



Scuttle Newsletter

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- Check out the new column on Library Technical Services!
 - Write a paper & win!
 - Don't miss the 30th Anniversary for CCLL and CoALL!
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CoALL President's Message—October 2007

It's been a busy two months for CoALL and CoALL members, full of special events and new and exciting collaborative efforts.

On September 17, 2007, six CoALL members joined Colorado Bar Association Vice-President Bill Walters and Jon Asher, executive director of Colorado Legal Services to present CoALL's first collaborative program with CLE in Colorado: **Legal Research Bootcamp: Finding the Law for Your Patrons**. This 2.5 hour program in honor of Constitution Day focused on legal research for non-law librarians. The goal was to provide basic, practical information for local public and special librarians, as well as non-lawyers working in the legal profession (paralegals, legal secretaries, etc.). The audience contained more than 40 public and medical librarians, as well as library students, and the evaluations were universally positive. [Please read the story in this issue of the Scuttle for more details](#). A hearty thanks goes to our CoALL presenters, who represented us so well in front of the CLE in Colorado staff and our non-law librarian colleagues: Stacey Bowers (DU Law) Martha Campos (Holme, Roberts & Owen); Andrea Hamilton (Faegre & Benson); Alan Pannell (CU Law); Karen Selden (CU Law); and Mariann Storck (US Attorney's Office).

The Denver chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators invited CoALL to participate in a reception on October 4, 2007 celebrating **Professional Legal Management Week**. CoALL members manned a table promoting law librarianship to the attorneys and other legal professionals who attended. A more detailed article appears inside the *Scuttle*, but kudos to Martha Campos for organizing CoALL's participation in what is hoped to be an annual event.

Thanks once again to Tracy Leming for continuing to organize the popular and well attended monthly Brown Bag lunches, with an interesting examination of Gen X and Y issues on tap for October, presented by Tom Duggan.

I hope many of you will be able to join CoALL members old and new on October 25 to help us celebrate the **30th Anniversary of the Colorado Consortium of Law Libraries (CCLL) and CoALL**. Some of the founding members of CCLL will be on hand to share memories and celebrate with us. Committee Chair Patty Wellinger and her committee are planning a wonderful time for us, including great food, wonderful company, lots of fun, and even some door prizes and commemorative gifts for each attendee.



Annual Holiday Party (December 6, 2007): Margi Heinen has volunteered to

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The “Call for Papers” Has Begun!

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Need a push to get started? Well, here it is.

The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

Open Division: for active and retired AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience;

New Members Division: for recent graduates and AALL members who have become law librarians since July 1, 2003.

Student Division: for students in library, information management or law school. Participants in this division need not be members of AALL.

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting in Portland! Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association’s prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

A list of previous winners is available at the Call for Papers web site. This list can give you an idea of the range of topics that law librarians have chosen. The web site also has additional information about the competition, including information on how to submit your entry and an application form. That web site is at:

http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp.

Articles in the Open and New Members Division must be submitted by March 1, 2008.

Articles in the Student Division must be submitted by April 15, 2008

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee:

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*Win \$750 and the
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your paper at AALL
2008 in beautiful
Portland!*

AALL Volunteers Leave Mark On New Orleans

by Esti Shay

Adapted from the article originally published in the 7/15/07 issue of "Second Line"
With contributions from Sherri Thomas & Marin Dell

*Amy Hale-Janeke ...
offered our services to
the museum because she
wanted a volunteer
opportunity that would
utilize our skills as
librarians.*

Each year, when AALL holds its annual conference, attendees leave behind something beyond the conference dollars that go into the city's economy. AALL members leave a more personal mark on the city through the pre-conference volunteer projects. This year's community service projects gave participants opportunities to donate their energy to Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest and the [Louisiana State Museum](#).

Since I have previously volunteered with Habitat and food banks, but never a museum, I spent the day with eight other librarians at the secret storage facility of the state museum. Our team worked on three projects: entering item records into their database and selecting appropriate descriptors, comparing lists of holding to match items or identify items missing from a collection's inventory, and updating inscription and condition information in inventory records for a collection of watercolor paintings by Alvyk Boyd Cruise. We also toured some of the storage areas and saw the gramophone they are using to digitally re-record music from wax rolls, an enormous scanner recently used to digitize daguerreotypes, an original Audubon watercolor and some Mardi Gras costumes in the textile collection. Amy Hale-Janeke, our coordinator, offered our services to the museum because she wanted a volunteer opportunity that would utilize our skills as librarians. While some of the projects resembled searching for a needle in a haystack, we felt that we made a small but significant dent in the backlog of work that has been stacking up since the museum lost, and has been unable to rehire, a significant part of its staff after the hurricane.



A group shot of all the volunteers. Left to right is Esti Shay, Ann Puckett, Lyn War-math (in yellow shirt), Barbara Traub (orange shirt), Hugh Treacy, Amy Hale-Janeke, Filippa Anzalone (in purple shirt), Karen Brunner, and Emily Evans.
<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/museum.html>



Volunteers all together at the end of the day.
<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/habitat.html>

Sherri Thomas volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, which took a group of over sixty volunteers to build houses in the Musician's Village, a project intended to encourage musicians to return to New Orleans. At the moment, 43 houses are completed and inhabited, with 27 left to go. 53% of the families currently living in this community are musicians, and by completion that number should rise to 73%. According to Aleis Tusa, Communications Director for [NOLA's Habitat for Humanity](#), their next big steps will be to put in the streets - Bartholomew and N. Prieur - that will intersect in

<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/habitat.html>



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the middle of the village and begin construction on the Ellis Marsalis Center for Music. The AALL crew in July worked on houses in many different stages, doing jobs like interior painting and hanging sheet rock. Ms. Thomas, who donated clothes post-Katrina and knows some transplants in her area, said that this project felt like a more personal way to help rebuild the city because of the direct connection established by helping an individual family. The site was located in the upper 9th ward, and Ms. Thomas reported that water-lines, some five feet high, could still be seen on houses. Many houses are still untouched, some residents are trying to fix their homes on their own, and there are still FEMA trailers in the area. Ms. Thomas spent the day painting two houses and emphasized how wonderful it was that AALL made it so easy to register and participate in this sort of volunteer event. Many members of the crew reported that employers made it easy to take that extra day off to volunteer.

Marin Dell spent the morning in the food-packing assembly lines of [Second Harvest](http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/secondharvest.html). Second Harvest went from serving two million to fourteen million people in just two years, some of whom simply had no grocery store in their area following the hurricane. This project was a natural choice for Ms. Dell, who has often worked at food banks in the past. Volunteers were bused to Second Harvest's facility in Jefferson County. The trip out of the facility provided a tour of some hard-hit areas and the driver related many sad stories, but these served as further motivation for our volunteers, who then spent the morning sorting and packing food into boxes of protein, breakfast foods, vegetables, starches, etc., and then stacking them on pallets. The most rewarding part of the experience for Ms. Dell was when the staff weighed the morning's efforts and calculated that her group of just twenty-five volunteers packed enough food to feed 5,000 people in those few hours. With a second shift of approximately the same size in the afternoon, it's easy to understand the sense of satisfaction and accomplishment that Ms. Dell and the other volunteers felt after leaving Second Harvest, sporting their new orange "End Hunger" wristbands.

Each of these volunteer projects allowed participants to establish a more personal connection with our host city than we might have through simply touring and attending conference events. My team enjoyed our day, and I know that many who came early for service projects will remember this year's conference with an added sense of satisfaction and look forward to our next chance to volunteer.

For pictures and another account of volunteering, please see Barbara Traub's article at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/allsis/newsletter/27_1/NOREcoveryefforts.htm.

Back row, left to right, Marin Dell, Jeffrey Gabel, Gigi Panagotacos, Penny Hazelton, Anne Acton, ?, Scott DeLeve, Dan Wade, Mary Sexton, Jim Heller, Silke Sahl, Beth Williams.

Middle row, left to right, Maxine Young Asmah, Patricia Turpening, ?

Front row, left to right, Rhosean Asman, Ann Hemmens (event organizer), Carol Nicholson, Kenneth Nicholson, Mark Wingerter (Volunteer Services manager at Second Harvest, Katie Jones, Donna Bausch.

<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/secondharvest.html>



Laura Ray and other volunteers pack the boxes.

<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/secondharvest.html>

- Morning shift (9am-12pm):
22 people; filled 325 boxes with food = 5504 meals
- Afternoon shift (1-4pm):
21 people; filled 429 boxes with food = 8580 meals
- The two shifts combined emptied a tractor-trailer of donated food!

<http://www.lb5.uscourts.gov/AALL/volunteer.html>



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CoALL 2006 holiday party

host this popular event at Sherman & Howard, as well as chair the committee. If you would like to join the Holiday Party Planning Committee, please contact Margi.

Spotlight on Your Career (February 23, 2008): Planning for this annual educational program has started. Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association voted to join us as co-sponsors of this event. Stay tuned to the CoALL listserv for more details as they become available.

It's exciting to see CoALL creating connections with so many of our professional colleagues (CLE in Colorado; Association of Legal Administrators; Rocky



Mountain SLA). I believe solidifying and expanding our interactions with other professional organizations in our geographic area will be tremendously beneficial to CoALL and CoALL members. However, if you have other ideas of how CoALL can meet your professional needs, please feel free to send your suggestions or ideas to me or any CoALL Board member. We look forward to serving you, and hope each one of you will be able to attend or participate in at least one CoALL event during the coming year.

Anticipating the start of another 30 years of CoALL success,

Karen Selden, CoALL President 2007-2008

Congratulations and Farewell!

Congratulations to **Dan Cordova** on the great progress toward his mission: "An open door and a promise for more" at the Colorado Supreme Court Library. With a full and qualified staff, better budget, and willingness to dream big, Cordova wants to "make the justice system accessible for everyone."

Patty Wellinger, Chair of the Grants and Scholarships committee, would like to announce the newest recipient of a CoALL grant.

Madeline Kriescher received \$500 to attend the Internet Librarian conference in October 2007. Madeline is a Reference Librarian at the U.S. Courts Library, 10th Circuit. She is also representing CoALL this year as the Chair of the Government Relations Committee.

Congratulations, Madeline!

Congratulations & farewell to **Tamara Tureson**. She is now in Minneapolis, working for the Minnesota Supreme Court Law Library as Head of Public and Electronic Services.



AALL Research Committee Accepting Grant Applications

The [AALL Research Committee](#) is accepting applications for research grants from the AALL/Wolters Kluwer Law and Business Grants Program. A single grant of up to \$5,000, or multiple grants totaling \$5,000, may be awarded. The committee will award one or more grants to library professionals who wish to conduct research that supports the research and scholarly agenda of the profession of law librarianship. More information can be found on AALLNET at: <http://www.aallnet.org/about/research-grant/2007-wklib-announce.pdf>.

The deadline for applications is November 27.

Some grant projects funded in the past few years include:

- The Effectiveness of SAILS as an Information Literacy Assessment for Law Students (Molly Brownfield and Dennis Kim-Prieto, Rutgers Law Library)
- Howard J. Graham: Constitutional Scholar, Law Librarian, and Forgotten Strategist in *Brown v. Board of Education* (Maria Protti, City and County of San Francisco Law Library)
- Effects of PCs and Databases on Legal Analysis Skills (Elizabeth M. McKenzie, Suffolk University Law Library)
- Index to Ohio Legal Periodicals (Kathleen Sasala, Cleveland Law Library Association)

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CoALL 30th Anniversary Celebration

Come one, come all to CoALL's 30th Anniversary Celebration!

The party will be held on October 25th at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law. We'll have plenty of food and drink, a CoALL trivia contest, and memories provided by some of the founding members.

Bring any CoALL mementos you have and we'll add them to the CoALL Archives.

Do you have a favorite CoALL memory you'd like to share? Let us know through this online form: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/anniv_mem_form.asp.

RSVP to [Patty Wellinger](#) by October 19th

Thursday, October 25th — 5:30PM-7:30PM — DU Law, Room 412

Research Committee Goals and Objectives

Leadership — The committee will point AALL members towards the future by supporting research that expands the boundaries of law librarianship and adds to our understanding of legal information, research, and technology.

Education — (a) The committee will educate AALL membership to successfully apply for research grants.
(b) The committee will educate AALL membership on the research process.

Advocacy — The committee will advocate for research to be done on issues of concern to AALL members and librarians internationally.



Organizing the archives—Fall 1997
[Druet Cameron Klugh](#), [Linda Rose](#), [Al Dong](#), [Katheryn Christnacht](#)

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Use Feedback and Coaching To Help Law Firm Employees Thrive

by Janet Ellen Raasch

A legal secretary would like to earn a raise, but his performance leaves something to be desired. A lawyer would like to make partner, but she doesn't know how to network and develop business. A mail room employee is a good worker, but his colleagues are complaining about his interpersonal skills.

Each of these individuals could benefit from coaching.

According to research conducted by the Corporate Leadership Council, 70 percent of employees believe that they could improve their performance and results in the workplace – if only they had effective feedback and coaching. Unfortunately, only 30 percent of them believe that their employers provide this service.

“The coaching conversation is a structured process by which an employer helps an employee set better goals and take specific steps to reach his or her full potential in the workplace,” said executive coach Morag Barrett. “Most employees want to succeed.”

Barrett discussed coaching as a concept and specific coaching tactics at the Aug. 16 program of the Mile High Chapter of the Association of Legal Administrators (www.milehighala.org), held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver. Barrett is an experienced executive coach with Broomfield-based Skye Associates (www.skyeassociates.net).

“Good coaching makes employees feel valued and respected,” said Barrett. “As a result, they stick around – rewarding the employer over time with commitment, effort and results. Valued and respected employees are willing to exceed expectations because you have taken the time to help them become more successful.”

In her own practice, Barrett uses a five-step coaching model first developed by The Corporate Coach University (www.coachinc.com). “This may not seem intuitive at first,” said Barrett, “but practice, practice and practice some more and you will see improvements in your skills and also in the performance and results of your employees.

“In a coaching relationship, focus on creating a climate of trust, accountability for results, and motivation to learn and improve,” said Barrett. “Listen rather than talk, ask rather than tell, and be aware of your own emotional state as well as the emotional needs of the person you are coaching.”

Focus the coaching conversation

In the first step of the process, a coach should help an employee focus on just one thing – what they need most in order to succeed. Without a tight focus, it is too easy for a session to meander – wasting time for both the coach and the employee. “Coaching should be more than a very nice conversation,” said Barrett.

If the coaching session is open-ended, the parties can choose to focus on just about anything. “If the coaching session is the result of a specific problem in the workplace, as is often the case, the session will most likely focus on coming up with a plan to fix the problem,” said Barrett.

If an employee has more than one problem area, or if additional issues arise in the course of the conversation, it is important to pick and focus on the top priority. “Save other issues for other sessions,” said Barrett.

Discover alternative possibilities

In the second step of the process, a coach should help an employee explore the full range of possible options and solutions. “The purpose at this point is to stimulate creativity – not to

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 2. Discover alternative possibilities
 3. Make a plan of action
 4. Remove any barriers to success
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decide what to do, but to identify all of the potential avenues and courses of action that are available,” said Barrett, “along with the pluses and minuses of each.”

Discuss which of these alternative behaviors have already been tried – what worked and what did not work for the employee, and why. Ask employees if they have observed others facing a similar situation – and what worked or did not work for the other person.

“Don’t assume that a possible answer is obvious or even known to your employee,” said Barrett. “After asking permission, a coach may provide suggestions.”

Do not proceed to step three until you are confident that you have discovered all of the possible solutions. Take the time that is needed. “Otherwise, you may end up with a sub-optimal solution,” said Barrett.

Make a plan of action

In the third step of the process, a coach helps an employee choose one of the alternatives generated in step two – and create a roadmap for reaching that destination. The roadmap must be specific and must cover what will happen, when it will happen, how it will happen – and include any milestones along the way.

As part of this process, the employer should indicate any tools and support it is willing to offer. The coach and employee should determine if anyone else at the law firm needs to be aware of and included in the plan in order for it to work.

“Once you have this discussion and plan specific steps,” said Barrett, “the employee can look to the future and imagine success. In and of itself, this can be highly motivational.”

Remove any barriers to success

In the fourth step of the process, a coach helps an employee identify any barriers to implementation and completion of the action plan. “These could include training needs, conflicting work priorities or lack of commitment,” said Barrett.

If the barriers are insurmountable, then the plan and expectations must be restructured. If they are not insurmountable, then specific actions to overcome the barriers must be incorporated into the plan. What resources can the employer provide? What steps must the employee take?

“Some of the most difficult barriers to success can be motivational,” said Barrett. “Ask questions to discover what motivates the employee. Is it career growth opportunity, compensation, job risk, peer pressure or new challenges? You cannot expect success unless you understand what your employee is willing and able to try.”

Review session and chart next steps

The fifth step of the process has two important parts. At the end of each session, the employee should review what has been learned.

Then, the employee must state the specific steps he or she will take in the next few weeks in order to get closer to the stated goal.

To maximize motivation and “ownership” of the plan, the employee – not the coach – is responsible for vocalizing both parts of this summary. As part of the plan, a follow-up session between the coach and the employee is scheduled.

“If a coaching relationship does not seem to be working, do not automatically write off the
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Discover possible alternatives

Possible barriers to success:

*-training needs-
-conflicting work
priorities-
-lack of commitment-*

A CoALL Library View: Ch-ch-ch-changes

by Meg Martin, Public Services Librarian at the Wyoming State Law Library, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Learn about a CoALL library in this new Scuttle column!

Note: We may be in Wyoming, but did you know that [WSLL](#) has two and 1/2 CoALL members?

In July 2005, I moved from the flatlands of Omaha, Nebraska to the high desert of Cheyenne, Wyoming to begin my career in librarianship at the State Law Library. I was ready for many changes, from my gardening to my cooking but even bigger was the looming move of the library to a temporary location described as “coming soon” during my interview.

The move became reality last summer when we received the notification that we could begin packing. Our motto: “have tape gun, will pack!” The librarians and staff all participated in the packing – an egalitarian process that had us covered in dust and aching. Some of us were blessed with extensive allergy attacks. Weren’t we lucky?!?



Meg Martin, Wayne DeRaad, & Katie Jones — celebrating victory over all tape guns.



View of Wyoming State Capitol from the Law Library, October 2006

In our former home in the Supreme Court building, we had three floors of books many of which we would have to place in storage for the 2-3 years we would be dislocated. Like Bob Seeger said in *Against the Wind*, we had to decide “what to leave in, what to leave out.” It was a balance of those items never to be found online and constantly waiting to be shelved versus those available online and minimally used. We’ve had fun (?) training our attorneys and *pro se* patrons to think of Westlaw and HeinOnline as tools to add to their search arsenal. I noticed that the process of teaching others how to search electronically has improved my skills – nice bonus!

We are currently located in the basement of the building across the street from our former majestic home. This is a “special” basement, one which flooded delaying our imminent arrival. From this basement, we have no view, no natural light (wow, is it dark when the electricity goes out!), and the weather...what weather? When we return to the Supreme Court building, hopefully next summer, we will once again be able to watch the change of the seasons.

We look forward to a newly renovated library location with compact shelving units to hold our 3 floors of volumes...although by that time, everyone will know how to use our electronic resources. Everybody sing along with me –

“Ch-ch-ch-ch-Changes
(Turn and face the strain) ...”

David Bowie, 1972.



Wyoming State Law Library Staff
Julie Eatmon, Wayne DeRaad, Katie Jones
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Kathy Carlson

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employee as ‘un-coachable,’” said Barrett. “Try pairing the person with a different coach. Personality and connection are important in any effective coaching relationship.”

In conclusion, Barrett asked: “If you are coaching your employees – who is coaching you? It is almost impossible to coach yourself. How could professional coaching help you to be more effective at your job and move up within your profession?”

“If you are coaching your employees—who is coaching you?”

Brown Bag Lunches

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries hosts a series of brown bag lunches. Most of the brown bags are hosted by downtown law firms, and most are in a go-round format, which means that each attendee will have an opportunity to comment on the topic of the day. Topics will include project planning and management, communicating the value of your service, the value of corporate libraries, library intranet pages, criminal records searching, library statistics, following up, marketing library services to other offices within the firm, and other topics. The brown bags will generally be scheduled for noon on the second Wednesday of each month, but some exceptions will be made to that schedule. For more information, contact [Tracy Leming](#), 303-223-1368 .

Date	Time	Host Name	Host Firm	Topic or Speaker
Nov. 14, 2007	12:00—1:00	Mary Farner	Kutak Rock	‘Tis the Season for CLE Compliance
Jan. 16, 2008	12:00—1:00	Mathew Elisa	Holme Roberts	Preparing for National Library Week
Febr. 20, 2008	12:00—1:00	Mary Clifton	Brownstein Hyatt	Law Firm Mergers from the Librarians’ Perspective
March 12, 2008	12:00—1:00	Holly Pinto	Holland and Hart	TBA
April 16, 2008	12:00—1:00	Margi Heinen	Sherman & Howard	Preparing for Summer Associates
May 14, 2008	12:00—1:00	Patty Wellinger	Westminter Law Library	TBA



Typical brown bag lunch?
Looks way too healthy!

Library Technical Services

by John Moss, Library Technical Services at Holme Roberts & Owen LLP Law Library, Denver, Colorado

Welcome to our new Scuttle column on Technical Services.!

Introduction

Hello, my name is John Moss, Library Technical Services at Holme Roberts & Owen LLP Law Library. I have enjoyed working here since January 1997. HRO's main Library is located in Denver, although we have smaller Libraries in our branch offices, including Colorado Springs, Boulder, Salt Lake City, and San Francisco. CoALL Scuttle's own Mary Killoran is the Reference Librarian in our Colorado Springs Library.

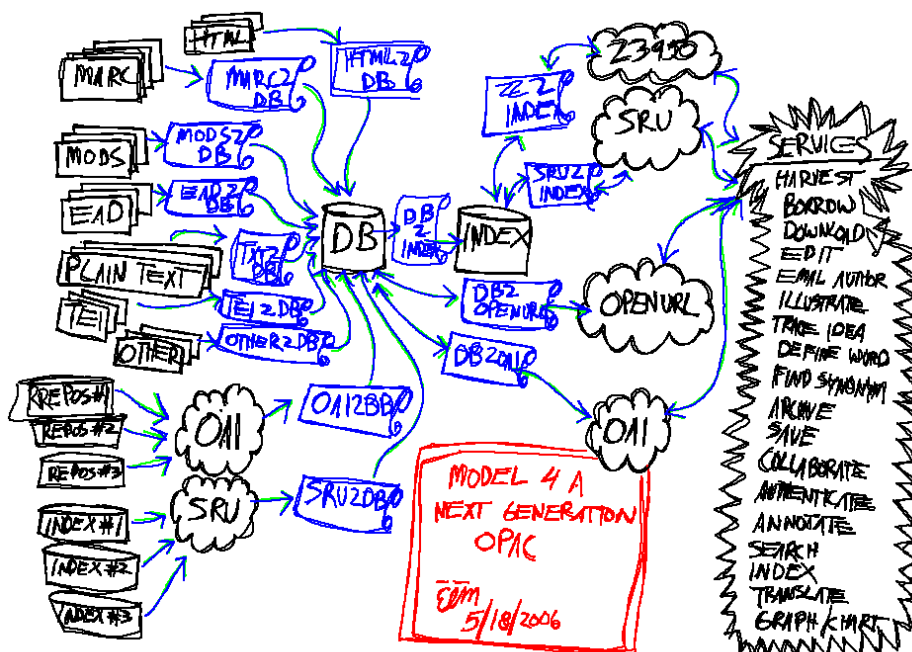
My position has duties ranging from acquisitions and mail check-in to copy-cataloging and intranet editor. The biggest challenge is dealing with vendors. We employ a subscription service to handle the lion's share of our subscriptions, but still need to deal directly with the likes of West, Lexis, and Wolters-Kluwer. This I find to be the biggest challenge. These vendors go through internal sales reps like I go through beer. Every year or two I have to re-train the inside reps to handle our accounts as they have been in the past. I simply refuse to have more than a single contact for any vendor. This rubs many the wrong way, but we are the customer.

This column intends to focus on the unique problems, challenges, and solutions that face the Library Technical Services departments in Law Libraries. Subjects will include, but are not limited to the following:

- Vendors and publishers
- The Next Generation Catalog (NGC)
- Open Source ILS (Integrated Library Systems)
- Library Intranets
- Electronic Resources Management
- RFID in Libraries

I would also like to cover other areas of interest and welcome any help, guidance, or submittals. Please email me at john.moss@hro.com.

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Links of Interest

Evergreen Open ILS

<http://demo.gapines.org/opac/en-US/skin/default/xml/index.xml>

Koha Open ILS

<http://koha.org/>

Next Generation Catalog for Libraries Listserv

<http://dewey.library.nd.edu/mailling-lists/ngc4lib/>

Open ILS Listserv

<http://www.open-ils.org/listserv.php>

Open Source Systems for Libraries

<http://www.oss4lib.org/>

Linux in Libraries

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/linuxinlibraries/?yguid=150322348>

Code 4 Libraries

<http://listserv.nd.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=code4lib&A=1>

I look forward to hearing from any CoALL members interested in pursuing this technology.



A banner with a wood-grain texture. The words "Linux In Libraries" are written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font with a slight drop shadow.

CoALL Reaches Out To Public Librarians, Legal Community

by Martha Camps, Reference Librarian at Holme Roberts & Owen,
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Constitution Day

With the *Spotlight on Your Career* program in the winter, and *BRAG* in the early summer, fall has traditionally been a relatively quiet season for CoALL- but not this year. Through two different programs, one in September and one in early October, CoALL members were involved in two different educational efforts. The first was aimed at helping other librarians understand the basics of legal research, and the second helped publicize the vital role of law firm librarians in the success of their organizations.



Legal Research Boot Camp

"*Legal Research Boot Camp: Finding the Law for your Patrons*" was the first joint program between CoALL and the Colorado Bar Association's Continuing Legal Education office. It grew out of the mutual interest of Sherman & Howard's Jennifer Hammond and the Colorado Bar Association CLE Executive Director Gary Abrams in finding a platform for both organizations to collaborate in such a venture. After

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some initial brainstorming in July by Gary, Jennifer, Karen Selden, Mariann Storck, and Martha Campos, it was decided to present the legal research boot camp on September 17 in honor of Constitution Day to an audience of public and other non-law librarians. We decided to keep it short — under three hours — and to schedule it for early morning, so the participants could be back in their libraries by noon that Monday.

It would not have been possible to put on such an ambitious program in under two months without the support and resources provided by the Bar. They put together the announcement, handled the registrations, provided the classroom, printed the handouts, supplied the refreshments, arranged for the webcast, and obtained our two outside speakers. Rachel Kuipers, our new Publicity Chair, got the word out to all the list serves.

President-elect Bill Walters of the Colorado Bar Association spoke to the issue of unauthorized practice of law, and representatives from Colorado Legal Services talked about their services and the need for them, as well as other resources within the state and the materials available through their website. The rest of the program consisted of Introduction to Legal Research (Martha Campos), Colorado Statutes and Regulations (Alan Pannell), Colorado Case Law (Andrea Hamilton), and 25 (free) Websites in 25 Minutes (Stacey Bowers).

The program was enthusiastically received by the audience of nearly 50 librarians (10 attending via webcast), mostly from public and some from medical libraries, some from as far away as Walsenburg and Salida.

At the close of the program, moderator Mariann Storck informed the audience that CoALL members had volunteered to donate sets of the recently superseded 2006 Colorado Revised Statutes to any library requesting a copy. Mariann coordinated the matching up of public libraries to firm libraries. All told, 15 sets of the state statutes were sent out.

We look forward to more joint ventures with the Bar like this one.

Grateful thanks to all who pitched in and worked so hard to pull this event off!

Professional Legal Management Week Cocktail Party

If you work for a law firm, you probably have read something about [Professional Legal Management Week](#)SM. AALL is a sponsor, along with the ABA Law Practice Management Section, the Association of Legal Administrators, and other related organizations. The objectives of PLMW are to:

- to provide awareness, understanding and education about the legal management profession, and
- to increase knowledge of the diverse roles within the profession.

Locally the Mile High Chapter of the ALA spearheaded efforts to create an event to bring all the sponsoring organizations together during PLMW week. While the original plan for a day of educational seminars was shelved until 2008, a social hour was planned for all the legal management groups to gather to learn more about each others' organizations (ALA, AALL, CALSS, LMA, ILTA, COALSM, and Rocky Mountain Paralegal Association.)

Rachel Kuipers, Margi Heinen and Holly Pinto, who had originally and graciously agreed to serve on a panel presentation about the role of the law firm librarian, in-

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stead staffed the information table at the event in the Ballroom of the Magnolia Hotel on the evening of October 4th, and mingled with the convivial crowd of over 80 representatives from the various groups comprising the disparate field of legal management. Tracy Leming and Martha Campos were also present.

Colorado can be proud of the fact our state was one of the first locations in the country to get these groups together to begin to build some synergy and a basis for further cooperation. Watch for news in the *Scuttle* next summer to see how this event expands in 2008!

Your Little Legal Companion

Book review by Alicia Brillon, Reference Librarian at the University of Colorado, Boulder Law Library

Unlike the majority of Nolo books a law librarian may be familiar with, *Your Little Legal Companion* is not the typical self-help book meant to guide the pro se patron through a legal problem. Rather it is more of an entertaining look at the legal and not-so-legal aspects of many of life's milestone moments, using a top 10 list format for each of the 50 milestone chapters.

For instance, chapter 33 is entitled *Congratulations! You want to run a marathon*. This chapter is a good example of quite a few contained in the book that bear little relation to the title's claim of being a "legal companion," but it is entertaining and informative none-the-less. The top 10 tips include missives about training, buying running shoes, hydration, and "keeping it fun."

Other chapters are more practical and legally-oriented, such as *What's My Name Again?* which deals with being the victim of identity theft. Number 2 on the list is "Call each credit agency" and contact information for each of the 3 major agencies is provided. Number 10 on the list informs the reader that losses due to theft are tax deductible – something I was unaware of, having thankfully never been the victim of identity theft!

A sample of the wide range of topics in other chapters includes:

- going to college
- renting an apartment
- filing your first federal tax return
- when you've had a car accident
- getting fired
- borrowing money
- being a good neighbor
- buying and selling on eBay
- surviving bankruptcy
- starting a band
- adopting a child

Have you run across an interesting or informative resource lately? Write up a little snippet for the newsletter—blogs, tools, books, web sites—we'll take them all!

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- surviving a natural disaster
- becoming a grandparent

As this book is not a formal self-help legal publication, it will be of limited value in a court, firm or academic law library. However, it is a welcome diversion from the typical, more serious fare. Written in understandable and amusing language, some patrons (or even you) may enjoy its light hearted yet practical tips on a wide range of topics. And at a price of just \$9.95 you really can't go wrong!

Upcoming Events

30th Anniversary of the Colorado Consortium of Law Libraries (CCLL) and CoALL

October 25, 2007
5:30AM – 7:30PM
DU Law, Room 412

Annual Holiday Party

December 6, 2007
Sherman & Howard

Spotlight on Your Career

February 23, 2008

Brown Bag Lunches

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