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The sun is shining and even though it is cold, spring is in the air. (It has to be as I'm sure everyone is as tired of winter as I am.)

It is hard to believe that my year as President of MichALL is drawing to a close. It has been a busy year for the members of MichALL. The committees are active and working on various projects. The Executive Board surveyed the membership and approximately a third of the members responded to various questions including the direction they would like to see MichALL head in the coming years. Members indicated areas in which they would like to see programming focused. This information was shared with the Education committee and used in planning this year's Annual Meeting program.



The responding membership also indicated a willingness to work with the Canadian Law Library Association to co-sponsor their annual meeting to be held in Windsor in May of 2010. The Executive Committee has already started working with the Canadian Library Association in planning the 2010 meeting. MichALL members will be able to attend the entire conference, or just one day's worth of programming (including the Annual Business Meeting). You will be hearing more about both the survey results and the 2010 meeting at the Spring Meeting and in future newsletters.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank outgoing Board Members **June Van Wingen**, Past-President, and **Helen Levenson**, Member-at-Large for their service to MichALL. I would also like to thank the entire Executive Board: June, Helen, **Clare Membiela**, Vice President/President elect; **Janet Hedin**, Secretary; and **Elise Keller**, Member-at-Large for their guidance, wisdom and patience over the past year. I would especially like to thank all those that volunteered to work on committees this year for your hard work and efforts.

If you have any ideas, concerns, or questions regarding MichALL, please contact one of the Board members. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President for the past year. I look forward to working with the new Board and with the members of MichALL in the coming year.

Aletha Honsowitz
President MichALL 2008-2009

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Editor's Corner

MichALL Spring Meeting

MichALL Spring Meeting is Friday, April 3 at MSU College of Law. Join in the discussion on how we can best prepare our law students to enter the legal world with the right skills. We will also hear from Cornell Winston, AALL Executive Board about what is going on at AALL. Cost for the program is only \$20.00 which includes parking, lunch, continental breakfast and snacks. I will be looking forward to seeing all of you on April 3.

National Library Week: April 12 - 18, 2009

Well - it's not National Law Library Week but that should not stop us from joining in the celebration. The theme for this year's observance is Worlds connect @ your library. This is a time for us to not only promote the work that we and our sister libraries do throughout the state but to also thank each other for the work we do in our schools, universities, colleges, firms, and communities. The honorary chair for this year's campaign is New York Times best-selling author and actress, Jamie Lee Curtis. To find out more information about National Library Week go to:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm>.

Upcoming Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be coming out in May. Look for it to see pictures of the Spring Meeting and to meet our new Board. What is new in your neck of the woods? Let us hear about it. Please send us pictures, articles, interest items, cartoons, etc. to me at hedinj@law.msu.edu by April 20, 2009. Also, if you have ideas on how to improve this newsletter - let me know. After all - this is your newsletter.

Janet Ann Hedin, Editor



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How To Join MichALL:

If you haven't renewed or if you know someone who would like to join, you can print a copy of our membership form from the website:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall/organization/join-michall.pdf>

The dues are still very modest at \$15.00. The Michigan Association of Law Libraries has a 100 year history of providing Michigan law librarians a sense of community and an opportunity to get involved.

FEATURES - 2009 MichALL Spring Meeting

Law Students to Law Associates: Ready, Set, Go?

It will be soon that time of year again - recently graduated law students joining the ranks of practitioners whether at law firms, courts, government, or own their own. The big question is, are they really ready? Or have law schools just started the process that older practitioners will need to finish? This is the topic for the MichALL Spring Meeting to be held on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Michigan State University College of Law.



Our guest speaker will be **Katie Leonard** from West Librarian Relations. She will be presenting the results from West's 2008 New Associate Skills survey. The discussion will then continue with a panel of speakers from different viewpoints including attorneys, research, writing, and advocacy professors, career services personnel, law students, and law librarians.

MichALL is also pleased to announce that **Cornell H. Winston** from the AALL Executive Board will be on hand to update us on what is happening at AALL. He is the Law Librarian for the United States Attorney's Office based in California where he works with over 250 attorneys and also serves as the chairperson for the Library Advisory Group for the United States Attorney Librarians. Cornell has worked on numerous committees for both AALL and SCALL.



The cost to attend the MichALL Spring Meeting is \$20.00; \$10.00 for students. This includes parking, continental breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Deadline for registrations is March 26, 2009.

For more information, check the MichALL website at: www.aallnet.org/chapter/michall

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FEATURES - Law Library Updates Academic Law Libraries

Ave Maria School of Law Library

Janice Selberg, Director of Library and IT

Greetings: As of this writing (early February) we (Library and IT staff members) have most of the plans in place for the move to Naples. We are projecting that the moving trucks will arrive in mid-June, and at that point we will have everything – books, shelving, and contents of offices – boxed and ready to load. The Library furniture, including carrels, tables, and chairs, will be moved separately. The Library will officially close for business beginning May 18.

This month and next, we are pulling out the major sets that we will not be moving for resale or donation. Lawbook Exchange has purchased some of these, but there are still many sets of state codes, reporters, and bound legal periodicals that are waiting for a new home. Our Michigan collection will be purchased by Michigan-based alumni through an auction that will take place in May. If you know of someone needing legal materials, ask him/her to phone or email me [jkselberg@avemarialaw.edu] 734-827-8038 or **Nathan Collins** [necollins@avemarialaw.edu] 734-827-8061.

Katie Greer, Reference Librarian, left in January for the position of Systems Manager at Madonna University Library. We miss her, but are happy to see her move up the ladder. Head of Public Services **Nathan Collins** and Acquisitions/Reference Librarian **Suzanne Kaufman** are keeping faculty and students ably served at the Reference Desk during this transition time.

Please think of the Ave Maria Library and IT staff if you have law library employment openings in the next few months in southeast Michigan. For privacy reasons, I won't list the names of those who have decided to remain in Michigan, but if I can help you to fill a vacancy with experienced support or professional staff



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currently at my library, I'd be delighted. Feel free to call me.

Si Quaeris Peninsulam Amoenam, Circumspice ■

Thomas M. Cooley Law School

**Duane A. Strojny, Associate Dean for
Library and Instructional Support**

Walsh Retires

Ardena Walsh, Reference and Interlibrary Loan Librarian, retired as of January 31. Long known for her willingness to work with lenders and borrowers across the state and country, Ardena worked at Cooley for over 16 years and moved into her current position in 1999. The staff sent her off well prepared for her intended travel adventures she plans to pursue in her retirement.

Check out Research Guides

Research guides prepared by Cooley reference librarians are available via the web at:

www.cooley.edu/library/research_guides/index.htm

They cover an array of topics and make references to both print and electronic resources. While they are written with law school students and faculty in mind, they can be very helpful to the firm or public librarian who is looking for a quick read on researching a particular topic. Covering both research skills and legal topics emphasized within our collection, the guides are a great tool to know about. If you do not find something on your particular topic, don't fear. Many other law school libraries also have guides for patrons to use and make them available via the web.

Cooley Libraries to Host Michigan Notable Books Author

All three Cooley Law Library locations will host Mr. Don Faber, author of *The Toledo War: The First Michigan-Ohio Rivalry*. Mr. Faber will visit the Grand Rapids and Lansing



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campuses on Monday, May 13 and the Auburn Hills campus on Tuesday, May 14. Please visit the Michigan Notable Books web page http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17447_39583---,00.html for further details on author visits from many of the Notable Books authors held across the state during April and May.

An Encore of Encore

The Cooley Law Libraries Innovative Interfaces online catalog, COOLCAT, will receive an upgrade in April of this year. The Encore online catalog product will introduce additional user-friendly features to enhance searching capabilities. As one of the first 100 libraries to adopt Encore internationally, Cooley is proud to continue working with our online catalog to bring accessibility of information to our patrons in a more easy to use fashion.

Cooley Libraries Closed April 27

All three Cooley library locations will be closed Monday, April 27, so that staff can attend our annual all-staff in-service in Lansing. This occurs during one of our break periods when libraries are already operating under reduced hours. All locations will return to regular break hours on Tuesday, April 28. ■

MSU College of Law Library

Janet Ann Hedin, Reference Librarian

We hit a milestone this year! On January 9, 2009, we received our 10,000 faculty database request from Prof. Barbara O'Brien. In 2001, we created a special database to help keep track of all the different requests we receive from faculty and staff. To celebrate, we honored Prof. O'Brien at our January coffee hour with students, faculty and staff. While ➤

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enjoying a beautifully decorated cake, delicious cookies, and a scrumptious sour cream coffee cake made by our own **Jane Edwards**, we listened to brief speeches made by our honoree and our Library Director, **Chuck Ten Brink**. We then presented to Prof. O'Brien her own "Easy" button to use for her next request. We are now anxiously waiting for request number 25,000!!!!

On a bit more somber note, we send our condolences to Kathy Prince on the recent loss of her husband, **Bill Prince**. Bill was part of our library family and will be missed.

We are getting ready for the onslaught of final exams and papers that need to be researched and written – of course, all of it yesterday. Hope everyone in MichALL has a great spring and an easy end of term. ■

University of Michigan Law Library

Veronica Richard

U of M is having a Sesquicentennial Celebration. Chief Justice Roberts will visit U of M during this celebration. See <http://www.law.umich.edu/historyandtraditions/Pages/default.aspx> for further details regarding our Sesquicentennial.

Ann Chase, one of our Reference Librarians, left us in December. We are now in the process of looking for someone to fill that position. We're continuing the reclassification of our book collection. Look for more information about what is happening at U of M in the next MichALL Newsletter. ■



Legal Research Word Search

Jessica Fields

How well do you know legal research terminology? See how many of our legal research words you can find in the below grid. Be the first person to e-mail a completed puzzle to fieldsje@cooley.edu and we will credit you in our next newsletter.



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LISTSERV Information

michall@aallnet.org is the official discussion list of the Michigan Association of Law Libraries (MichALL). All those interested in law libraries may join the list for discussion of topics directly of interest to this group. MichALL listserv is hosted by the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Below you will find information on how to set and configure your initial profile. You will only have to do this once.

- 1) First, visit <http://share.aallnet.org/read/>
- 2) Enter your email address (twice if asked). Click OK.
- 3) Next you will be brought to the 'Essentials' tab.
BE SURE TO CLICK "SAVE CHANGES" or your name will not be saved.
- 4) Click the 'Advanced' tab.
- 5) Enter the password of your choice. BE SURE TO CLICK "SAVE CHANGES" or your password will not be saved.
- 6) You're done!

You can post to the MichALL forum (listserv) using the AALL graphical user interface at: <http://share.aallnet.org/read/?forum=michall> or by email to michall@aallnet.org

What's Your Favorite Blog?

Caralee Witteveen-Lane

Four years ago there was no such thing as a "blog" but today they have evolved into one of the main veins of the Internet. The word "blog" is a shortened form of "web log" and is pretty much the author's running commentary on any given subject. There are some great blogs in the field of Law Librarianship that you might already visit, but perhaps you are missing some? Bonnie Shucha at the University of Washington Law Library has compiled an excellent list of them at the following website: <http://library.law.wisc.edu/wisblawg/bloglistpublic.htm>

Try out Buffalo Wings & Toasted Ravioli or what about House of Butter? Take a look at Hearsay or Law Dawg Blawg. Try some of these out and let us know what you think about them. What is your favorite Blog? Do you know a great blog that is not on the list? Write us and let us know. Send your comments to wittevec@cooley.edu. Maybe we will feature your favorite blog in our next newsletter.

MICHALL OFFICERS AND HOW TO CONTACT THEM:

The MichALL officers are always available to hear your ideas for annual meetings and additional programming. Have a good idea for a social or educational get together? Send it on! Email addresses for all officers are listed below.

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 Ann Cottongim Hudson, Treasurer; and Janet Hedin, Secretary*



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