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Happy New Year, 4703!

This is the correct numerical designation for the year 2006, according to the Chinese calendar. This calendar has been in continuous use for centuries and predates our very familiar International Calendar.

When we look at our present time designated by a system that has been around for such a very long time, what strikes us as significant in the past, present and future of our organization? Have we contributed to the advancement of our profession? What are our plans for the future? How can we be a significant part of our limited time in history?

The beginning of a new year is a good time to question our organization strategy, to discuss where we want to be in the future, and to plan to achieve our goals.

Join me in communicating with your CoALL colleagues about our association goals and participating in association activities. And when it comes time to select new leadership, please volunteer and establish your place in history.

From the President,
Kaye Waelde

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Mark your calendars!

February 25, 2006 CoALL will present a new and exciting program called "Spotlight on your Career"

We'll have great panelists discussing authorship and career development/ rejuvenation! Rachel Singer Gordon, author of "the Accidental Library Manager" as well as several other library career books and webmaster of lisjobs.com, will be the keynote speaker.

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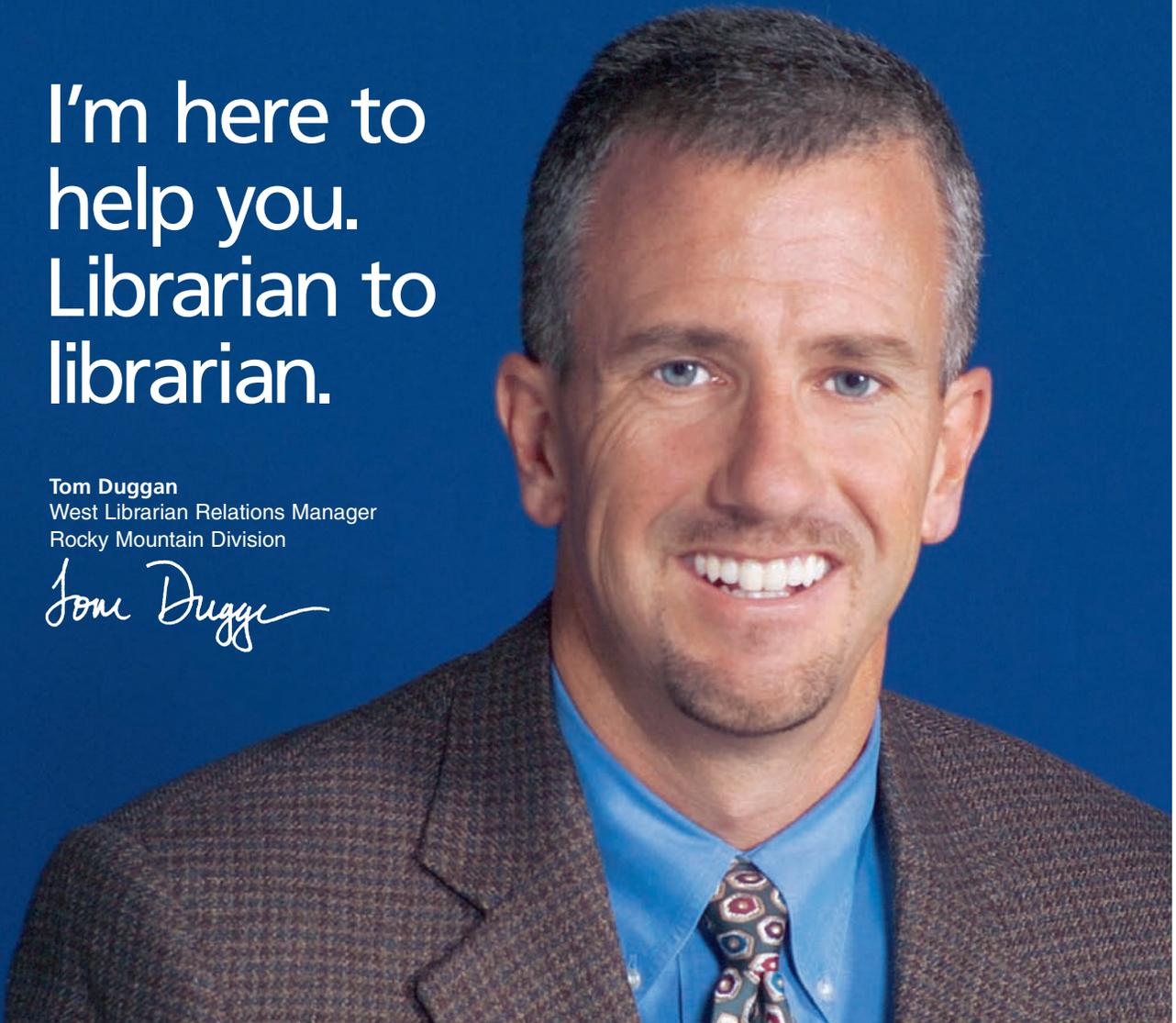
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GOOGLE LAUNCHES NEWSLETTER FOR LIBRARIANS
From Patty Wellinger

In December Google launched a free, online publication, the **GOOGLE LIBRARIAN NEWSLETTER**. The newsletter was conceived at the 2005 American Libraries Association conference in Chicago as a way to answer questions raised by librarians and others who use Google for reference and research. The first issue discusses a frequently-asked question:

"How does Google index the web, and, more important, how does it rank the results?"

To read Google Librarian Newsletter or to subscribe to the email version, go to http://www.google.com/newsletter/librarian/librarian_2005_12/newsletter.html.

Colorado Association of Law Librarians Brown Bag Lunch

By Molly Otto
Senior Librarian
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The first CoALL brown bag lunch for 2006 was held Thursday January 5, 2006, at the Colorado State Capitol. The lunch was hosted by Molly Otto and Gay Roesch, the Colorado Legislative Council (CLC) librarians. There were about 25 librarians who attended the lunch, which was a good turnout.

The lunch program consisted of presentations from three of the four service organizations that serve the Colorado General Assembly. Kirk Mlinek, Director of Legislative Council Staff, described the non-partisan staff responsibilities and services in the areas of research, staffing committee meetings, staff publications and interim studies, and support staff services. Jennifer Gilroy, Revisor of Statutes, discussed the duties of the Office of Legislative Legal Services. Ms. Gilroy addressed the attorney/client relationship within the context of the Colorado General Assembly, while drafting bills, conducting legal research for the legislators and the

public, and reviewing executive rules. John Ziegler, the Director of the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) staff, discussed the role of the JBC in the state budgeting process. Mr. Ziegler pointed out that the state constitution requires Colorado have a balanced budget, which is reviewed annually. This review process requires that each executive department submit budget requests to the JBC, which publishes the approved budgets in the Appropriations Report. The final budget is then enacted by the legislature each year by the "Long Bill." The three presentations were interesting and informative because the attendees asked good questions and offered good suggestions.

After lunch, there were tours of the Capitol renovations and the CLC library. Dan Chapman, Assistant Director-Administration, and Edna Pelzmann, Manager of Visitor Services, conducted tours of the Capitol. Molly Otto and Gay Roesch provided the library tours.

Most of the CoALL attendees had positive feedback on the lunch and program, and they would like it to be an annual event. Several folks expressed they would like a follow-up session on the CLC library

services and resources because time ran short on Thursday. Molly and Gay will schedule a session on the CLC library soon.

Many, many thanks to all who attended and helped make this a successful brown bag lunch, especially Gay Roesch (thanks for the delicious punch); Tom Seward and the Brown Bag committee (thanks for the yummy cookies); Kirk Mlinek, Jennifer Gilroy, John Ziegler, Dan Chapman, and Edna Pelzmann.

CoALL Meets CAL

By Margi Heinen

After the 2005 BRAG (Bridging the Research and Analysis Gap) program for summer clerks, the BRAG committee received an invitation to submit a program proposal for the annual Colorado Association of Libraries conference. Our proposal was accepted for a one hour workshop to be given on November 11, 2005. The BRAG Committee consisting of Andrea Hamilton, Erin Zak, Mariann Storck, Matthew Elisha, Martha Campbell and Margi Heinen came up with a plan for the program and we are happy to report it was very well received.

Andrea and Erin, with help from others, modified our BRAG bibliography of Colorado Legal Materials for the non-law librarian audience. Mariann, Martha and Margi put together the presentation.

We had 15 enthusiastic non-law librarians attend, and between the subject matter and the questions from the audience, the one hour sped by. We are happy to report that the presentation was rated "Very valuable" by 13 of the 15 participants; the other two rated it "Somewhat valuable." Many of the comments asked for a longer session on such an interesting topic.

We hope that we will be able to develop a longer program for presentation to non-law

librarians because this taste of legal research was so well received.

Spotlight on . . . Your Career

By Tracy Leming

The Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) is sponsoring a conference on career development for librarians and other information professionals, "Spotlight on Your Career." The keynote speaker will be Rachel Singer Gordon, who is a consulting editor at ITI Books, the author of several books on library careers and management, and the webmaster of Lisjobs.com.

Ms. Gordon's presentation, "Developing Your 21st-Century Library Career," will cover several ways to keep a library career on track, including publishing, presenting, participating online, keeping current by using technological tools, and building a personal network. She will also offer tips for keeping up, keeping connected, and mapping out a dynamic library career, as well as ideas on keeping the profession moving forward as a whole.

The event will also include coffee and pastries, lunch, and two panel discussions. The first panel will feature an editor from a local publishing company and three well-published librarians discussing authorship as a career enhancement tool or an alternative career for information professionals. The speakers on this panel will include Barbara Bintliff, director of the law library at the University of Colorado; Mary Ellen Bates, an independent information provider; and Michael Sauers, an Internet trainer at the Bibliographic Center for Research (BCR) and a librarian with the Jefferson County library district.

The second panel will feature information professionals with successful careers in a wide variety of environments. These panelists, who will be discussing techniques for career enhancement, will include: Mary Waters, a law firm administrator; Wanda

McDavid, an independent information provider; Nina Platt, law firm library director; Scott Brown, library researcher at Sun Microsystems; Nancy Allen, library director at the University of Denver; and Mary Beth Faccioli, library director at Naropa University.

The conference will be held in the Sturm College of Law, on the University of Denver campus, on Saturday, February 25th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Registration fees will be \$25 before February 15 and \$30 after that date. The registration form is available on the CoALL Web site, <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/coall/spotlight/2005brochure.pdf>, and an announcement has been posted to several listservs, including those for library students at the University of Denver, members of CoALL, librarians in Colorado, and members of the Rocky Mountain Special Libraries Association (RMSLA). An announcement has also been posted to the new AALLNet Calendar, <http://www.aallnet.org/calendar>.

Additional information is available from Jennifer Hammond, jhammond@sah.com, 303-299-8193.

The Spotlight committee is headed by Tom Seward and includes Ann-Marie Wills, Caryl Shipley, Cynthia Kutka, Erin Zak, Jennifer Hammond, Kathy Carlson, Scott Brown, and Tracy Leming. The committee members would like to make the Spotlight conference an annual event, with a new focus each year.

Sunshine Week Teleforum Asks, "Are We Safer in the Dark?"

During the first Monday of Sunshine Week 2006, March 13, several groups will host a national teleforum on open government asking "Are We Safer in the Dark?"

The national panel, broadcast from the National Press Club in Washington, will be

fed via satellite to host locations across the country. Following the national program, those sites will engage in discussions of openness issues particular to their states and communities.

The national panel will be moderated by Geneva Overholser, who holds an endowed chair in the Missouri School of Journalism's Washington bureau. Speakers include Thomas S. Blanton, director of the National Security Archive at George Washington University, and Thomas M. Susman, a partner in the Washington office of Ropes & Gray.

The program is being developed by the American Association of Law Libraries, the American Library Association, the American Society of Newspaper Editors/Sunshine Week, the Association of Research Libraries, the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, the League of Women Voters, the National Freedom of Information Coalition, OpenTheGovernment.org, and the Special Libraries Association.

More information, including details on how to participate, can be found [online here](#).

Colleague Connection 2006

Monday, April 17

Vendor displays: 5:00-6:30 PM
(complimentary beer, wine, and soft drinks during the display time)

Dinner and presentation: 6:30-8:30 PM
The Driscoll Center North - University of Denver

There will be a special price for students. Watch for details.

Featuring: Claire Germain, president of the American Association of Law Librarians and a University of Denver Library and Information Science alumna. See:

<http://www.ccmlnet.org/ColleagueConnection06.html>

AALL/LexisNexis Call For Papers Competition

Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Maybe you just need a push to get started? Whether for fame or fortune, this is your chance to enter the AALL/LexisNexis™ Call for Papers Competition.

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

- **Open Division** for AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience
- **New Members Division** for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years.
- **Student Division** for students in library, information management or law school. (Students need not be members of AALL)

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously donated by LexisNexis, plus the opportunity to present his or her paper at a special program during the AALL Annual Meeting in St. Louis. Winning papers will also be considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, visit the AALL website at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp. **Submissions must be postmarked by March 1, 2006.**

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Chair, Patty Wellinger, pwelling@law.du.edu; Renee Rastorfer, rrastorf@law.usc.edu or Ed Greenlee, egreenle@law.upenn.edu

Colorado Association of Law Libraries
Board Meeting
October 11, 2005, 8:00 a.m.
Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll

Board members in attendance: Kaye Waelde (President), Martha Campbell (Immediate Past President), Tom Seward (Vice-President/President-Elect), Shannon Vivic (Secretary), Jennifer Hammond (Treasurer), Ann-Marie Wills (Member at Large)

Other members in attendance: Mary Killoran, editor of The Scuttle

President Kaye Waelde called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Kaye reported that she recently attended the AALL Education Summit and had a very positive experience at this event. The summit was convened to help AALL identify its strategies for providing continuing education and professional development opportunities (other than the annual meeting programs) for law librarians.

The attendees were charged with identifying the educational roles and responsibilities of AALL, its special interest sections, and its individual chapters.

The educational roles identified for AALL were to act as a clearinghouse for professional development; to provide grants and other incentives for the development of programs; to provide technical assistance for educational programs, and to repackage and distribute annual meeting materials to members who aren't able to attend.

The roles identified for special interest sections were to develop content and programs relevant to the section and to monitor and convey to AALL the educational needs of the section.

Roles identified for chapters were to strive to provide local content and programs, to partner with local resources, and to provide AALL with information about local and individual member needs.

Kaye noted that the Colorado chapter is not the smallest chapter of AALL and that some chapters struggle to do anything at all for their members. Considering its size, the Colorado chapter is doing relatively well in providing educational programs for its members.

After discussing the Education Summit, Kaye reported that she has asked webmaster Theresa Leming to remove the automatic membership submission form from the COALL web site. The form was causing some confusion and extra work, since the web site didn't have an online payment feature and payment had to be mailed in separately. In the future, the form will be available to be printed from the web site and sent in with the payment of dues.

Treasurer Jennifer Hammond reported that the Colorado chapter has 91 members right now. Although some of those are life members who would not owe annual dues, the chapter has more than 80 paid members right now.

The chapter's insurance payment is due on October 20th, and Kaye asked whether the bylaws need to be amended to require members to pay their dues by a certain date so that the chapter isn't paying insurance for members who haven't paid.

Immediate past president Martha Campbell noted that in the past the chapter usually pays insurance for a couple of extra members (in addition to the total number of paid members), since some people submit their dues payments after the insurance payment is due.

Kaye reported that AALL President Claire Germaine has committed to visiting the Colorado chapter in April 2006. The dates originally proposed for her visit, the 10th and 11th, weren't viable as there wasn't availability at the University of Denver on those dates. Kaye is waiting to hear from Claire on the dates that she will be available in April. The hope is to be able to coordinate Claire's visit with the Colleague Connection event, since other regional library associations have offered to help with the cost of Claire's visit if she speaks at this event.

Scuttle editor Mary Killoran reported that it's almost time to publish the Scuttle again. Both Lexis and Westlaw are still advertising in the Scuttle. They remain the only advertisers and they are paying the same rates that they paid the previous year.

After her report, Mary mentioned that David and Karen Selden had expressed interest in the chapter starting a book discussion group. Various board members brought up books that might be appropriate for a possible discussion group, and there was some discussion about how such a book group might be conducted.

Afterward, Kaye told the board that Erin Zak has volunteered to update COALL's promotional materials. The board discussed the types of promotional materials needed, and Martha suggested that the chapter authorize Erin to order notepads and pens.

Martha said that the chapter shouldn't authorize the printing of t-shirts until someone solicited orders from members and made sure that there would be enough orders to justify the cost.

Various board members discussed whether the chapter needed a new banner, and Martha noted that the chapter's old banner had been lost several years ago.

Members discussed whether the chapter should have a tablecloth as well as a banner, and there weren't any objections to the chapter purchasing both items, although the purchase of a multipurpose item that could serve both purposes was deemed acceptable, as well.

The board unanimously voted to authorize the purchase of COALL pens, notepads, as well as a banner and a tablecloth, or a multipurpose item that could serve both purposes. The board did not approve the printing of new t-shirts at this time, but may revisit that issue in the future.

Vice President Tom Seward presented on behalf of library school liaison Patty Wellinger about library school activities. Among the activities reported:

- Patty sent an article on AALL/COALL and law librarianship to the University of Denver (to be published in the fall issue of the student newsletter) and to Emporia. Mary Killoran may also include this article in the next issue of the Scuttle if there is enough space.
- Goldie Burton was part of a panel at the University of Denver titled "From Library School to Library Land" on October 1st.
- Patty used the COALL listserv to send information to members about hosting practicums (100 hours) or service learning projects (60 hours) during the upcoming year. Interested

librarians can contact Clair Sitter, University of Denver School of Library and Information Science, at csitter@du.edu or 303-871-3587.

- Westminster Law Library is planning to host a library tour for students in January 2006.
- As the chair of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee, Patty sent flyers on the competition to both library schools serving Colorado.

Following Tom's presentation, Jennifer updated the chapter on its current financial situation (see the treasurer's report included below).

In addition, Jennifer discussed the progress of the COALL Institute planning committee. She noted that the committee has had several good meetings to discuss the content of the Institute.

Before they continued with their planning efforts, however, they wanted to know how much money they could spend on a speaker for the event. The committee hopes to make this event unique and is trying to obtain a speaker who is nationally known in the library field.

After some discussion about the cost of obtaining a well-known speaker, the board voted unanimously to approve funding of \$3,000 for the institute, with tentative approval for more funding, if needed.

The board discussed the budget for this year's holiday party, as well. Jennifer reported that the amount of money spent on the holiday party had varied widely from year to year.

Tom asked whether the board wanted to carry on the tradition of having a holiday party. Martha noted that new members are introduced to the chapter during the holiday party, and the party provides a nice opportunity for existing members to get to know any new members. Other board members expressed their desire to continue holding the holiday party, as it gives them a chance to socialize with colleagues that they don't see on a regular basis. There was some preliminary discussion about possible venues for the event.

The meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Colorado Association of Law Libraries
Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Hammond
Meeting October 11, 2005

08/01/05-08/31/05

Beginning Balance: 08/01/2005 \$6,692.24

Funds Received:

Membership Dues	665.00
Scuttle Ad	60.00
Bank Reimbursement	2.40
Bank Account Interest	<u>.28</u>
	\$7,419.92

Funds Paid out:

Analysis Service Charge	\$.40
Supplies (ledger, bank bags)	<u>19.35</u>
Total	\$ 19.75

Ending Balance: 08/31/05 \$7,400.17

Not yet cleared

9/16 - \$105 deposit

9/30 \$60 deposit

To be deposited: \$120 dues

9/16 \$16.40 check to U.S.P.S. for re-key of PO Box and additional key

Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) presents:

Spotlight on... Your Career

Join Us

Saturday, February 25, 2006

8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Who: Librarians and other information professionals and students

**Where: University of Denver Sturm College of Law,
home of the Westminster Law Library
2255 East Evans Avenue • Denver, CO 80208**

Parking: <http://law.du.edu/library/location.cfm>

Experienced librarians, authors, and editors discuss career planning and alternatives, interesting and cutting edge moves librarians are taking with their careers, and authorship as a career change or enhancement.

Keynote Speaker:

Rachel Singer Gordon
Consulting Editor and Author

Author Panel:

Barbara Blintiff
Library Director, CU Law
Mary Ellen Bates
Bates Information Services
Gregory Smith
Editorial Director, Bradford
Michael Sauers
Internet Trainer, BCR

Career Panel:

Mary Waters
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Wanda McDavid
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