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President's Message

It is official, spring has sprung and NOCALL has been full of activity to prove it.

In March, we completed our annual election. Susan Nevelow Mart will be sworn in as our new Vice President / President-Elect in May along with Tara M. Crabtree as Secretary and Ellen Platt and Deborah Maglione as Members at Large to fill out the board for the next year. In addition to elections, NOCALL also announced some awards. This year Ellen Platt will be honored with NOCALL's Award for Professional Achievement (as you can see she is not resting on her laurels and will be a member of the incoming board) and NOCALL is recognizing Carl Malamud for his Law.gov project by giving him the Award for Advocacy. Both award winners will be honored at the May Business Meeting.

For NOCALL, April is not tax time, it is Spring Institute time and this year's was another success. Not only did we partner with Baynet for a pre-conference and increase our overall attendance over last year, the networking offered something new with our networking round tables. These were well received and an added value to your NOCALL membership.

I am also working closely with SCALL / SANDALL on the basic guidelines for next year's joint institute. We are working to pick the basic location (San Diego is the front runner) and time frame for approval by each of the boards as early as possible for planning. Once all three vice presidents are elected, they will move forward with the details of program planning. Is there something you want to see in a joint institute? This is your chance to share with Susan early on.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the May Business Meeting (details coming soon).

Thank you,
Shannon

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MUSINGS FROM MARK

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ATTENTION COLLEGE GRADUATES: “Does the idea of an uncertain pension future, lack of adequate paid medical and dental benefits, and working in old, dirty office buildings appeal to you? Does the idea of being faced with the prospect of being paid minimum wage for an unspecified period of time starting July 1st of each year sound exciting? How does having your pay subject to arbitrary reductions via furloughs to balance the state budget sound? You will also have the security of knowing that you will be represented by a union that will be happy to take a monthly fee from you to negotiate salary and benefit cuts on your behalf. If these conditions appeal to you, the State of California has a wonderful career opportunity just for you.”

This anonymous blogger expresses the feelings of many California state government employees. Public employees have become the scapegoats for whatever ails our economy.

Many citizens believe that lazy, incompetent, thieving, overpaid public employees are responsible for the mess our country is in. “Look at that government retiree. He must be getting a pension of \$150,000 for life.” “Look how the governing officials of Bell used their city jobs as a cash register.” “All state government employees do for me is ticket me on the freeways and hassle me in long lines at the DMV.”

I could go on but I’ve become prone to becoming much too angry about this. You’re educated readers. You get the picture. What’s the reality?

To begin with, I don’t see a lot of public indignation about the mortgage meltdown. Remember that? Did you know that TARP has cost us \$123 billion so far? Add that to the bailout of Freddie and Fannie, and taxpayers are \$257 billion in the hole. Were public employees the ones behind the fiasco? I’ve read the Final Report of the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, and I must be missing something. Public employees didn’t destroy the economy, but they’re being blamed.

And let’s not forget the human cost of the public’s anger against government employees. Last week, the New York Times highlighted a group of Ohio state employees who live in Gallipolis, Ohio. For many of these state employees, it’s been their public-sector jobs that have lifted them from lower class to middle class.

“Jodi and Ralph Taylor are public workers whose jobs as a janitor and a sewer manager cover life’s basics. They have moved out of a trailer into a house, do not have to rely on food stamps and sometimes even splurge for the spicy wing specials at the Courtside Bar and Grill. While that might not seem like much, jobs like theirs, with benefits and higher-than-minimum wages, are considered plum in this depressed corner of southern Ohio. Now, as Ohio’s legislature moves toward final approval of a bill that would chip away at public sector unions, those workers say they see it as the opening bell in a race to the bottom. At stake, they say, is what little they have that makes them middle class. ‘What do they want?’ Mrs. Taylor said of the current bill in the legislature. ‘Do they really want everyone to be making minimum wage?’”

TECHTALK

By David Holt
Santa Clara University — School of Law

Westlaw Next and crowdsourcing -- poorly suited for law school research?

There is a new article available via SSRN that discusses the new features within WestLaw Next and how these may impact legal research in academia. Written by Ron Wheeler, the library director at the University of San Francisco School of Law, the article is a great discussion about this new legal research product and addresses some of its strengths and weaknesses. Professor Wheeler has an in-depth analysis of the search methodology and how this technology may be ill-suited for law school environments.

The article explains how Westlaw Next uses a “crowdsourcing” technology that purports to improve search results by comparing similar queries from other users. When a user enters a search query, Westlaw Next ranks the materials by whether they were read by other users who searched using the same phrase or term. Currently, only law firm customers are included in this “crowdsourcing” technology. Professor Wheeler makes a convincing argument that this technology may work against users working in a law school environment where much of the legal research is done on new and emerging topics.

[Does WestlawNext Really Change Everything: The Implications of WestlawNext on Legal Research](#) -- SSRN



PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

By Elisabeth McKechnie and Susan Llano
U.C. Davis Law Library

“Out of Print? Town Considers Bookless Library,”

by Seamus McGraw, *Today Online*, Today Book News, March 30, 2011, available at <http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/42339223/ns/today-books/>

The cash-strapped Newport Beach Public Library is actively considering converting its original 50 year old library into a combination of community center and book delivery portal, rendering this “library” bookless. The article’s author spends much time dwelling on such library myths as “shushing” librarians and unused, musty bookshelves while describing the new format which contemplates delivering books to users a la Netflix. For book-lovers and librarians it poses an interesting, if frightening discussion, of a potential library future. Also, check out the comments that follow the article.

“Professors Ask Congress for an ethics code for Supreme Court,” by R. Jeffrey Smith, *Washington Post*, February 23, 2011, available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2011/02/23/AR2011022304975.html?hpid=moreheadlines>. Link to the letter appears here: <http://www.legalethicsforum.com/blog/2011/02/professors-ask-congress-for-an-ethics-code-for-supreme-court.html>

A group of more than one hundred law school professors from across the United States have drafted and presented a letter to Congress requesting “mandatory and enforceable rules” applicable specifically to United States Supreme Court Justices. The current Code of Conduct is applicable to all Federal Judiciary except the Supreme Court. Justices Thomas and Scalia have been criticized for attending private political meetings and partisan fundraisers, activities which would not be permitted to lesser judges.

“Time for a National Digital Library,” by David H. Rothman, *The Chronicle Review in The Chronicle of Higher Education*, v.57, no.26, March 4, 2011. Going a step further than the “bookless library” described in item one of this column, David Rothman, writer and founder of TeleRead, a website for news and discussion of e-books and related topics, advocates a national digital public library system that serves everyone. In this article he discusses the challenges (accessibility, cost-justification) and describes how he believes this model could work.

“A Day Without a Search Engine: an Experimental Study of Online and Offline Search,” by Yan Chen et al, University of Michigan working paper, http://yanchen.people.si.umich.edu/papers/VOS_20101115.pdf

This study out of the University of Michigan compared online and manual research conducted in a library and

found that the online searchers took one third of the time and used more resources than the manual searchers. All queries used in the study were taken from actual web queries, so the authors admit there may have been a bias toward the web and pointed out that they would like to conduct further research using questions asked at a library. In addition, since queries were chosen that could be answered either using the web or print resources, one can’t extrapolate these findings to all research since, as we’ve been telling students for year, not everything is on the web!

UC DAVIS TO HOLD FIFTH ANNUAL RESEARCH IN THE REAL WORLD WORKSHOP

Presented by the librarians at the U.C. Davis Mabie Law Library, the free workshop will be held on May 25, 2011 at the UC Davis School of Law and is open to students from any law school who will be working in the Sacramento area during the summer.

The half-day morning program provides research training in online and print sources in the areas of California civil litigation, business transactions, California legislative history, administrative law among others. Each session will be centered around a fact pattern, moving into the research strategies and sources a student would find most effective and relevant. Sessions are offered concurrently to allow attendees to select the topics that are of most interest to them.

As many of us have found, law schools may teach students to think like a lawyer but students are frequently lacking in the ability to research like a lawyer. This program speaks to this need as confirmed by comments from attendees that the program was “fantastic and helpful” and that the topics were “extremely on point.”

The past four programs were very successful with over 100 students in attendance. While past programs have had associates/clerks from many firms, state agencies, and various district attorneys’/public defenders’ offices, we’re hoping that our fellow law librarians can help spread the news to employers. For more information or answers to questions, contact Erin Murphy at (530) 752-3327 or emurphy@ucdavis.edu.



NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 25th, 2011

2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Conference Call

San Francisco, CA and Fresno, CA

Present: Tibisay Boggio-Turner, Shannon Burchard, Sharon Borbon, Claudia Cook, Chuck Marcus, Holly Riccio, Diane Rodriguez

Shannon Burchard, President, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

We approved the September 28th, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. Diane Rodriguez made the motion to approve. Sharon Borbon seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia Cook presented the NOCALL Treasurer's Report. The Association currently has \$28,736.39 in total assets. We have just over \$6000 in a certificate of deposit. Claudia is in the process of moving funds out of the PayPal account. She proposed the possibility of upgrading our account type which would increase the amount of money we are allowed to move from the account at one time. This would make the process of accessing our PayPal funds easier in the future. The Board requested that she gather the pertinent details and make a recommendation.

There was confusion regarding the expenses reflected for the Fall Workshop on the report. Shannon made the point that the expenses should go under networking as the Fall Workshop was replaced by a networking excursion due to the WestPac conference. Shannon and Claudia stated that they would look into it. Holly Riccio requested that a line item for the Community Service Committee be added to the proposed budget.

Shannon also noted that the amount entered for administration income looked incorrect as the registration from the business meeting in Sacramento did not yield that amount of revenue. She also took the opportunity to add that the expenses for the last business meeting had not been added to the report yet. The hypothesis was that the extra income funds were from a sponsorship payment from West which was for \$4200. If this was correct, then the payment should have been reallocated. Claudia was asked to confirm the receipt of the payment and to contact Shannon for guidance on reallocating the money. The Board also asked Claudia to confirm the amount of money the Association saved by issuing membership directories in PDF instead of print.

Shannon made a motion to accept the financial report with the condition that the changes requested were made. Diane seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Shannon went over the calendar of scheduled events.

January Business Meeting at Stanford
9th Circuit Court of Appeals library and building tour – February 2nd, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.
NOCALL Spring Institute – April 8th- 9th, 2011

OLD BUSINESS

Spring Institute Update

Holly gave an update on the Spring Institute. The institute will be held at the Sir Francis Drake in San Francisco and will host AALL VIP Board Member Lucy Curci-Gonzalez of Kenyon & Kenyon in New York. This year's institute was awarded an AALL BNA grant of \$4970. The grant will cover speaker fees, traveling expenses, and the recording of several of the programs. Holly reported that the logo for the institute was almost complete and that she would soon send out an e-mail to the membership announcing the date of the institute. BNA will generously provide the conference bags for the institute and vendors will be allowed to include marketing materials in the bags for a donation. West will sponsor the lunch and CEB may sponsor the Saturday morning breakfast. The room rate for attendees will be \$149 a night. The Board expressed their excitement about the upcoming institute.

Shannon announced that the President's Dinner would be held on Thursday April 7th and that BayNet has offered to split the food cost for the Friday workshop with NOCALL up to \$300.00.

Welcome Packet

Chuck has received the fliers and marketing pieces from Ramona that he plans to repurpose for the welcome packet. He plans to get in touch with Mary to discuss plans for distribution.

Joint Institute Committee

Shannon announced that there would be a conference call next week to establish guidelines for a Joint Institute next year.

NOCALL Vendor Sponsorship Method

Shannon gave an update on the status of the new approach NOCALL is considering taking with possible sponsors. She has been speaking with some of our vendors/sponsors to gauge their reaction to the new

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model. Shannon has not approached West yet because they are in flux and therefore the timing was not good. Bobby Clemens from CEB expressed some doubt as to the viability of the new model. Sharon made the comment that it would be great if we could adopt a new model but we had to remain flexible. The Board agreed. Diane suggested sending out a letter to perspective sponsors outlining several options for sponsorship leaving it up to them which would work best for them. This idea was well received.

Resolutions

At the last Board Meeting I (Tibisay) noted that there were two active and conflicting resolutions regarding the sale of the NOCALL membership list. I was asked by the Board to author a new resolution for review and possible adoption at this meeting. I presented the resolution to the Board and the resolution was acceptable to all. Before voting on it the Board rescinded resolutions 1996-3 and 2009-12. Sharon moved that they be rescinded and Shannon seconded the motion. Claudia moved to adopt the new resolution; the motion was seconded and passed.

Resolution 2011-1:

Enquiries and requests regarding the NOCALL membership list will be directed to the Chair of the Membership Committee. An actual request to purchase the list must be made in writing and include the purchaser's agreement not to re-sell, gift, or otherwise disseminate the list to other parties. The Chair of the Membership Committee will get Board approval before selling the membership list. The membership list will include the following information: Name of member, title, affiliation, mailing address, and e-mail address. The list will not include the names of members who requested their personal information be kept confidential on their membership or membership renewal form. The price for the membership list will be \$200 to non-members or for-profit organizations and \$100 to members or non-profit organizations. These prices include sales tax. The payment should be sent directly to the Treasurer for deposit. The Treasurer will notify the Chair of the Membership Committee that the payment has cleared and then the list will be sent to the address specified by the purchaser. All proceeds from the sale of the membership list will be applied to fund grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Response to West Firings

Shannon shared that some AALL chapters were writing letters to West expressing their disappointment in their firing of many of the librarian relations managers. AALL and Chapter leaders are reaching out to Westlaw and Lexis about the continuation of their librarian relation programs. There were several suggestions that NOCALL create a

letter describing the value we get from these programs. Shannon suggested that the tone of the letter be positive and appreciative of the support we have received in the past and hope to receive in the future. Shannon then called for volunteers to draft the letter. Diane and Holly plan to work on it.

Cluster Reports

AALL Liaison:

Lucy Curci-Gonzales, AALL Board Member and NOCALL's VIP, was recently contacted and plans are being made for her visit.

Archives:

The collection still needs to be weeded and the procedures are still being developed.

Nominations Committee:

Coral has nice slate in the making. She is waiting for a few more commitments. Once the slate is set she plans to report to the Board.

Networking Committee:

Julie Horst is working on a 9th Circuit library and building tour. She is also working with Ellen Platt on a Spring Institute networking event.

Public Relations Committee:

Sharon reported that three articles have been submitted to The Recorder and that 6 authors have committed to writing future articles.

Community Service Committee:

The committee is considering having a table at the Spring Institute which features the programs they are interested in supporting. They would provide pledge slips so that members can make a donation on site. Holly supported the idea and said she would contact Trish and Jocelyn.

Government Relations Committee:

Sharon raised the question of how it is decided what legislation or programs NOCALL will support. She spoke in reference to the notifications that are often sent out to the listserv either requesting member support or notifying the membership of a particular campaign. Shannon explained the President decides, with the counsel of experts and other members, when the issue is one traditionally supported by the library profession. However, the more controversial issues are brought to the Board for consideration. Shannon added that the President also consults the Board when NOCALL is asked to partner with another organization. Sharon asked the Board to consider if this information should be included in the Government Relation Committee charge.

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PROPOSED
NOCALL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 26th, 2011
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

Membership Committee:

Chuck updated the Board on the committee. We have 325 members and renewals are set to go out in mid May via e-mail. Ramona, the committee Chair, requested that a notice be sent out urging members to return their renewals in a timely manner.

Academic Relations Committee:

The member liaison in Sacramento is no longer able to continue to serve so the committee needs a new person to serve as the Associations' contact with Drexel University. Shannon recommended posting a notice on the listserv.

Awards Committee:

Diane will soon send out a request for nominations for the Professional Development Award. She hopes to present the Board with a winner in April. She asked the Board to consider if they wanted to honor someone with the Advocate of the Year Award. If so, she requested nominations be submitted soon as the award would need to be presented at the May business meeting. Shannon suggested opening up the nomination process to the membership. Diane thought it would be a good idea and is also considering creating a form for suggestions and nominations.

Programs at AALL

Shannon is coordinating a maritime law program at the AALL annual conference. Chuck will be speaking on librarian qualifications and the value of a J.D. Shannon will send out a message to try to learn what other members are doing in connection with the annual meeting.

Shannon added that she is submitting the Spring Institute for the Chapter Professional Development Award.

Shannon Burchard, President, adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner
NOCALL Secretary

Shannon Burchard, President, called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

We approved the September 30th, 2010 Business Meeting Minutes. Greg Fite called the motion for approval and Holly Riccio seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

Claudia Cook presented the NOCALL Treasurer's Report. The Association currently has \$28,736.39 in total assets with about \$5,000 in our PayPal account. She plans on checking in with PalPal regarding the transfer limit on our account and to find out what steps we can take to make it easier to access NOCALL funds. Claudia added that we are in good financial shape.

Calendar and a Review of Upcoming Events

Shannon went over the calendar of scheduled events.

9th Circuit Court of Appeals library and building tour – February 2nd, 2011 at 11:30 a.m.

NOCALL Spring Institute – April 8th- 9th, 2011

Holly gave a brief update on the Spring Institute. She confirmed that the institute would take place in San Francisco and that the name of the institute was "Winds of Change". There will also be a pre-institute workshop on the new RDA cataloging protocol which is presented in partnership with BayNet. The institute received an AALL BNA grant which will go toward covering speaker related costs and to recording some of the institute programs. Holly added that there has been good exhibitor response and that the registration site will available soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Joint Institute Committee

Shannon gave an update on plans for a joint institute. The Joint Institute Committee send out a survey a while back to determine the membership's interest in a joint institute in 2011. The results of that survey suggested that chapter members were unwilling to travel to attend a joint institute. This response in conjunction with WestPac having its annual meeting in San Francisco lead the committee members to postpone the joint institute. There will be a conference call next week to discuss having a joint institute in 2012 and to establish guidelines for the event.

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NEW BUSINESS

NOCALL Goals for the Year

Shannon gave a status report on her stated goals for the year.

Welcome Packet:

The packet is in production. The plan is to send perspective employers a letter and other materials introducing NOCALL with the request that they pass on the information to the person they hire.

Increased Collaboration:

BayNet, a region specific association of librarians of all types, will be co-sponsoring the RDA workshop which will take place before the Spring Institute. Shannon added that we continue to look for possible partners and collaborators on future education and networking events.

Committee Reports

Shannon gave a brief overview on the current activities of some of the committees.

Membership Committee:

The Board is working with the Chair of the committee to explore ways that would allow the membership functions to be easily transferred between individuals. Early assessments indicate that this will likely necessitate some type of software solution.

The committee received a lot of good feedback regarding the directory now being distributed in electronic format. This change saved the Association about \$1900 in postage. The membership renewals are due to come out soon and will be send out via e-mail.

Shannon took this opportunity to review the newly adopted resolution concerning the sale of the NOCALL membership list. Shannon explained that we had conflicting resolutions on the price of the membership list which we rescinded at the last board meeting. In their place we adopted a new resolution that set the price of the membership list and also the procedure for selling it. Shannon asked for member approval of the resolution and called for a motion. Greg Fite made the motion to approve and Claudia Cook seconded the motion. The resolution passed.

Government Relations Committee:

Greg shared some recent news including making attendees aware of openthegovernment.org website. He announced the upcoming Sunshine Week programs in San Francisco, Sacramento, and the East Bay. He continues to keep track of AALL initiatives and will forwarding them and any other relevant news to the listserv.

Academic Relations Committee:

The committee is looking for someone to serve as a liaison to Drexel University in Sacramento.

Public Relations Committee:

The committee currently has eight potential authors for the NOCALL column in The Recorder. They have already submitted three articles and are waiting to hear back on when they will appear in the paper. Shannon listed the following topics for those interested in writing an article: Future of journalism, open access, or Westlaw Next. The word count requirement is 750 words.

Awards Committee:

Diane asks for nominations for the Professional Development Award and for the Advocate of the Year Award. Anyone with a nomination should contact her as soon as possible.

Announcements

Shannon shared that NOCALL is crafting a letter to West regarding the recent firing of many of their library relations staff. The letter will protest the decline of this service as well as express gratitude for its existence and give examples of the value we have received from it. Holly and Diane have volunteered to write the letter. Greg commented that the letter should point out their competitors counterpart programs as an incentive to continue the one at West. AALL will be contacting West with regard to how the changes in their librarian relations group affect AALL.

Shannon shared with attendees a question that was asked at the Board meeting about how initiatives and programs are selected to receive NOCALL support. In an effort to keep the membership informed she explained that the Government Relations Committee generally serves as a conduit and brings the matters up for consideration to the President. The President then consults with members that are specialists and/or the Board before making a decision on whether or not to sign on. Shannon added to this that the President tries to be conservative in the selections, choosing those items generally supported by the profession as a whole, in the hope that this will best reflect the membership's views.

Shannon Burchard, President, adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tibisay A. Boggio-Turner
NOCALL Secretary



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2010-11/2011-12 NO-CALL Directory and since the last newsletter are listed below as well as changes and corrections for continuing members. Any corrections changes or additions to the Directory should be sent to:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AALL

LEARN TO COLLABORATE AND FIND COMMON GROUND WITH YOUR IT DEPARTMENT

Law firm library and information technology professionals share similar goals and struggle with many of the same issues. As we are all asked to do more with less, the skills that both of these groups bring to the table can be leveraged to increase value and produce results that are not only more effective but also more efficient.

Please join Scott Preston, CIO with Fulbright & Jaworski, and Sarah Clark Kavanagh, CEO of Cable & Clark, for [Technology and the Law Firm Library: Finding Common Ground](#), on **April 28, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CST**.

This webinar will discuss:

- Perceptions of the law firm technology (from the firm's library point of view)
- Perceptions of the law firm library (from technology's point of view)
- Discussion of barriers between groups, common goals, and needs
- Discuss methods of effective collaboration

Register by April 21 at http://www.regonline.com/lib_tech. More information is available at <http://www.aallnet.org/calendar/eventdisplay.asp?eid=348&arc=no>

MAY AALL WEBINAR: COPYRIGHT ISSUES IN DISTANCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Join Thomas Lipinski, professor and copyright expert from Marquette University Law School in Milwaukee, on **May 5, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. CST**, for [Copyright Issues in Distance Education and Training](#) as he answers common copyright questions that arise in virtual classes and training sessions. Issues covered during this webinar will include handouts, video usage, participant comments, and post-virtual session issues.

Due to the expansion of distance learning to both the academic and commercial realms, the webinar will look at situations that arise in nonprofit academic institutions as well as law firm online trainings and online professional development sessions.

Learning objectives:

- Discuss how to determine which aspects of U.S. copyright law apply to your institution
- Learn types and amounts of materials that can be circulated to virtual session attendees
- Learn permission requirements and limitations for continued use of recorded online sessions

Register by April 28 at https://www.regonline.com/copy_distance

RIPS TEACH-IN KIT NOW AVAILABLE

The AALL Research Instruction and Patron Services Special Interest Section (RIPS-SIS) is proud to announce the release of the [19th Annual National Legal Research Teach-In Kit](#). Each year in conjunction with National Library Week, RIPS creates a Teach-In Kit containing fresh materials for use in your institution's promotional and instructional activities. This year's kit includes PowerPoint presentations, research assignments, lesson plans, syllabi, and more on a variety of topics including health law, animal law, and Google Scholar.

The 2011 Teach-In Kit is available now on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis/TeachIn/2011/index.html>. A kit overview and previous Teach-In Kits are also available at that location.

UNLEASH YOUR INNER LEADER OCTOBER 28-29

New law librarians in the early stages of your career—achieve your leadership potential by attending the [2011 AALL Leadership Academy](#), **October 28-29 in the Chicago area**. Designed as an intensive learning experience aimed at growing and developing leadership skills, the academy program will help you discover how to maximize your personal leadership style while connecting with other legal information professionals.

The program will feature speakers **Gail Johnson** and **Pam Parr**. Johnson is a widely regarded leadership and communications expert and holds a Master of Arts in Communication Studies. Parr has extensive business management and customer service expertise. They have conducted many leadership programs for library organizations and will speak at the 2011 American Library Association Annual Conference.

The application period starts April 1, and **applications are due by June 30**. More information is available at http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_leadershipacademy.asp

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