

SCUTTLE

FROM OUR ACTING PRESIDENT...

Georgia Briscoe



Greetings Colleagues!

Since this is my first message to you I would like to make it worth your while to read. I reluctantly admit that I seldom take time to read the messages from organizational leaders that are delivered in newsletters. I have three general excuses for this bad behavior: first I'm a slow reader and I just can't read everything that comes across my desk, second, my workload is plenty full and therefore I don't have much time to devote to professional reading, and third, these messages generally are tidbits of what occurred recently or is about to happen in the organization. So, since I have to write this (or our editor will have my head on the chopping block) I want to say something that won't be published elsewhere in the *SCUTTLE* and more importantly, something that will be worth your while to read.

First, please indulge me with a quick BIG THANK YOU to Linda Rose and Lois Calvert who hosted two of our three fall meetings. Also, a BIG THANKS to Mary Williams who gave us wonderful programs last year as Vice President and got us started this year. Mary's former firm was downsized and we are all glad to know that she found a new one at Brownstein Hyatt.

Perhaps some of you read *Searcher: The*

Magazine for Database professionals.

Barbara Quint (BQ) is the editor. I have never met BQ or heard her speak but I've been told she is excellent and I believe it because her column in this excellent journal is one I try to read when it comes across my desk. Therefore, lacking any pearls of wisdom of my own this day, let me share a couple lessons of Barbara's which make great sense to me as a busy law librarian.

- Lesson 1: **LEARN AND KEEP LEARNING.** This should be a natural for all of us in the fast changing world of legal information. Yet, I readily admit that hardly a day goes by that I don't wish the world would slow down. It's not only that information increases so fast, it's the technology to access it that gives me insecurity. Just when I figure out one procedure or database, it changes! BQ says, "We don't have to necessarily master the technological jargon, but we have to understand changes in

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Linda Rose

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A few words from our Acting President

functionality and the language used to describe it. Most of all we have to watch for the differences between the old and the new."

- **Lesson 2: MOVE IT OR LOSE IT.** BQ reminds us of the management fact, "I don't want to be first, but I don't want to be last." My preference is to be on the "leading" edge of technology and librarianship, but not the "bleeding" edge. I've found this is possible if: 1.) I have enough time to devote to learning and implementing the new process or procedure, 2.) I have the support of my boss and my staff, and/or 3.) I can hire knowledgeable librarians and staff to make the changes and teach the rest of us. The example BQ points us to are the changes in the NET which occur usually on a two to three year time line. The next major change she predicts is the NET converging with television. Whether this is WebTV or through cable companies, it will effect us as informational professionals. I concede, I haven't even started to consider this move. However, if we keep our library website and our bibliographic database up to date, clean, and useful, and if we are

successful in anticipating and meeting the expectations expectations of our patrons I think we will be in the best position to "move" rather than lose".

See you at the next CoALL Meeting,
Georgia

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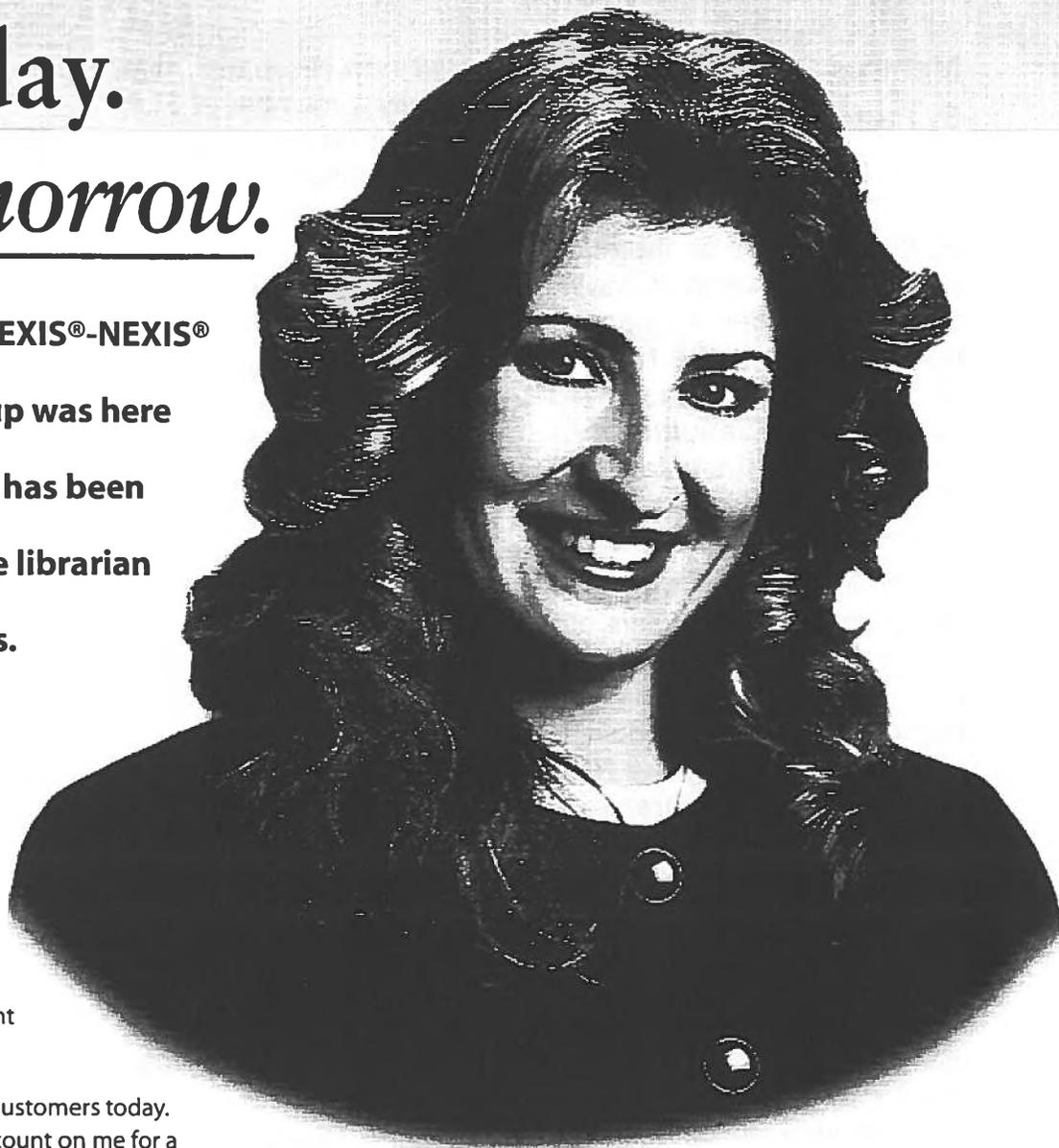
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Member Spotlight

By Patty Wellinger

This month the Member Spotlight focuses on the husband and wife team of David and Karen Selden. David is a law librarian at the Native American Rights Fund / National Indian Law Library, while Karen is the catalog librarian at the University of Colorado Law Library.

Prior to coming to NARF, David worked for 10 years as a research specialist / law librarian for a law firm in New Hampshire. His current duties include overseeing the National Indian Law Library as well as the NARF attorney library. This includes administrative functions, collection development, electronic research training and reference. The National Indian Law Library has recently developed a new mission and strategic plan which includes making their catalog and specialized full-text documents (tribal codes, constitutions, decisions & pleadings) available via the Internet.

David has a bachelor's degree in music education from Appalachian State University in North Carolina. He stumbled onto librarianship as a way to shift career directions and originally planned to be an academic reference librarian. David enjoys teaching and helping researchers

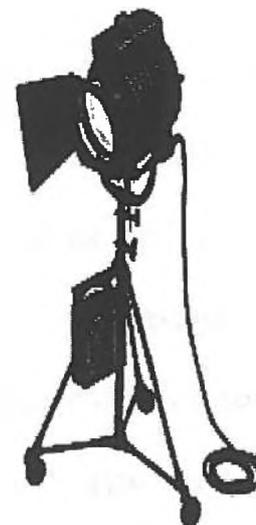
discover new resources. He is currently a member of SLA and the American Indian Library Association.

As the cataloging librarian at CU, Karen is responsible for original cataloging, authority control and organizing the cataloging workflow. Karen has a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Penn. State. While working as a Head Start teacher, Karen also worked part-time in the Concord Public Library's children's room. This sparked her interest in a library career and subsequently she worked there as a circulation supervisor before working as a serials supervisor at the Franklin Pearce Law Center library. She moved into cataloging while working on her library degree and after graduation took a job as the librarian at a private high school in New Hampshire.

Karen is also a member of AALL, ALA, CLA & SWALL. The Seldens are not shy about getting involved! Both Karen and David have volunteered to work on the CoALL/SWALL conference helping to organize pre-registration packets and post-conference activities. They are planning to participate in the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Karen is going to help team teach a workshop on the use of the 856 field for cataloging Inter-

net resources. David has been asked to serve on a panel discussing Indian business law.

Both Karen and David enjoy running and have run the Boston Marathon twice. They also like to hike, snowshoe and cross-country ski, which makes them ideal residents for their new home in Lyons, Colorado. Please join me in welcoming Karen & David to CoALL!



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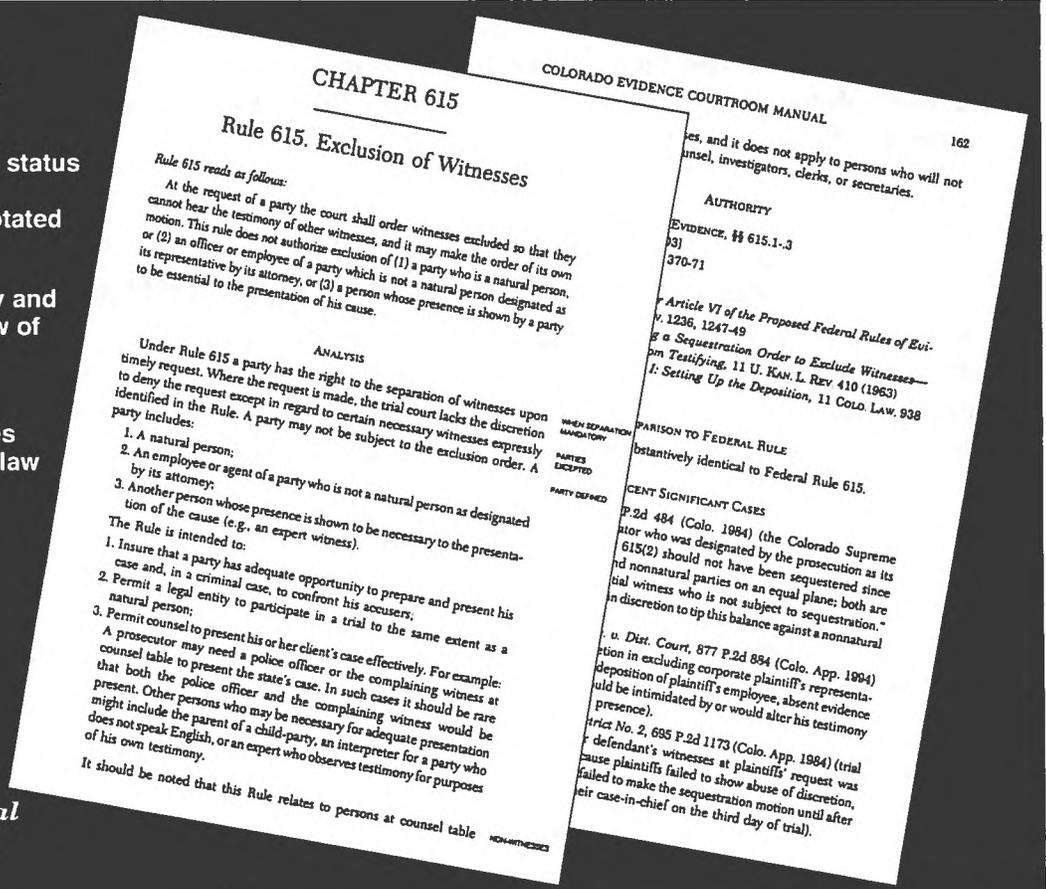
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In Case You Missed It ... Net Links

Martha Keister

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Here are a few Internet sites which might have escaped your notice. They are not necessarily new nor are they completely in the legal field. If you have suggestions for new and/or interesting sites, please send me a quick email or phone with your suggestion (s). These are listed in alphabetical order, not necessarily the order of most interest!

1. Contents Pages from Law Reviews and Other Scholarly Journals

http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/tallons/content_search.html

Use this free service, from the University of Texas Tarleton Law Library, for very current contents from more than 750 journals. It is updated daily and only journal issues received during the last three months are listed. It is divided into two groups: those published in the United States and those published outside the United States. There is a listing of periodicals included for each category.

2. Documents Service Center, Columbia University Libraries

<http://www.cc.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/dsc/readyref.html>

Here we have a subject arrangement with links to frequently used depository document titles at the Columbia University Libraries. Titles are available in various formats including print, microfiche, web, and/or CD-ROM. You will have a number of these in print in your library and links individually book-marked. They are all located in one convenient place here.

3. Immigration and Naturalization Service

<http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>

Forms and regulations are available here, in a format easily accessible by practitioners, employers and foreign visitors.

4. The Law Engine!

<http://www.fastsearch.com/law/>

Well-organized and easy to use webpage which includes most major legal links. It was created by Goldberger & Associates, a La Jolla, California, law firm.

5. Library Philosophy and Practice

<http://www.uidaho.edu/~mbolin/lp&p.htm>

This electronic journal publishes refereed reports of "successful, innovative, or experimental

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AALL TO PRESENT VIDEOCONFERENCE ON CUSTOMER SERVICE

Customer Service is the theme of the American Association of Law Libraries'

(AALL) Satellite Videoconference to be held on April 15, 1998 from 10-11:30 a.m. This videoconference is part of AALL's continuing efforts to maximize professional development opportunities at national, regional, and local levels. Arrangements are underway to present this program to CoALL members at the Auraria Library...watch for more details on the CoALL listserv!

The program speakers will be Darlene Weingand, professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) and faculty director of SLIS Continuing Education Services, and Pat Wagner, owner and principal of Pattern Research, a 24-year old research and training firm in Denver, Colorado.

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In Case You Missed It... Net Links

library procedures, methods, or projects in all areas of librarianship, including both public and technical services." The first volume includes articles on collection development, technology infrastructure and legal research instruction for law students.

6. National Conference of State Legislatures

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

The conference, located in the Denver Post Building!, is a membership organization for state lawmakers and legislative staffers. However, portions of their materials are posted to this site which may be accessed by all of us. The issue reports change weekly and currently include subjects such as the tobacco settlement, smart transportation and hog farms. There are also links to state legislatures.

7. A Web of On-line Dictionaries

<http://www.facstaff.bucknell.edu/rbeard/diction.html>

This is a link to 800 dictionaries in 150 different languages. The foreign students at DU loved to hear about it! The site includes on-line dictionaries, thesauri and other works containing words and phrases.•

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AALL GRANTS FOR NEWER MEMBERS

Grants covering registration costs are available to enable newer members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. The purpose of the grants is to assist librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Applications can be obtained from ALLNET (www.aallnet.org), as a return fax from AALL's fax-on-demand service (908-544-5901) or by contacting AALL headquarters (312-939-4764 or email:aallhq@aall.org).

Application deadline is April 1. Contact Grants Committee Chair Carol Watson at the University of Georgia School of Law (706-542-7365 or email cwatson@uga.edu) if you need more information.

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COALL/SWALL Joint Annual Meeting Overview

Please join your colleagues at the Colorado and Southwestern Association of Law Libraries Joint Annual Meeting, April 8-10, 1998, Adams Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

Wednesday, April 7, *"Life in the Fast Lane: Working at the Speed of Change"* will be presented in a pre-conference program. This program will provide all librarians with a structured approach to developing resilience during change. Participants learn how to maintain high levels of productivity during times of ambiguity, remain physically and emotionally healthy while struggling with uncertainty and rebound from the demands of change

stronger than before.

The opening luncheon speaker on April 8 will be **Judge Richard P. Matsch** of the U. S. District Court, District of Colorado. The programs on Thursday include *"Legal Research for the Non-law Librarian," "From Concept to Cover: How Publishing Works"* and *"The Internet and Its Impact on Technical Services."* The social event on Thursday evening is the reception at The Museum of Natural History.

Friday begins with the Annual Breakfast Meeting of the two associations with an update from Margie Axtmann of the American Association of Law Libraries. The programs on Friday include *"Intranets," "Providing Quality Customer Service," "Web Search Engines,"*

"Comparing Citators," "Perspectives of Information Vendors" and *"Law of the Internet."* The keynote address topic is Y2K Legal. Dinner on your own Friday will be an excellent opportunity to explore downtown Denver, including LoDo, Larimer Square and the new Denver Pavilions shopping and entertainment center.

Saturday program offerings are *"Cross Cultural Library Experiences," "Printing Control: Who is Doing What?" "Tax Research,"* and *"Brightening the New Horizon: Use of Humor."* Please join us for an exciting meeting in Denver with library tours, social events, outdoor activities, time with friends and an enriching educational experience. Registration packets will be mailed in January. •



February-July 1999 CoALL PROGRAMS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

WHEN:	WHAT:	HOST:
February 18, 4:30	Barbara Bintliff: Training Lawyers for the 21 st Century	Mary Waters at Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingerstoll
April 8-10	Joint CoALL/SWALL Institute	Martha Campbell, Chair of Local Arrangements, Adam's Mark Hotel
June 17, 4:30	Annual Meeting and visit to American Alpine Club's new library in Golden	Gay Roesch, AAC

BARBARA BINTLIFF PRESENTS:

LEGAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21st CENTURY

February 18, 1999

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Barbara Bintliff, Director of the Law Library and Associate Professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law School, will present the **CoALL Winter Program** on a timely topic to all CoALL members. Whether we deal with students of legal education on a daily basis in a law school, or get the results of that education in our law firms or court libraries, we will all benefit if future practitioners and scholars of law receive excellent, thorough and practical training.

Barbara teaches Advanced Legal Research at the University of Colorado and has published widely. Her invited address as CU Law School's 21st Annual Austin Scott Lecturer in 1996 titled, "From Creativity to Computerese: Thinking Like a Lawyer in the Computer Age" won wide acclaim and was published in *Law Library Journal*.

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Legislative Scoop

Druet Cameron Klugh

Go A'Courtin'

It's that time again....time for the new Colorado legislators to take their seats. And it's time for us to reconnect with them. The new legislative session begins Wednesday, January 6, 1999. If you have a newly elected representative or senator, contact their office and introduce yourself. Find out what issues are of interest to your legislators, and let them know they will be hearing from you on library issues. And if you don't have any new legislators, get reacquainted with your "old faithfuls" and engage their attention. Invite them to your library; find out what their interests are, and bring new books to their attention when they're in town.

If you don't know who your state legislators are, contact your county clerk's office. If you prefer the Internet, go to: <http://www.vote-smart.org/>, then enter your 9-digit zip code, and be sure to click on the links for "1998 Candidates" to see who won the election.

"A Dollar Does It" is the slogan for the state funding initiative. Since Colorado is one of the few states that does not fund its public libraries at the state level, we are trying to change that. The minimum funding level would be \$5,000, and County Equalization Grants would be merged with State Funding monies when distributed. The CLA Legislative Committee, with the help of its lobbyists, is seeking to find appropriate sponsors for the initiative bill in the House and Senate. Watch the CLA web page at <http://www.cla-web.org/legis.htm> for further information. If your legislator becomes a sponsor, we will need your help! More information about the State Funding initiative can be obtained from Rick Ashton, State Funding Chair, Denver Public Library, 10 West 14th Avenue Parkway, Denver, CO 80204, work: (303)640-6128, fax: (303)640-6143, e-mail: rashton@denver.co.lib.us.



Congratulations and welcome back to Mary Williams!

Mary is the new librarian at Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber and Strickland, P.C. Her new address is:
410 Seventeenth St., Suite 2200 Denver, CO 80202
and can be reached at 303-534-6335 ext. 220 by phone or email at mwilliams@bhfs.com.

Colleague Connection Report

JoAn Segal

Virtual reference service. With the tremendous increase in the number of reference sources available, both in traditional and electronic format, the skills of reference service are even more important than when we had fewer and only manual tools to serve our clients.

Practical pointers on handling requests coming in in various forms: in person, by phone, mail, e-mail; how to conduct

a reference interview in each of these media. Multiple points of view -- panelists from types of libraries represented in the Prez Group. Presentation by a library school faculty member on the psychology of information exchange, understanding the information user.

Opportunity to give patrons a better concept of the role of the librarian in the information seeking and knowledge management environment.

A lecture followed by panel discussion (discussants from public, school, law, medical, and other special libraries) then q&a. Possibly an opportunity to practice behaviors in a role-play or on-line interaction/simulation.

Date: Monday, March 15

Place: University of Denver's Driscoll hall.

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Legal Education for the 21st Century

Here is a stimulating excerpt from the article:

Neil Postman, author of Amusing Ourselves to Death and Technopoly, postulates that the uncertainty in society caused by too much information has caused citizens to turn to the courts for stability and coherence. It is ironic that the same problem of too much information is causing the legal profession to change the very process that has contributed so much to stability and coherence. We need the storage power of computers. Their ability to retrieve specific and unique information is invaluable. But are we ready to so thoroughly and most likely permanently, rearrange our thought processes by a wholesale adoption of computerized research, given the potential consequences?

Please join our host, Mary Waters, for a challenging and thought provoking presentation by one of the leaders in our profession.

Georgia Briscoe

**CLA/CEMA
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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 1999**

Learn about the latest legislative issues of concern to librarians...the status of the State Funding initiative...successful advocacy techniques. Meet your colleagues and lunch with your legislators. Tour the Denver Public Library. Register on the Internet at the CLA web page: <http://www.cla-web.org/legis.htm> or contact Druet Cameron Klugh at 303-866-0444 or klughd@hro.com

CLA/CEMA Legislative Workshop/Luncheon Library Tour Form
for
Tour of the Denver Public Library
February 17, 1999

After the CLA/CEMA Legislative workshop and luncheon, the Denver Public Library is offering a tour of the Central Library. Come see the Children's Library, the Western History room and the expanded adult reading area.

The tour takes approximately 50 minutes. The tour will be from 2-3 p.m. on February 17. Tours are limited to 20 people per tour, we just need to know how many tour guides to plan for. If you won't know until the day of the workshop, please talk to us, and we'll work to accommodate you.

The tour is open to you and any guests or family members who have come to Denver with you.

Please sign up if your are interested. We would love to show you our Central Library.

Yes, I/we would like a tour. Name _____

There will be _____ people in our party.

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INTERNET LIBRARIAN '98 CONFERENCE REPORT

Sheila Green

Westminster Law Library

University of Denver College of Law

I attended a majority of training-oriented programs so I could get ideas on how to improve the basic Internet hands-on classes I teach.

1. Training and the Web: Marya Place, Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP and Amy F. Lannon, Bingham Dana, LLP set up an internet instruction program for law firm lawyers covering core law sites, a glossary, URLs, domains, navigating and reading/evaluating results.

Laurie Rotman, Manager, Technical Information Center, C.S. Draper Laboratory, Inc., presented an introduction to Netscape and search engines, government resources, company resources, and virtual reference to her engineering company staff. She recommended Search Engine Watch (<http://www.SearchEngineWatch.com/>) and Internet Training (<http://rs.internic.net/nic-suppoot/15min/>), books, journals, and

2. Net Service for "Dummies" and Supersearchers: Reva Basch, Aubergine Information Services, just completed Researching Online for Dummies. Her research covered Online Public Access Catalogs (OPACs), digital libraries, and open and gated (Web sites that required registration and/or fees) databases services. She found new and enhanced search engines, migration of traditional online services to the Web, and a greater variety of high-quality, reliable source materials on the Internet.

She recommends sources that aggregate or clump search tools, subject collections, publications by type, and specialized information such as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) or human experts. Basch thinks the greatest drawback to Web research is a lack of aggregation: useful resources are scattered all over the Web down to the individual document level. She views search engines as aggregation because a set of search results represents clumping of information on a given topic, but warns us of imperfection: coverage is not as deep or as comprehensive as searchers need. She was pleased that aggregation is underway on the Web through:

- Channels—Internet search categories(<http://www.go2net.com>)
- Metasites—sites that provide free access links to other Web sites (<http://www.totalnews.com/>)
- Web rings—related sites that agree to be linked (<http://www.palmcentral.com/webring.html>), and
- Guru sites such as the Internet Beatles Page (www.primenet.com/~dhaber/blinks.html).
- Branded sites—core group of related sites accessible on a site through content links (<http://www.quote.com/>) Her favorite branded collections are InSite (<http://www.insite.dbc.com/>), National Library of Medicine (NLM)(<http://www.nlm.nih.gov/>), Patent & Trade Office (<http://uspto.gov/>), Lexis-Nexis Academic Universe (<http://www.web.lexis-nexis.com/universe>), Dialog (<http://www.dialog.com/>), Dow Jones Interactive (<http://ip.dowjones.com>), Electric Library (<http://www.elibrary.com/s/edumark/>), and Northern Light (<http://northernlight.com>).

3. Pav or Play: Decisions on Web Expenditures:

Mary Ellen Bates, Bates Information Services, recommends using the Internet as a starting point to test search strategies: experiment with search terms, identify buzz words, and try acronyms. Remember the Net has a memory of 2.2 years.

- Ready reference questions: The Internet Public Library (<http://iopl.lub.lu.se/>) and LookUpUSA (<http://www.lookupusa.com>);
- Pointers to experts, associations: MediaFinder (<http://www.mediafinder.com>).
- Government databases: EDGAR (www.sec.gov/edgarhp.htm).
- Patent databases: IBM (www.patents.ibm.com/ibm.html); competitive sources.

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Results of 1998 CoALL Survey

PROGRAM PLANNING

- It was suggested that we make the information on our mentoring program more available. We could provide information regarding the mentoring program and those who offered to mentor on our CoALL web site.

- We received suggestions for future programs and there was strong support for CoALL to fund the programs as opposed to individuals paying a fee.

- There was strong interest in an ongoing workshop for developing public speaking skills and support for CoALL

to budget funds to support this.

RESOURCE SHARING

- 13 of the 18 respondents we interested in creating a union list of general library holdings. 10 of the 13 were willing to pay a fee for this. The amount they were willing to pay ranged from \$25 - \$300.

MARKETING

- There was a lot of support for participation in other association meetings, (i.e. ALA, CLA, ARMA), through exhibits and speeches. Many favored creating a CoALL speakers bureau to be available for these types

of events.

- These was strong support for some type of gathering/reception with library students to promote CoALL and law librarianship. It was suggested that we would have a holiday reception with them.

GENERAL

- The general consensus was that the purpose of CoALL is to promote the profession of law librarianship, education and networking.

****We received 18 responses to the 1998 CoALL Survey****



AALL STARS

Sandy Marz, Awards Chair

I've been lucky to have been involved in many AALL activities over the years and have gotten to know many of the members. I'm always amazed at how many talented professionals are in this group, people with true star quality. We all know stars and this is your opportunity to recognize these stars either for their contributions to AALL or to the organizations where they work by nominating them for one of the following awards. These awards will be presented at the next annual meeting in Washington, DC.

The JOSEPH L. ANDREWS BIBLIOGRAPHICAL AWARD recognizes a significant contribution to legal bibliographical literature. The nominated work may be a book, pamphlet, periodical contribution or publication in some other form. Only works published during the 1998 calendar year are eligible for consideration. The work need not be prepared by a

law librarian or a member of AALL. Legal bibliographical literature is broadly defined and is not limited by the author's use or nonuse of the term "bibliography" in the title of the work. Submit as complete a description as possible (it is not necessary to submit a copy of the work). The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1999. Send nominations to Grace Mills, Chair, Andrews Award Subcommittee, North Carolina Central University School of Law Library, 1512 S. Alston Ave. Durham, North Carolina 27707 Fax 919-560-5321

The MARION GOULD GALLAGHER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD is presented in recognition of extended and sustained service to law librarianship, exemplary service to the Association, or contributions to the professional literature. Nominees are those who are or have been members of AALL and who are near or at the end of their careers. The Award may be given posthumously. Nominations should include either additional supporting letters or

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· Images: read Paula Berinstein's [Finding Images Online: Online User's Guide to Image Searching in Cyberspace](#), c1996.

Bates uses the Net as a research tool: try competitive intelligence, company sites, job ads, listservs, and product information. She has been successful in researching the Internet with indexed fuzzy matching, an approximate search technology that can sort through alternative spellings or abbreviations, misclassifications and misspellings. When standard matching fails, the fuzzy searching technique throws out special characters and spaces then figures out how many edit operations it would take to make two strings match.

She suggests paying for Internet research for value-added search engines, searching multiple sources simultaneously, high-value information that are not free, pre-1997 information, validated/ongoing sources by author, and patron expectations. Her Net survival tips include: building a small bookmark file, learning two or three search engines well, maintaining current copies of plug-ins, and watching for vendors who can sell directly to you.

Steve Coffman, Librarian at County of Los Angeles Public Library runs FYI, a fee-based reference service. He wrestles with problems that other Internet librarians and Webmasters face such as multiple locations (88), budgeting, staffing, turnaround time pressures.

Coffman recommends the Internet Public Library (<http://ilp.lub.lu.se/>), a 24-hour continual service that supplies personal reference service.

4. Getting to the Good Stuff: How to Find Quality Material:

Marylaine Block, Associate Director for Public Services, O'Keefe Library, St. Ambrose University, warns the Web is not likely to be of help with history/bibliography (look in books) or scholarly studies (look in scholarly journals). The Net does pictures, audio, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and government information brilliantly. For reference sources online, try Usenet and listservs. Usenet can be used as library.

Block's principles of selection for Best Information on the Net were from an ethical and social service orientation.

-Gleason Sackman's Net Happenings (<http://www.mid.net:80:NET/>) monitors 150 lists and newsgroups.

-Jenny's Cybrary to the Stars (<http://www.wwa.com/~jyahawk/>) new sites of special interest to librarians reviewed every day.

-Scout Report (<http://scout.cs.wise.edu/scout/>) the best resources on the Internet.

-Choice <http://www.ala.org/acrl/choice/home/html> for Web site reviews.

Gary Price, George Washington University, Virginia Campus, links his Web site to tools that serve as a virtual acquisition shelf for information professionals.

· Try alternative browsers: Opera (<http://www.operasoftware.com/>) or Lynx (<http://lynx.browser.org/>) for faster loading.

· Use the Net as a directory:

-current awareness (e-mail).

-monitor listserv (CARR Prspct-L).

-Librarian's Guide to the Internet from Carole Leita (<http://sunsite.Berkeley.EDU/InternetIndex/>).

-Internet Research News - Copper Sky (<http://www.coppersky.com/ongir/news/index.html>).

-Botspot (<http://botspot.com/main.html>).

· Other recommendations: Tracerlock (<http://www.peacefire.org/tracerlock/info.html>) and The Informant (<http://informant.dartmouth.edu/>) monitor search engines and notify users of new matches for their search terms.

-Direct Search (<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/direct/html/>) for individual sites; takes care of search engine limitations; not all search engines have the ability to retrieve information.

-Javelink (<http://www.javelin.com/>) and Daily Diffs (<http://www.dailydiffs.com/>) monitor changes on Web pages.

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the names of other persons to contact for further information concerning the nominee. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 1999. Nominations with accompanying documentation should be sent to Carol Parris, Gallagher Award Subcommittee Chair, Reference/Research Services Librarian, University of Kentucky College of Law Library, 620 South Limestone, Lexington, KY 40506-0048.

The LAW LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS AWARD (LLP) CELEBRATE YOUR SUCCESSES! – Elated! Great! These are the words last year's winners of the Law Library Publications Award use to describe their feelings when told they had won the award. The Law Library Publications Award honors achievement in creating in-house print or non-print library materials that are outstanding in quality and significance. Rissa Peckar, of Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, received the print award for her library's 1997 Summer Associates Manual. After hearing of the award, she promptly notified her supervisor. The good news quickly made its way up the management tree and soon a congratulatory e-mail was sent throughout the firm.

The non-print award was given to Cornell University for the Cornell Law Library Web Site. Claire Germaine is justifiably proud of being part of the group that contributed to it and the LLP award will be listed as one of the Cornell University Library system awards, as well as being mentioned in the Cornell Law Alumni magazine. What a wonderful morale boost!

Wouldn't you like to receive an award that you could use with your management to demonstrate how effective and useful your in-house publications are to your patrons? If so, please consider submitting it for the Law Library Publications Award. The application packet can be found on AALLNET, under the Member Services section, or you may receive a copy by contacting the LLP subcommittee Chair, Amy Eaton at (206) 626-6000 or amy.eaton@stokeslaw.com.

The AALL/WEST LEGAL DIRECTORY EXCELLENCE IN MARKETING AWARD (EIM) honors outstanding achievement in public relations activities. The EIM award is distinguished from the LLP award by the requirement that EIM entries include an explanation of the goal of the promotional material or activity, how the entry was used to achieve the goal, and the response of the target audience. The five categories for this award are: Best Brochure, Best Newsletter, Best Campaign, Best P.R. Toolkit and Best Use of Technology. There is a \$250 award for

each category from West Legal Directory. A brochure detailing EIM Award objectives, qualifying materials, entry requirements and procedures will be sent to the entire membership. Nominations are sent to Carol Bredemeyer, Public Relations Committee Chair. The PR Committee will prepare a list of finalists which will be sent to the Awards committee for final selection. You may contact Carol Bredemeyer, Public Relations Committee Chair, 606/572-5395 for additional information or AALLNET for copies of the brochure.

The LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR AWARD honors outstanding achievement in researching and writing an article published in Law Library Journal for the preceding volume year. A subcommittee of the Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Advisory Committee and Editorial Board, in consultation with the editor of the Law Library Journal, will review each article in volume 90 of LLJ and will recommend three or four articles as candidates for the award to the Awards Committee Chair. As Chair of the Law Library Journal and AALL Spectrum Advisory Committee and Editorial Board, Ruth Levor (619-260-4604) will appoint the initial review subcommittee. The final selection is made by a subcommittee of the Awards Committee.

The NEW PRODUCT AWARD honors a new (less than two years in the library related market place) legal information product that enhances or improves existing law library services or procedures. The Award honors development of innovative products that improve access to legal information, the legal research process, or procedures for technical processing of library materials. Members of the New Product Subcommittee of CRIV solicit and review nominations and recommend finalists to the Awards Committee, which selects the recipient. Recipients of the award need not be law librarians or members of AALL. Nominations may be made by any member of the group within AALL, including legal information vendors.

Send nominations by January 15, 1999 to Frosty Owen, New Product Subcommittee Chair, Manager of Library Services, Hunton & Williams, 951 E. Byrd St., Richmond, VA 23219

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