President’s Column, by John Adkins

It is time to bid you all farewell as your president and step into the comfortable shoes of past president in the year ahead. It has been an exciting year working with a terrific board. We were so lucky to have Gina Catalano and Leigh Inman stay on as our respective Secretary and Treasurer for a second term; their knowledge and intelligence sharpened the focus of many discussions and lead to a lot of great results this year. Betsy Chessler was a dynamo in making personal contact with our vendors and ensuring a lively series of programs throughout the year. SANDALL is lucky to have Betsy returning as VP in the year ahead. Sheila Corman deserves special gratitude for her wise counsel and suggestions throughout the year, and for inaugurating the reformation of the Long Range Planning Committee. Her committee searched other organizations for ideas about future programs and events, what trends were developing in professional development and education, and also suggestions for fun activities as well. This will be a very useful resource to our future boards and vice presidents.

Another project that we began this year was the creation of a SANDALL Board wiki. The current board is now entering documents, checklists, how-to guides, and other nuggets of interest to newly minted board members. We hope this will provide a good way to provide continuity for SANDALL leadership in the years to come.

We have also asked Barbara Glennan to take the lead in creating a working group on SANDALL’s web presence. We want to get some idea of where SANDALL should be in terms of the social networking tools and business-specific resources. This idea came as a direct result of the focus groups that I had with different SANDALL members over the past year. Many great ideas came from these meetings, and I continue to meet with more members as I write this. I will be finishing up this 10th Anniversary challenge in my tenure as past president, and will share my findings with the membership at that time.

This year we will also have our very first presence at the AALL Annual Meeting. Vicky Williamson’s hard working PR Committee has created a 10th birthday theme to make our table a fun and inviting one. We will be showing off the great things SANDALL is doing to a national audience. I think this is a good step forward in attracting talented law librarians to the area, and to market the abilities of our current membership.

The Government Relations Committee has never been more vital and energized than now, under the leadership of Tina Jagerson. Arnold Josafat chairs the Employment Committee and has been wonderful at sending out job postings to the membership in these tough economic times.

Another new committee this year: the Social Responsibility Committee. Never in my wildest dreams could I have hoped for a better champion for responsibly assisting those in need than chair Debra Morse. This was synergy at its best – a new idea fit with a new leader, and the committee has really been a wonderfully positive portrayal.

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Congratulations to the 2009/10 SANDALL Board

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ANNOUNCING NEW SANDALL SERVICE AWARD

The Board has approved honoring significant chapter support and involvement by our vendors with an award to be given at the annual business meeting. The award will not be required to be given annually, but only when a nominee is deemed a worthy recipient.

The Board is now accepting nominations from the membership. The criteria are:

1. Sustained support of any kind to the Chapter over time and/or extraordinary support in a given year; and/or
2. Sustained involvement in the education of Chapter members through participation in Chapter events, materials and programs; and/or
3. Superior service to Chapter members in business relationships relating to that vendor’s products, billings, trainings, or other meritorious examples.

Nominations may be sent to me or any other board member. Please include sufficient justification using any or all of the three categories listed above. No self-nominations, please. Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm Friday, May 29.

Please join the board in honoring our wonderful vendor members. They bring to the Chapter many remarkable and exciting programs and events. We want to publicly acknowledge our gratitude for their outstanding support and service to the law library community of San Diego.

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of our members and law librarians generally.

As I end my second tenure as SANDALL president, I must thank my employer, the University of San Diego Legal Research Center, and my colleagues there for supporting me throughout the year. If not for them taking on projects and duties that otherwise would have fallen to me, I would not have had the time to devote to the Chapter. Special thanks to Ruth Levor for her unfailing support of “all things SANDALL” on my calendar throughout the year.

It has been an honor to serve again as your president. Best of luck to the new board! Onward!

Yours sincerely,
John
Reflections and Tips on Attending the AALL Annual Meeting
by Judy Davis, USC Gould School of Law

I graduated from library school last spring, and thanks to a grant generously provided by SANDALL, I was able to attend the AALL annual meeting for my first time. Now, as the date for this year’s meeting approaches, I am eagerly preparing to go once again. Having had several months to consider both the convention itself, as well as how the information I gained has helped me as a new professional, I thought that now would be a good time to share my reflections on the last meeting. I hope these reflections are useful not only to me but also to others preparing to attend this year’s meeting, especially those who are newer to AALL and law librarianship.

My first experience at the AALL convention was at CONELL, the Conference of Newer Law Librarians. If you are a first-time attendee, or if you have never attended CONELL before, I would recommend this useful crash course in all things AALL. Its purpose is “to welcome the newer members of the profession to the organization, introduce them to the Association and its leaders, and provide a setting for newer members to become acquainted with each other.”

If you cannot devote an entire day to CONELL, the morning presentation and small group sessions are still a great way to alleviate some of your anxieties about attending, as well as to meet other newbies with whom you can share this experience. Even if you don’t make any lifelong friends in the speed-networking session, at least you will recognize a few faces and be able to speak to your new acquaintances throughout the rest of the convention. To find more information about this year’s program and schedule, check out the Annual Meeting program materials available on the AALL website.

Another memorable program I attended last year was the winners’ presentations of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers. The program initially caught my attention because the paper of one of my colleagues had been selected as a winner. When I attended, though, I realized that this is a great way to learn about some cutting edge issues, while gaining significant insight into the process of writing scholarly articles.

In addition to the program in which the winners present an overview of their topics, there is also a session in which they discuss the process of researching and writing their papers. I found this information to be very helpful and would suggest it to librarians who are interested in scholarly publishing but would like more information on the nuts and bolts of the process. No doubt the papers for the 2009 meeting will showcase the talents of even more up-and-coming library stars. With winners like "A Law Librarian’s Guide to the Economic Crisis," and "The Law Librarian of the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries," this year’s presentations are sure to be interesting and insightful.

And finally, at last year’s meeting, I found that one of the most important aspects of my attendance was the social factor. I highly recommend taking advantage of the many socializing and networking opportunities that the Annual Meeting provides. For example, one of the functions I attended last year was a reception hosted by a library at which I was considering working. It provided a great way for me to meet many of the librarians there, in a more relaxed environment than the interview setting. This opportunity for me to see my potential coworkers interacting outside work became a significant factor in my decision.

Even if your budget does not allow for all of the more expensive banquets, do try to attend some social functions. In addition to a variety of receptions and mixers, there are often walking tours, wine tasting and visits to area libraries. You never know—even if you do not meet your next employer, you might gain a valuable contact who can provide an outside perspective on a work matter, offer suggestions for dealing with a problem, or help you obtain that impossible-to-find publication for an important patron.

Although I am not yet a seasoned pro when it comes to the AALL Annual Meeting, my reflections on last year’s meeting have allowed me to know what to expect and how to plan for this year’s event. I hope that the insights I offer here can also be of some help to those fortunate enough to be attending this year’s meeting or future meetings. I hope to see you there!
At the SANDALL Workshop in April 2009, Keynote Speaker, Professor Alan Gin, an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of San Diego, provided an insightful and candid presentation on the realities of our current economic situation and the events that led to our downward spiral into a “severe recession.” According to Professor Gin, the nation’s negative GDP growth in the last 2 quarters, the 6% drop in economic growth and San Diego’s 9.3% unemployment rate (now higher than the national unemployment rate) are indicative of a severe recession.

According to Professor Gin, the following factors have contributed to the recession:

1. Weak housing market and high foreclosure rates:

   In the early 2000s, interest rates were low and housing prices more than tripled. The Federal Reserve became concerned about inflation and as a result raised interest rates, this in turn, consequently, had an effect on homeowners who took out ARM loans during the housing boom. When the introductory rate of the ARM loans expired and mortgage payments increased, homeowners found out, to their detriment, that they could no longer afford their homes. This led to a rise in foreclosures which led to a further weakening of the housing market and a drop in housing prices and demand.

2. Financial Institutions Crises

   The collapse of the financial sector occurred with the bankruptcies of Bear Stearns, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Leeman Brothers and Wachovia, to name a few.

   This in turn affected business owners who could not get loans to finance business operations because they were facing more stringent lending terms.

3. Retail Businesses

   The crash in the financial institutions also affected consumer confidence and spending. As spending declined, automobile sales dropped resulting in the huge bailout requests from large auto manufacturers. Retail sales also suffered resulting in the closing of mom and pop shops as well as the closing of retail chain stores such as Circuit City and Mervyns.

As a result of these factors and increased layoffs, people are spending less which means less revenue for the Federal Government, in the form of sales and income taxes. In addition, there has been a decrease in capital gains due to plunging stock prices. Therefore, to revive the economy, the Federal Government, created a stimulus package to cut taxes and provide additional tax credits, in hopes of putting more spending money in the hands of consumers.

However, according to Professor Gin the housing sector, the financial sector and the real economy are all inter-related sectors that affect the economy and therefore, an integrated solution is needed to address each sector simultaneously.

Professor Gin, who writes the University of San Diego’s Index of Leading Economic Indicators, expects negative growth for the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2009, with economic growth stabilizing in the second half of 2009 and slow economic growth for 2010.

Therefore, there is definitely an end in sight and hopefully, we have all learnt not to spend more than we can afford and to use credit wisely.
**2009 Spring Workshop**

**Alternative Careers: “What else can I do with a library degree besides by a librarian?”**,  
*Summarized by Kim Laru, San Diego County Public Law Library*

The first speaker was **Matthew R Egel**, Manager of Research Services for Scripps Health Foundation in San Diego. Mr. Egel is not a librarian by training. With his business background he came to a research career conducting information audits, automating collections, and developing special collections.

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The next speaker was **Cindy Shamel** of Shamel Information Services (and current president of the SLA-SD chapter). She founded her company in 1998 and provides research for companies in high tech, defense/aerospace and the biotech/biomedical industries. She attributes much of her success to professional networking, including an active membership in the Association of Independent Information Professionals (AIIP). When asked to identify the best & worst aspects of being a freelancer, she noted that being her own boss was definitely best, while her greatest challenge is to manage a constant billable workflow. For those interested in learning more, Ms. Shamel recommends the book, “Is Consulting for You?” by Ulla de Stricker.

Summing up the session, it was noted that many information-based skills can be leveraged into a business, including records management (especially in the medical field), creating indexes, database development, conducting information audits, automating collections, and developing special collections.

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**Who needs your love today?**,  
*by Debra Morse, San Diego County Public Law Library*

At the SANDALL Spring Workshop, panel participants **Daria DeCooman**, **Bobbi Weaver**, and myself [Debra Morse] undertook to discuss volunteer projects and some of the career benefits that can be gained thereby.

We have this notion of volunteering as being altruistic, but that seems limiting to me. People volunteer for a whole host of reasons; to find a mate, to network for a job, to build skills to advance their career, or because their partner made them do it. It’s not always altruistic. it can be selfish. That’s ok. We don’t care why you volunteer. We’ll take you anyway. Just get out and do something.

Volunteering has a way of changing lives – not only the recipient’s, but the volunteer’s life as well. Volunteering can change lives in ways not intended or expected. Sure, we all expect the good karma, but there can be unintended consequences. If being laid off from work presently challenges you, volunteering can be one way to jumpstart things. Remember: Action begets action. Get out there and spend part of your day job searching and interviewing, part of your day taking care of yourself, and part of your day volunteering. It will help you stay centered.

Organizations often want higher-level help, such as accountants, attorneys, and marketing professionals. But they rarely know how to ask for this help. It’s up to you to go seek them out. Don’t hesitate to ask just because you don’t see it advertised. The canny volunteer will find a niche in an area of need that appeals not only to her ethically, but to her professional life. And you never know where it may lead.

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Daria spoke to us about the work she does at the Library of Project La Roca in Tijuana (www.projectlaroca.blogspot.com). Daria’s company, Elsevier, is marvelously supportive of employees volunteering, which is admirable. You can find out more at www.elsevier.com. Bobbi spoke of her work with the Sierra Club (http://sandiegosierraclub.org) and Haiti Reads (www.haitireads.org). Both ladies bubbled with enthusiasm and joy at the work they do, and were very clear that they gain far more than they give. They are shining examples of how remarkable volunteering can be.

Through SANDALL’s Social Responsibility Committee, we try to inform members about various opportunities at local charities. At the Spring Workshop we collected over 70 pounds of food that was delivered to the San Diego Food Bank, and which will go to needy families locally. We’d love to hear about your experiences and any suggestions you have for SANDALL members.

My friend Casey DeLorme is also a resource for volunteering in San Diego. You can reach him through www.volunteersandiego.org - a great organization that has lists of many, many ways you can get involved, whether it’s for a day or an ongoing commitment.

Bottom line: regardless of your ability, inability, time constraints or time to spare, someone needs you. When you get up in the morning, look in the mirror and ask: Who needs my love today? I guarantee you’ll have a happier more fulfilled life.

Note that handouts from the Spring Workshop are available at http://units.sla.org/chapter/csnd/meetings.html

Member News

Norma Dunn retired as Thomas Jefferson’s Technical Services and Acquisitions Librarian on May 27, 2009. Norma served in this position for the past 20 years.

Charles Dean who has served as Electronic Resources and Reference Librarian at Thomas Jefferson for the past year has accepted the position of Director of Client Services and Instructional Technology in the Thomas Jefferson IT department.

Leigh Inman has been promoted to Technical Services & Acquisitions Librarian at Thomas Jefferson.
PAINT ME A PICTURE:
White, Green, Gray & All The Rest – Public and Private Papers and What They Do

by John Adkins, USD, Legal Research Center

Consider this: “Many so-called **White Papers** have been, in effect, **Green Papers**, while at least one **Green Paper** was released for public debate after the government had already drafted legislation. **Green papers** may also result in the production of a **white paper.**” [“Green Paper” from The Canadian Encyclopedia / C.E.S. Franks  http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?Pn=TCE&Params=A1ARTA0003437

While: “Examples of **gray** literature include technical reports from government agencies or scientific research groups, working papers from research groups or committees, or **white papers**, or preprints. The term **gray** literature is often, but not exclusively, used for scientific research.” Information World. 1996. What is gray literature? Available: http://info.learned.co.uk/li/newswire/I196/wiI96.htm, (June 18, 1997).

Coming across sentences like these caused me to stop and ponder: what exactly am I being referred to? And is there a special color code that I need to understand and remember?

With just these questions I went on a hunt that uncovered much more than I ever bargained for. I found not only published items of white, green, and gray – but also black, gold, yellow, blue and red!

And so, let me paint you a picture…

**WHITE**

A **White Paper** is an authoritative report or guide that often addresses problems and how to solve them. **White Papers** are used to educate readers and help people make decisions. They are used in politics and business. They can also be a government report outlining policy.

Since the early 1990s, the term "white paper" has also come to refer to documents used by businesses as a marketing or sales tool. For example, many white papers today reveal the benefits of particular technologies and products.

These types of white papers are almost always marketing communications documents designed to promote a specific company's solutions or products. As a marketing tool, it is important to note that these papers will always highlight information favorable to the company authorizing or sponsoring the paper. Such white papers are often used to generate sales leads, establish thought leadership, make a business case, or to educate customers.

There are three primary types of commercial white papers: 1) those that focus on making a business proposal; 2) technical explanations; and 3) a combination of the two. Stelzner, Michael (2007). *Writing White Papers: How to capture readers and keep them engaged*. Poway, California: WhitePaperSource Publishing.

**GREEN**

A **Green Paper** is a preliminary government report with policy proposals for debate and discussion before a final decision is taken on the best policy option. After this debate and discussion, the government will normally publish firmer recommendations in a **White Paper**.

Unsurprisingly, **Green Papers** are printed on pale green paper.

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A Green Paper released by the European Commission is a discussion document intended to stimulate debate and launch a process of consultation, at European level, on a particular topic. By contrast, a Green Paper in Canada, like a White Paper, is an official document sponsored by the Crown. Green Papers tend to be early government policy proposals put forth for national discussion. Many so-called White Papers in Canada have been, in effect, Green Papers, while at least one Green Paper - that on immigration and population in 1975 - was released for public debate after the government had already drafted legislation.

Are you getting the picture now?


GRAY or GREY

Because White Papers are generally considered authoritative, Gray Papers may be anything that is not authoritative. For example, the information may be in fact true, but a Gray Paper also contains a good deal of subjective opinion as well.

Gray literature is a term used variably by the intelligence community, librarians, and medical and research professionals to refer to a body of materials that cannot be found easily through conventional channels such as publishers, "but which is frequently original and usually recent" in the words of M.C. Debachere. Debachere, M. C. (1995). "Problems in obtaining grey literature". IFLA Journal 21 (2): 94-98.

The U.S. Interagency Gray Literature Working Group, "Gray Information Functional Plan," 18 January 1995, defines gray literature as "foreign or domestic open source material that usually is available through specialized channels and may not enter normal channels or systems of publication, distribution, bibliographic control, or acquisition by booksellers or subscription agents."

Examples of gray literature include technical reports from government agencies or scientific research groups, working papers from research groups or committees, White Papers, or preprints. The term gray literature is often, but not exclusively, used for scientific research.

Gray literature poses difficulties for librarians and other information professionals for several reasons. Generally, gray literature lacks strict bibliographic control, meaning that basic information such as author, publication date or publishing body may not be easily found. Information and research professionals generally draw a distinction between ephemera and gray literature, but there are certain overlaps between the two and they certainly share common frustrations such as bibliographic control issues.


“Grey papers” have also been called “the hottest trend in scrapbooking,” but I think that takes us much further afield.

BLACK

The Black Papers were a series of pamphlets on education, their name being a contrast to government White Papers. According to the Critical Quarterly website the Black Papers were: "...an attack on the excesses of progressive education… [such as] the student sit-ins which were damaging the reputation of British universities...The editors became leaders in a national campaign; today the Black Paper proposals for schools by and large are accepted by both the Conservative and Labour Parties in Britain." [http://www.criticalquarterly.com/history.asp]

The Labour Secretary of State for Education Edward Short said in a speech to the National Union of Teachers in 1969: "In my view the publication of the Black Paper was one of the blackest days for education in the past century".

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years later Short said of them: "These were scurrilous documents; quite disgraceful."

Taken from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Papers

YELLOW? BLUE? RED?

Not to be confused with Yellow journalism, a type of journalism that downplays legitimate news in favor of eye-catching headlines that sell more newspapers, a company called DDB has a series of Yellow Papers that “further the debate on business communications.” However, it is found on their website under “white papers.” Ahem. http://www.ddb.com/DDBWeb/whitepapers.html

Blue writing has nothing whatsoever to do with anything political or business-oriented. Blue Papers (similar to White Papers) are said to “espouse the benefits of particular technologies and products. Their intention is to spark debate, often inviting comment. They often pave the way for technology decisions however there is no obligation to act along the lines proposed.” http://www.synapsys.co.in/bluepapers.php

So one person’s Blue Paper is another person’s White Paper, I suppose?

And finally, I also ran across references to “Red Papers” from the Left Economics Advisory Panel (LEAP) that deal with, well, leftist economics. LEAP also calls their red papers “problem determination guides.” It is probably safe to say we won’t be needing these, but who knows? Here is the link, just in case. http://www.l-r-c.org.uk/LEAP_Nov08.pdf

CONCLUSION

So, I have painted for you a colorful picture. It is waiting for you to frame if you just discover the meanings and uses of these documents. Most likely there are many other colorfully named documents, and probably other meanings for many of the same-hued papers I mention above. But this article should definitely give you a start in understanding the colorful world of public and private [Insert Color of Choice Here] Papers.

Enjoy the view!
Near and Far with ADR
Exploring the Many Facets of Alternative Dispute Resolution
37th Annual SCALL Institute
March 27-28, 2009
La Quinta, CA

Summarized by Betsy Chessler, MoFo

With a SANDALL grant in hand, I traveled to the beautiful desert town of La Quinta, CA, to attend the Southern California Association of Law Libraries’ 37th Annual Institute on March 27-28, 2009. The topic this year was Alternative Dispute Resolution. Mediation and arbitration is used more and more to avoid the expense and stress of courtroom litigation. ADR can range from talking across the table at a coffee shop all the way to formal arbitration, with a retired judge presiding.

Some key points from the institute:

Two Types of ADR:

1. *Mediation* is confidential and informal. A mediator helps opposing parties draft a nonbinding settlement agreement. Most cases settle about midway between the first reasonable offer and the first reasonable demand, often after a lengthy negotiation process. Typically used for divorce proceedings, consumer and employment disputes, and some business disputes. Attorneys may or may not be present.

2. *Arbitration* is also confidential, but tends to me more formal. An arbitrator (or panel of arbitrators) hands down a binding award that generally cannot be overturned. Attorneys are usually present, and may negotiate without their clients present.

What Brings Parties to ADR
ADR can occur because opposing parties mutually agree to it when a dispute arises, or a prior contract (typically, an adhesion contract) stipulates that disagreements will be resolved not in court, but in mediation or arbitration. Sometimes a judge orders that a case be sent to arbitration.

Finding Information on ADR

Looking for information on “neutrals”? Many neutrals (a generic term for a mediator or arbitrator) have their own Web sites with biographical information. Others are affiliated with ADR organizations such as the AAA (American Arbitration Association), ABA, and the Association for Conflict Resolution, and will post biographical information at those Web sites. Many retired judges are neutrals, and you can review their past judicial biographies.

Looking for case information? It’s difficult or impossible to find information on specific mediation cases, because the big selling point of mediation is its strict confidentiality. You can find arbitration awards on both Westlaw and Lexis. Only Lexis has AAA employment arbitration award information, however. I have also personally had luck using an Internet search engine such as Google to locate case information. Often law firms like to publicize favorable arbitration case awards that they had a hand in.

Looking for procedural information? Much can be found on the Web, and Westlaw and Lexis have that too information too. For Westlaw choose the “International Arbitration” tab and for Lexis choose the “ADR” tab. For AAA materials, look no further than *The AAA Library and Information Center Collection*, now housed at Pepperdine University in Malibu. Pepperdine has been working diligently to catalog and organize the collection, since they became stewards of the AAA collection in 2006. As items are cataloged, they are added to Pepperdine’s online library catalog. Many items will be digitized in the future too.
Law Day celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary this year on May 1st. In honor of the event, the San Diego County Public Law Library hosted events at each of its branches during the week of April 27 to May 1. The theme of this year’s Law Day was to honor the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Each of the four branches of the Library participated in the Legal Resources Knowledge Fair. This annual event was held at the four courthouses in the county. The Knowledge Fair offered a selection of legal resource materials to let people know about the various resources available to them. This year, the Library had a more focused approach than in previous years. There were materials about identity theft, elder law, landlord-tenant relations, legal clinics, and court services and resources.

Also, all the branches put on the annual count-the-candy contest. No one guessed the correct amount at any of the branches. Winners were chosen by being the closest to the answer without going over and got to keep the candy and the jar. The totals for each branch were 448 at Main, 105 at East County, 270 at North County, and 256 at South Bay.

The Main branch hosted Professor Bryan Wildenthal of Thomas Jefferson School of Law who gave a talk entitled The Constitutional Legacy of Abraham Lincoln. The event was one of the best attended speaker events in recent memory at the Main branch as 27 people attended. Visitors to the Main branch also had the opportunity to view a series of displays about Lincoln. There were displays on the following subjects: a comparison of Lincoln and Obama, the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln’s efforts to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, and an overview of books in the Library’s collection about Lincoln.

The East County branch put on a very successful legal clinic. This year, 43 people took advantage of attorneys from the Foothills Bar Association who were willing to donate their time to answer questions. Attendees were able to consult with attorneys about bankruptcy, family law, personal injury, probate and trusts, and real property issues.

The North County branch was quite busy hosting numerous events. First, they brought back for a return engagement last year’s successful Law 101 series. This year, there were lectures on the following topics: Elder Law by Stacy Edwards, Esq., Unlawful Detainer by Deborah Bayus, Esq., and Small Claims by Mary Cataldo. Also, the Library was able to host two days of legal clinics due to the support and participation of attorneys from the Bar Association of North San Diego County.

The South Bay branch hosted two speaker events. The first, the Suspension of Habeas Corpus, by Michael L. Crowley, Esq., was an overview of the different times in American History when the President has attempted to suspend the writ of habeas corpus. The second was a lecture about computer crime given by FBI Special Agent Johnson. This class offered an inside look at the current threats posed by cyber criminals, plus what individuals could do to avoid potential threats, and what to do if they became a victim.

Overall, the Library was pleased with the participation at this year’s events and wants to give a great thank you to all the employees and volunteers that made the celebration of Law Day so successful.
Government Relations Committee Update
By Tina Jagerson, San Diego County Public Law Library

There has been a lot happening lately in the advocacy world. President Obama is making many important decisions and AALL and other advocacy groups are busy monitoring and promoting issues that affect the public's knowledge and participation in government activities.

The following are some of the highlights that the GRC has reported on in the last couple months.

**Economic Recovery:**
Open and Transparent Government

**FEDERAL**

President Obama signed into law the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* in an "effort to jumpstart our economy." The Act should create or save 3-4 million jobs, provide more than $150 billion to help households affected by the economic crisis, modernize our healthcare and infrastructure, improve educational opportunities, promote clean energy technology, and provide tax relief.

The President pledged to keep the government's economic recovery efforts open to the public by committing to greater transparency and accountability about the funds. As a result, the federal government launched recovery.gov. This site features tools and information about available funds, grant and awards contracts, and "projections for how, when and where the funds will be spent." You can sign up for email updates here.

**CALIFORNIA**

Approximately $85 billion of the federal government's economic stimulus funding has been allocated for California. To help manage the incoming funds, Governor Schwarzenegger created the *California Federal Economic Stimulus Task Force* to track the federal money given to our state and keep Californians informed about its allocation.

To assist the Task Force, the Governor established recovery.ca.gov, providing Californians with information about how much stimulus funding we're estimated to receive and where it will be spent. Sign up for email updates or subscribe to their RSS feed to stay up to date.

**SAN DIEGO**

A free beta website, recovery.org, was launched to "bring unprecedented transparency and accountability to recovery spending and ensure that every business regardless of size has equal access to the projects associated with the recovery efforts."

This site provides state-specific information about fund distribution, including information by county and city. Click here to see what's happening in San Diego County.

**Lieberman and McCain Introduce S.Res.118 to Create Online Public Access to CRS Reports**

Congressional Research Service (CRS) is the non-partisan, public policy group that provides Congress with research on key legislative issues of the day. Only members of Congress and their staff have access to CRS reports online, even though taxpayers pay for its funding.

You might remember the recent Show Us the Data report by OpenTheGovernment.org and the Center for Democracy & Technology that was evaluating which documents the public most wanted to see available online; CRS reports were the number one requested

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S.Res.118 was introduced on April 29th by Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman Joseph Lieberman (ID-CT) and Senator John McCain (R-AZ). The bill is attempting to create a centralized electronic system for public online access to CRS reports, issue briefs, and an index of those publications.

THOMAS Gets Its Own RSS Feed

The Law Library of Congress (LLC) launched the first RSS feed for THOMAS. The feed consists of the Daily Digest and was added to the LLC’s family of other RSS feeds, including:

THOMAS: Daily Digest: http://thomas.loc.gov/home/rss/dd.xml

Current Legal Topics: http://www.loc.gov/rss/law/reports.xml

Global Legal Monitor: http://www.loc.gov/lawweb/servlet/glmFeeds?feed

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Webcasts: http://www.loc.gov/rss/law/webcasts.xml

President Obama Appoints Chief Technology Officer

President Obama appointed Aneesh Chopra as the nation’s first Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Mr. Chopra was previously the Secretary of Technology for Virginia’s Governor. The President stated in his weekly address that “In this role, Aneesh will promote technological innovation to help achieve our most urgent priorities – from creating jobs and reducing health care costs to keeping our nation secure.”

The entire transcript of the weekly address is on the White House’s website.

National Archives Releases Reagan and Bush Presidential Records

The Acting Archivist of the United States announced that George H.W. Bush’s and Ronald Reagan’s Presidential records will be opened for research at their respective libraries.

Bush: http://bushlibrary.tamu.edu/
Reagan: http://www.reaganlibrary.com/

These Presidential records were released in accordance with the Presidential Records Act and Obama’s Executive Order on Presidential Records (E.O. 13489). Obama’s Executive Order restored standards for the timely release of presidential records by overturning the Bush Administration’s E.O. 13233, which expanded authority to withhold presidential records indefinitely.

ALA Files Comments on Broadband Initiatives

In response to a Public Notice, the American Library Association (ALA) filed comments with the National Telecommunications and Information Admin. (NTIA), the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the FCC regarding the American

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Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), its “Broadband Initiatives” and the impact on public libraries. For the complete filings, click on the PDF links below.


**AB886: Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse by Library Employees Does It Apply to Public Law Libraries?**

**AB886** was introduced into the California Legislature in an effort to amend Penal Code section 11165.7, to include “employees of public libraries” in the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse. Keep in mind that there is no indication that the term “public libraries” includes public law libraries.

Although the bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety in March, no further action has actually been taken at this time. I will continue to monitor the bill and provide updates on its status as I learn more.

As always, thank you to Emily Feldman at AALL’s Government Relation Office for providing me all these great updates, so that I may pass them along to SANDALL members.

Please send any questions or comments to tjagerson@sdcpll.org.

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**Save Time and Money with Your Next License Agreement Negotiation**

Negotiating licensing agreements for e-resources is often a burden. The Shared Electronic Resource Understanding (SERU) allows libraries and publishers to forgo the traditional negotiation process in favor of using a set of “common understandings.” AALL’s June webinar, *The Shared Electronic Resource Understanding (SERU): Can It Work in My Library*, to be held June 9, 1 p.m. EDT, is sponsored by the New England Law Library Consortium and the AALL Committee on Relations with Information Vendors.

Hear how both librarians and publishers feel about SERU and how SERU is used in practice. What are the legal implications of SERU? Is it feasible in the law library setting? Using a contracts perspective, librarians and publishers alike can learn how using SERU will affect their business relationships.

Registration fees are only $10 for AALL members and non-members. Register by June 5.

SANDALL Spring Social
**SANDALL Treasurer’s Report**

**Date:** 5/12/2009

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| (16 new members for FY2008-09) | }
II. Business via Email

Items discussed and approved via email by the Board since the last Board meeting.

1) Membership Fee Waiver language for hardship – **Approved by Board** to place on website. The approved language is as follows: "Membership fees are waived for financial hardship. Contact a board member for further information."

2) Articles by vendors – if the main focus is promotional for their business - then it is not allowed in the E-newsletter. At this time, we do not accept advertising in the E-Newsletter.

3) Draft of letter to Mayor and City Clerk regarding the Municipal Code no longer being provide in print - **Approved by board.** Kudos to Tina Jagerson for taking the lead on this project and drafting the letter.

III. Old Business

1. Board voted to create an Outreach Committee to promote law librarianship. Board to create the Charge and ask for volunteers for the new Committee. (discussed on 7/2/08 and 11/2/08)

   John to contact Valerie Railey to see if she is interested in leading the new Outreach Committee, creating the mission statement and forming a committee.

2. Budget Reallocation (discussed on 7/2/08 and 8/28/08)

   On Aug 28, 2008 the Board Approved the following:
   - Programs budget to encompass everything - $9000
   - Lowered the Nominations Budget to $50
   - Increased the Public Relations Budget to $2000
   - Added a budget for Board Meeting Expenses - $250
   - Increase the Miscellaneous Budget to $500
   - Grants Budget increased to $2500 (just for 2008/2009 – return to previous amount of $1500) Removed AALL grants from our revenues.

3. Renew Vendor participation/Advertising in Newsletter to increase revenue (Discussed on 7/2/08 and 11/2/08)

   Board proposed that it be folded into next year’s Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee Charge. We are looking at ways to create revenue for the chapter. Recommendation to new Board to include this in the LRP Committee – **Approved by Board.**

4. Create New Member Packets – Leigh and PR Committee (Discussed on 11/2/08)

   New Member Packets were created – they include a Key chain, welcome letter, directory, and the latest newsletter.

   Leigh to send a packet to Maggie for the archives.

5. Membership Directories with member job titles, Zip code listing and affiliation listing – Leigh (Discussed on 11/2/08)

   Directory information is currently at the publisher. This year we included job titles, alpha, zip and affiliation listing. Publisher agreed to additions and will still print for free.

   Board proposed to make directory a 2009/2010 edition - **Approved by Board.**

   Leigh to contact publisher and follow up on the final proof.

6. Password protecting of Webpage / directory info (Discussed on 11/2/08)
John to contact Carol regarding posting of new directory information and password protection.

7. Membership Wiki – request to members to see if anyone interested in creating (Discussed on 11/2/08)

John contacted Barbara Glennan regarding suggestions as to who to contact for this project. John asked her to take the lead and seek out people to participate and to make a recommendation to the board as to the best format. Board discussed changing the format to “Web Networking” (e.g. Twitter, Facebook, Linkedin, Wiki, Blogs, etc.)

8. Board Wiki – Board voted to create and password protect Wiki for Board use – each Board member has own page (Discussed on 11/2/08)

Board Wiki was created. Charge to the Board to upload information regarding their respective positions and any planning information, documents or procedures that will be useful to future Board members by September 1, 2009.

9. New Book List & Newsletter Links – Board approved inviting organizations to send message on our member listserv with link to their new book lists and newsletter (Discussed on 11/2/08)

John sent out the invitation – no response.

10. Member Outreach – Leigh to compile list of listservs and contact info for places to post invitations to join SANDALL. John to compare our discussion listserv to membership roster to see who is not a member and invite to join/renew membership in SANDALL. (Discussed on 11/2/08)

The compilation of listservs and the comparison of our listserv roster to the membership roster were ideas proposed to help reach potential new members. Board proposed that these could be a project for the LRP Committee. John will work on these projects next year as Chair of the LRP.

11. SANDALL organize Pacific Chapters reception this year at AALL. (Discussed on 11/2/08)

John is communicating with West regarding the menu for the event – will finalize on 5/13/09. Each Pacific Chapter has committed to giving $300 to make up difference in budget. SANDALL to put $300 toward event.

12. Request from PR Committee to approve items for purchase – to promote SANDALL at AALL.

All items (gift basket, party decorations, stress reliever, brochures) were approved for purchase by the Board with the following instructions:

- Stress reliever – (125 for AALL, 125 to remain for other SANDALL events)
- Brochure – (50 for AALL, 50 to remain for other SANDALL events)

13. Vendor Appreciation Award approved by Board. Nominations via listserv, select by Board present award at Fall workshop (Discussed on 2/25/09)

Board discussed when to present the Award. John proposed that we do it at the Annual Meeting since that is the last meeting and it is appropriate to have the Board that made the decision actually present the award. The winning vendor will receive a special invitation to attend the Annual Business Meeting.

John to put out a call to the membership for nominations. Estimated cost of Vendor Appreciation Award – $50.

14. Approve GRC mission/charge – Approve with John’s additions, not limiting policy to AALL. Send back to Tina with our endorsement and edits – for Tina to redraft final Statement.
Approved by Board: Tina to finalize the draft with John’s changes. Tina to send revised GRC Charge and the webliography to Carol Hyne for posting to Web. See attached for approved GRC Charge.

IV. Officer updates

President – John Adkins

1. Certificates of Appreciation at the Annual Meeting – Leigh to work on template for the certificates and work with John on the list of recipients. Once the template has been created, Leigh will forward to Betsy for printing.

2. Suggested that the terms for Board members should be extended to 2 years to help with continuity. Board agreed that it is worth investigating and also investigate staggering election years. Board decided to send this issue to the LRP Committee.

Vice President – Betsy Chessler

1. Spring Workshop was a success, well attended. Received a great response to the evaluations, both in terms of number and remarks. The Key Note Speaker Alan Gin gave an excellent presentation and received high ratings in the evaluations, as did other segments of the program.

2. Future topics for workshops include web tools, management/leadership skills.

3. Fall workshop will be held at Morrison & Foerster, scheduled for Friday, 9/25/09, 9am to 4pm. Topic will be focused on technology tools.

4. Spring Picnic – 15 RSVPs so far. Benita Ghura and Gina Catalano volunteered to be greeters. Michelle Jones volunteered to help with the raffle. Sheila Corman contributed items for raffle – including box seats at Padres. Leigh Inman to make pies as raffle prizes.

The event is a Potluck – bring food to grill and a side dish to share.

Leigh Inman to drop off pies and drinks to Betsy at the Park in AM. Leigh to get drinks, napkins, plates, utensils, trash bags, aluminum foil, raffle tickets. Quantity 30 max.

Funny games – Leigh Inman to check out Party City for prizes/pins, etc.

If not enough money raised at this event we could possibly hold another raffle event at the Annual Meeting.

V. Other

Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for June 17th (Wed) – John to check with Margarita Bull to see if she can host. Betsy to check with Vendors regarding sponsoring the lunch.

Last Board meeting – 1st week in June. Board to confirm via email on dates. Leigh can host this meeting at TJS.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:10pm
Respectfully submitted,
Gina Catalano
SANDALL Secretary

Attachment: Government Relations Policy

SANDALL Government Relations Policy
Approved by the Executive Board on May 12, 2009

MISSION STATEMENT

Government Relations
The Government Relations Committee (GRC) acts as a liaison between the San Diego Area Law Libraries (SANDALL) organization and the local, state and federal legislatures. In coordination with the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), the GRC monitors federal and California legislative, regulatory and judicial developments relevant to SANDALL, AALL, law libraries, law librarianship, or the dissemination of public information. The GRC shall report all relevant information to the SANDALL Executive Board and members. The GRC Chair shall advise the Executive Board about notable issues and make recommendations or propose any actions to be taken on behalf of SANDALL.

The SANDALL GRC Chair is appointed by the President for a term of one year. The number of terms a Chair may serve are at the discretion of the Executive Board based on the best interest of the organization. The Chair may appoint additional members as needed to assist with GRC business and activities.

POLICY

Introduction
SANDALL is a local chapter of AALL. SANDALL received Chapter approval in July 1998 and currently has an approximate membership of 120 law librarians and information professionals throughout the San Diego area. The Government Relations Committee received approval from SANDALL’s Executive Board as a “standing committee” in 2004, to further reflect SANDALL’s ongoing involvement with the community.

This policy is promulgated by the SANDALL Executive Board to direct the Association’s policy and advocacy work. SANDALL’s policy endorses, but is not limited to, the AALL principles on access to public information, below.

The statement entitled “Principles & Core Values Concerning Public Information on Government Websites,” approved by the AALL Access to Electronic Legal Information Committee (AELIC) on February 26, 2007, adopted by the AALL Executive Board on March 24, 2007, and adopted by the SANDALL Executive Board on May 12, 2009, is hereby incorporated in this policy by reference. The AELIC statement articulates SANDALL and AALL policies on creation, access, and distribution of government information in the digital age, and helps to further articulate SANDALL’s and AALL’s policies on government information. It outlines five core values that SANDALL and AALL believe are essential guidelines that all government agencies should follow when developing websites that provide information to their citizens, the legal community and other users. The full text of this statement may be found on AALL’s website at: http://www.aallnet.org/committee/aelic/AELIC_Core_Values.pdf

Legislative Advocacy
In consult with the SANDALL Executive Board and in coordination with AALL’s Government Relations Committee in Washington D.C., the GRC represents the views of the SANDALL membership to the state and federal legislature through letters, meetings, and testimony when necessary. The GRC coordinates advocacy and lobbying efforts with AALL and other related library associations as needed, including the Southern California Association of Law Libraries (SCALL), the Council of California County Law Librarians (CCCLL), Northern California Association of Law Libraries (NOCALL) and the Legislative Committee of the California Library Association (CLA).

The Chair of SANDALL’s GRC is the official liaison to AALL’s GRC, state and federal governmental bodies, and other library
associations. The GRC Chair or his/her designee is responsible for updating, communicating and advocating all relevant SANDALL information and activities to these organizations via listservs, newsletters or other appropriate means.

**Statement of Purpose**
The GRC serves to promote the information-policy interests of SANDALL. The GRC strives to keep SANDALL members informed of current and relevant information-policy issues effecting SANDALL, law librarians, law librarianship, or the dissemination of public information. When necessary or desirable, the GRC shall assist government decision makers in developing laws, policies and practices consistent with SANDALL’s Government Relations Policy and the incorporated statement entitled “Principles & Core Values Concerning Public Information on Government Websites.”

**On-going Tasks**
To effectively carry out its mission and purpose, the GRC will actively monitor California and federal issues important to SANDALL, AALL, law libraries and librarianship and the dissemination of public information. The GRC shall inform the SANDALL Executive Board and members of such issues through regular updates. On-going updates shall be sent via the SANDALL listserv, newsletter or other appropriate means.

The GRC will regularly monitor online legislative databases and applicable online listservs for developments; inform the SANDALL Executive Board and members about legislative issues of interest and deemed sufficiently important to SANDALL through the SANDALL listserv and its newsletter; exchange information with the legislative advocacy sections of other library associations; announce and promote pertinent events as they may arise, including the annual Legislative Days sponsored by California AALL Chapters, the CLA and the American Library Association (ALA).

In furtherance of its mission and purpose, the GRC may at times draft proposed letters and position papers for adoption by the SANDALL Executive Board or the membership. Such documents will be consistent with the views of this GRC Policy, SANDALL, and AALL. If approved, such documents will be communicated to the appropriate governmental bodies and/or other interested groups, as well as to the SANDALL Executive Board and membership.

**Conclusion**
The SANDALL GRC will inform its Executive Board and association members of current information-policy issues, coordinate efforts with AALL and other relevant library associations for maximum effect, and assist AALL and/or policy makers in the development of laws, policies, and practices consistent with this and AALL’s Government Relations Policies.

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**Take the Lead: Apply for the 2009 AALL Leadership Academy**

You have the potential to become a leader in law librarianship. Learn how to maximize your unique skills and talents to get ahead in the profession by attending the [2009 AALL Leadership Academy](http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_leadershipacademy.asp), October 16-17, at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, Illinois.

Train for leadership roles by acquiring both the self-awareness and strategies you need to emerge as a leader within your organization and the profession. Academy participants will use self assessment tools, group exercises, case studies, and skill practice to develop key signatures of leadership. Selected fellows will participate in pre-engagement exercises, be matched with a mentor, and receive ongoing leadership development opportunities.

**Applications are due by June 30.** For more information, visit [www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_leadershipacademy.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/prodev/event_leadershipacademy.asp).

SANDALL 2008-2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name:__________________________________________________________

Organization:____________________________________________________

Mailing Address:________________________________________________________________________

City:_________________________ State:_________________________ Zip:_________________________

Telephone:_________________________ Fax:_________________________ Email:_________________________

Send Fee and Form to:
Leigh Inman
Thomas Jefferson School of Law
2121 San Diego Avenue
San Diego, CA 92110

Membership Fee: $20.00 ($15.00: students)
Make checks payable to: SANDALL

Current Member: Yes____ No_____ Student?: Yes_______ No_______

Changed address, email address, fax number, etc.? Please check your directory listing and note any corrections here.

Updated data:____________________________________________________

Are you a member of AALL? Yes______ No______

Do you want your name address & email to be listed on the SANDALL WWW directory page?

Yes_________ No_________ Other____________________________________