Summer's almost over and another busy SANDALL year is already well underway. Here's a look at what we've been up to so far. See “SANDALL events” below for a look at what's coming next!

AALL Annual meeting

We started off the 2011-2012 year with a great showing at the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. I happened to share a flight with Amy Moberly and Jason Curtis and their respective families. Margarita Bull received SANDALL's grant to attend the annual meeting. And there were a number of other SANDALL members in attendance.

SANDALL treasurer Chris Pickford found some fabulous (and inexpensive) swag to give away at our table in the exhibit hall. The sandal-shaped bookmarks, keychains, notepads, and gummy candy were a huge hit and the inflatable mini beach balls disappeared faster than we could blow them up! Thanks to SANDALL immediate past president Betsy Chessler's ingenuity we also had bookmarks to advertise the upcoming Joint Institute here in San Diego.

Several SANDALL members volunteered their time to staff the SANDALL table. This year, the annual meeting schedule provided no-conflict time for visiting the exhibit hall, so we had lots of folks stopping by the table to learn more about our small but industrious chapter.

Another new feature at the annual meeting this year were poster sessions. Twenty-six posters were on display highlighting a variety of interesting projects undertaken by law libraries around the country. The creators were available to answer questions during one designated time, but we could peruse the posters anytime during the conference. A couple highlights for me:

- Creating DRAGNET - a Federated Search for Online Legal Resources by Terry Ballard of New York Law School Mendik Library
- Creating and Administering a Successful Legal Research Certificate Program – Kathleen Brown, Darla Jackson, Lee Peoples, and Jennifer Prilliman of Oklahoma City University Law Library

My conference kicked off with a Chapter Leadership training where I got to meet leaders from local chapters all over the country. I also joined other SANDALL, SCALL, NOCALL, and WestPac members at our annual Pacific Chapters Reception, which was a lovely event, well-attended with great food.

In between social events, wandering the exhibit hall, and lots and lots of...
meetings, I even managed to get to a few programs! The keynote address for the annual meeting was “The Supreme Court and Free Speech” by Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor at Slate. The address was engaging and informative. Ms. Lithwick explored an interesting phenomenon in recent Supreme Court jurisprudence: several justices depart from their traditional ideology when deciding free speech cases, creating some unlikely alliances and surprising divisions. Ms. Lithwick suggests that the justices’ free speech jurisprudence reveals more personal than ideological attitudes, informed by their own experiences in the confirmation process. Those justices who experienced grueling confirmation hearings tend toward greater privacy rights and controls on the media. It was a fascinating study into human nature and the impact it has on constitutional law.

There were lots of other great programs—too many to mention here. If you went to the annual meeting or any other conferences recently, consider writing a piece about your favorite session(s) for the next SANDALL newsletter!

Temporary policy change

In August, the board asked members to comment on a temporary policy change under consideration by the board. We received a number of comments from members in favor of the proposal and one suggestion for an amendment to the proposal. After reviewing your comments, the board voted to approve this temporary policy change:

**Temporary Large Group Discount for 2011-2012 SANDALL Membership Dues**

Any organization that pays SANDALL membership fees for their staff members during the 2011-2012 year is entitled to a discounted rate of one-half of the regular membership rate for any memberships over the first 15 for the organization.

The new policy will be posted to the SANDALL website soon. As we mentioned in our call for comments, a permanent policy will be proposed to the membership for a vote at the 2012 annual business meeting.

Behind the scenes

Your 2011-2012 SANDALL board has been busy behind the scenes too! Here’s a snapshot of some of the projects underway.

**Programs**

VP Brent Bernau hit the ground running this summer. He’s already had a number of teleconferences with the VPs of NOCALL and SCALL to sort out the many, many details that go into planning the Joint Institute. Of course, Brent is also working hard to put on great brownbag sessions and already has speakers scheduled through January. See the list of upcoming events below. Next on his agenda is pulling together a fun holiday party!

**Bylaws / Policies & Procedures**

Immediate past president Betsy Chessler has taken on the task of reviewing our Bylaws and updating and revising our Chapter policies and procedures. After 13 years as an official AALL Chapter, we’ve accumulated a potpourri of policies and procedures. It’s become a bit untidy and I know no one better than Betsy to transform the chaos into an efficient, organized system!

As you may remember, two years ago, the board asked the membership to vote for a change to the bylaws that would lengthen the term of service for Secretary and Treasurer positions to two years and change the Vice President position to Vice President/President. At the time, the board believed this would provide better continuity between terms. I share that belief and anticipate proposing the amendment again this term. The measure failed last time, despite overwhelming support among those who voted, because not enough SANDALL members voted. Changes to the
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bylaws require a yay vote from a 2/3 majority of the membership. Leading up to the 2012 annual business meeting we’ll
be asking you all to review, and ultimately, vote on changes to the bylaws. We’ll need everybody to participate, so we
can ease the transition between terms for board members and ensure SANDALL’s success!

Website / Social Media

Our new webmaster Anna Russell and Barbara Glennan, the head of SANDALL’s taskforce on social media, are
joining forces to re-envision SANDALL’s web presence. I expect we’ll see some exciting changes later this term.

Call for volunteers

I’d like to close this column by asking you all to consider volunteering some of your time to
SANDALL. We’ve got a busy year and some ambitious projects on the table. If you’re interested in
any of the projects outlined above, please contact me or the project leaders. If you have any other
skills you’d like to offer to SANDALL, contact me and we’ll make sure we put your talents to good
use. I hope to see you all at a SANDALL event soon!

San Diego County Law Library Hosts Second Successful Law & Comics Panel

On Monday, July 18, the San Diego County Law Library held its second annual Law and Comics event. The panelists
were writer/artist Batton Lash, comic book artist and creator Mark Irwin, and intellectual property attorney and artist Stu
Rees. George Brewster again did a great job moderating the discussion. Due to the remodeling project, this year’s
event was held at the San Diego Public Library.

Batton Lash is best known for his creation Supernatural Law. Supernatural Law chronicles the bizarre and extraordinary
cases handled by the law firm of Wolff & Byrd, Counselors of the Macabre. The comic has run in a variety of formats for
over 25 years. Prominent cases have involved haunted houses, whether a zombie has standing to sue someone for the
zombie’s death, and recently the issue of whether laboratory-created life has the right to marry.

Mark Irwin is an artist who has mainly worked as an inker for major comic book companies. He has also served as an
art director and brand manager. Recent titles he has worked on include Brightest Day, Green Lantern, Amazing Spider-
Man, Fantastic Four, and Devil Dinosaur.

Stu Rees is an attorney who specializes in representing graphic artists. Rees, a graduate of Harvard Law, is also a
cartoonist. He produces an ongoing single panel comic called Stu’s Views which feature legal-themed jokes and
cartoons. His work has been included in various Thompson-West publications.

This year’s discussion focused on the impact of digital technology on the comics industry. The panelists discussed how
comic book publishers have become intellectual property developers. Also, they talked about developing ideas and
properties where creators retain control of their rights as opposed to producing creations for a company. Other topics
included how occupations are changing and how technology has opened up new sources of income.

Law and Comics II witnessed tremendous growth; doubling in size from last year as over 110 people attended. Luckily,
there was enough space at the San Diego Public Library in their auditorium.
**Upcoming Sandall Events**

**Wednesday, September 21, noon-1 p.m. Brown Bag**
Talitha Matlin, Associate Director of Library Services, San Diego Zoo Global,
Location: Morrison & Foerster, Boardroom, 12531 High Bluff Drive, San Diego, 92130
Cost: Free; please RSVP to Brent Bernau by Sept. 20 at bbernau@sandiego.edu

*Did you ever wonder what kind of a library it takes to support the San Diego Zoo and Safari Park? What might be a typical day for a librarian in that environment? Do you think they have a koala on their desks? Do they have desks?*

*Join us to learn the answers to these questions and others at Sandall’s first Brown Bag of the new year. Talitha Matlin, Associate Director of Library Services, San Diego Zoo Global, will provide an overview of the collections, patrons and daily work, as well as her unique professional path into zoological librarianship.*

**Friday, October 14, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**
SLA-San Diego Fall Seminar: *The Future-Ready Information Professional: Adding Value through Agility, Innovation, and Collaboration*
Location: Marina Village, 1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, 92109
Cost through Sept. 30: SLA Members $65; Non-Members $80; Students/Unemployed Retirees $30
Registration increases $5 in each category on Oct. 1; registration closes Oct. 8.

**Saturday, October 22, SANDALL Buddies Program 2011-2012**
Save the Date! Saturday, October 22
Mentors and Mentees will have a meet-and-greet meeting to officially kick off our 2011-2012 program for the school year, on Saturday, October 22, 2012. Exact time and location to be determined soon, but will likely involve breakfast or froyo (frozen yogurt).
For further information, contact Betsy Chessler at bchessler@mofo.com

**Wednesday, November 9, noon-1 p.m., Brown Bag**
Patrick Meyer, Acting Law Library Director, Thomas Jefferson School of Law
Location: Thomas Jefferson School of Law, Rm. 229, 1155 Island Ave., San Diego, 92101
Cost: Free; please RSVP to Brent Bernau by Nov. 8 at bbernau@sandiego.edu
Topic: Patrick will present his findings of the recent update of his legal research skills survey, which is the subject of a law review article he is crafting.

**Saturday, November 12, 9-11 a.m., Beach Cleanup**
Coordinator: Deb Morse
Location: Cardiff State Beach.
Meet on the sand North of Charlie’s Restaurant, 2526 S. Highway 101, Cardiff By the Sea, 92007
RSVP to Deb Morse at grnjete@aol.com by Nov. 11

**Holiday Party, early December**
Date, location & cost to be determined

**Wednesday, January 11, noon-1 p.m., Brown Bag**
Alma Ortega, Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian, USD Copley Library
Location: USD Legal Research Center, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110
Cost: Free; please RSVP to Brent Bernau by Jan. 10 at bbernau@sandiego.edu
Topic: Cloud Computing and Useful Tools (Dropbox, Prezi, GoogleDocs)

**Friday & Saturday, March 9-10**
Joint Institute sponsored by SANDALL/NOCALL/SCALL
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 2270 Hotel Circle North, San Diego
Save the Date! Details to be announced.
TJSL Library Open House
By Leigh Inman & Catherine Deane

The Thomas Jefferson School of Law Library Open House, held on the newly opened fifth floor library balcony Thursday, May 26, was a resounding success. 90 Southern California librarians attended the open house and reception as we showed off our new facility. Guests came from as far away as Oakland to celebrate the building and the successful library move. Some of the organizations represented included California Western, USD, San Diego Law Library, CEB, LexisNexis, Pacific College of Oriental Medicine, DLA Piper, UCSD, Westlaw, San Diego City College, USC, Chapman University and Los Angeles Law Library.

Professor Patrick Meyer, who has been the Interim Director of the library since January 2010 welcomed participants and thanked library staff for their efforts in moving the library. TJSL project manager for the new campus and now Assistant Dean for Facilities Services Lisa Bruce stopped by to add her congratulations and express her admiration for the work done by the library staff in planning and supervising the library move. Eric Mitnick, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, introduced as “a wonderful administrator, and one of the most respected and effective teachers on our faculty,” made a guest appearance and regaled the visiting librarians with the story of the discovery of the fossil remains and its connection with Thomas Jefferson. We now have some of those very fossils displayed in the library on the fourth floor.

Interim Director Meyer also used this reception as an opportunity to introduce to the local librarians the hard working TJSL Library staff: Torin Andrews (Circulation Librarian), Thomas Champagne (Director of Cataloging & Database Administration), Jason Curtis (Serials Librarian), Catherine Deane (Reference Librarian), Jan Hedlun (Library Technician/Bookkeeper), Leigh Inman (Technical Services & Acquisitions Librarian), Arnold Josafat (Catalog Librarian), Hadas Livnat (Evening/Reserves & Circulation Librarian), June Mac Leod (part-time Reference Librarian), Eliza Sanchez (Library Administrative Assistant), and Veronica Sanchez (Library Technician/Acquisitions Assistant).

All of the librarians contributed to the success of this event by organizing, bartending, giving tours of the building, directing guests to the balcony and a myriad of other tasks. The visitors were very impressed with the facility and the librarians. In particular guests commented on the view from the library, the progressive and artistic nature of the living wall, and the attractiveness of the student lounge. Guest librarians were also fascinated by the learning centers in the library, and asked many questions about how they were being used.

We want to thank every one of our SANDALL colleagues who attended. Your presence was much appreciated and the celebration of our new library would not have been complete without you!
Professor Eric Mitnick (R) with Guests (photo by Denice Menard)

Eliza Sanchez, TJSL Library Administrative Assistant & USD’s Ana Montes (photo by Denice Menard)
Saad Ali (Cal Western), Brandon Baker (Cal Western), Bobbi Weaver (Cal Western), Catherine Deane (TJSL), Mary Gallant (Cal Western), Veronica Sanchez (TJSL), and Jan Hedlun (TJSL) enjoying the Fifth Floor Terrace (photo by Denice Menard)

Congratulations to the 2011-2012 SANDALL Board!

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Congratulations!
SANDALL Buddies Mentee Experience

By Amanda Heath

Last October when the call for participation in the SANDALL Buddies mentoring program hit the San Jose State University School of Library and Information Science listservs, law librarianship hadn’t even crossed my mind. As a fairly new library student I was still struggling with making the decision as to what type of library I wanted to work in. Seeing the call for mentees in the Buddies program was an opportunity I felt that I couldn’t pass up. After all, SANDALL was offering me an opportunity to explore law librarianship without me having to make cold calls asking for time out of someone’s busy schedule or covertly observing the setting between the stacks. All I had to do was reply to an email stating that I was interested and let the program unfold from there.

Through the Buddies program I met with my mentor and discussed possible career paths and the various education requirements. I toured the University of San Diego Legal Research Center. I job shadowed a law librarian in an academic library for a couple of hours to get a first-hand look at the work environment. At the Buddies social events I met and talked with law librarians who worked in varied work environments and learned about their daily tasks, the challenges of the profession, and the many rewards. I asked a ton of questions and received a ton of answers.

In a nutshell the Buddies program was a great experience. It provided me with a wealth of information and a support network that a newbie like me finds invaluable. Anyone new to the profession or simply interested in law librarianship will benefit from the experience.

I’d like to say a special thanks to Loren Stampler my mentor, Melissa Fung for letting me observe her work, and Allison Coltin for keeping me connected.

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Mary Ellen Bates Live: What Will the Information Profession Look Like in Ten Years?

This program features Mary Ellen Bates, principal and founder of Bates Information Services, a research and consulting company, and a frequent author and speaker on library and information topics. Bates raises many thought-provoking insights for our profession - some positive and others more sobering. She opines that the insight that librarians bring to research and their abilities to facilitate the use of information will help our profession to endure. Her predictions for 2021 include more online learning; less face-to-face interaction but more collaboration in virtual spaces; expectations of engagement by librarians/information professionals in their clients’ work; the emergence of cloud computing and less reliance on silos of information; increased outsourcing and telecommuting in the workplace; escalation of information availability but fewer traditional sources of published information; and the continued emergence of digital libraries.

The key is to think differently about the role of libraries and information professionals in their organizations and to maximize our value. As resources continue to emerge and expand in content, librarians will be more vital as information creators, interpreters, and distillers.

This program is presented in streaming video, with accompanying PowerPoint slides, and is available via AALL2go.

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