel in Deborah Harkness's All Souls Trilogy, when I searched one of the Harry Potter books on Amazon.com and browsed through the "Customers Who Bought This Item Also Bought" feature.

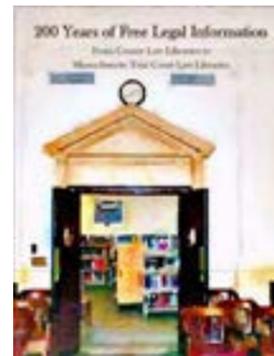
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to do on drug recognition experts with the talented assistance, and dedication, of librarians at the Essex Law Library.

Commemorating a 200 Year History

In addition to the celebration, the MTCLL published its seminal work titled "200 Years of Free Legal Information: From County Law Libraries to Massachusetts Trial Court Law Libraries." This commemorative book is available electronically at <http://www.mass.gov/courts/docs/lawlib/mtcll200.pdf>.



The book was dedicated to the former Trial Court Law Library Coordinator and "friend, mentor and former leader for thirty-three years," Marnie Warner. Marnie is one of the most influential members in LLNE's history and recently retired from the MTCLL.

The work represents a detailed history of the formation of the Trial Court Law Libraries, from its 19th century origins to the modernization of the current seventeen Trial Court Law Libraries located across Massachusetts to serve the courts, attorneys and the public. Each of the 17 law libraries are explored, through history, pictures, charts and other interesting works. Historical milestones are highlighted, and readers can see the development of the webpages, the database programs, and the services provided to the courts, attorneys and the public over the years. The book reflects the dedication of the

Mindfulness

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others in a fuller manner. We can speak mindfully, by taking a moment to consider the words we say and whether they are helpful. It may help us be better negotiators as we become more aware of what is happening with each person involved. It may also help increase our emotional intelligence as we interact with coworkers and colleagues.

Mindfulness has begun to gain ground in the legal profession. There are mindfulness courses being offered at a few law schools around the country and meditation groups for students, faculty, and staff wishing to practice together. There are books being written about meditation for lawyers, and there are programs like Ms. Mailliet's own Still Sense, which teaches mindful meditation to attorneys, judges, students, and others in the legal profession. Law journal articles have been appearing for the last few years; there is an excellent collection of these and other resources in the LibGuide for this conference.

MTCLL's staff to the nation of "access to justice" for all citizens. Truly, is a remarkable publication, outlining a remarkable organization.

In a press release the day of the celebration, the MTCLL had this to say:

A lot has changed in 200 years, but the basic goal of helping residents of Massachusetts find the legal information they need has not. Each month, we answer over 1000 questions and requests for documents online. While some who use those services also use our physical libraries, there are many patrons we have never met. We would welcome this chance to meet and thank you in person. It has been our privilege to serve you, and we're grateful for the opportunity.

Best wishes for another 200!

We join the chorus of LLNE members and friends of MTCLL nationwide, in applauding the hard work and dedication of each member of the MTCLL to helping the public at large with access to legal information. Here's to wishing MTCLL another 200 years of success!

Mindfulness is just beginning to integrate with the legal profession, but it can offer great benefits to us as individuals and organizations. As Ms. Mailliet noted, it can give us greater wisdom to take care of ourselves, our loved ones, our clients, and those we serve. For those of us in legal education, it can also give us more wisdom and presence in supporting our students and faculty. I have certainly noticed benefits in my own working life.

Ms. Mailliet's keynote address set a tone of gentle hard work for the conference and allowed us to create a gentle space to address issues throughout the day.

The law libraries give us an equal footing with large law firms...I'm not afraid to say don't know, to a client because there are other people who do know. Nine out of ten times, those people are the law librarians."

-Attorney John Slattery

This Issue in Connecticut History

(We will feature other New England states each issue)

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

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

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

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

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

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

April 19, 1939 The Bill of Rights proposed on September 25, 1789, is finally ratified by Connecticut, 138 years after its creation.

May 1, 1637 The first Government of the Connecticut Colony is formed with the guidance of Thomas Hooker, John Haynes, and Roger Ludlow.

May 22, 1803 1st public library opens in Connecticut

May 16, 1637 Leaders of Connecticut Colony's river towns met in Hartford, raised a militia, and placed John Mason in command to fight in the Pequot War.

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

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

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

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



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