First there were the librarians of Ocean County who traded “…Shhh for Va-Va-Voom”.

http://www.nytimes.com/2003/01/01/nyregion/01LIBR.html?ex=1084593600&en=1ea17202a7d25131&ei=5070

Then, there was a group of U.K. Camden librarians who disrobed for a calendar shoot.


Although most of us cannot compete with these courageous ladies, CALL members nonetheless do lead interesting lives outside of work. That’s why we have decided to showcase a few of our own members’ secret lives in “Beyond the Library”, our special feature for our final issue of the 2003-2004 year.

It’s hard to believe that this is our fourth electronic issue of the CALL Bulletin. The editors would like to take a moment to thank three extra-special people who made our first year of electronic issues a virtual success.

First, we would like to thank Marie Greenhagen. Although Marie has been doing the layout of the CALL Bulletin for quite some time now, this year she has had to handle her fair share of unexpected technical issues. Marie has always done a top-rate job with the design of our issues, and we appreciate her work very much.

Next, we would like to thank Annette Cade, who is the wizard behind the curtain of our webpages. We could not have distributed our electronic issues to the membership without her help!

Finally, we would like to thank Naomi Goodman, our fearless Advertising Manager who has carefully nurtured our continuing relationships with vendors. As an added bonus, she also has helped keep the CALL Bulletin Committee in the black this year.

Next year, we hope to bring you more functionality with our issues. We hope to give you more than a single link to our latest issue. We hope to give you the option to link to and print out selected articles in addition to the option of printing out the entire issue. As Daniel Burnham supposedly said, “Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men’s blood...Make big plans, aim high in hope and work.”

Have a wonderful summer!
Debbie and Joan
This is my last letter as CALL President. Since the May 21 Business Meeting will have a full agenda, I am taking this opportunity to review the 2003-2004 CALL year. I will also be thanking some very special CALL members.

Some of the accomplishments for the year were:

1. The Bulletin went electronic. Both the Bulletin and Internet Committees worked hard to make this happen.
2. Business Meeting and Continuing Education flyers went electronic.
3. Business Meetings were scheduled on days other than Friday. Members who have had not be able to attend meetings for years were able to come.
4. The proposed Bylaws were passed. The Bylaws Committee spent time reviewing AALL and other Chapter Bylaws. This helped them to create the well written document that was reviewed by the members present at the March Business meeting. All comments that were received were very positive on its readability.

My first thank you is to Susan Siebers, Director of Library and Information Services of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman. She was very supportive throughout my Presidency. Also I was able to draw on her experience as a previous CALL President. I was very fortunate to have her guidance in the past year.

I wish to thank the CALL members that gave me feedback. I appreciated the comments both positive and negative. Your comments and opinions have been extremely helpful for future planning purposes. I am sure that the Committee Chairs appreciated the comments as well.

The next group that I have appreciated are the CALL members that served on committees. There is that special group that agreed to Chair the committees as well. Rather than repeat all of their names, the link is: http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/call/committees/committeeindex.html

These are a very special group of people. I thank you very much for all of your hard work.

I was very fortunate in the members of the CALL Board. They are a wonderful group of individuals.

The next to the last thank you is to Past Presidents: Christina Wagner, Frank Drake and John Klaus. Christina had the original idea for the annual Leadership program that I continued last May. Jean Wenger will continue it this year. Some very good ideas have been initiated at the leadership programs. Frank Drake has been there with advice and assistance. He also chaired the Bylaws Committee. John Klaus has been a valuable source of information.

A final thank you is to the Support Staff of Katten Muchin Zavis Rosenman. They have been very supportive of my Presidency. Whenever I was out of the office because of Presidential responsibilities, they kept everything running smoothly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the 2003-2004 CALL President.

Results of the 2004-2005 CALL Board Election are in!

Congratulations to:
Vice-President / President-Elect
Naomi J. Goodman
Valparaiso University School of Law
Treasurer
JoAnn Hounshell
Chicago-Kent College of Law
Director
Jamie Stewart
Chapman & Cutler
BUSINESS MEETING ROUNDUP
By Denise Glynn
DePaul University College of Law

On January 20, 2004 CALL participated in a joint meeting with the Illinois Chapter of SLA. The meeting was held at the Gleacher Center and sponsored by BNA, Thomson West and Marriott Information Services. One hundred and five CALL and SLA members were in attendance to hear guest speaker Alice Calabrese.

For the business portion of the meeting, President Betty Roeske reminded CALL members to review the proposed CALL bylaws changes which will be discussed at the next CALL business meeting on March 18.

Vice President Jean Wenger introduced Alice Calabrese. She is currently serving as both the interim director of the Suburban Library System and the director of the Chicago Multitype Library System, as she oversees their merger into one system. Calabrese titled her talk “Merger and Future of Regional Library Systems.” She began by giving an overview of what has happened with the State’s library systems and why the Chicago Multitype Library System and the Suburban Library System were merging. Then she addressed the nitty gritty of merging staffs, setting up a Transition Board, putting together a Governance Committee, addressing bylaws, membership criteria, etc. The Transition Board did receive a grant from the Illinois State Library which allowed them to hire an outside consultant to (among other things) conduct focus groups and create surveys about services. Calabrese started as the interim director of the Suburban Library System in September 2003. She spent the first 4 months getting to know the 42 member staff. She was most impressed with the 1.5 million items being delivered through ILL. Most of these requests are patron initiated. Sometime in March the merger will become official with July 1, 2004 being the date for the merger to take effect. Calabrese said the Reference Hotline and libraries receiving ILL delivery will all remain the same. The next few months will be an important time for both the Chicago Multitype Library System and the Suburban Library System.

Thomson West sponsored CALL’s March 18 business meeting which was held at Wildfire. Eighty one members and guests attended. Professionals Library Services, Inc. donated the door prizes. The meeting agenda included guest speaker Dean John Unsworth, general announcements and a discussion of the proposed revisions to the CALL bylaws.

Vice President Jean Wenger introduced Dean John Unsworth. He is the new Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Unsworth comes to UIUC from the University of Virginia where he has spent the last 10 years as a faculty member in the English Department and Director of a humanities research computing organization called the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities. He has spent fifteen years working on issues surrounding scholarly communication. Dean Unsworth provided his perspective on library education — what’s needed and what is happening at the GSLIS.

The Graduate School offers many unique programs and research opportunities, and Dean Unsworth highlighted a few of them. The Certificate of Advanced Studies (CAS) in Digital Libraries is a program currently in the planning stage: possibly as soon as the fall, it will be open to those who already possess the MS degree and want to further their education for work in a specialized digital library setting. It is a 10-unit course of study with the final 2 units being a CAS project.

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Students can design their own course of study choosing classes from core requirements as well as take classes outside of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science. The CLIR seminar is a course for people from varied backgrounds entering academic research libraries through a postdoctoral program run by the Council on Library and Information Resources. GSLIS will also participate in the campus-wide bioinformatics MS program, and the School is collaborating with other leading programs (Syracuse University and the University of Washington) in a novel course-sharing experiment using its distance-education technology. Dean Unsworth encouraged people (especially alums) to contact Marianne Steadley (steadley@uiuc.edu) for information about GSLIS continuing education programs and also to suggest possible ideas or needs for future programs.

Dean Unsworth touched upon the many research projects and proposals the GSLIS is involved in. Proposals included a project in which partners from many library groups develop a tool to identify, collect and preserve information resources that are now distributed solely in electronic form; an ACLS Commission which will research, analyze and articulate the needs and potential contributions for the humanities and social sciences with respect to the nation’s rapidly evolving technology infrastructure; and the Institute for Community Informatics which will expand and continue the work of Prairienet. He concluded his presentation with statistics concerning admissions and enrollment at the Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

President Betty Roeske ran the business portion of the meeting. First she introduced the new members present. They are Diane Thompson, a student member and Jennifer Bartlett of Jones Day. President Roeske then thanked all the people who ran for the CALL Board and announced the winners of the election:

Naomi Goodman—President Elect
JoAnn Hounshell—Treasurer
Jamie Stewart—Director

President Roeske asked for a proposal to destroy the ballots. Jean Wenger made the motion which was seconded by Carolyn Hayes. The membership voted by voice to destroy the ballots.

Rebecca Corliss of the Public Relations Committee said the committee is scouting publishing opportunities for articles written by CALL members. If anyone is interested in writing an article on e-filing or the Patriot Act in academic libraries, please contact Rebecca.

Susan Siebers spoke on the status of the Chicago Multitype Library System. They are going to be merging with the Suburban Library System effective July 1, 2004. The newly formed system is looking for a name. They are also putting together a new governing board. The new board will be a mix of library trustees, a library director, and representatives from academic and school libraries.

John Klaus spoke on behalf of the Union List Committee. Please pre-order your copies of the CALL Union List by April 1, 2004.

April 21, 2004 is Library Advocacy Day. Please watch the CALL Discussion Forum for further information.

President Roeske told the membership there was a motion by the Board to amend the bylaws. Information announcing the proposed bylaws had been sent out to the membership via the Discussion Forum and proposed bylaw changes have been available on the CALL website. At this business meeting there would be discussion or comments on the proposed changes as noted in the CALL Bylaws Article XIII, Sec. 2, and if voted on the changes would be submitted to the entire membership for final decision by letter ballot. President Roeske named Susan Siebers as Parliamentarian for this session and put a 3 minute time limit per discussion item. President Roeske went through the list of articles for which there were proposed changes made. They were Articles 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13. No comments or discussion was raised on any of the articles. President Roeske asked for a voice vote to send the proposed changes to the membership via paper ballot. The vote passed.

The next CALL business meeting will be May 21, 2004.

Submitted by:
Denise Glynn
Secretary
March 24, 2004
CALL Executive Board
Summaries of Minutes
By Denise Glynn
DePaul University College of Law

Date: January 7, 2004, 9:00 a.m.
Place: AALL Headquarters
Board Members Present: Nancy Faust, Denise Glynn, Betty Roeske, Dave Rogers, Christina Wagner, Jean Wenger, Julia Wentz

I. Minutes
Minutes for the December 2003 meeting were approved with amendments.

II. Treasurer’s Report
Income and deposits for December totaled $1,579.00 and checks written totaled $2,609.65. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $16,043.48. The Northern Trust balance as of December 3, 2003 is $3,961.42.

Members to date: Membership totals 291.

III. Old Business
Enable live links in Bulletin: Betty Roeske has not heard back from the Bulletin Committee or the Internet Committee. Betty will ask both Committees again.

Archive of the Bulletin: Christina Wagner has not heard back from the Internet Committee about how other chapters are archiving their bulletins, newsletters, etc.

Registering with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds: CALL has to file the Annual Report with the Recorder of Deeds if the registered agent changes. CALL has to file Form AG990 with the Illinois Attorney General. The Secretary will fill out the financial report and file by the end of February. The financial report and fee are due to the Illinois Attorney General within 6 months of the fiscal year end.

SLA Holiday party: The Board does not know if any CALL members attended. Beginning next year, the Board decided to have the CALL Meetings Committee post to the discussion forum, announcements of meetings, events and holiday parties from SLA or other sister associations.

Review of Bylaws: The Bylaws are approved. The Board discussed whether or not a dues refund should be a policy or a bylaw. For AALL, it is a bylaw—dues are not refundable. Betty Roeske will pose a question to the D.C. chapter and LLAGNY to see how they handle refunds. The Board decided it would have the Bylaws Committee add a section to the Bylaws stating dues are not refundable. The Board has amended earlier Minutes (May 2003) that stated “The Board agreed that a member requesting a refund within 60 days of when the treasurer deposited the check could receive a full refund. No refunds would be given after that date.” In addition to the bylaw change, there will be a note on the next membership form alerting people that dues are not refundable.

IV. New Business
AALL Excellence in Marketing Award: CALL will not do anything at the Chapter level.

January 20 meeting: The announcement will be posted to the CALL website today. The joint luncheon meeting will be at the Gleacher Center catered by Wolfgang Puck. BNA, West and Scott Marriott are sponsors. SLA allows vendors to speak at their meetings. BNA will have mike time if they like.

SLA update: Directory now electronic: 78 CALL members are SLA members.

V. Committee Reports
Archives: Archives will get minutes of earlier years from Kay Collins.

Bulletin: The Bulletin Committee asked for clarification on a couple of points for the upcoming Bulletin: 1) Does the Bulletin need to be done and posted on the website, as well as print copies mailed by Feb. 21, as specified in the Handbook? The candidate bios have to be in the Bulletin for corporate memory. The timetable for Bulletin deadlines will have to be reexamined next year so the Bulletin can be made available by the Feb. 21 date. 2) Will candidate bios be posted separately on the website? Since the Bulletin will not be out by Feb. 21, the workaround for this year will have the candidate bios posted on the website in the members only section. John Klaus will send the bios to Annette Cade. 3) Will the Bulletin issue containing the candidate bios be moved out of the members only section of the website after the summer issue is posted? The public side of the website will not contain the candidate bios. Annette Cade will be asked about the

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technical issues concerning removal of the bio information from the spring issue. The Bulletin Committee was asked to find out what other chapters were doing as far as their election issues. 4) Is it the responsibility of the Bulletin Committee or the Printing Committee to print and mail copies of the Bulletin to those members without Internet access? The Bulletin Committee has the responsibility of printing and mailing copies of the Bulletin to those without Internet access. The Board decided to have 5 professional copies of the Bulletin printed. Two copies will go to the Archives and 3 copies will go to the President’s box. Everyone else will get photocopies.

EPIC: Doris Nuding has communicated with the Committee only regarding Bulletin articles. She was asked to tailor the articles more towards what “paraprofessionals” do rather than on unrelated subjects, and articulate articles in a more layperson tone rather than a scholarly one. The Committee has not heard from the Education Committee on any further educational programs. The last thing she heard from them last fall was putting together a library tour, but has not heard anything more recent.

Public Affairs: Jean Wenger was asked if the Public Affairs information about the Illinois Administrative Code that was handed out at the November 2003 meeting could be reprinted in the ISBA Administrative Law Newsletter. The Board said yes, this would be excellent exposure for CALL. Jean Wenger will let the Public Relations Committee know this was passed on.

Union List: The Committee has prepared the initial handouts for the 13th edition of the CALL Union List of Serials. The Preorder Form and the Participant letter are ready to go. The Preorder Form will get posted to the website and discussion forum in the near future.

Joint Meeting Update: Julia Wentz was in contact with Ted Potter of LLAW. Ted Potter is waiting to hear from ORALL to see how much seed money is needed to fund a conference.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Submitted by:
Denise Glynn
January 14, 2004
Amended: March 15, 2004

Date: March 15, 2004, 9:15 a.m.

Place: AALL Headquarters

Board Members Present: Nancy Faust, Denise Glynn, Betty Roeske, Julia Wentz

Absent: Dave Rogers, Christina Wagner, Jean Wenger

I. Minutes

Minutes for the January 2004 meeting were approved with amendments.

II. Treasurer’s Report

January and February reports were presented at the March meeting. The CALL Board did not have a February meeting due to lack of a quorum.

Income and deposits for January totaled $315.00 and checks written totaled $38.00. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $16,320.48. The Northern Trust balance as of January 3, 2004 is $3,964.62.

Income and deposits for February totaled $2,595.00 and checks written totaled $920.56. Actual balance at the Harris Bank to reflect deposits and outstanding checks is $17,994.92. The Northern Trust balance as of February 3, 2004 is $3,964.62.

Nancy Faust reported the bank balance is higher than usual because sponsors for the January (BNA), March (Thomson West), and May (CCH Incorporated) meetings have already paid for their meetings.

Members to date: Membership totals 303.

III. Old Business

Enable live links in Bulletin: Annette Cade said there is no problem in adding live links to the advertising only. Some members reported having problems loading the advertising pages.

Archive of the Bulletin: The President recommends tabling this issue until the next Board takes over. One possible proposal might be to burn a years worth of issues to a CD for possible purchase.

Registering with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds: Steve Ligda of AALL said CALL is in compliance with all filings. After further checking, CALL does not have to file an AG990 form with the Illinois Attorney General’s office because we do not raise funds from the public. We do not have to file with the Cook County Recorder of Deeds. Betty Roeske spoke

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with Dave Siehoff of Wolfe & Co. (accountants) to check further. Siehoff’s response was that we do not have to file because we do not own property.

George Strait Scholarship Fund: Betty Roeske proposed CALL make a donation to the George Strait Scholarship Fund. Nancy Faust said CALL could make a $300.00 donation. (NF moved, JW seconded) The motion passed to send a $300.00 check on behalf of CALL to the George Strait Scholarship Fund.

IV. New Business

Corporate Memory and Secretary Minutes: The Corporate Memory Committee has recommended that they stay in existence for at least one more year. Corporate Memory reports will go to the President. The Secretary who records for the Corporate Memory Committee has revised the following sections from the following months of minutes into the Corporate Memory Policy Log:

Board. Voting. 2003-09: The Board approved a policy that will allow electronic voting between Board meetings for time sensitive matters at the discretion of the President. If such a vote is held, it will be ratified at the next Board meeting.

Bulletin. Live Links 2003-11: The Board has decided not to enable live advertising links until a later date. The Board wants to see a smooth transition with the Bulletin online first.

Bylaws. Quorum for Board Meeting 2003-12: The speakerphone will count as a quorum according to ILCS 105/108.15. This will be used when a Board member is unable to attend the meeting physically, but can still be present via speakerphone.

Handbook 2003-11: The Board has decided to add to the Handbook a section on how to post to the website/Discussion Forum.

Taxes 2003-11: CALL filed taxes with the State of Illinois per the recommendation of the accountant.

Union List 2003-10: Prices were raised slightly for the 2004 Union List. The prices will be:
- $90.00 for Union List participants, first copy
- $65.00 for participants, additional copies
- $135.00 per copy for non-participants

The Secretary has also added last names to people in the Minutes. Kay Collins has sent her older materials to the CALL Archives.

Free Boston registration: Betty Roeske suggests that a newly elected member of the CALL Board be considered for the one full free registration from AALL. If that is not possible, the Grants Committee will select the person eligible. The President will respond with a thank you note when the Committee submits the names.

Committee Posting on the Discussion Forum. Internet Committee has been doing it: Betty Roeske proposed the following motion to address committee posting on the Discussion Forum: The Internet Committee is responsible for creating the link to the CALL website and sending that information to the designated committee person. Each individual committee is responsible for their postings on the CALL Discussion Forum. (JW moved; NF seconded) The Board voted and the motion passed.

Continuing Ed award submission: Nothing was submitted to AALL.

Activities area in Boston: The Public Relations Committee was asked to set up the table last year and was asked again to do it this year. If no one from the Committee is available, the Board will ask for a volunteer.

Maggie Harrington Retirement reception: CALL contributed $86.91 for the cost of the reception and an award.

V. Committee Reports

Handbook revisions: Betty Roeske has asked that changes to the Handbook be sent via email to herself and to Denise Glynn.

Elections Committee—Brian Myers Chair: Ballots for the election of 2004/05 CALL officers were mailed off on Monday February 23 (the 21st fell on a Saturday) from the ABA offices at 541 Fairbanks. I would like to give credit to Lenore Glanz for her assistance with the preparation of the ballots, and would like to express thanks to Betty Roeske and to Gail Hartzell for assistance with the ballot and membership list. A basket of cookies from Corner Bakery was sent to the AALL staff for their assistance in preparing labels and for providing a copy of the current membership roster on short notice. I have only heard from one member who continued on p. 9
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contacted me last Wednesday to let me know that the contents of her ballot envelope were lost in the mail; a replacement ballot was immediately sent to her through first class mail. Ballots will be counted on March 16 by a committee consisting of Lenore Glanz, Maureen Burns, Ann Abramson and myself. Although we originally planned to use an ABA conference room for this purpose, we are discussing the possibility of counting ballots over lunch at John Marshall as a matter of mutual convenience. Results of the election will be reported to the candidates in compliance with the provisions of the CALL bylaws. Election results will be reported at the CALL business meeting on March 18, 2004.

Union List—Kathie Goodridge, Chair: The Union List Committee wrote a notice about the upcoming edition of the CALL Union List of Serials for the Spring 2004 issue of the CALL Bulletin. A copy of the preorder form was also included. This was the second Association-wide notice of the new edition, and the second opportunity for all non-participants (third for participants) to preorder their copies. The Committee intends to use the Discussion Forum one more time to reach everyone in mid-March, two weeks before the preorder deadline. To date there have been 26 preorders from participants and five preorders from non-participants.

EPIC—Doris Nuding, Chair: The March 4 seminar went very well. We had a full house and everyone seemed to enjoy the speakers and the seminar. Shari Lewis has the evaluations and will be letting the Committee know how it went as far as the enrollees are concerned. EPIC proposed to the Education Committee that the next seminar be on Internet access and search engines. The EPIC Committee will probably meet to discuss who could take on the roll of Chair for the next year.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m. (NF motioned; JW seconded)

Submitted by:
Denise Glynn
March 16, 2004
Approved: April 7, 2004

Extra, extra read all about it!

THANKS
TO OUR BUSINESS MEETING SPONSORS

January Meeting — BNA, Thomson West and Marriott Information Services
March Meeting — Thomson West

Professionals Library Services, Inc.
donated the door prizes for the March meeting.
The purpose of this CALL special issue is to “get to know” the people behind the books and computers. I don’t know how interesting my own life may seem to others, but in addition to my “secret life,” I will also present some interesting websites of what other librarians, in the past, and possibly present, do or have done in their “spare time.” The most important part of my life outside the library and the office is family. My grandchildren are growing up so fast that I cannot seem to spend enough of my “spare time” with them.

The next, but not unimportant aspect of my “down time,” is the fact that I have acquired a real estate license and have affiliated with Baird & Warner Real Estate in Olympia Fields, Illinois, part-time. I acquired the real estate license after taking a course designed for pre-licensing, at Prairie State College in Chicago Heights, Illinois; [http://www.prairie.cc.il.us/](http://www.prairie.cc.il.us/), while attempting to enhance my real estate knowledge for my employment at Querrey & Harrow. My job description at the firm includes some corporate and real estate paralegal duties outside the sphere of the library. I believed that it would be a waste of time and effort to take the course and not obtain a license to fully utilize the knowledge. The real estate license is affording me the opportunity to meet a diverse number of people, encounter various situations, help customers and clients meet their real estate needs and earn extra money. I enjoy being a part of a family-run organization that also provides tools such as homefinder, referral and relocation services, as well as their Goodwill Network. You can find Baird & Warner in many positive news articles. It is also listed in Crain’s “Who’s Who in Real Estate” at:

[http://chicagobusiness.com/cgi-bin/redirect.pl?mpid=44&portal_id=116&id=’cgi-bin/article.pl?portal_id=44fLaVmOpage_id=70](http://chicagobusiness.com/cgi-bin/redirect.pl?mpid=44&portal_id=116&id=’cgi-bin/article.pl?portal_id=44fLaVmOpage_id=70)

Information about Baird & Warner is also available at [http://www.bairdwarner.com/content/Home.asp](http://www.bairdwarner.com/content/Home.asp).

I am also a member of the American Legion Auxiliary ([http://www.legion-aux.org/](http://www.legion-aux.org/)). I attend monthly meetings, and assist in organizing various fundraising functions and dinners for veterans. The veterans for whom we organize dinners are generally from the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno. However, the Auxiliary does make contributions to other veterans’ homes and organizations on the local, state and national level. Our unit has adopted one nursing home, and their residents, who otherwise might not receive items that normal people take for granted, such as a pair of socks or a toothbrush. The Auxiliary is based on volunteerism and also aids families of veterans, children and youth and many other worthy causes.

I did some research on what librarians do or have done in the past and found that there is a lot of information about stereotypes and history of librarianship. Some websites of interest are:

[http://wings.buffalo.edu/publications/mcjrln/v1n1/image.html](http://wings.buffalo.edu/publications/mcjrln/v1n1/image.html)


[http://www.sla.is.ubc.ca/courses/libr500/02-03-wt1/www/A_Ogden/tech3.htm](http://www.sla.is.ubc.ca/courses/libr500/02-03-wt1/www/A_Ogden/tech3.htm)

[http://emp.byui.edu/raishm/films/introduction.html](http://emp.byui.edu/raishm/films/introduction.html)

*Online Athens* ran an article regarding librarians’ “secret lives” in 2001. Of most interest is the creativity described in the article. The article can be located at [http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/072601/ent_0726010007.shtml](http://www.onlineathens.com/stories/072601/ent_0726010007.shtml). Yet another interesting internet site, which stereotypes librarians in a variety of unusual ways, can be viewed at: [http://www.warriorlibrarian.com/IMHO/stereo.html](http://www.warriorlibrarian.com/IMHO/stereo.html). What I found most interesting on this site is under the “Famous People” section, mentioning the fact that Casanova, Karl Marx, Longfellow and Benjamin Franklin, amongst others, were all once librarians. Linda Mack, a music librarian, actually has a web page detailing life inside and outside of her library world at [http://www.andrews.edu/~mack/](http://www.andrews.edu/~mack/).

Librarians tie into every aspect of life, whether on the job or off. As we all know, there are only so many hours in a day, but in order to live a full, productive life, positive outside activities can only enhance what we do on a daily basis.
Confessions of an Off-Duty Law Librarian
by David Rogers
Sidley, Austin, Brown & Wood LLP

One of my jokes is that I don’t have a hobby – I have a commute. Three hours a day is normal. I invested in a laptop computer so I can spend the hour and change or so on the train writing The Great American Novel. Yes, one of the characters in the novel is a law librarian. I try to be home every night for dinner with my wife and kids, even if only for a few minutes before our schedules diverge.

Tuesday evenings are generally invested in children’s programs at church (AWANA, for those to whom the name has meaning) and Thursday evenings on board meetings for church or one volunteer organization or another. Being the secretary for the board at a health clinic for uninsured and underinsured in Bolingbrook is one of the organizations that fills that evening.

Saturdays shift from soccer to baseball to soccer with one or two of my three children. My winter break from being a Sports Parent is invested in preparing a team and officiating at area AwanaGames events. I discovered that a key notation when offering to help in Moline, IL, is to add “leave at” next to a time on my calendar so I don’t arrive about two-and-a-half hours early for a Saturday morning event.

Sundays are filled with a combination of church activities and rest.

I’m not sure that I ever truly go off the clock, even when my workday is done. I apply the principles of organization, research and knowledge acquired as a law librarian into most of my other life involvements. I may put on a different hat for a particular task, but it is almost always a hat worn in the context of being a law librarian.

Well, this is the final issue of the Bulletin for the 2003-2004 year and it is a special issue – secret lives “Beyond the Library.” For myself, it is my “secret life,” the life I have outside the walls of my library that helps to alleviate the stress that I feel inside the walls.

Some of the activities I partake in outside of my library have nothing to do with my job or a library. For example, what I have found to be one of my greatest stress relievers is to jump on my motorcycle and go for a long ride down a country road. I live in Round Lake Beach so there still are many country roads. I remember someone once telling me that a librarian riding a motorcycle was a paradox. Maybe that is why I enjoy it so much. It is an activity that many would least likely expect a librarian to participate in.

During the summer months, I volunteer with Women’s Sports Association - coordinating and leading their women’s tennis league. Not only is tennis a great physical activity but it is also a way to relieve stress. There is something to be said for whacking the heck out of a ball - especially if you have had a rough day at work.

Another “secret life” activity that I greatly enjoy and which is more closely related to what I do for a living, is that I am on the Friends of the Round Lake Area Library Board. While to some, this may seem like work I have found it to be quite rewarding. One of our main objectives is to raise money for various library programs. In the past, some of these projects have included the library bookmobile, the library DVD collection and helping to finance the cost of sending local school kids to reading, writing and anime programs.

And for that part of me that feels like to contributing to a program that is probably the most closely related to what I do for a living, there is good old CALL. I have found that much of the work I do with CALL has turned out to be some of the most rewarding of my career as a librarian. It has given me the opportunity to meet some very interesting people, bond with my fellow librarians and further my career. I don’t think that much of this would have happened if I just went to work, sat at my desk and never ventured beyond the

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On weekends, I play the piano at Oakbrook Center’s Nordstrom Department Store. This is actually a profession that I continued from my pre-law firm library years, because before I became a librarian I was a full time professional pianist for 17 years. My particular style of playing suits the hotel lobby or restaurant settings, so I have to say I haven’t played in a lot of piano bars. But I sure had plenty of requests for “As Time Goes By.” My jobs ranged from providing background music for the Fairmont Hotel’s High Tea, to cocktail music at the Park Hyatt, to dinner music at the poshest of country clubs. When I started working as a librarian I didn’t want conflicting hours or late night gigs anymore, so I auditioned for Nordstrom and was hired.

I love working at Nordstrom on the weekends. I love seeing the families out shopping together, the husbands dutifully babysitting piles of packages while their wives—as I warn them—are doing serious damage to their credit cards. The kids who approach me at the piano are just precious, always amusing me with their attempts to pronounce classical music pieces or certain composers. Debussy is always good for a giggle or two, and I can almost predict by the way a youngster is screwing up her face that she’s going to ask for Für Elise.

Mostly, I think playing the piano helps me unwind from my work week as a busy reference librarian at Lord, Bissell & Brook LLP. As harried as I am, commuting downtown during the week and attempting to squeeze in housework, yard work, errands and church choir over the weekend, I actually look forward to these hours at that other kind of keyboard. It’s my therapy. By the third song I can feel the muscles in my face relax, and I’ve forgotten about all those rush requests, wayward reference books and untimely computer crashes.

Are there comparisons between the two jobs? Most definitely. I think being a service-oriented person is a must for both reference work and for playing the piano at Nordstrom. It is, after all, our job to satisfy the customer, isn’t it? Just last weekend a darling little boy asked me if I could please play “Three Blind Mice,” and “The Lollipop Guild” from The Wizard of Oz. You know, that’s the one those stiff-legged Munchkin men sing to welcome Dorothy to Oz. Although these songs are not generally part of my repertoire, I cheerfully roughed out the melody and chords to “Three Blind Mice,” but I didn’t know the Munchkin song. So I did what every good reference librarian knows to do. I substituted “Over the Rainbow” instead, and he grinned from ear to ear.

What do I love most about my weekend job? It has to be when one of my firm’s partners walks by my Steinway, mouth agape. “It’s me,” I always say, and smile as I transition into something spectacular. That’s almost as good as the 20% discount.

You may know that I am very fond of cats and cozy mysteries, but the most enduring of my loves is of plants. As long as I can remember, I have been intrigued by growing things. One of my first vivid memories is of a large and luscious Red Mulberry tree near our central Illinois house. For many years I was only able to indulge this interest with a variety of house plants. After I finished law school, however, I started a garden in Hyde Park near the IC tracks. From that start my gardens kept expanding and I kept learning more about native plants and planning landscapes. When I moved to DC last summer, the growing space available to me was very small, but I have been filling it with living memories of the Midwest. I have Prickly Pear Cactus, Columbine and Wild Ginger from Indiana and Coral Bells from Wisconsin. Also included are a wide variety of flowering perennials and herbs that thrive in the milder weather of the Mid-Atlantic region. Although I advocate gardening with native plants whenever possible, I can always find some space for a few plants of lavender, chives and thyme. My home and office are also filled with large and small house plants, many of which are from my friends in Chicago. When I get homesick pangs, I can look at my indoor and outdoor plants and know that I am still connected to the Midwest where my roots grew long and deep.
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“Are you going to be here later on tonight? Around 1:00 a.m.?” one of the law students asks. Whoa. I’ve been at work since 8:00 a.m. and some of them really do expect me to still be available at 1:00 a.m. I may have set up this expectation by showing up at the law library to work at odd hours of the night, but the question still makes me wonder. Do my patrons assume that librarians have no life outside of the library? If so, is it possible to show them that not only are we wonderful librarians, but we’re wonderful people too?

I decided to investigate. What do other librarians do when not in the library? You’d be amazed.

Librarians have always been concerned about their image. Some of them devote vast amounts of time, money, and effort to defying the stereotypical stodgy librarian image. Thus we get the Modified Librarian at http://www.bmeworld.com/gailcat/. This Web site features pictures, stories, and discussions of tattoos, piercings, and other body modifications by librarians and paraprofessionals. A brief survey of the modified librarians reveals even a couple of law library folk among them. For those of us unwilling to make permanent modifications, check out the glamorous side of librarians as explored at the Lipstick Librarian at http://www.lipsticklibrarian.com/. The Lipstick Librarian site contains some must read beauty tips and don’t forget to take the quiz! For more on the librarian’s image, take a look at the You Don’t Look Like a Librarian site at http://www.librarian-image.net/hobbies.html.

. This site compiles resources on the image of librarians in both the profession and popular culture. For a look at famous librarians, read Literature, Libertines and Lenin’s Wife: Famous People and Libraries at http://www.library.unisa.edu.au/about/papers/famouslb.htm.

Then there are those unique hobbies. The Bellydancing Librarian, a Web site at http://www.sonic.net/~erisw/bdlib.html, has been featured in numerous articles. The site now features a gallery of belly dancing librarians. There are more than you think! The Bodybuilding Librarian at http://www.stumptuous.com/debra.html and Butt Kicking Librarians at http://hokkien.uuft.org/librarian.html also say goodbye to the stereotypical bookworm as librarian. A 2001 survey of 2377 librarians revealed a large list of hobbies that is available on the You Don’t Look Like a Librarian site at http://www.librarian-image.net/hobbies.html. Peruse the page and you might discover a new hobby to take up!

Librarians are a diverse lot, interested in many things besides librarianship. There are an amazing number of blogging librarians. For a pretty good list of blogging sites, check out http://www.librarism.com/parade.html or http://lisblogsource.net/.

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walls of my library. CALL has been very good to me. In turn, I want to try to strengthen its membership and bring its presence to the forefront of the minds of my fellow librarians. So, if you are looking for a life outside of your library – while it may not be secret – I would strongly suggest thinking about volunteering for CALL.

In short, while not any one of my “secret life” activities defines who I am, they all make up a part of me. I enjoy my “secret life” and I hope that all of you can find your “secret life,” whatever it may be, and enjoy it as much as I do mine.
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In keeping with the theme of this special issue, the following articles describe librarians away from their jobs. Easily the most fun column I’ve compiled, the articles range from the dramatic and inspirational to the humorous and downright bizarre. Also, unlike previous columns, you’ll notice that many come from local newspapers around the country.


This article describes efforts of a small library to collect books, DVDs and videos for the delinquent boys and girls of a juvenile home.


Laurie Shearer, a librarian in Grand Terrace, California, makes good on her promise to kiss a cow after her patrons donated $6,800 to offset budget cuts to her library.


In addition to her responsibilities as a librarian at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, Shaista Wahab travels back and forth to Afghanistan to compile the archives for their new constitutional convention.


Karen Schnackenberg, the head librarian for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, assists the Iraqi National Symphony Orchestra (at the request of L. Paul Bremer) in an international drive to build a sufficient collection of music.


A children’s librarian from Pittsburgh, Morgan Smith, wins an award for storytelling from an event she helped create several years earlier.


In connection with the release of her book Book Lust, Nancy Pearl discusses her love of literature and her celebrity as the model for the controversial librarian action figure.


This exciting article explains how Alia Muhammad Baker, an Iraqi librarian, courageously saved 30,000 rare and precious books and periodicals when coalition forces stormed the city of Basra.


Mary Grathwol, director of technical services for the Santa Fe Public Library, volunteers her time to Careers and Curiosity in Math and Science, a program dedicated to sparking young girls’ interest in math and science.


A woman bites two brave librarians from Crawfordsville, Indiana, as they try to prevent her from stealing $70 from the library’s cash drawer.


A group of North London librarians try to change the traditional perception of librarians by posing for a nude charity calendar.


Ralph Howard, an 18 year old from Lake County, Florida, wins the President’s Volunteer Service Award for logging 297 hours in one year at his local library.


This article nicely summarizes the controversy surrounding the librarian action figure, inspired by Nancy Pearl and reviled by many.

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“Laura Guelle; She’s a Rabid Eagles and Flyers Fan, a Springsteen Devotee, a Budding NASCAR Enthusiast – and a Rare Books Librarian.” *The Philadelphia Inquirer* 7 September 2003.

Laura Guelle, the rare book librarian at the College of Physicians in Philadelphia, breaks the stereotypical mold as she describes her love of football, rock and roll, action movies and NASCAR.


A librarian at the University of East London, Chris Roberts examines the origins of 24 popular nursery rhymes in her new book, *Heavy Words Thrown Lightly*.


Another group of librarians, this time from New Jersey, pose for a risqué calendar in order to raise funds for a major library expansion.


This article describes the love affair between several librarians and the art of quilting, including its ability to strengthen professional relationships.


DHC Skincare chooses Miranda Sulikowski, a 35 year old youth services librarian, to appear in a two-page layout for their May catalog.


Lisa Autio, a medical librarian at Franciscan Skemp Medical Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin, joins Fort McCoy soldiers in an effort to collect outdated medical books for Iraqi doctors.


The New Zealand author of this article reviews a number of online resources that reveal how stereotypical portrayals of librarians need to change. It includes a description of the “The Bellydancing Librarian” and “Modified Librarians” (who find significance in relationships between “body modification” and librarianship).


Becky White, the Falcon Bluffs Middle School librarian also known as the Groundhog Queen, describes her obsession with Punxsutawney Phil, the famous groundhog of Groundhog Day.


A 62 year-old librarian from Wiles-Barre, Pennsylvania, uses her quick wit and sarcasm to land a recurring role on the syndicated television show *Street Smarts*. ■
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