

## President's Message

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Why LLAW? It's a question that's been on my mind a lot within the past few months. As librarians, we have many organizations in which we can be a part of: ALA, SLA, SCIP, ACRL, WLA, and AALL, to name just a few. The list of acronyms that each of us can be associated with is long. But for some reason, each of us

chooses LLAW as one of the associations in which we choose to belong. As I filled out my membership renewal this past summer, I was once again struck by the value of my \$25.00 membership in LLAW. While each of us has our own reasons for joining specific organizations, the following is what I think about when deciding which associations I choose to join.

**Value.** In our tightening economy, it's hard to justify the expense of belonging to as many professional organizations as we may have in the past. LLAW is the least expensive professional organization I belong to, and I still receive the benefits of more expensive organizations such as regular meetings, publications, and current awareness e-mails.

**Location.** Meetings are never more than an hour and a half drive. Knowing that I'll likely be able to easily attend all four LLAW meetings a year is important.

**Networking.** Our community is a small one, and getting to know the other law librarians in our state has been an immense value. There have been countless times when I've relied on the favors of other law librarians to get my

job done. As a newer law librarian, it was especially valuable to instantly have a connection to other law librarians throughout the state.

**Speakers.** Along with the convenient location of meetings, the speakers at LLAW meetings are top-notch. Just within the past years we've had the librarian for the US Supreme Court, prestigious attorneys at the top of their field, and speakers from various government agencies.

**Leadership.** If you'd like to be a leader, you can be a leader. If you have a skill you'd like to develop, LLAW offers a great place to develop those skills. The perks of a smaller organization is that it's very easy to get involved and the addition of your skills is always appreciated.

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**Mentors.** Mentors can be beneficial to everyone, but they are especially helpful if you're new to the profession or work as a solo librarian. After I joined LLAW, I was able to meet several librarians outside my own firm who have proved invaluable in the development of my career.

**Advocacy.** LLAW is the face of law librarian in the State of Wisconsin. It encourages authorship by our members, monitors government legislation affecting our profession, and offers grants and scholarship to members to further their education and opportunities.

**FUN!** Besides all of the professional reasons I belong to LLAW, I also belong because it's a fun group of people. I've made friends and formed relationships with people I would have never met otherwise, and each meeting is always sure to be full of laughter and good times.

Hopefully LLAW and the other professional organizations you're involved with provide you with these benefits, as well as other benefits I may not have mentioned.

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## Member News

**Laura Olsen**, on Monday, November 18, 2013, guest lectured in the UW-Madison's Corporate & Special Libraries course on the field of law librarianship. She spoke on a panel with other special librarians from the Water Library, the Department of Transportation Library, Madison Public Library, and the CUNA Library. Laura addressed various fields in law librarianship, roles fulfilled, critical skills, core competencies, as well as the future and employment prospects. She distributed the AALL *Careers in Law Librarianship* brochure, as well as the LLAW brochure, and reviewed the value of these professional associations.

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## Guess Who?

Can you identify this member of LLAW?

1. One of my first jobs was cleaning and installing carpets.
2. Dennis Rodman threw beads to me at Mardi Gras
3. I'm certified to teach Social Studies to grades 6-12 and have taught general classes K-8.

If you think you know who this person is, e-mail Michelle Wollmann ([mwollmann@reinhartlaw.com](mailto:mwollmann@reinhartlaw.com)) with your guess. The person who guesses correctly (or a randomly selected individual if multiple correct entries are received), will win a \$10 gift card to your choice of either Amazon or Barnes & Noble. All entries are due January 31st. The winner will be announced in the next newsletter. Good luck!

## Moving on from Google Reader

Bev Butula, Davis & Kuelthau

Many of you may have heard me cry just a bit when Google eliminated Google Reader. It is no secret that Google will often introduce a feature, just to eliminate it later. I specifically addressed this issue back in May, 2012 in one of my weekly [blog posts](#) for the Wisconsin Law Journal. There has been significant discussion online regarding Google discontinuing services/products. Those of you who enjoy a good infographic, check out Elisa Gabbert's [June 27, 2013 post](#) on the Word Stream blog.

With Google Reader going to the big server in the sky, I needed to find a new aggregator. Google currently directs readers to this list of alternatives -- <http://alternativeto.net/software/google-reader/>. I knew that many of my colleagues were in the same situation. Most of us monitor a number of agency updates, court cases and blogs (I know [my blog](#) and [WisBlawg](#) are among your regular reads). So, I decided to query the collective group and see who was using what.

In October, I sent an email to the members of both LLAW and the Wisconsin Chapter of the Special Libraries Association asking which tool they are using as a substitution for Google Reader. The email consisted of 5 questions:

1. Did you use Google Reader?
2. What are using now?
3. What is the BEST feature?
4. What DON'T you like about it?
5. Any other comments?

I received 14 responses. Some indicated that they have abandoned RSS readers all together and just rely on alerts, Facebook posts, LinkedIn updates and the like. Limitations identified with using this approach included the quality of alert language, the actual web material being captured, the increase of email due to alerts/subscriptions, and the need to check more than one location. A couple of the respondents stated that they are still in the midst of testing a few options and have not made a final decision.

The largest number of users (7) have turned to [Feedly](#). (It should be noted that Feedly has made some changes and enhancements since I posted the questions in October). The ease of conversion from Google Reader to Feedly was identified as the best feature by most respondents. Other answers to "What is the best feature" included the layout, the iPad app, the different presentation styles (title, magazine, or card), and ease of adding new subscriptions.

There was limited negative feedback on Feedly. Some things that people do not like about Feedly include the inability to correct yourself if you accidentally mark all articles as "read", that it does not work well with older versions of IE, feeds may repeat, and the inability to star items.

One individual is using the RSS feed option via their Outlook. The positive to this approach is the "email like" interface. Another person is using [News Vibe](#). The good and bad points were summarized as follows: "It is very basic, no bells and whistles, which I personally like. You add in the RSS feeds, and it lists them as unread until you mark it as read. You can also star certain ones that you want to go back to. Some people may not like the stripped down feel, but it works for me."

One LLAW member uses an aggregator available as a Firefox add-on. This “lightweight” reader is called [Sage](#). It has some customization features and integrates with Firefox’s bookmark system. Many law firms do not permit the use of Firefox, so this could limit its use to personal only.

Well, there you have it folks - a summary of the results from both WI SLA and LLAW. I may expand the query to both SLA and AALL, but for now, I thought it was important to share what our local colleagues are using. Clearly, most of the respondents are using Feedly, but I thought one interesting discovery was that several of us have moved passed an aggregator.

One final note. A common comment was that, regardless of the method, the number of items on their feeds/monitor lists continues to grow. However, with that increase, many admit a decrease in actually reading them as often as they used to.

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## Nominations Sought for the LLAW Distinguished Service Award

Mary J. Koshollek, Godfrey & Kahn

Beginning in 2014, the Law Librarians Association of Wisconsin will honor LLAW members who have made outstanding contributions to the organization and to the profession of law librarianship. LLAW members or their employers are encouraged to submit nominations. A form is included in this edition of *LLAW Briefs* and also appears on the LLAW website at <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/membership/grants.html>. Judging criteria is as follows and also can be found on the form:

*Achievement in a particular area of law librarianship, service to LLAW, and/or the legal community, or contributions to the professional literature. Particular attention should be given to local involvement and LLAW contributions. The following broad criteria will be considered in the selection process. Nominees may excel in one or more areas.*

- *Outstanding leadership in LLAW, at meetings, and in committee work.*
- *Special and notable service to the chapter, such as participation in special projects.*
- *Participation in seminars, teaching courses, and public speaking activities.*
- *Publication and editorial contributions to professional literature.*
- *Innovations at the worksite.*
- *Mentoring activities which encourage others in the profession.*
- *Extracurricular activities which provide the profession and/or LLAW with commendable publicity and acclaim.*
- *Other achievements indicating noteworthy dedication to the profession of law librarianship/information science.*

*Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Documentation is also a helpful “plus” when submitting a nomination.*

Remember that the LLAW Archives and newsletter are available as helpful resources should you wish to include documentation on your candidate. Access to the LLAW archives can be arranged by contacting Elana Olson [elana.olson@marquette.edu](mailto:elana.olson@marquette.edu). Alternatively, or in addition, the LLAW newsletter <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llaw/publications/briefs/index.html> can provide valuable background on the activities of LLAW members.

**Please submit all nominations to Diane Duffey by March 14th, 2014 or contact her at [dduffey@habush.com](mailto:dduffey@habush.com) should you have questions.**

Help us to celebrate our members and nominate your talented colleagues today!



### LLAW Distinguished Service Award Nomination Form

Nominee:

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(List all names if it is a joint project)

Please attach a statement detailing the contribution of your nominee(s) using the criteria below, including all relevant service, activities and positions held in LLAW, or bibliographic information for any work product.

We encourage you to be as complete in your nomination as possible. Remember that the LLAW Archives area is available as an information resource in documenting a nomination as is the LLAW Newsletter. The following criteria will also be used to select the recipient.

*Achievement in a particular area of law librarianship, service to LLAW, and/or the legal community, or contributions to the professional literature. Particular attention should be given to local involvement and LLAW contributions. The following broad criteria will be considered in the selection process. Nominees may excel in one or more areas.*

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Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

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## AALL Announcements

### Fair Use of Copyrighted Materials in the Courts: AALL January Webinar

A new webinar, [Fair Use of Copyrighted Materials in the Courts: A Discussion and Analysis by Dr. Kenneth Crews](#), will feature analysis and discussion of recent copyright cases impacting academic libraries by noted copyright scholar, lawyer, and librarian Kenneth D. Crews, director of Columbia University Copyright Advisory Office. After a brief overview of copyright law and fair use, Crews will discuss the recent and important rulings in the following cases: The Google book scanning project, Authors Guild Inc. et al v. Google Inc.; the use of copyrighted materials and electronic course reserves by GSU libraries, Cambridge University Press et al. v. Patton et al.; and digitizing books for print-disabled individuals, The Authors Guild, Inc. v. Hathitrust.

Please [register](#) today! Registration will remain open until **January 20**.

### AALL Announces Legal Research Competency Principles and Standards

AALL has launched an [online information center](#) dedicated to promoting the [Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency](#) within the legal profession. The information center provides access to the principles and standards, implementation and best practice ideas, and information about upcoming programs on using the standards. I encourage AALL members to learn about this effort and get involved to help promote the principles and standards. A [press release](#) was issued on December 6 to external audiences. Please contact the [Promoting the AALL Principles and Standards for Legal Research Competency Task Force](#) for more information.

### 2014 Day in the Life Photo Contest Opens January 1

It's that time again - the AALL Day in the Life Photo Contest will begin accepting submissions starting January 1. The Day in the Life Contest invites AALL members to take and submit a wide range of photographs and videos of law librarians working, meeting, teaching, and doing everything else that law librarians do in a given day.

We are pleased to announce a new category this year, Best Video, and a special category, Student Services. We are also pleased to announce an expanded timeframe for taking photos and videos. Entries must be submitted between January 1 and February 28, 2014, but **your photos and videos can be from any time between March 1, 2013 and February 28, 2014**.

Entries will be judged online through membership voting in April. Winners will be recognized on AALLNET, in the July issue of *AALL Spectrum*, and during the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio.

Please visit the AALL Day in the Life homepage for complete contest details: [community.aallnet.org/DayintheLifeContest/Home](http://community.aallnet.org/DayintheLifeContest/Home).

## AALL2go Pick of the Month - Using Pecha Kucha to Enhance Your Presentations

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: [Using Pecha Kucha to Enhance Your Presentations](#).

Pecha Kucha is a lively and entertaining presentation style using 20 images shown for 20 seconds each to provide a framework for almost any type of short-form public speaking. The fast-paced style keeps the audience engaged and the presenter focused, and it can be used in a wide variety of ways to share concepts, ideas, and experiences. Moreover, the format lends itself to a genuine sense of creativity and fun. Pecha Kucha events are held in more than 700 cities around the globe, and the style can easily be integrated into workplace and classroom presentations. For fantastic ideas on using this presentation style, give this brief half-hour presentation a listen! After listening to the presentation, take a look at [www.pechakucha.org/watch](http://www.pechakucha.org/watch) to see creative examples of the style.

**Carol Watson** is director of the law library at the University of Georgia School of Law, an active member of AALL, a past president of SEAALL, and a frequent speaker and author on the subject of institutional repositories. **Wendy Moore** is acquisitions librarian at the University of Georgia School of Law and is also an active member of AALL and SEAALL. In this recorded program (free to AALL members) from the 2010 AALL Annual Meeting, Watson and Moore present an energetic and creative approach to public speaking using the unique Pecha Kucha presentation style.

Find this and more free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on [AALL2go!](#)



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### Recommended Readings

Cindy May, University of Wisconsin Law Library

Badke, William. "Coming Back to Google Scholar." Online Searcher 37(5):65-67 (September/October 2013)

The author discusses Google Scholar's updated features and continuing problems, how best to optimize its usefulness, and its value as an object lesson on the importance of information literacy.

Ebbinghouse, Carol. "Nontraditional Legal Research: Appellate Briefs." Online Searcher 37(6):38-42 (November/December 2013)

The author promotes the use of appellate briefs to help provide new ideas, fresh arguments, and persuasive lines of reasoning. She discusses how to find out about cases across the country on the same types of issues through current awareness services, and then how to locate the texts of the briefs themselves. She concludes with a discussion of the perils of plagiarism and the importance of attribution when appropriate.

Koshollek, Mary. "WisconsinEye: Your Web Connection to Civic Life in the Badger State." Inside Track (November 6, 2013) <http://www.wisbar.org/NewsPublications/Pages/General-Article.aspx?ArticleID=11141>

Liebler, Raizel and Liebert, June. "Something Rotten in the State of Legal Citation: The Life Span of a United States Supreme Court Citation Containing an Internet Link (1996-2010)." Yale Journal of Law & Technology 15:273-311 (2013) [http://yjolt.org/sites/default/files/Something\\_Rotten\\_in\\_Legal\\_Citation.pdf](http://yjolt.org/sites/default/files/Something_Rotten_in_Legal_Citation.pdf)

McDermott, Irene E. "Free Web-Based Apps for Libraries." Online Searcher 37(4):35-37 (July/August 2013)

The author promotes library use of free apps for appointment scheduling, time tracking, and reference. She discusses the Google suite (Books, Calendar, Drive, Maps, Translate, etc.), Slimtimer, VolunteerSpot, Doodle, ClickBook, Blogger, Evernote, Dropbox, Delicious, WorldCat, and Time.is, and concludes with tips on where to find more.

Mui, Sarah and Rawles, Lee. "ABA Journal 7th Annual Blawg 100." ABA Journal 99(12):33-45 (December 2013)

The authors rate legal bloggers on the basis of their dedication, creativity, and engagement with readers. Each entry includes a tagline and brief description, and the word "NEW" appears in red on the entries for list first-timers.

Newman, John M. "Copyright Freeconomics." Vanderbilt Law Review 66:1409-1469 (October 2013)

This article considers the growth of zero-price markets. It argues that the traditional separation of use from ownership, and of utilitarian rights from moral rights, has eroded, and that copyright law must evolve to face this radically altered environment.

Notess, Greg R. "Search Engine to Knowledge Engine?" Online Searcher 37(4):61-63 (July/August 2013)

The author uses Google's Knowledge Graph and Bing's Snapshot as examples of search engines that are making major efforts to become answer engines, and discusses the issues of accuracy of information and transparency about sources.

Richardson, Hillary A.H. "Revelations from the Literature." Computers in Libraries 33(4):12-17 (May 2013)

For years, librarians have been working on ways their users can search all of their local catalogs, databases, and listings at once. Today's library web-scale discovery services attract users with their Google-like interfaces, but it is important for staff to publicize the advantages of these tools over general internet search engines.

Ross, Eve. "Library Metrics." LLRX (November 11, 2013) <http://www.llrx.com/features/librarymetrics.htm>

A set of 41 slides from an October 2013 presentation at the SLA webinar "Metrics 101: Proving Your Value."

"Symposium: Copyright Exceptions for Libraries in the Digital Age: Section 108 Reforms." Columbia Journal of Law & the Arts 36:527-606 (summer 2013)

Section 108 of the Copyright Act permits libraries and archives to make certain uses of copyrighted materials in order to serve the public and ensure the availability of works over time. It provides exceptions for libraries and archives to make copies for preservation, replacement and patron access. Speakers examine current issues related to Section 108, particularly those related to mass digitization.

Weaver, Randi S. "Creating Effective Keyword Search Terms for Document Review." Law Techology News (December 2012) <http://www.lawtechnews-digital.com/lawtechnews/sample/?pg=43#pg42>

This white paper explores the background of keyword search, legal standards for an adequate search, challenges in creating effective searches and best practices for effective review.

Zillman, Marcus P. "Deep Web Research and Discovery Resources 2014." *LLRX* (December 1, 2013)  
<http://www.llrx.com/features/deepweb2014.htm>

For the full list of recommended readings, [click here](#).

## Events Calendar

2014	
June 8-10, 2014	SLA, Vancouver, BC, Canada
July 12-15, 2014	AALL, San Antonio, TX
<p><b><u>Future AALL Annual Meetings</u></b>            July 18-21, 2015 Philadelphia, PA            July 16-19, 2016 Chicago, IL</p>	
<p><b><u>Future SLA Meetings</u></b>            June 14-16, 2015 Boston, MA</p>	

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