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President's Message

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I almost can't believe it, but this is my last column as NOCALL President. It has been such an honor and a pleasure to serve in this capacity over the last year and I want to thank the NOCALL membership for giving me this amazing opportunity. I also want to thank everyone who has worked so hard throughout the year on NOCALL's behalf. The members of the Executive Board have provided their ideas, energy and leadership in order to keep our chapter moving forward. The committee chairs have worked tirelessly to come up with creative and innovative ideas and take on new projects and initiatives. What really makes NOCALL special is all of the members who take the time to participate, share and communicate with one another - I am so grateful for all of the energy and enthusiasm everyone has for this chapter and it is this magical combination of individuals that make the whole of NOCALL so wonderful. I also have to give a special thank you to the many NOCALL Past Presidents who I have turned to for their advice and support.

Although we are coming to the end of our NOCALL year, that doesn't mean that we are slowing down by any means. In fact, many committees are very busy working on new initiatives and projects. Here are just a few examples:

- The Academic Relations committee was part of a panel of speakers at a Resume and Interview Workshop at San Jose State University for library and information science students. Committee chair Prano Amjadi and Penny Ortega represented NOCALL and spoke as part of a panel presentation on "The Librarians of the Future." Following the panel, students met with individual resume reviewers and mock interviewers. Prano is hoping that NOCALL can be a participant in this program on an annual basis.
- The Technology committee, chaired by Jessica Trenary, took on a complete review and overhaul of the NOCALL web site and recently launched the new site to the membership. The new site has a more modern, cleaner look and is able to incorporate multimedia

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and social networking aspects into the site. It will also be easier for committee chairs to add content to their pages going forward and I think that we will see a lot more content and information from the committees on the NOCALL web site in the coming year.

- The Membership committee has also made some major strides recently. As Ramona Martinez steps down after countless years of hard work and dedication to this committee and to keeping our membership database current, Tina Dumas has stepped up to chair this committee and, working with Ramona, is in the process of moving our membership data to a new, portable and more flexible platform. With the implementation of the new software, Tina hopes to free up time for the committee members to take on other projects related to recruiting and retaining members.
- I am in the process of working on creating a more formalized connection between NOCALL and the other local chapters of national associations in the legal field, including ALA (Association of Legal Administrators), ARMA (Association of Records Managers and Administrators), and SLA's Legal Division. More details about this new collaboration will be forthcoming as this idea moves forward.

I look forward to celebrating all of the things that NOCALL has achieved this year at our annual May Business Meeting taking place on Tuesday, May 29th at One Market Restaurant. If you haven't sent in your RSVP yet, there is still time to do so. In addition to the swearing in of our newly elected NOCALL officers and the passing of the gavel and cable car bell to incoming President Chuck Marcus, we will also be celebrating our two award recipients: Mary Hood is receiving the Award for Professional Achievement and Diane Boyer-Vine is the recipient of the Advocacy Award. Congratulations to them both!

Then, not too far off on the horizon is the AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston. More information about all of the programs and events that NOCALL members are involved in will be compiled and shared on our listserv prior to the conference. Also, be on the lookout for information about signing up to staff the NOCALL table in the Exhibit Hall in Boston. If you are attending, this is a great opportunity to meet other AALL members and let them know what NOCALL is all about. (And, you'll get first dibs on whatever wonderful giveaway Les Forrester has found for us, too.) Finally, don't forget to attend the Pacific Joint Chapters Reception taking place on Saturday, July 21st from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Sheraton in the Independence Ballroom East.

I know it sounds a bit corny, but this really has been an amazing experience and I want to encourage all of our members to get involved in NOCALL in whatever capacity possible. Serving as President has allowed me to work with so many of our members and get inspired by what they are doing in their libraries and the ideas that they have for our chapter. I am looking forward to continuing to be involved with NOCALL in the coming years and am also very excited to be taking on the role of Chair of the Council of Chapter Presidents. If our chapter is any indication, there are a lot of great things happening at the chapter level and I hope I can facilitate the sharing of these ideas during the coming year.

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**MUSINGS FROM MARK**

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FROM JAMIE DIMON: The biggest lesson I have learned from this mess is “Despite a successful track record, don’t ever allow yourself to get complacent.”

I HEARD THE NEWS TODAY... Facebook has joined the NASDAQ, and we’ll have to see how the market treats it. But as I write this, Facebook is 100 times more valuable than the New York Times Company.

THE FUTURE OF BIGLAW... These days, you can’t read a newspaper or magazine or blog without seeing stories heralding the decline of Biglaw. Bloomberg Businessweek: “White-Shoe Blues. After years of huge profits, corporate law firms are falling on hard times. It’s long overdue.” New York Times: “Dewey & LeBoeuf Crisis Mirrors Legal Industry’s Woes.” For Musings readers who have been around for a long time, the message that the sky is falling is nothing new. We heard it in the 1980’s, the 1990’s, and the first decade of this century. However, this feels different to me. How does it feel to you?

BERRING DOES IT AGAIN... I urge you to take some time to read Bob Berring’s fantastic article in the Winter 2012 edition of Law Library Journal. The death of Yale’s Morris Cohen prompted Bob to write an assessment entitled: “The End of Scholarly Bibliography: Reconceptualizing Law Librarianship.” Bob questions the future of scholarly bibliography. Has the information revolution with its digitization of data and its facile search engines transformed what was once a respected aspect of scholarship into a pursuit so specialized as to be seen as an antiquarian endeavor? “In the realm of the law library, Morris’s passing raises some serious questions about the identity of the profession and of law librarians as scholars... It may be time to rethink the dynamics of the profession of law librarianship.” I could have easily have devoted this entire Musings to Bob’s insightful article, but I could not possibly do it justice.

PROFESSIONAL READING IN REVIEW

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“Meet Microsoft Academic Search, Redmond’s Quiet Answer to Google Scholar,” by Mark Giangrande, **Law Librarian Blog**, April 19, 2012, available at http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/law_librarian_blog/2012/04/meet-microsoft-academic-search-redmonds-quiet-answer-to-google-scholar.html

In contrast and competition with Google Scholar is the newly introduced but not publicized, Microsoft Academic Search. It covers 38,835,423 publications and 19,159, 815 authors as of the date of the article. The article compares the two services in terms of interactivity and coverage.

“First Amendment Protection for Search Engine Search Results,” by Eugene Volokh, White Paper for Google, April 20, 2012, available at <http://volokh.com/>

This White Paper is a persuasive document, commissioned by Google and prepared by Volokh. Nevertheless, he raises interesting arguments for the protection of search engine results by the First Amendment. In it, he compares the editorial judgment of search engine design engineers with that of newspaper editors in deciding what content is appropriate for the readers. Volokh argues that constitutional protection extends to content that is non-political or aggregated or even interactive. Additionally he argues that content created by algorithm is also subject to First Amendment protection.

“Changing the Modal Law School: Rethinking U.S. Legal Education in (Most) Law Schools,” by Nancy Rapoport, **Penn State Law Review**, v.116, no.1119, 2012, also available from SSRN http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2038409

In this article, the author suggests that changes to legal education should take into account that there are different types of law schools. The author clusters them into three groups: elite, modal (the most frequently occurring law school) and precarious law schools. She argues that the focus of reform should be on the modal and precarious law schools since the elite schools do not need much “reforming”. She discusses what is missing in legal education and suggests a new model for modal legal education.

“Law Library Faculty Services Websites: Top Sites and Services Advertised,” by Margaret Butler, Georgia State University College of Law Legal Studies Research Paper No.2012-16, available from SSRN http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2025906

This article analyzes the results of an empirical study that reviewed 200 ABA accredited law school library web

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pages to evaluate their faculty services pages. The author identified the top 11 library websites based on research, support staffing, publishing support, teaching support and research services. She concludes with suggestions for better communications with faculty.

TECH TALK: DO WE REALLY KNOW THE IMPACT OF USING E-BOOKS IN THE CLASSROOM?

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I have to begin this column by making an admission. I am an electronic services law librarian. As such, I am constantly immersed in information technology. I myself own two Kindles and frequently read both fiction, and non-fiction, in electronic formats. Although not a “digital native,” I am among the generation of students who grew up taking the Internet largely for granted. I was “surfing the web” at the age of 14, and was using BBS systems before that (anyone remember those?).

However, I believe there are valid reasons to be apprehensive about the use of electronic texts in the classroom and there is growing scientific evidence that supports these concerns. As librarians, we are well aware that there are a number of ways that a reader can interact with a text. A reader can skim a text (such as with most “web surfing” and mobile devices), casually read a text (such as with most fiction), or carefully and methodically give a close reading to a text. This “close reading” of a text for educational purposes is essential both for pedagogical reasons (as it enables the ability to abstract ideas and hypothesize using systematic logic) and also for memorization.

Cognitive scientists, and psychologists, are beginning to understand the impact of using electronic texts in the classroom and the results are not exactly positive. A recent article in Time magazine, “Do E-Books Make It Harder to Remember What You Just Read,” reports on a study done by Dr. Kate Garland at the University of Leicester.¹ The study demonstrated that when “the exact same material is presented in both media [print and electronic], there is no measurable difference in student performance... [but] there are some subtle distinctions that favor print,

which may matter in the long run.”² One of these crucial differences is the lack of spatial cues in electronic media. In a print text, readers are able to “navigate” around the text and remember where specific passages or sections are located because they can thumb through the physical media. This has shown to be crucial for memorization and learning. Mark Changizi, a neuroscientist who specializes in memorization and human cognition, asserts that “until the rise of the web, the mechanisms for information storage were largely spatial and could be navigated, thereby tapping into our innate navigation capabilities. Our libraries and books – the real ones, not today’s electronic variety – were supremely navigable.”³ This innate navigability, however, is lost with electronic media.

It is therefore both revealing and unsurprising that much of the information technologies which have recently proven popular are those which have closely mimicked physical media. For example, e-readers and tablet computers share the same dimensions of textbooks and paperbacks. Even more telling, one of the most popular document formats, Adobe’s PDF, has become successful largely because it so closely mimics the printed text.

Ultimately, the consequences of relying on electronic texts in the classroom remain to be seen. We can, however, remain confident that when a “close reading” of a text is required there are distinct advantages to print that are inherent in the way our brains have evolved both in how to navigate in a physical space, and how to learn and memorize new information. As librarians, we should be concerned about a rush to remove print materials from both classrooms and our libraries. As the emerging research is revealing, information technology may have progressed considerably over the last 25 years, but the evolution of the human brain has been much slower.

1. Maia Szalavitz, *Do E-Books Make it Harder to Remember What You Just Read?*, **Time Healthland**, (May 3, 2012), available at: <http://healthland.time.com/2012/03/14/do-e-books-impair-memory>.

2. Id.

3. Mark Changizi, *The Problem With the Web and E-Books Is That There’s No Space for Them*, **Psychology Today**, (May 3, 2012), available at: <http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/nature-brain-and-culture/201102/the-problem-the-web-and-e-books-is-there-s-no-space-them>.



WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Nora Levine

THE PASSAGE OF POWER: THE YEARS OF LYNDON JOHNSON, Vol. 4, by Robert A. Caro

I have just started reading *The Passage of Power*, the fourth volume of Robert A. Caro's monumental biography of LBJ. It is an addictive read from the start. Lyndon B. Johnson in his lifetime went from abject poverty in his youth, to Senate Majority Leader, (known simply as "The Leader," the greatest the Congress has ever seen, to buffoon and laughingstock as Vice President, to the Presidency itself. The author depicts a deeply conflicted person who always felt great empathy for social injustice. Here is a man who went from saying, "It's not the job of a politician to go around saying principled things" to become a President who passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act, who declared the "War on Poverty" and who passed Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, and the Food Stamps Act. And that's only a few pages into the book! How he did it and why and all the juicy details are what I can't wait to read.

Claudia Cook

Alameda County Law Library

STONE'S FALL by Iain Pears

I've recently finished *Stone's Fall* by Iain Pears. This was just as gripping as his earlier novel, *An Instance of the Fingerpost*. Pears uses multiple narrators at different points in time to tell his story, while also describing the rise of the modern financial industry and conglomerate business. It's a dense, rich story in which people may not be who they seem and may not know what they think they know.

Elyse Eisner

Taylor & Associates

THE BOTANY OF DESIRE by Michael Pollan

The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-eye View of the World by Michael Pollan is comprised of four chapters, each one on a common plant: the apple, the potato, the tulip and cannabis. Each chapter is part research, part essay, part memoir, and each discusses how these plants have affected humans and how they've been affected by humans. He begins in Ohio with John Chapman, known familiarly as Johnny Appleseed, jumps over to Holland for the tulips, stays in Holland for cannabis and finally heads to Ireland for the chapter on potatoes. I enjoyed this book very much and learned something new about gardening,

the beginnings of the stock market, and how seriously bad it was during Ireland's Great Famine of 1845. I recommend this book even if you don't ever put stuff in dirt.

(Note: I also read *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick but I didn't care for it.)

Julie Horst

Ninth Circuit Library

A ROOM WITH A VIEW by E.M. Forster

I tried to read this and could not keep track of the story, so I put it down. I also saw the movie. Still, I wanted to read the book. I found that listening to this classic on audio is much easier to understand and follow. I had decided to delve into it again after watching *Downton Abbey* and spending some time with Deanna Raybourn and her "Lady Julia Grey" series. I guess you could say that I am immersing myself in the Edwardian Age and Victoriana. I am intrigued by the social mores of that era and how the differences between men and women are highlighted.

I have to say that I find Forster's Cecil a pompous a*s, but saying that makes me wonder if he is the example of the epitome of a Victorian man taking charge of his fiancée? I saw the broken engagement coming, just because he was so odious. Lucy's speech breaking up with him made me wonder if Deanna Raybourn modeled her Lady Julia Grey on the words from this speech. I contacted her and asked but she said she had never read *A Room with a View*.

I think the book ended well; there wasn't too much detail about George and Lucy getting together, which was fine in a one volume novel.

HOW THE GARCIA GIRLS LOST THEIR ACCENTS by Julia Alvarez

I don't think I was ready to read this book after reading so much set in different eras. I liked the idea of this book as well as the descriptions. I thought there were a lot of unanswered questions and it makes me wonder if there are other books that tell the rest of this story. Perhaps the whole point of the book was that family stories continue on and on with no end, that the stories we tell to illustrate our lives wax and wane and change as they are retold until you can't tell what actually happened.

THE WINTER SEA by Susanna Kearsley

I thought this story had a perfect ending. The way the author brings two loves together is awesome, plausible and perfect. I would probably read (listen to) this book again. The one thing that bothered me was the reader's

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style. She sounded like her voice was about to break and she was going to cry the whole time. The story was engaging enough so this issue didn't bother me enough to stop me from finishing, but I have listened to better.

Jaye Lapachet

Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP

LOST SAN FRANCISCO by Dennis Evanosky and Eric J. Kos

This excellent collection of photographs is a must for anyone interested in the city's past. The authors have collected and beautifully reproduced photographs not only from many well-known sites, such as the Barbary Coast or Seals Stadium, but also places you're probably less likely to have heard about, such as the Selby Shot Tower (at First and Howard) or Woodward's Gardens Amusement Park or the 1894 Midwinter Fair. Each set of photos is accompanied by an informative page or two of the history of the location.

This book will whet your appetite to learn more about many of these places and hopefully, there will be a sequel with even more lost San Francisco.

BREAKDOWN by Sarah Paretsky

Fans of Chicago private detective V.I. Warshawski will enjoy this latest mystery, which interweaves cases involving a crazy old friend, a mental institution, a Fox-like television network and several killings. Typical Paretsky, well written, champion of minorities and the working class against big corporations.

Paula Lichtenberg, Librarian

Keker & Van Nest LLP

1493 by Charles C. Mann

The second of two books* on the impact of European exploration of the New World, this time focusing on how the "Columbian Exchange" revolutionized food crops and economies around the world, for better and worse. Concluding that the economic and military advantage gained by Europeans was largely due to their ability to transform other environments by introducing familiar food crops, while reducing local populations with the (usually inadvertent) introduction of European and Asian diseases to which they had no resistance.

Other chapters discuss:

The background on Columbus' expeditions to the New World and how the presence of diseases like malaria and yellow fever led to the importation and development of the slave trade in the Americas.

The establishment of the Spanish foothold in Manila and the subsequent trade with China based on New World silver and how that wealth fueled the growth of the global Spanish empire. And of course this led to the exchange of food crops now found round the world, potatoes having the most significant subsequent impact.

How tobacco shaped the development of the colonies, and slave trade, in North America. This section also discusses native food crops and agricultural practices and their disruption during the expansion of European influence.

The development of trade between Spain and China, silver in exchange for silk, and how much more developed China was economically and socially than contemporary Europe. Also discussed is the introduction of tobacco and new world food crops to China.

The potato, from its complex genetic origins in the Andes to a monogenetic food crop raised round the world, most notably in Europe. And, once the lowly spud saved Europe from starvation during the Little Ice Age, the introduction of potato blight from spores in guano shipments from South American led to disaster later.

And there is more and still more: the rubber trade; the sugar trade; genetic alphabet soups around the globe; and how the exchange continues, for better or worse, in the modern world.

All in all, a dense, but fascinating read for the historically inclined.

*The author's previous book, 1491, investigated the extent and complexity of native societies in North and South American before European contact brought disease and disruption to them.

Ellen Platt

Santa Clara University Law Library

SARAH'S KEY by Tatiana Rosnay

This book starts off as two stories which eventually intersect in the present day. The first story involves a 10 year old girl, Sarah, arrested with her family by French police on the orders of the Nazis in a mass round-up of Jews in Paris, France in July 1942. 'Vel d'Hiv,' is an abbreviation for the Velodrome d'Hiver, a bicycle racing stadium where the victims were temporarily confined. However, before the young girl is taken away by the police, she locks her younger brother up in a secret hiding place in their home, thinking she will be back to release him a few hours.

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The second story involves an American journalist in Paris named Julia Jarmond who is asked to write an article about the Vel d'Hiv. Through her investigation she discovers a trail of long-hidden secrets in her French husband's family that connects to Sarah. As she probes into Sarah's past, to her ordeal at Vel d'Hiv, to the concentration camps and beyond, she is confronted with the French taboos and silence concerning this painful episode in their history.

This book drew me in from the very beginning and was hard to put down. For me, the story's pain and emotions parallel those experienced by my grandparents, parents, uncles and aunts, who were rounded up and taken from their homes to be imprisoned in internment camps in World War II.

SILENT SPRING by Rachel Carson

To celebrate Earth Day this year, I read *Silent Spring*, a classic environmental book. As I was reading it, I had to remind myself that it was published in 1962, because so much of what she wrote we take as gospel in the present. *Silent Spring* helped to illustrate the interrelationship of living organisms and helped Americans to understand that humans were not separate from nature, but connected to the earth as part of an interconnected web of life. It also helped to expose the hazards of chemical pesticide use and draw public attention to environmental issues that had never really been addressed before. It profoundly influenced the environmental movement in the United States by bringing environmental issues to the attention not just of industry and government; but to the public, and set us on a course of saving the earth. The onslaught of environmental legislation that occurred after the publication of *Silent Spring* allowed environmentalism to find credibility in our society, and its practice to become a permanent force in public policy.

Kerry Shoji

U.S. EPA Region 9 Library

1968: THE YEAR THAT ROCKED THE WORLD, by Mark Kurlansky

A history of one of the most emotional years in American and world history, of hopes raised and dashed, of great achievements and terrible traumata. I was born that year, so I do not remember it, but I find it fascinating. I actually was given the book several years ago, but had put it aside until I recently went to an exhibit on 1968 at the Oakland Museum of California.

THE GRAPES OF WRATH by John Steinbeck

Refugees from the Dust Bowl in Oklahoma head to a new life in California. So I'm told. I haven't gotten very far yet. Going by the title, do they end up working in a vineyard in Napa?

SUPERFOLKS by Robert Mayer

Again, I haven't gotten very far into it. It seems to be about a retired superhero, something like Mr. Incredible in the Pixar film (or the characters in "Watchmen"). I was inspired to read it after seeing "The Avengers."

Michael Stoler

Sheppard Mullin

THE HUNGER GAMES by Suzanne Collins

I would not recommend this as "great literature," but it was an easy quick read, engrossing and interesting. I read it to keep up with the times, to read it before seeing the movie, and to know what is of interest to my kids and grandkids (all of whom have read it.)

I am also in a book group that decided on a second "Book Club in a Box" from the Center for the Book. We had started the book club a few years ago reading the "Mysterious California" selections and decided to now read the "Women of Mystery" selections. These are all light mysteries by contemporary women. The Book Club includes a video of interviews of the authors (as did the Mysterious California series). It is a great club "deal." You are provided with a box of 15 sets of books for free. All you do is read, evaluate, return. For more information: <http://www.calbook.org/bcb.html>

My club is using the mysteries to offset some of the tougher stuff we have been reading. We originally started reading the CA mysteries, then went to books that took place in Stockton, then the Central Valley, then books written by local authors, etc. Recently we went a different direction and are reading about the Civil War. *Killer Angels*, by Michael Shaara, was very moving, a fictitious account which later was made into the movie *Gettysburg*. Next we are reading *Approaching Fury*, by Stephen Oates. It was recommended. Have not started it yet.

Barbara Zaruba

San Joaquin County Law Library



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2012

Cindy Weller

Cooper White & Cooper LLP

The staff and attorneys at Cooper White & Cooper LLP celebrated their 15th Annual National Library Week with games, product demos and daily treats. The event is a week-long campaign held each year to bring attention to the contributions of the library. This year's theme, Rev It Up! @ Your Library, encouraged researchers to update their research skills by introducing them to new electronic and print publications and products. The race theme used quotes from race car drivers, with checkered flags and related décor to bring a bit of fun to the firm and a spotlight to the library and its role at the firm.



Cindy Weller, Law Librarian, runs a different campaign each year, highlighting resources in the collection, services offered, and new products which may have been recently added. A theme-related treat or favor is personally delivered to all, encouraging participation in the games and demos. The firm sponsors the event with a drawing for Giants tickets



at the week's culminating social. This insures participation in the games and trivia questions emailed each day. The staff and attorneys look forward to the event each year. As NLW12 came to a close, NLW13 entered the planning stage!



MY FAVORITE BOOKSTORE

Tom Eyres

Here are some more favorites, submitted by your fellow NOCALL members. (It is good to see Alexander Book Co. listed – one of my own favorites – cozy, great selection, friendly, helpful staff. A wonderful place for birthday shopping, because they also sell greeting cards and will wrap your book for free.) Cheers!

My favorite bookstore is **Kepler's** in Menlo Park (1010 El Camino Real). It is now a modern facility, and still a treat to browse. But my favorite memories are from the 1970s when **Kepler's** was in an old house on El Camino Real, modified to be a bookstore. Different rooms would house different subject areas, and wandering from room to room took me through a wonderland of discovery. I will never forget the women's bathroom! (Can't speak for the men's room.) It was wall-papered with covers from the New Yorker, and the graffiti was erudite. Long conversations between strangers about the politics and social issues of the day were written on those walls. Those were the days.

--Janet Fischer

Of the San Francisco Bay Area bookstores that remain standing I really like:

Alexander Book Co. (50 Second St. between Market & Mission, San Francisco). I can walk there from work and then head on home

Green Apple (506 Clement St. at 6th Ave., San Francisco). Bus from home.

Books Inc. (601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco). I walk there from home.

My favorite one used to be **The Clean and Well Lighted Place for Books** (went out of business and Books Inc. moved in) and the wonderful **Cody's**. Sigh.

--Yarka Odvarko

My favorite bookstore is a used book store, **Adobe Books** in the Mission, on 16th Street. There are a lot of bookstores to choose from around there and I think what sets **Adobe** apart is the owner, who is usually there and really friendly; the back room that hosts art shows; and the comfy chairs and couches, plants, and sunlights that encourage more browsing and community. I always find a ton of books I want and they are reasonably priced.

I also used to work at a movie theater across the street, so it was easy to pop over to Adobe and get something to read if things were slow at work.

--Shannon Lynch

We are lucky in Lake County in that we have more than one book store -- I was shocked a couple years ago that Anaheim did not have one single bookstore except for the Disney Mall!

My favorite bookstore is **Watershed Books** in Lakeport (305 North Main Street). Cheri is very attentive to her customers and community needs. She uses the store as a venue to showcase local writers and poets with book signings/readings.

She is working loosely with the Lake County Law Library to provide Nolo Books new and used for our patrons who want to have their own copy or not have to wait for it to become available through the public library system.

I always order my books through her store instead directly from an online retailer. That way the tax \$ stays in the County and helps keep her going. A small but extra perk is that buying through her, I reduce the carbon footprint: I don't have to drive to a larger city; she receives multiple books in a shipment, thus reducing packaging and being proactive about supporting local businesses.

--Kathleen O'Connor

Links for the featured stores:

Adobe Books
<http://www.myspace.com/adobebooks>

Alexander Book Co.
<http://www.alexanderbook.com/>

Books Inc.
<http://www.booksinc.net/>

Green Apple Books
<http://www.greenapplebooks.com/>

Kepler's
<http://www.keplers.com/>

Watershed Books
<http://www.watershedbookco.com/>

**REVIEW: ACTIVIST BLOGGER:
THE JOSH WOLF STORY**
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Fitzgerald Abbott & Beardsley, LLP

[Activist Blogger: The Josh Wolf Story](#), a short documentary film by Donna Lee, is a compelling story about 1st Amendment rights and the role of journalists/bloggers in contemporary American society. Josh Wolf was charged with contempt by federal authorities for refusing to surrender raw video footage and give testimony to a federal grand jury. Mr. Wolf was a witness to violent incidents at anti G8 summit rally in San Francisco's Mission District in July 2005 that was monitored by the FBI under domestic terrorism. Specifically, the FBI wanted the tape because it supposedly contained footage of an injured SFPD officer. The big question the provocative act of jailing Mr. Wolf raises is his status as a journalist and the need for a Federal Shield Law that would protect journalists from revealing their sources and work product.

Ms. Lee has skillfully intercut many voices from the 1st Amendment and journalist communities that flesh out the 1st Amendment issues. Peter Scheer of the California 1st Amendment Coalition and Carlos Villareal of the National Lawyers Guild are effective in revealing the finer points of Mr. Wolf's case and the need for a Federal Shield Law. Deborah Saunders, San Francisco Chronicle political columnist, provides counterpoint in her contention that Mr. Wolf does not fit the definition of a journalist. Josh Wolf features extensively in the documentary. The viewer gets to know him on a personal level and we find out that post jail Josh ran for Mayor of San Francisco (he lost).

Almost 7 years after this incident, [Activist Blogger: The Josh Wolf Story](#), still resonates in our society, particularly in light of the Occupy protests of the past year. Bloggers and journalists covering political dissent in the United States are dealing with the same issues and dangers that Mr. Wolf faced. Until the role of journalists is redefined in the context of new media outlets such as blogs this story will continue to resonate. The proposed Free Flow of Information Act (H.R.985 | S.448), which would establish a Federal Shield Law for journalists, is mired in Congressional gridlock and has yet to see the light of day. This film would be a great teaching tool for law school curriculums and suitable for screenings in the greater legal community.

NOCALL MAY BUSINESS MEETING

May 29, 2012

One Market Restaurant
1 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
www.onemarket.com

Valet Parking is available for lunch at the corner of Market and Steuart Streets. Parking prices are \$12 during lunch; it is less expensive than local parking garages.

Schedule:

11:30 - 12:00 Registration/Networking/No-Host Bar
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
12:30 Short Program Begins

Menu:

Farmer's Market Salad

Seasonal Greens, Vegetables, Sherry Vinaigrette

Grilled Mahi Mahi

Crushed Celery Root, Escarole, Shiitake Mushroom
Vinaigrette
or Vegetarian Option

Duo of Crème Brûlée

Cappuccino and Vanilla Bean, Tiny Cookie

Cost:

\$15.00 per person

To register, please complete the registration form (available at <http://tinyurl.com/c86lp68>) and send it to:

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Please note that payments will be accepted at the door. Checks should be made payable to NOCALL.



LIBRARIANS...NOT TO BE TRIFLED WITH

Jaye Lapachet
Coblentz, Patch, Duffy & Bass LLP

If you have not been to one of Social Director Julie Horst's events, you must go. Stop whatever you are doing and sign up. The most recent event was an outing at Jackson Arms in South San Francisco. Jackson Arms is a shooting range, training facility for gun handling, and practice location for competitive shooters.

Julie organized two groups of librarians to go and try some target shooting. My Dad grew up on a farm and thought it was important to be familiar with guns, so I have had some shooting experience. There are a lot of tin cans strewn through my past that saw better days, but it has been a long time since I picked up a gun.

I arrived at a non-descript light industrial building over near the bio-tech farms in South City. My Toyota Corolla looked out of place among the Ford F150s and flame-sporting motorcycles. When I got to the counter, I told the person I was with the librarian group and heard a voice behind me say "AH, you are one of the lethal librarians." Since I get a lot of strange comments about being a librarian, as most of you do, I ignored the comment. He turned out to be the instructor. Mark is a security officer at the 9th Circuit and a retired peace officer.

When we gathered, he took us through the basics: safety, parts of the gun (.22 semi-automatic handguns), safe gun handling and learning his mantra: FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER. We had some practice dry firing in the classroom and then we went to get suited up for the range.

"Suited up" meant glasses, if you don't have poly-carbonite lenses, and ear protection. We also had to hand over our official State IDs. Other people in the range had beanies and heavy jackets as well.



The range was cold with fans blowing hard and non-stop. They need the fans to keep the smoke and lead out of people's lungs. It was a series of welded metal booths, each with a carpeted counter and a concrete floor. We all stood around, when not shooting, in a ~20ft x 8ft area. The area into which we fired was much larger than that and littered with thousands of spent shells.



There were 9 of us and we shot a total of 30 rounds (1 round= 1 bullet) each in series of 10 rounds at a time. I have to say that I was shocked at how well I could aim and hit what I was aiming at. All of my first 20 rounds, except 2, were in the center of the target. If my first target had been a person, they would not have been feeling very well at the end of the evening. Everyone else did equally as well or better.

Shooting in real life is very different than what we see on Law and Order, Unforgettable and CSI. First, the gun is heavy and the shooter is holding it at arm's length, which is an unfamiliar position. We verified our stance, raised the gun, aimed using the sights and pulled the trigger, then relaxed a bit with the gun pointed down, took a couple of breaths and started over.

Our first targets were bulls eyes with a red center. After the first 20 rounds the instructor asked if we wanted to go again. Of course we did! He brought back new targets and these were "Police Training Silhouettes," which SWAT teams use. Yes, they were the outlines of people with major organs noted.

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I had fun with Julie Horst, Donna Williams (great marksman, by the way!), Wei-Yau Huang, Lee Ryan, Catherine Gillespie and everyone else in our group. I am not sure if I thought the shooting was fun. I felt a sense of fear at the beginning of the class just from being around guns. I definitely felt a sense of power and felt more at ease after the event ended.

These events are great, because you find out things you wouldn't normally find out about other librarians. When have you ever asked a colleague whether or not they have ever gone shooting?

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The names of members who have joined NOCALL since publication of the 2010-11/2011-12 NOCALL 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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HUGE changes are on the way for NOCALL members. We have contracted with an online membership management software company called MemberClicks. <http://memberclicks.com/products/index.html> NOCALL members will be able to renew and update their information online while keeping their data private and secure. And that's just the beginning. Bear with us during the implementation phase. We hope to have the new system up and running within 90 days.

NEW MEMBERS

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NOCALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 5, 2012

11:00 a.m. PT

via Conference Call

Attending: Holly Riccio, Claudia Cook, Ellen Platt, Debbie Maglione, Chuck Marcus and Diane Rodriguez (Nominations Chair)

Holly presented two questions for discussion:

1. Can the President take charge of the NOCALL Election?

The resignation comes just as our election process began, Holly completed all the necessary steps so the election is moving forward on schedule. There is nothing in the Bylaws or NOCALL historical memory to address this situation. Discussion ensued, no conflict of interest or potential for election fraud seen, Board agreed that Holly should proceed. She will receive the election results from AALL Headquarters (Chris Siwa) and send out the message to the list with the election results.

2. Can the replacement Secretary be appointed by the Board, how to proceed?

This person would complete the present term, so they would be Secretary beginning with the May 2012 Business Meeting and continue through June 2013. Diane Rodriguez reports that it was difficult to find people willing to run for all Board positions during this cycle and there are no back-up Secretarial candidates waiting in the wings.

Who could we ask to run? Discussion ensued, our strategy to will be:

- Post a message to the NOCALL list inviting self-nominations. Holly will draft this message and send it out right away.
- If this is unproductive, after the NOCALL election closes (March 22), approach the two unsuccessful Board Member at Large candidates to see if either is interested.
- If still unsuccessful, approach past Secretaries to see if one would complete the term, and be thinking of people who might be interested. Another conference call may be warranted.

There was additional discussion of Secretarial duties:

- May Business Meeting: will be sponsored by West (\$2500 donation), the rest will come from NOCALL funds or possibly by asking members to pay a portion. Exact details to be determined.
- Holly has been selecting the venues and managing the RSVPs and any money, then sending the Secretary a list to use to generate name tags.

- So upcoming duties would be:
 - Prompting Board members to get their committee cluster reports
 - Name tags for May meeting, collection of any funds at the door
 - Minutes for May Board conference call and May Business Meeting
 - Holly may call for additional assistance if needed

Other, unrelated discussion of impending Joint Institute:

- Who is attending the President's Dinner on Thursday night.
- Venue details will be confirmed soon, watch for the e-mail.
- Mary Staats will not be attending, Holly will take care of MCLE registration details, this includes publicizing the availability of credits to attendees and vendors. (Amber Madole is managing registration: Amber.Madole@lls.edu.).

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Platt
Board Member at Large

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