From The President

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LOOKING TOWARD THE HOLIDAYS

The Joint NOCALL/WESTPAC Meeting held in Monterey earlier this month was a delightful prelude to the holiday season. Presentations on the program topic "Professional Challenges of the Law Librarian" provoked stimulating thought and discussion, particularly those related to ethics and career/life balancing. From a technological standpoint, sessions such as "Disaster Preparedness" and "Getting CD-Rom in the Door" were also timely and well received. Public Relations Chair Donna Williams arranged for excellent press coverage, and the Exhibit Hall was fully booked thanks to Vendor Coordinator Laurie Flynn's efforts. Special event highlights included the marvelous Opening Reception at the Monterey Bay Aquarium complete with tours, dinner at the historic Old House Friday night, and the Closing Banquet on Saturday honored by the presence of guest speaker AALL President Penny Hazelton. Kudos to Vice President Nora Skrukud (Local Arrangements) and Lee Warthen (Program) for a most successful and enjoyable event! Mead Data Central, Westlaw, Fred B. Rothman, and Shepard's McGraw-Hill are due special recognition, too, for their generous sponsorship.

The Joint Meeting also provided an opportunity for NOCALL to conduct an informal Chapter Business Meeting on Friday afternoon. The Updated/Revised 1990-91 Budget (published on page 11, this issue) was reviewed, prompting discussion on the desirability of increasing Chapter revenue in order to maintain adequate reserves and assure a balanced budget in future years. Suggestions to this end included raising annual membership dues, charging more for Newsletter advertising, and obtaining sponsorship for the annual membership directory. Shirley David also discussed the upcoming White House Conference on Library and Information Services and the importance of sending a law librarian delegate. In conclusion, I was pleased to announce Susan Van Syckel's appointment as Chair of the newly established Government Relations Committee.

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PRESIDENT
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Shortly after the new year, NOCALL members will gather on January 17th for the annual Luncheon Meeting, to be held once again at Bancroft-Whitney in San Francisco. Our own Shirley David, in her capacity as AALL Executive Board Member, has accepted the Chapter invitation to visit and be guest speaker. Looking forward to seeing you there!

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE GETS QUICK START

Susan Van Syckle
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The NOCALL Government Relations Committee was formed in October at the NOCALL business meeting. Susan Van Syckle has agreed to chair the Committee. Already she has established liaison with the Government Relations Committees of the Western Pacific Chapter of AALL and the Sierra/Nevada Chapter of SLA.

The AALL Government Relations Committee is very active and has contacted our chapter committee. The AALL committee will keep our committee informed of pending federal legislation. Copies of NOCALL NEWS will be sent to the AALL Committee regularly.

The NOCALL committee will meet twice in December and has several items on its agenda:

1. Having identified California legislators who have interests in library funding and public access to government information issues, the Committee will initiate contact with these key members of the California Legislature.

2. The Committee will propose a draft statement of purpose for inclusion in the NOCALL bylaws.

3. Inform the NOCALL membership through NOCALL NEWS about library issues pending legislation.

The committee would like to expand its membership. If anyone is interested in serving, please give Susan Van Syckle (916) 739-7153 or Judy Janes (916) 752-3328 a call.

NOCALL MEETING DATES SET

The next two NOCALL business meetings are scheduled for:
January 17, 1991 - Bancroft Whitney, San Francisco. Shirley David, AALL Executive Board Member, will be the guest speaker.
May 9, 1990 - Crosby, Heafey, Roach & May, Oakland. Installation of new officers.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRANTS COMMITTEE
Mary Ann Parker, Chair

The Grants Committee is pleased to announce that Molly McCluer of the Alameda County Law Library received a grant for $200.00 to attend the NOCALL/WESTPAC joint conference in Monterey from November 8-11, 1990. Congratulations to Molly and to Terry Huwe who was able to take advantage of the grant he received last year.

The Executive Board has decided that grants will be available for the Spring Workshop to be held in San Francisco in the spring and for the AALL Annual Meeting and Institutes in New Orleans next summer. The Grants Committee will provide further information either in registration packets or in NOCALL NEWS.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Barbara Friedrich, Chair

The committee is making final plans for the Spring workshops to be held on Friday, April 12 at Fort Mason. Topics will be Federal and California Court Systems and Administrative Agencies, Cataloging for the Law Firm Librarian, and Communication Skills. Featured speakers will be Justice Nathan A. Agliano, Presiding Justice for the California Court of Appeal, 6th Appellate District, and communications consultant Louisa Rogers.

A complete program and list of speakers will be sent with the registration form in the January/February NOCALL NEWS. Please look for it.

UNION LIST
Mary Staats and Jaye Lapachet, Chairs

We anticipate that the sixth edition of the NOCALL Union List will be ready in late January. Before that time, you will receive a directory update from the Committee which we ask that you return quickly. You will then be informed exactly when the new Union List will be available and how the sales will be conducted. It is our intention to make the new edition available each year in January.

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Donna Williams, Chair

It has been an active Fall season. We held a joint wine and cheese reception with SLA's San Andreas Chapter at San Jose State University's Department of Library School, and spoke at a brown bag lunch at S.J.S.U. about law librarianship. We also advertised the WESTPAC/NOCALL joint meeting in Monterey in both the San Francisco Banner Daily Journal and the San Jose Post-Record. We were lucky enough to have a reporter from the San Jose Post-Record attend sessions on Friday, November 11 and write a report about the meeting in the November 14, 1990 issue. We are looking forward to a productive Winter and Spring.

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JOINT MEETING
Nora Skrukrud, Chair

The NOCALL/WESTPAC Joint Meeting was held at the Monterey Sheraton in Monterey, California, November 8-10, 1990. The program was entitled "Professional Challenges of the Law Librarian" and topics covered included the ethics of providing research assistance to patrons, career and life balancing, an update of CD:ROM technology and disaster preparedness. Lee Warthen of the University of Utah was the Program Chair. Guest speakers included Dr. James McClendon, the keynote speaker; Lynn Lannon of the Lannon Group, who spoke on life balancing; and Dr. David Roberts, who discussed the psychological impact a disaster such as the October 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake can have on employees. Penny Hazelton, AALL President, was the guest speaker at the closing dinner.

Seventy-five librarians representing firm, corporate, academic, court, and government law libraries were in attendance. Nineteen exhibitors were also present. Lauri Flynn acted as Exhibits Coordinator. Two $200 grants were awarded, one to Terry Huwe of the Institute of Industrial Relations at the University of California, and one to Molly McCluer of the Alameda County Law Library.

SCALL LIAISON
Nora Skrukrud, Chair

January 25 and 26, 1991 are the scheduled dates for the SCALL Institute, to be held in Redondo Beach. The topic is Environmental Law. I will be attending the Institute as the NOCALL Liaison, and will prepare a summary of the Institute for publication in the NOCALL NEWS.

At the NOCALL/WESTPAC Joint Meeting in Monterey November 8-10, 1990, Judith Runyon, SCALL Past President attended the Meeting as SCALL Liaison.

ALA LIAISON
Nora Skrukrud, Chair

As of November 19, 1990, there has been no formal liaison activity between NOCALL and the ALA. I have received one or two phone inquiries regarding the ALA from NOCALL members, which I have answered. I have reminded the ALA Professional Associations Liaison of this relationships, and hope to have some ALA involvement in the near future.

MUNICIPAL CODES
Alice McKenzie, Chair

We have 100 extra copies of the Directory of Municipal Codes available to give to any organization that could use them. Please call Alice McKenzie if you have any suggestions.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED

AUDIT AND BUDGET
Michael Jones, Chair

The committee will soon be contacting all committee chairs to gather information to prepare the 1991-1992 budget.

CALIFORNIA LIBRARY NETWORKING TASK FORCE STEERING GROUP
Virginia Kelsh, Chair

Over 300 librarians and library users attended all-day forums during September to continue planning for a California multitype library network. A multitype library network is a cooperative organization of libraries of all types—academic, public, school, and special—working together in a formal manner to share resources and improve services. Last year, networking planning participants identified the mission, principles, and services for the network. This year, planners are focusing on the structure required to deliver these services. Forum results are the revised policy directions (dated October 5, 1990) are available, and further comment and reaction is invited. To obtain a set, send a self-addressed mailing label with the request to:
California Library Networking Task Force
100 Sixth Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814.

I represented NOCALL at the California Library Networking (CLN) Forum in Oakland on September 14, 1990, where participants recommended eligibility requirements for library membership in the proposed regional library networks. On October 26, 1990, I attended the CLN Steering Group meeting in Los Angeles to review the recommendations resulting from all of the forums. The Planning Group and Steering Group will hold a three-day retreat December 5-7, 1990 to approve the membership eligibility requirements and governance concepts, and outline the work to be accomplished next year. Continued on page 9
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NETWORKING (Continued from Page 8)

Some recommendations relating to membership eligibility and governance structure emerging from the Planning Group work and the Forums are outlined below:

Membership Eligibility Requirements:

To be eligible for designation as a participating library of a regional library network, the following requirements must be met:

A. A participating library must have:
   1. A written, explicit mission statement and service objectives;
   2. A fixed location;
   3. Established and posted hours of service;
   4. An organized collection of information and materials accessible for use by its designated clientele;
   5. Designated, on-site, paid staff for library services; An MLS degree is required but may be waived for equivalent education or demonstrated experience. (NOTE: the consensus in LA was that the MLS requirement needs reconsideration.)
   6. An established funding base; and
   7. The library must be part of an organization or institution that has a legal basis for operation.

B. Participating libraries must agree to share and/or provide resources and services with/for other members of the regional library network within the parameters of jurisdictional policies, jurisdictional procedures, and jurisdictional performance standards.

C. Participating libraries must meet minimum resource-sharing performance standards as defined by the regional library network.

Governance Concepts: Recommendations

Each regional library network shall have a Membership Council and a Representative Board.

The Council will be composed of library directors or their designees, each with authority to vote. The Council shall adopt the annual service program and operating budget. It shall also adopt the long-range service plan, adopt the by-laws, determine membership fees, define network performance and review standards, evaluate performance, decide new membership policies, and lobby for the network. The Representative Board shall be elected by and from the Council, with one vote per member, and shall include at least one representative from each type of member library. The Board would employ staff, approve new members, administer the annual service program, receive and disburse all income, contract for the network, administer daily operations, and designate any liaisons to other networks.

I invite comment regarding the recommendations. Please put your comments in writing and send them to: Virginia Kelsh, Law Librarian, University of San Francisco, School of Law Library, Kendrick Hall, Ignatian Heights, San Francisco, CA 94117 - 1080

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NOMINATIONS
Prano Amjadi, Chair

The Nominations committee is assembling a list of candidates for next year’s slate of officers: Vice President/President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you are interested in running for office or would like to recommend someone, please contact any of the committee members below or complete the form on page 15 in this issue.

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CONSULTING
Cynthia Papermaster, Chair

Four clients have contacted the committee for assistance: three were small law offices and one was a state office. One law office decided to hire a librarian. The Committee helped draft a job description for the position. The other two law offices were put in touch with library services. The state office was put in touch with a librarian and NOCALL member working in the same agency to look at the possibility of upgrading the staffing in that office.

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND LAW LIBRARIANS

Al Lewis
Law Library
University of California at Davis

In the 1970's and 80's, law librarians had to educate themselves about automation. In the 90's we shall have to educate ourselves about telecommunications. The world is getting electronically connected at an accelerating pace. Technological developments, notably in fiber optics, microwave and satellite transmission; the development of international telecommunications standards; and probably a host of commercial, political, and social factors are propelling this revolution. In the past decade, the personal computer has given us personal power and freed us from hardware links to mainframes and minis. The trend now is to get linked up again, but this time on a more equal and far reaching basis.

Librarians are a focal group in this sweeping change because it is information that is being moved through all these communication channels. And, moving information from source to user is what we have always done. Now we must keep on top of the new ways information is being packaged and transmitted. Law librarians, with close links to the commercial, academic, and governmental worlds, are especially close to the action.

This column will attempt to explain and report on the issues in telecommunications that broadly affect the library world. The issues are many. We have recently learned to talk about LANs, but what about WANs and MANs? What are Bitnet and Internet? The National High-Performance Technology Act would establish a National Research and Education Network. How would this affect us? Are we familiar with EDUCOM which has been pursuing the cause of education and telecommunications in American universities for over twenty years? What are all those national and international standards authorities (ITU, CCITT, ANSI, ISO, EIA, etc.)? What is OSI, TCP/IP, ISDN, Z39.50, X. 500, RS-232-C, etc.? What is Intelsat? How much of a problem are computer viruses. How are libraries involved in the world of sysops and electronic bulletin board services? What are the structures and services of today's public switched networks (regional Bells, MCI, AT&T, Sprint, etc.) and public data networks (Tymnet and SprintNet, etc.)? How does traditional phone service (telephony) work? What are leased lines, voice mail, e-mail, cellular phones, audiotex, videotex, and other new services? Will the new mega-broadband networks allow transmission of video and even motion-video images? Synchronous and asynchronous, serial and parallel, local and host, bps and baud, parity and no parity, server and client: what do they mean?

We are not going to become experts on all this. We can, however, become more familiar with telecommunications. We can gradually accept its concepts and terminology as a part of our world. We can relieve anxiety by educating ourselves at a pace we are reasonably comfortable with. And, most of all, we can assert ourselves as being information specialists with a working knowledge of telecommunications.

Public Data Networks (PDNs)

In this first column, along with the call to arms, it was felt that a little substance was also in order. Perhaps law librarians' introduction into the wider world of telecommunications came when we first started our LEXIS and WESTLAW terminals and noticed that we were dialing into something called Tymnet or Telenet (now called SprintNet). These commercial enterprises are the leading United States "public data networks" (PDNs). PDNs in other countries include: Datapac in Canada, Transpac in France, PSS in the United Kingdom, and Euronet which links cities in Europe, England and Ireland. Telenet started in 1975 and is currently a subsidiary

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of U.S. Sprint. Tymnet started in 1977 and since 1989 has been owned by British Telecom. Public datanetworks, unlike the public switched network (phone system), are designed for computer to computer communication. Data is transmitted digitally using "packet switching" technology.

Consider the problem of how you can connect stations in a telecommunications network. In the earliest days of the telephone, every instrument was connected to every other instrument. Later on the switched network came into being. Your phone link is to the local Bell switching station ("central office") or PBX (private branch exchange). If the number is outside the local area, the call is then routed through other switching stations to its ultimate destination. The problem with this system is that you require a complete, actual circuit to yourself during the time of your conversation.

Packet switching makes more efficient use of circuits. It breaks a digital message into even size "packets". PDNs follow the X.25 international standard which specifies that each packet contain 128 bits. Each packet has a "header" which contains the destination address, the source address, the packet number and other information. Computers on the network constantly monitor the status of all its links. Packets can be "interleaved". That means that packets from different messages coming from different sources can be collected at any one node (station) on the network and sent forward using whatever route is available at the time. The several packets from your one message may arrive at their destination via different routes and at different times (generally within microseconds). Computers at the destination site reassemble the packets into a complete message. The network node computers are often called "packet assembler/disassemblers" or PADs. All of this is "transparent" (you don't see it) to you when you are searching LEXIS or WESTLAW. You have been using a "virtual circuit" as opposed to an actual unbroken single circuit in a switched network.

The efficiency of this technology allows for substantially lower rates than long distance phone. The rates in most areas are under two dollars an hour. The downside to packet switching is that delays are inherent. Packets are collected at nodes as a matter of course and, if all circuits are busy, the PADs will have to hold them longer than usual. We have all run into this when using LEXIS or WESTLAW during peak periods.

SprintNet and Tymnet have nodes in hundreds of U. S. cities. and also provide connections to networks all over the world. You can check in the appendices of the LEXIS Session Software or WestChek binders for a list of the phone numbers for U.S. cities. These nodes are connected by high speed data lines.

For further information, dial Tymnet at 800-872-7654 or SprintNet at 800-336-0437. You can ask for literature describing their services. You can also get free online information about their services by dialing the local node. Contact the author or the PDN in question for instructions on the latter.

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**NOCALL FALL BUSINESS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**SEPTEMBER 18, 1990, MCGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW LIBRARY**

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**
   Katherine Henderson, NOCALL President, called the Fall Business Meeting to order at 2:45 p.m. Afterwards, Katherine welcomed everyone attending the meeting and introduced the other members of the Executive Board.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY BUSINESS MEETING**
   A **Motion was carried** to approve the minutes as they were published in the July/August 1990 NOCALL NEWS.

3. **REVISED ANNUAL TREASURER’S REPORT AND FIRST QUARTER REPORT**
   Alan MacDougall, NOCALL Treasurer, delivered the revised annual treasurer’s report and first quarter report. Although some discrepancies exist between the two reports, all of the beginning and ending balance figures agree.

   Katherine Henderson reported that the Board resolved to have an accountant perform an outside audit on an annual basis due to the complexities of the books and to assist in filing tax forms.

   Katherine will be contacting all of the NOCALL Committee Chairs regarding their budget needs for the coming year.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF NOCALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND REPORTS**
   Katherine Henderson introduced the chairs of the various committees and gave them the opportunity to report on the status of their committees. Full committee reports are printed on pages 6-10 of this newsletter.

5. **ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**
   Virginia Kelsh spoke on the need for our chapter to establish a committee to monitor legislation in California. The issue of creating such a committee had surfaced during Virginia’s term as president. At that time, the Association decided there wasn’t a need for our chapter to create a committee. Given the events of the past year, especially the state bill that increased court filing fees in order to provide more funds to county law libraries and the situation with the California Code of Regulations, there is a need to create a Government Relations Committee. Concern was expressed that this committee focus only on legislation which affects libraries.

   A **Motion was carried** to create a NOCALL Standing Committee to monitor and offer support for legislation related to library issues.

6. **CHAPTER LIABILITY INSURANCE**
   Katherine Henderson reported on the status of the chapter acquiring liability insurance. The Board had previously agreed that the insurance was necessary. The Chapter had been prohibited from exhibiting at the annual meeting of the California State Bar because we weren't covered. Almost all hotels and convention centers are now requiring that organizations carry their own liability insurance. The chapter is now insured through the same provider as AALL. The cost is $2.00 per member.

7. **JANUARY AND MAY NOCALL MEETINGS**
   Nora Skrukrud reported on the status of the January and May meetings. Meeting announcements can be found on page 5, this issue.
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FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

8. NOCALL ANNOUNCEMENTS
   Muriel Hoppes announced that Sacramento law librarians are holding regular brown bag meetings. Please contact Muriel for further information.

9. ADJOURNMENT
   Katherine Henderson adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The members were invited to stay for a reception featuring delicious food and beverages graciously hosted by the law school in the student center.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd Bennett, NOCALL Secretary

NOCALL EXECUTIVE BOARD HIGHLIGHTS, SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING

1. FOLLOW-UP FROM LAST MEETING
   Katherine reported on two pending items: 1) Alice MacKenzie has agreed to continue as chair of the Municipal Code Directory. The Institute of Governmental Studies Library at UC Berkeley would like to obtain the disks, but their intentions are still unclear. Virginia mentioned that the sharing of the information might somehow fit in the California State Library's Networking Plan for California libraries. The final disposition of the disks has been tabled for a later meeting; and, 2) who will be responsible for the indexing of the Board's resolutions. A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED that the NOCALL Secretary assume this responsibility.

2. AUDIT AND TREASURER'S REPORT
   Alan MacDougall reported on the outside audit of the NOCALL budget and treasurer's books. The accountant reconciled all accounts and filed the necessary tax forms. A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED to have an annual audit of the treasurer's records.

3. DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS FUNDS FROM THE NOCALL RECEPTION AT THE 1990 AALL MEETING
   Gail Winson reported a surplus of $400 from the registration receipts from the reception. A MOTION WAS CARRIED to defer a decision about how to divide these funds between NOCALL, SCALL, and WESTPAC until the 1991 meeting, because there may be interest in holding another joint reception.

4. 1990-91 NOCALL BUDGET
   Virginia suggested committee chairs update their budget figures within the next 30 days.

5. OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS’ LIABILITY INSURANCE
   The Chapter has liability insurance, but not officers and directors. Nora Skrukrud agreed to check into D & O liability coverage.

6. 1990-91 NOCALL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY
   If funding is available, a 1990-91 Membership directory should be issued.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Todd Bennett, Secretary
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1992 AALL LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE CHAIRS SELECTED

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Joan Howland and Virginia Kelson, Local Arrangements Co-Chairs for the 1992 AALL Annual Meeting in San Francisco recently selected Committee Chairs for local arrangement planning. AALL President-Elect, Carolyn Ahearn, has approved these selections and will meet with the Chairs during a visit to San Francisco, December 3, 1990. Let the planning commence!

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Members can contact committee chairs if interested in helping out on any of these committees.

AALL CALENDAR

(Partial listing of upcoming programs)


April 21-23: "Preserving the Past, Forseeing the Future: Law Librarians in the 21st Century--A Conference Celebrating 50 Years of the Law Librarianship Program at the University of Washington," Seattle, WA Contact: Kit Kreilick, (212) 841-5223.

July 15-18: AALL Summer Institute on Basic Legal Reference, Florida State University.

July 15-19: AALL Summer Institute on Senior Management, Memphis State University. This Institute is for Senior Administrators and will be held at Memphis State University’s Fogelman Executive Center. Sara T. Cole at Memphis State Law Library is Local Arrangements Chair.

The Institute is a cooperative effort between AALL and the Association of Research Libraries. Co-Directors Margaret Leary of the University of Michigan Law Library and Joan White of Hodgson, Russ, Andrews, Woods & Goodyear will be working with ARL to produce a version of their Advanced Management Institute that will meet the needs of AALL members from any type of law library.

Since the program requires intense individual participation in small groups, enrollment will be limited to 35. Selection criteria includes management experience; proportional representation from academic, court/county, and private law libraries, and racial, sexual, and geographic diversity of membership. Application information will be sent out in early 1991.
Library Programs/Product News

SF BAY CHAPTER/SLA PLANS PROGRAM IN JANUARY

A one day workshop, Information Mapping: Discovering Corporate Information Resources, will be held January 10, at the Berkeley Conference Center in Berkeley. Dr. Forest W.(Woody) Horton, Jr., will lead the discussion which will focus on four areas: Understanding the nature of "information holdings" within an organization; discovering the strategic role information inventories can play in resource management; learning a proven method to identify, classify and describe information resources; and, designing an online database to make information resources more easily accessible.

Horton has over 35 years of experience in MIS, data processing, and information resources management and has recently been named by Information Week as one of the nation's top 50 MIS consultants. He co-authored the book Info-Map: A Complete Guide to Discovering Corporate Information Resources.

LSCA GRANT APPLICATIONS DUE

Applications for federal Library Services and Construction Act (LSCA) funds are due in early 1991. There are three types of allocations:

Title I Library Services: public libraries and systems, and State institutional libraries. $6 million available.

Title II Library construction: public libraries only. $2 million available.

Title III Networking and resource sharing: all libraries. $2 million available.

For more information and applications contact Collin Clark, Library Development Services, 1001 Sixth Street, Suite 300 Sacramento CA 95814-3324. (916) 322-0373. Filing dates for Titles I & III is January 25, 1991 and Title II is May 28, 1991.

LAW LIBRARIANS - A NEW GENERATION

Judy Janes
UC Davis Law Library

Law Librarians, more and more, accept responsibility, regardless of where they work, to be the information experts for the clientele they serve. The law librarian, once described as a manager of resources, has plunged into the role of becoming expert in the electronic information retrieval business. The law librarian solves legal, but also business and management problems, in their everyday role as the new generation law librarian.

The continued development of electronic information systems in all disciplines, brings with it the need for professionals who know how to access information using all of the different systems. Since librarians are known as information retrieval experts, they are being turned to more than ever before to provide this information to others. Information on recruiting, personnel, client counseling, litigation support, office and file maintenance, and marketing are all within the scope of issues brought to

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librarians by members of the legal profession who want quick answers.

Librarians are hardpressed to stay ahead of technology in legal-related areas of information retrieval. It means becoming familiar with many online systems, some of which are not user friendly, and some that require unique command language to use the system.

This change in job function is happening to librarians generally, but it is certainly having its impact on law librarians as well. As noted by Deborah Schwarz, in her article, "Legal Librarian Careers are Stacking Up," Legal Management, Vol.9, No. 5, 1990, there are enormous changes ahead for law librarians. Lawyers expect their librarians to have the answers. As Schwarz states, "Enormous changes in the information business are propelling the librarian out of the traditional library and into the broader arena of information management."

While many lawyers know how to use LEXIS and WESTLAW, the use of CD-Rom systems, and peripheral online systems keep law librarians racing to keep pace with technology.

The electronic access proliferation has perpetuated a new profession of information specialist, the information-broker. The broker is making a business out of the librarians work of information retrieval. Necessarily librarians are being drawn into this world of information-brokering. One can think of the law librarian in a firm or corporation as an in-house broker, but in a larger arena there is a growing profession of independent information brokers or specialists, who call themselves, "infopreneurs." ("Here Come The Infopreneurs" by Dan Cody, SKY, November 1990).

These outside computer specialists who willingly contract to "find everything about anything" are sensitizing the in-house librarian to the need for specialization in information retrieval.

As Cody explains in his article, the true information broker, represents a "coalition of computer-linked experts who work as individual researchers or as ad hoc team members pulled together to tackle some ... problem." No single law librarian can equip himself/herself with the capability of a broker company. However, it is comforting to know that when a problem reaches some magnitude beyond the scope of the professional law librarian, that there is some place to turn for information. The professionals who are attracted to the information-broker business are none other than fellow librarians.

What does this mean for the new generation of law librarian? More jobs? Better salaries? Certainly more and more law librarians have seen the need to sharpen their skills in data retrieval. Learning more systems and becoming proficient in working with databases, beyond LEXIS and WESTLAW, seems to be apparent. And there is little doubt that technology will continue to impact the legal profession and law librarians who play an important role in their support function.

AJ SEMINARS

January 29 (San Francisco) Introduction to Legal Research. A basic course on the sources of law information and the techniques of legal research. National Maritime Museum Library, Fort Mason Center, Bldg E, Joan Howland, Instructor.

February 26 (San Francisco) Introduction to Basic Cataloging. National Maritime Museum Library, Fort Mason Center, Building E, Eric Ewen, Instructor.

NOCALL MEMBERS

IN THE NEWS

The San Jose Post-Record, 11/14/90 issue, page 1, featured a story titled "Law Librarians Grapple with Ethics in Work." Katherine Henderson, NOCALL president, and Donna Williams, 6th Appellate District, California Court of Appeal, were featured as well as other local law librarians.
Library Programs/Product News

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE NEEDS DELEGATES

Shirley David
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California's preparations for the White House Conference on Library and Information Services (WHCLIS II) continue to progress. The purpose of this conference, scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C. on July 9-13, 1991, is to develop recommendations for the further improvement of the library and information services of the Nation and their use by the public.

Delegates must certify that they will make the following commitment if chosen: 1) Personally prepare and fully participate in the Conference; 2) Attend and participate at the State Conference of Delegates scheduled in Sacramento, April 9-10, 1991; 3) Attend and participate in the White House Conference in Washington D.C., July 9-13, 1991; 4) Bring back post-conference results of the White House Conference to California over the next two years.

California State Librarian Gary E. Strong recently announced that Barbara J. Campbell will serve as the coordinator for California's activities. The application process began November 1, with deadline for submission of applications near the first of January. The State Librarian will be inviting the presidents of selected library organizations to assist in the selection process. A meeting to orient the delegates selected will be conducted in the spring of 1991.

This is our opportunity to assure California Law Librarians concerns are addressed at the White House conference. Colleagues from other states have been placed on their respective state delegations. Judith Runyon, SCALL President and Shirley David, NOCALL and CCCLL Past President urge as many law librarians as feel can make the time commitments, to apply for category 1 -"library and information profession" delegate.

We also urge law librarians to seek out candidates for the other three categories. It is Gary Strong's objective to obtain application information from those individuals and groups who represent areas of both political and private industry, information services organization, various ethnic and age groups, as well as, from the general public at large. Many of us work with individuals who have progressive views about libraries and the need for access to information who would be effective representatives. Please pass along an application form to them.

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Law Librarian - San Francisco
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Full time librarian for 65-attorney San Francisco firm with additional offices in Santa Rosa and San Jose. MLS with law library experience preferred. Send resume to: David Waters, Tarkington O'Connor and O'Neill, One Market Plaza, 41st Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105.

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Law Librarian - Burlingame
Carr, McClellan, Ingersoll, Thompson & Horn

Manage daily library operations of a 48-attorney firm in Burlingame and San Francisco. Responsibilities include cataloging, acquisitions, budgeting, assisting users with online searches and some legal research, and assisting with inventory automation using In-magic. MLS or 3 years’ equivalent law library experience required, along with a thorough knowledge of online databases, and willingness to work in both Burlingame and San Francisco offices. Send resume with cover letter and salary requirements to: Personnel Manager, Carr, McClellan, Ingersoll, Thompson & Horn, P.O. Box 513, Burlingame, CA 94011-0513.

Law Librarian - San Francisco
Bancroft-Whitney

Responsible for overall planning, collection development, budget and administration of the library. Duties entail supervision and coordination of staff of 7-8 and providing reference assistance to Editorial Division of 95 lawyer-editors and 80 staff support persons. Submit resume and salary history to: Tom Levernier, Director of Human Resources, Bancroft-Whitney, P.O. Box 7005, San Francisco, CA 94120-7005.

Government Documents/Microforms Librarian - San Diego
University of San Diego Legal Research Center

Administer depository programs and microforms, provide cataloging and reference service, supervise 2 FTE staff. MLS, strong grasp of AACR 2, excellent reference and interpersonal skills required. JD with law library, government documents and supervisory experience preferred. Send letter of application, resume and three letters of recommendation to: Brent Bernau, Associate Director, Legal Research Center, University of San Diego, Alcala Park, San Diego, CA 92110.

Library Assistant - San Francisco
Carroll, Burdick & McDonough

Responsible for all library technical and interlibrary loan operations. Law library and looseleaf filing experience desirable. Send resume to: Lisa Whitehill, Carroll, Burdick & McDonough, 44 Montgomery, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Circuit Librarian - San Francisco
U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth District

Responsible for administrating library services for 18-branch court library system overseeing library staff, budget of $6 million+, establishing policies and procedures, working with judges, court staff on space needs, etc. Requires: MLS for ALA accredited school, minimum of 10 years experience in large law library. Must have excellent communication skills; good problem solving skills; and knowledge of personnel; as well as current law library technology. Salary: $61,643-$89,787 DOQ, plus excellent benefits. Send application to: Circuit Librarian, Office of the Circuit Executive, U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit, 101 Spear Street, Suite 215, San Francisco, CA 94105. Deadline: 1/31/91. EOE/AA.