President’s Column, by Betsy Chessler

After many years of being perfectly content with a “dumb” cell phone that just made phone calls and took some grainy pictures (yes, so primitive!), I finally made the leap to a Droid smartphone earlier this year. Now the world has opened up to me in many interesting ways. I can now view my home email account at any hour and access the Internet straight from my phone. The local weather report pops up when I turn on my phone and I can’t get lost with the built-in GPS system. But more than that, my smartphone opened up the wonderful, and yes, sometimes frivolous, world of “apps”.

I have plenty of free applications loaded on my phone that both amuse me and provide useful tools. I was delighted to learn that I could download a free Kindle app that would sync up with my Kindle at home. I need never be far from my own personal pulp fiction. While at Target, I can pull up my Amazon app and scan the nearest bar code. Can I get the same item cheaper from Amazon? And if I scan the bar code of a paperback using my LibraryThing app, I can pull up Library of Congress catalog information. (I am, after all, a librarian.) I also have a regular calculator and a tip calculator and a stopwatch and movie trailers. My phone is a digital Swiss army knife.

So, I was delighted when our SANDALL VP Jane Larrington suggested that we do an entire workshop on mobile apps for libraries. That resulted in our very successful Fall workshop on October 22nd. (See Jane’s excellent summary of the workshop within this newsletter). We had record attendance, both in person and online. For the first time since we began our livestream broadcast of SANDALL presentations, we had more visitors online than physically present in our conference room. That included folks outside SANDALL too. My colleagues in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Washington D.C. all tuned in at some point during the workshop. That is very exciting. It really takes this year’s SANDALL theme, “Connect”, to a whole new level.

While helping to pull together programming for SANDALL, I have realized that the really fun part of being president is acting as chief cheerleader. Of course, this is not hard to do when you work with such terrific and inspired people. Let me highlight just a few of your amazing colleagues:

Jane Larrington has hit the ground running as VP. Organization is her middle name and she always has the most innovative ideas. Benita Ghura, who is completing her second term as treasurer, has gone above and beyond her job description, and is an integral part of all our workshop and event planning. Grace Chilingirian and Allison Coltin have stepped up to the plate in a big way to form our new SANDALL Buddies program to bring together mentors and mentees. Grace has also continued her pioneering
role as our Ustream guru, making sure that we can broadcast and record our SANDALL presentations over the Internet. Barbara Glennan continues to work with the SANDALL board on our social media presence, and Michele Jones and Amanda Mongolo ably and willingly filled Tina Jagerson’s role on the Government Relations Committee when Tina moved to Denver. Deb Morse continues to inspire us to reach out to the community as she heads our Social Responsibility Committee.

These are just a few of the many bright stars in the SANDALL firmament. I am very proud to be part of this organization.

Now if I could only train my smartphone to knit me a pair of socks and take out the trash...

Beach Cleanup

November 13, 2010
Thanks to Leigh Inman
for these excellent photos!

November 13, 2010

Look for more photos on page 9.
Registration is now open for the SANDALL Holiday Party!

Café Coyote
2461 San Diego Avenue
San Diego, CA 92110

Sunday, December 12, 2010
5:30 pm - 8:30 pm


SANDALL/SCALL/SLA/NOCALL Members $25.00 Non-members $30.00

Registration closes on December 9th.

What’s hotter than a SANDALL Holiday Party with *salsa*?

A SANDALL Holiday Party with *salsa x 3*!

Come out and eat your fill of chips and salsa (and lots of other yummy Mexican eats and margaritas!) at Café Coyote in Old Town.

Then enjoy a performance from one of San Diego’s own salsa dance troupes.

Top off the evening with a salsa dance lesson and take to the floor with your fellow SANDALLians to dance the night away.
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Enjoy a night of merriment and fun with your SANDALL colleagues as we celebrate the holiday season!

Sip margaritas and enjoy a spectacular performance by the Alma Latina Dance Company, a local, award-winning salsa group and then learn a few basic moves and dance the night away!

Appetizers, dinner and one complimentary drink will be provided. Please RSVP by December 9th 2010.

SANDALL, SCALL, NOCALL & SLA members $25, Non-Members $30

All registrations must be received by Thursday, December 9, 2010

Please complete the form below to register by mail or you may register online at: http://sandallholiday2010.eventbrite.com/

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Make checks payable to: SANDALL.

Questions about registration? Contact Benita Ghura at: bghura@sdcpll.org or 619-685-6552
Questions about event? Contact Jane Larrington at: jlarrington@sandiego.edu
Renovation of San Diego County’s downtown law library begins January 2011.
— by Victoria Williamson, Assistant Director, Strategic Directions & Development, San Diego County Public Law Library

The San Diego County Public Law Library will be undergoing an estimated $3.2 million renovation of its downtown facility. Anyone who frequents the 50 year old Law Library building at the corner of Front and C streets will agree that it needs an extreme make-over. The renovation will not only bring the building up to code and ADA-compliant, but will also provide a new interior that will include comfortable work spaces, a modern multi-purpose community room, and conference rooms with enhanced technology capabilities including video conferencing, more computers for online research, and improved Internet connectivity. Construction is slated to begin early January and is projected to be complete by June 2011. The Main Library’s staff, equipment, and major portion of the collection are expected to be moved out of its downtown facility and into a temporary site at 1168 Union Street by the first week of January.

During the renovation, the Main Library will continue to provide services and access to its collection from its temporary store front location which will be open from Monday thru Saturday with the same hours of operation as it has now. Frequently used materials from the Main Library’s California and Federal practice collection will be available at the downtown store front location, while the rest of the secondary loose-leaf treatises will be available at the South Bay branch in Chula Vista. Selected materials from the Main Library’s Native American Law collection and Federal Government documents will be moved to the North County branch in Vista. Library members will be able to check out materials and request them thru intra/inter-library loans from any of its branches or other law libraries. In addition, a significant portion of the library’s print materials including CEB, Rutter, Matthew Bender, and CCH titles are available online and accessible at all the branches. The public can continue to call the Main Library at (619) 531-3900.

The Main Library’s MCLE classes scheduled for December and January will be held at Kramm Court Reporting located at 401 West A Street, Suite 750. Thanks to the generosity of Kramm Court Reporting, the library will continue to offer free MCLE classes to its attorney and paralegal members in downtown during the MCLE crunch time period. The San Diego County Public Law Library values its members, library users and supporters. It has set up a renovation webpage to keep them informed and help them navigate through the collection and services during the renovation period. The “Rebuilt, Reinvented, Reinvigorated” webpage is a one-stop shop for renovation news and information about what to expect before, during, and after the renovation. As the renovation progresses, anyone will be able to view before and after photos of the library. Be sure to visit the renovation webpage at http://www.sdcpll.org/renovation/index.html.

The Law Library recognizes the inconvenience that may result due to the temporary closure of its downtown facility and in an effort to alleviate the inconvenience caused to its members, the annual membership fee for this year (Oct. 1, 2010-Sept. 30, 2011) has been waived. Members wishing to make a tax-deductible donation in lieu of their membership fee are encouraged to do so by visiting the Law Library Justice Foundation website at http://www.lljf.org/donations/donation01.php. The Law Library gratefully acknowledges the Hervey Family for its $1.6 million donation and the members who have contributed to the renovation fund.
The 2010 SANDALL Fall Workshop: Staying Connected — Mobile Apps for Law Libraries

by Jane Larrington, Reference Librarian, University of San Diego Legal Research Center

The 2010 SANDALL Fall Workshop: Staying Connected—Mobile Apps for Law Libraries was held at the offices of Morrison Foerster on October 22nd. Forty-seven SANDALL members, speakers, vendors, and guests gathered for workshop. Thanks to our own Ustream-savvy Grace Chilingirian, we had another 20 virtual attendees with us for the whole workshop. A total of 104 people tuned into the live-stream at some point during the workshop. Thanks to Barbara Glennan, we had steady Twitter updates throughout the workshop for those who couldn’t join us.

The workshop began with Apps Get Real, a fun video montage by gravitytank of the various ways that mobile apps have already become a part of our everyday lives. From games and other entertaining apps to useful and organizational apps like GroceryIQ, Flashlight, and Blood Glucose Monitoring, there’s something for everyone. In fact, as one blogger put it: “With apps, the phone has really become a kind of digital Swiss Army knife that people are using in all sorts of new ways.”

Morning Keynote

Our keynote speaker, Tom Boone, Reference Librarian at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles built on this theme with the first of his two presentations: “Mobile is Here…Whether You Want it or Not!” He talked about locational apps like FourSquare and Facebook Places and the importance of “claiming” pages about your institution.

Tom demonstrated a number of library-related mobile apps, including mobile eReaders, OCLC’s Worldcat app, and several different apps designed to work with library catalogs. These apps are already being employed by libraries: checking out books by scanning a book’s barcode with your mobile device; sending a title & call number to your mobile device to take with you to the stacks in place of a small piece of scratch paper.

After a quick look at the mobile apps available from LexisNexis, Westlaw, and FastCase, Tom finished his first presentation with a look at how we can optimize our library websites for mobile users. You can see Tom’s entire presentation here.
West Librarian Relations talked about the relative marketshare of iPhone, Blackberry, and Android and the impact that has on the mobile app marketplace. She talked about West’s eBooks, mobile-optimized websites, and explained the available functions on Westlaw’s mobile version. See Michele’s presentation slides here. Michele Lucero from Westlaw and LexisNexis about their current and planned future mobile apps offerings.

Michael Saint-Onge and Barry Wiener from Lexis talked about Lexis’s CaseBrief app for the iPhone, which allows users to view a case overview and abbreviated Shepard’s report on the go. Michael and Barry also talked about some of the features available to law firms with a customized Lexis interface.

Keven Jeffery and Pamela Jackson from San Diego State University, Library and Information Access were a hit, talking about their use of QR Codes, Google Voice, iGoogle widgets, and more. The SDSU Library’s website has an optimized mobile version where users can find Library hours, news & maps, contact information for library staff & departments, mobile book catalog, journal subscriptions, and research & course guides: http://infomobile.sdsu.edu or http://m.library.sdsu.edu.

Our keynote speaker, Tom Boone returned with his second presentation “Making Mobile Work in Your Library.” As promised, this session was more technical, but Tom gently led us through the jargon. He began with some important background on the cell phone industry and the differences between carriers in the foundational technology they use. He unpacked some of the techie-speak and acronyms we hear in relation to mobile technology: GSM, CDMA, 1G, 2G, 3G, EDGE, and 4G. He explained how the volume of data and the infrastructure’s capacity for that data have grown exponentially, but that some media (especially video) can still slow down or even crash some network connections. We should keep this in mind when designing websites for our mobile users.

Next Tom examined trends in the mobile device marketplace and how different business models used by the big platforms (Blackberry RIM, iPhone, and Android) have resulted in very different environments for app development.

Tom explained the differences between Web Apps and Native Apps and their respective notification methods SMS and Push. He talked about using a mobile device’s built-in hardware like a smartphone’s camera or GPS as part of the app (API). Tom introduced us to the process of native app-development, explaining terms like SDK, before relieving us all with the good news that we (librarians) should never have to actually develop a native app.
Finally, Tom turned to the development of web apps (which aren’t technically apps at all), explaining the benefits and limitations. He took us briefly through his own development of the ScheduAALL web app for the 2009 AALL Annual Meeting. Tom pointed out that we might already have the tools to roll out some mobile-optimized functions or mobile apps if we’re using a CMS (Content Management System) for our website or blog. He finished up by talking about the option of outsourcing the development of apps.

**Balboa Park iPhone App**

Rich Cherry and Maren Dougherty from the Balboa Park Online Collaborative spoke about The Soul of San Diego Goes Mobile: Developing an iPhone App for Balboa Park. The app is designed to make it easier for visitors to learn about cultural events and activities that are happening in the Park, and to find the events by using the map feature. See their presentation slides [here](#).

**October’s Cool Award Recipient: Ian Kipnes**

Of course, no SANDALL event would be complete without a presentation of the COOL award to one of our valued members. October’s COOL award went to Ian Kipnes of Cal Western School of Law Library. Here’s just a taste of the wonderful things Ian’s colleagues had to say about him:

- The phrase, “Sure, I can do that” generally sums up Ian’s humble yet efficient attitude towards library matters. His eagerness to assist patrons as well as fellow coworkers alongside with his technical expertise makes Ian a true asset to the librarian community.
- Ian is tops! He is always pleasant, always there to help out, always wanting to learn more, and always has a wonderful attitude. Don’t know how we managed without him!
- Ian is, indeed, a cool librarian. Working in both technical and public services, he is an invaluable resource to patrons and fellow staff members.
- Ian is the multi-tasking genie of CWSL! Ian does Reference, helps out with Acquisitions & teaches all at the same time. Plus he manages to keep his wicked sense of humor at the same time! Ian is truly the cool dude at the CWSL Law Library!!!!!
Thanks to our Exhibitors & Sponsors!

We had 8 vendor exhibitors at the conference and attendees had a number of opportunities to speak with representatives from CAS, CEB, EOS International, LexisNexis, Morningstar (formerly 10-K Wizard), Questel, West/Thomson Reuters, and Wolters Kluwer. Thank you to all of our exhibitors!

The program was generously sponsored by Morningstar (breakfast), CAS (Snack break & Door Prize), Questel (Door Prize), CEB (Lunch), and West/Thomson Reuters (Keynote). A big thank you to our sponsors who made this program possible!

Our exhibitors and sponsors

Thank You!

More beach cleanup!
An Insider’s View of the Search for Genghis Khan

By Betsy Chessler, Morrison & Foerster LLP

SANDALL Brownbag presentation.
Wednesday, September 15, 2010, at California Western School of Law.

Jake Felderman, LexisNexis Law School Account Executive, Speaker

Where is Genghis Khan buried? And can his tomb be discovered without disturbing the ground? A group of eleven American scientists and experts, along with a Mongolian movie star, set out to find out, trekking into land forbidden to all but a few Mongolians and special visitors.

Jake Felderman, a lawyer, hiker and former college wrestler, was part of this team, and he held us spellbound for an hour describing the beauty and rigor of this extraordinary expedition sponsored by National Geographic. Jake was the attorney on board, working on contracts and logistics, as well as serving as the team medic. He was called upon to use his medic kit many more times than he expected, as the team was completely isolated from any populated area for many weeks. Unfortunately, women were banned from the forbidden zone by Mongolian local custom, so there were no female team members.

After arriving in Mongolia via Seoul, Korea, the trip began in a vintage Soviet van, held together mostly with spit and twine. The Mongolian driver doubled as chief mechanic when the van frequently broke down. The team brought along assorted high tech devices, among them ground penetrating laser, satellite phone, metal detector, and a UAV GPS chopper, fondly nicknamed “Frankenchopper”. All of these devices helped the team search for the tomb and temple ruins without invasive digging, which had been a requirement of the Mongolian government before permission was granted to go to this sacred area of Mongolia.

The team soon had to switch over to horses to continue their trip as the passable roads gave way to open and sparsely populated country. Every team member was assigned a horse, a small but sturdy Mongolian pony. Every evening they camped in traditionally-styled round Mongolian huts, and built a campfire to keep bears and wolves away. Local Mongolians frequently joined them at the campfire for rousing campfire songs. The songs invariably had one of three themes – Mongolia, love or mommy! Their ambassador, translator, and Mongolian movie star, Amaraa, made it easy for them to connect with the locals. He also liked to sling an AK-47 on his shoulder, which set the necessary tone of respect.

A big part of connecting with the locals was participating in local sports: horseback races and wrestling. Jake felt lucky to stay on his pony in the horse race, but owing to his college wrestling career, handily took second place in a wrestling tournament. (I am reminded that you never really know what life experience will prove useful in the most unlikely places.) Jake was awarded the title of “Elephant” for his second place win. The first place winner was given the title of “Lion”. Mongolian wrestling is not a gentle sport; Jake finished the tournament with a broken foot. He felt the fracture was a small price to pay for the experience. Not one to back down, he also enjoyed a meal of marmot, a large rodent-like animal that to this day carries the plague virus. The locals were aware of several relatives that had died of the disease after eating marmot. Fortunately, Jake’s immune system saved him from that fate. He declared the marmot the best tasting meal of his trip.

Historical accounts tell us that Genghis Khan’s great-great-great grandson was charged with burying the Khans, including his most famous forebears, Genghis (pronounced “Chingas”), and Kubla. The temple containing the tombs was supposedly built on top of a mountain in Mongolia that is now forbidden to most foreigners and all women. Using non-invasive techniques, the team surveyed a 20 square yard area that was likely the site of a temple. They found tiles in the vicinity that were made in Beijing, and were likely part of the temple. The tiles will be further analyzed, but are potentially 800 years old. The age and provenance of the tiles and other scanner findings make it likely that the team has indeed found the tombs of the great Khans. Now another team will return to Mongolia to further investigate the site.

Look for the National Geographic documentary on this expedition airing in Fall 2011. In the meantime, check out more information on this amazing journey at the National Geographic Web site. Search for “Mongolia”.

We’re on the web!
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