For those of you who haven’t heard, the weak economy and shrinking legal profession are beginning to take their toll on law schools. Nationwide, enrollment declines of 20-25% are not uncommon from the previous year. Some schools may go out of business.

No one should expect our brethren in the private sector, courts and government to shed tears for the academics. The gravy train ended for them long ago. Those who endure know what survival of the fittest means.

Up until very recently, academic law libraries were seemingly immune from the dire economic realities and drastic downsizing affecting just about everyone else. Law school enrollments pretty much held steady. Recent college grads appeared to be weathering the economic headwinds by pursuing a degree in the hope that by the time graduation will have rolled around, the economy would be fine.

That bought a few years of relative calm. Then the new law grads met up with the shrunken legal profession. Few big salaries are available to pay off the big educational debts of many, many graduates. It didn’t take long for word to get back to would-be law students.

And here we are.

I don’t have solutions to offer. If I did, it would’ve been my name getting floated to replace Tim Geithner.

I’m just along for the ride like everyone else.

**A Good Thing**

On a more positive note, Carmen Brigandi is eager to begin the next phase of her life skiing a lot more, traveling a lot more and visiting her five grandchildren. (With #6 on the way.)

Long Cal Western’s Assistant Director for Technical and Administrative Services, Carmen is retiring at the end of the month after many years of service and involvement in our profession. When SANDALL became an official AALL chapter back in 1998, Carmen became our first Vice President. It was a pleasure to serve with her then, as it has been to work with her the past couple years. She was the Coordinator for last year’s highly successful Joint Institute RDA Workshop, as well as securing the medical librarian who presented at one of our Brown Bags.

She leaves many who will remember her fondly and wish her well.

**Leadership Positions Available**

Ruth Levor has agreed to chair the Nominations Committee and presently is looking for some help to put together a slate. Because of last year’s change to our Bylaws which lengthened the officers’ terms of office, it’s a much shorter slate. Candidates are being sought for Treasurer and Vice President/President-Elect.

If you would like to work with her to identify candidates, please contact her at rlevor@sandiego.edu. Or, if you’re interested in being a SANDALL officer, please let
her know that. Of course, if two people step forward, then her job is done and we don’t need a committee.

Save the Date!

Healthcare Law & Regulation: The Times They Are a-Changin’ is the topic of the SCALL Institute, March 22-23, at the Mission Inn Hotel & Spa in Riverside. Registration is only $99 for the two-day event.

The programs page on the website is still blank, but the hotel looks pretty cool. It’s a National Historic Landmark. Check it out here.

Institute registration information is here.

Missing in Action

While organizations often pass on a gavel to the incoming president, our unconventional group decided we’d never need to bring our members to order and preferred to use something more nautical to tie in with our sailboat logo. Thus, we opted to make our symbol of power a miniature Engine Room Telegraph, pictured below.

The full-sized device is something you would find on the bridge of a ship. The pilot would use it to set the desired speed of the vessel and to take it forward or backward. We found this akin to a president’s role and decided to make this pen stand replica the symbol of our leadership. My preferred setting is Full Speed Ahead, though I sometimes wonder if the engine room pays attention to me.

Unfortunately, somewhere along the succession of presidents, it didn’t get passed on. Somebody’s got it, and we don’t know who. If you are a past president and this pen stand looks familiar, please send your ransom demand to me at bbermau@sandiego.edu.

If you are not a past president but you know where you can get the hands on this treasured artifact, please let me know. If you play your cards right, you could be rewarded with a free ticket to former Vice President Al Gore’s presentation of his newest book, The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change, Sunday, February 10, 7:30 p.m. at UCSD Mandeville Auditorium. Included in that is a free book and a chance to have it signed. The event is presented by the San Diego Law Library and Warwick’s, a local independent bookstore since 1896.

People who are not past presidents but might have seen the pen holder around are really who I’m counting on. I’m looking at the list of past presidents. Specifically, the time period between 2001 and 2008, when I’m thinking it may have disappeared. It’s not encouraging. Of the eight people who were president, only three still work in a San Diego law library.

Please help if you can!
YOU DON’T HAVE TO BE A NEWBIE TO BENEFIT FROM JOB SHADOWING

By Carol Hyne

I recently had the opportunity to shadow Betsy Chessler for a few hours of her busy day at MoFo. An experienced librarian doing a job shadow? How did that come about? The quick answer is, I asked.

I attended the joint SANDALL Buddies & 3B meeting in November at which the subject of job shadowing came up. While the focus was on the library students participating, I piped up that I would be interested in job shadowing too! As almost all my experience has been in the corporate sector I was eager for a peek into a different setting.

Betsy offered to let me shadow her and I jumped at the chance. During my shadow I was able to see how research requests are assigned and handled, how billable time is tracked, and observed use of one database I had never used, as well as one I hadn’t come across before. Very interesting! We also talked about the shrinking of hardcopy collections and alternate uses for the space this opens up.

So what are the benefits of job shadowing in mid-career? To name a few:

- Gain perspective and ideas for different ways of doing things by observing operations in a different library setting,
- Learn about resources you may not have known of or used before.
- Mutual exchange of ideas and experience.

I’m sure you can think of others.

My thanks to Betsy for so generously sharing her knowledge and time.

By Betsy Chessler

I had the pleasure of having Carol Hyne visit me for a half day to view law librarianship through the lens of the law firm. Carol has many years of experience working in a corporate law library, so I think she was intrigued to see another type of special library. She was also exposed to our law firm’s virtual reference desk, as we do not have a physical reference desk at my office, and never have.

As always, job shadowing is a learning process on both sides. What did I learn from Carol?

- Corporate libraries have a much more standardized format for reporting research results.
- Corporate clients are just as demanding as law firm clients.
- Corporate libraries can have some very cool resources that I wish I had, especially for scientific literature. (Yes, I know I work in a law firm, but I need to get a lot of non-legal information!)

Two other benefits:

- I had the pleasure of working with a librarian that understands classic Dialog searching better than I do! The search string “k 0123456; s s0” actually means something to Carol!
- Carol showed me a business research tool that rivaled the sources I use. I will most certainly share this information with my colleagues.

It was a delight to have Carol visit.
Proclaiming the Value of the Federal Depository Library Program

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The Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) is now several months into the development of a national plan for the future of the more than century-old partnership between FDLP libraries and the Government Printing Office (GPO). As planning progresses, we who support the long-term vitality of the FDLP need to do more than chart a course that works for depository libraries and our users. We need to make a powerful case for the value of the FDLP to those who provide its resources at both ends of the partnership – library administrators and federal government policymakers – who may be growing increasingly skeptical of its relevance. We need a plan that establishes this partnership between libraries and government as a critical part of a cost-effective solution to the challenges citizens face in navigating government information resources in their personal and business lives and as sovereigns of our democracy.

When FDLP document distribution was in print and entirely tangible, the terms of the bargain and the benefits for both libraries and government were clear. FDLP libraries got rich collections of government documents for their users and the prestige of being recognized as government information experts and stewards of information collections vital to our democracy. Government agencies got front-line armies of librarians to provide street-level information assistance to citizens, heading off countless government information inquiries that would have otherwise taxed the limited resources of government agencies.

In the digital environment, the bargain is murkier, and the relationship between depository libraries and the federal government, GPO in particular, is more nuanced. Wide access to online sources of government information blunts the role of libraries in general, and depository libraries in particular, as critical entry points to document collections. When citizens do seek government information assistance at libraries, they are less likely to perceive much difference between depository and non-depository libraries, as the nearly equal universe of born-digital documents available in each raises the possibility of “every library a depository.” Meanwhile, as existing print collections lose currency and their use declines, physical documents collections are increasingly viewed by library administrators as more of a burden than a benefit.

From a government official’s perspective, the provision of government information services in libraries is seen as increasingly untethered from an anachronistic system of documents distribution, as the number of libraries with access to born-digital government information now far outpaces the number of depository libraries in the print era. So while the provision of government information services in libraries remains valuable to government, the FDLP is seen as less critical to that provision.

Against this background, three vital elements of the long-standing partnership between government and libraries are too often overlooked and deserve more emphasis in our long-range planning: the expertise on tap at depository libraries, the role of librarians in the development of government information policy and delivery afforded by the FDLP, and the continuation of the FDLP’s long-standing role of providing transparency for and access to the information tools of our democracy.

Expertise

Along with access to document collections, the FDLP has always provided the public with another essential resource: librarians. An understanding of how government works informs an understanding of the publication and dissemination patterns of government bodies, which is often critical in finding government information. If the massive online distribution of born-digital documents has made them more available, it has also made their navigation more difficult. The FDLP has developed a cadre of government information experts who are available to provide training to staff in non-depository libraries,
including staff who may work with government information only occasionally or as one of many duties, as well as reference assistance to users who may or may not visit the library in person. The FDLP needs to emphasize library-to-library training efforts like Government Information in the 21st Century, and reference services like those provided by the Government Information Online (GIO) partnership between libraries and GPO.

Information policy

The history of the FDLP demonstrates that government information policy outcomes are better when government and librarians work together. The assertion that libraries have ceded their special role in providing government information now that “it’s all on the Internet” overlooks many issues that we know are important to the needs of our users, like discoverability, preservation, version control, and authentication. Working together, libraries and GPO are beginning to make progress toward solutions to these problems for born-digital documents. The value of bringing GPO staff and depository librarians together is manifested in all kinds of ways that even we in the documents community sometimes overlook. The Federal Digital System (FDsys), for example, would not be what it is, work as well as it does, or promise as much for the future without this close partnership. It’s also unlikely that authentication would have been on anyone’s radar at GPO without the collaboration of the libraries in the FDLP.

Transparency and access

In the print era, the FDLP established itself as the most comprehensive and most successful government transparency program ever implemented, long before transparency became the operational mandate in government that it is today. One lesson from the earliest days of the FDLP is that public access to government information is better secured when libraries, not government, are the stewards of that information. That lesson may be more relevant today than ever before; studies like the Chesapeake Digital Preservation Group’s “link rot” reports show that born-digital document collections hosted on government websites are apt to disappear at alarming rates. Access today, if provided without thoughtful management, does not guarantee access tomorrow, much less for the long term. Government information belongs to the public; assuring that access cannot be left to government agencies working independently. Through the FDLP, important rules were established to require agencies to deposit documents to make them publicly available, and while fugitive documents have long undermined those rules, the vigilant oversight provided by librarians and GPO working together remains a critical and effective counterweight to the risk of agencies exercising too much control over the provision of public information.

One stress point posing a particular challenge to FDLP planning is the heavy burden borne by Regional libraries. Adequate distribution of redundant physical copies remains essential, but the model of several dozen massive physical collections held in perpetuity has been overwhelmed by financial and organizational realities. The FDLP needs to respond by providing reasonable assurance that enough comprehensive collections will always be preserved, and will provide the same access whether users are two hours away or twelve hours away from the nearest Regional. Digitization on demand services provided by Regionals, along with a means to provide access to the digital copy through GPO’s Catalog of Government Publications, is one possible alternative.

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Meet the SANDALL Buddies 2012-2013

Lisa Foster is a second year MLIS student in the online program at University of Washington, planning to graduate in early 2014. She has been a practicing lawyer in the area of municipal law for over 20 years, and currently works for the McDougal, Love, Eckis, Boehmer & Foley law firm in La Mesa. In addition to her legal practice, working primarily with special districts, she manages the firm's small law library.

She is planning to combine her legal background and MLIS for a career in law librarianship, either in an academic or public law library setting. Lisa is a San Diego Native, living in Alpine, and intends to stay in the San Diego area.”

Michele Knapp works as Reference & Interlibrary Loan Librarian at the University of San Diego Legal Research Center. She graduated from the University of Washington law librarianship program in August 2012. She received her bachelor’s degree in comparative literature from the University of Michigan and her law degree from DePaul University College of Law. She has practiced law as an Assistant Appellate Defender for the State of Illinois and has worked in public libraries, independent bookstores, and a Northern California ski resort. She enjoys teaching, both in the classroom and through the creation of instructional tools used to assist patrons with legal research. New to San Diego, Michele is enjoying exploring the area’s parks and beaches.

Kera Harkins is a graduate student at San Jose State University, School of Library & Information Science. She graduated SUNY Albany with a bachelor’s degree in political science. While attending the university, she was accepted into a prestigious internship program with the NYS Assembly, which lead to a position with NYS Assemblyman Feldman. Afterwards, she went on to receive a paralegal certificate from Hofstra University. Through her work as a paralegal, Kera developed an interest in research and libraries. This lead to her career change in 2005. Since then she has worked for law, public, and school libraries and has volunteered for a local San Diego archive. Currently she works in the Knowledge Management & Research Services Department of Procopio, Cory, Hargreaves & Savitch LLP. In her free time, she plays sports, hikes, loves to read dystopia, sci-fi, political thrillers, and spend time with her spouse.

Carol Hyne is a volunteer for the San Diego County Public Law Library while in transition. She was lately a research librarian for Qualcomm. Prior to moving to San Diego, Carol was long time Law Librarian for Union Oil Company of California (dba UNOCAL) in Los Angeles. She also worked as Information Specialist with the Environmental Science Library of Union Oil as well as in the geology and mining library of Molycorp. She has an M.L.S. from UCLA and a B.A. from CSULB.

Carol “lives for research” no matter what the topic but enjoys all facets of librarianship. Carol has served SANDALL as VP/Programs Chair, Bylaws Committee Chair, and Webmaster.
Shannon Malcolm specialises in assessing licensing and disputes involving patents for Qualcomm, Inc. He worked for Greenberg Traurig (a full-service, international law firm) and Bass, Berry, & Sims (a regional law firm in Tennessee with specialties in antitrust law and healthcare). Before entering the private sector he served on the faculty of the University of Illinois teaching specialized research classes to graduate students in the college of law and the school of library and information science. He has passed Tennessee’s bar and earned degrees from the University of Georgia (A.B), Indiana University—Bloomington (J.D.), and the University of Washington (M.L.I.S.). A native Atlantan, Shannon was also an avionics technician for the U.S. Navy, serving during the Kosovo Campaign. Shannon is co-chair of the SANDALL Buddies program.

Betsy Chessler is a Research Analyst at Morrison & Foerster, LLP, a large international law firm. Prior to moving to San Diego, she worked as a librarian in Seattle at Perkins Coie. She also worked as an Internet trainer at NorthWestNet (later Verio), and at the University of Washington libraries in Seattle and Bothell, Washington. She worked as a paralegal for several years before being inspired to go to library school by her firm’s law librarian. She has a B.A. and M.L.S. from the University of Washington, and a paralegal certificate. She loves being a librarian and wants to be one when she retires. She appreciates that each work day is a new box of chocolates as she never knows what questions she will be asked to research. She also really enjoys collaborating with other librarians and is very excited to share and learn as part of the SANDALL Buddies program. After four years on the SANDALL board as VP (twice), President, and Past President, this year she is happy to serve as Chair of SANDALL’s PR committee and co-chair of the Buddies program.
SANDALL Children’s Book Drive a Success!

On December 5th, SANDALL members participated in a holiday children’s book drive that radically impacted children K-12. These books benefited many children struggling in school because of language barriers and poverty.

Donations went to UPLIFT, a program offering tutoring and mentoring to lower-income and racially diverse children in grades K-12.

This year there were more than 50 books donated to the cause. Many thanks to the SANDALL members who participated, especially those who brought in bags of children’s books!!
The San Diego Law Library and Warwick's Present Al Gore

Sunday Feb. 10, 2013
7:30 p.m.
Mandeville Auditorium on the UCSD Campus

Warwick's and the San Diego Law Library present an event with former Vice President Al Gore. Mr. Gore will discuss his newest book The Future: Six Drivers of Global Change, followed by a Q&A and book signing.

Seating will be limited, so buy your tickets today. Please call the Warwick's Book Dept. (858) 454-0347 or click <http://algoresd.eventbrite.com/> here to purchase.

There are 2 ticket packages:

$35 Package: Includes admittance for 1 to the event and a copy of <http://algoresd.eventbrite.com/> The Future.

Please note: Please note that paper tickets must be presented at time of entry. You may pick-up your copy of the book between January 29th and 8th at Warwick's, 7812 Girard Ave., La Jolla or at the event on February 10th, starting at 6:00pm. You must present your paper ticket in order to receive your book.

AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL’s Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month — Leadership Skills: Developing the Library Leaders of Tomorrow.

This one-hour MP3 recording features Wendy Reynolds of the Ontario Workplace Tribunals Library as moderator and Vicki Whitmell from the Ontario Legislative Library as speaker. In the recording, Whitmell asks various questions regarding leadership in law libraries and in our professional organizations, including who is next, what does it mean to be a leader, how can we become leaders (or better leaders), and where do we need to demonstrate leadership? She then goes on to answer each of these questions, frequently calling upon her personal experience and the responses she has received from library students over the years. Whitmell discusses who our law library leaders are, where they are found, and how they are created. She acknowledges how difficult it can be to keep up strong relationships but states that good leaders are those who work at these relationships.

Whitmell then goes on to discuss how we recognize leaders in law libraries and how we develop them. She offers insight into the issues that current leaders should be considering, such as strategic and succession planning, and what qualities are needed in developing leaders, such as being forward thinking and having excellent customer service skills. Whitmell ends with the question of who is next? Her answer is that everyone has a role to play where leadership in law libraries is concerned, be it big or small. Listening to this recording may help you begin to identify your role and begin planning how to develop it.

Find this and more than 80 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members at AALL2go!
Where were you born and where did you grow up?
Born and raised in San Diego, CA

So you are in library school! Where are you attending? Favorite classes?
I’m attending San Jose State University, and so far the class that stands out most to me is my Online Searching class. It was probably one of the most difficult classes I’ve ever taken, but because of that the things I learned in the class have stuck with me and helped me in other classes.

What got you interested in law librarianship? Is there a particular person who inspired you?
My mother undoubtedly has a lot to do with it. She is a school librarian, and she gave me the idea of going in to Library Science since I’ve always loved books and I’ve always worked with the public. When I was younger I looked up to my cousin who is a lawyer, and I think that fact instilled an interest in working around those types of professionals.

Any ideas about what kind of library you will wish to work in after graduation?
I really enjoy working for the law library that I work in and for the time being I don’t have any plans to work in any other library after I graduate.

Technical services or Public services? Why?
Technical services because I enjoy seeing what goes on behind the scenes of the library. I like being very particular with what I’m doing but interactions with the public or students of our library vary widely depending on their needs.

Last fiction book read?
Poppy Z. Brite’s *Lost Souls*

Favorite author?
Poppy Z. Brite and J.K. Rowling

Movies?
The Princess Bride and Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas

Hobbies & interests?
I perform on stage every Friday night for the Rocky Horror Picture Show and I’m an avid fiction reader. I also love baking but don’t get to do it often enough.
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