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SCALL Newsletter

President's Column

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Fall Meeting

Our SCALL Fall Meeting was held on October 18th at Malo Restaurant, with approximately 45 members in attendance. Niels Frenzen, USC Law Professor and Director of the USC Immigration Law Clinic, gave an insightful talk on immigration reform based on his years of experience advocating for the rights of non-citizens. Professor Frenzen gave a succinct history of immigration laws in the U.S., and ended his talk on the present day immigration laws, which are the subject of much discussion. In addition, the membership voted in the proposed amendments to the SCALL Bylaws. The new Bylaws are published on the SCALL Website.

My thanks go out to Programs Committee Chair Brian Raphael and committee members Ming Lu and Kelsey Chrisley for staging a successful event.

SCALL Institute

I am excited to announce that the 35th Annual SCALL Institute will be held on March 15th-17th at the Wyndham San Diego at Emerald Plaza in downtown San Diego. Vice President Jim Senter and his staff are hard at work attending to the myriad details that go along with planning an Institute. The general topic will be International Law, and plans are to have AALL VIP and foreign, comparative and international law expert Lyonette Louis-Jacques, of the University of Chicago D'Angelo Law Library, attend and speak. In addition to a stellar program, the downtown venue will provide an exciting opportunity to explore the thriving Gaslamp and Seaport Village districts, and the venue is just a few blocks from the bay and mass transit.

Back are the popular ThomsonWest and LexisNexis pre-Institute workshops that will be held on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. In addition, we're having a technical services workshop for the second straight year! This workshop proved to be a resounding success in Sacramento. Melody Lembke of the Los Angeles County Law Library is the workshop Coordinator.

For the latest and most detailed news on the Institute, check out the Institute blog at <http://scall2007.blogspot.com>. In addition, check the SCALL web site and listserv for details, and watch for the Institute registration packet mailer.

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Editor's Notes

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You may have heard or read about the "Why Do You Belong to AALL?" writing contest being held in conjunction with AALL's centennial celebration. I thought it would be fitting to pose a similar question here. Why do you belong to SCALL?

For those of us who've been members for many years, it's easy to fall into the habit of simply mailing in the membership check year after year without a moment's thought. Some don't even see the membership renewal form cross their desk because it is renewed automatically for them in their institution. As we approach the end of this year and before we get caught up in the excitement and stress that the holidays bring, now would be a good time to pause and remind ourselves of the value and benefits of being SCALL members. Take an inventory of the reasons why you chose and continue to be a member of our association.

One of the reasons I joined SCALL years ago was to keep an eye on job openings and educational program offerings in the area, and its newsletter provided me that type of information. The SCALL Newsletter was and still is a great way to keep its members informed, not only about employment opportunities and educational programs, but also as an excellent way to learn more about SCALL and its members.

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SCALL Newsletter Submission Deadlines

We welcome the submission of any articles of interest to the law library community. Contact Victoria Williamson, **SCALL Newsletter Editor**, at williamv@ulv.edu.

All submissions should be received by the following dates:

December 11, 2006	Jan. / Feb. 2007 issue
February 12, 2007	Mar. / Apr. 2007 issue
April 9, 2007	May / June 2007 issue
August 13, 2007	Sept. / Oct. 2007 issue



GPO's Digital Content System: Depository Library Council Fall Conference Update

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Representatives from the GPO's Future Digital System (FDsys) development team, including staff from GPO and Harris Corporation, presented updates of "GPO's Digital Content System" on October 23, 2006 at the 2006 Fall Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council Meeting in Washington, D.C.

This plenary session addressed FDsys, a collaborative effort of GPO's Program Management Office and Harris Corporation, the Master Integrator, and provided an overview of the project's status for the next six months. Harris Corporation is a multinational communications and information technology company serving governments and commercial markets in over 150 countries. The company has been in the printing business for over 20 years. It developed a large, high volume digital archives and information system. On August 2, 2006, GPO awarded Harris Corporation a \$29 million contract to develop a strong and flexible digital system that will provide and protect permanent public access to information from all three branches of the federal government. The company will be working in conjunction with GPO and its business units to implement, design, develop and deploy the FDsys for managing official government content, to select products and technologies, and to develop a workflow on how the system works, as well as preparing training materials and user manuals and conducting training.

The FDsys will automate the collection and disseminate electronic information from all three branches of the federal government; there will be electronic markings to indicate that the content is authentic and to track versions of documents that have been revised; information will be permanently available in electronic format and will be easily accessible for viewing, downloading and printing through the Web; and document masters will be available for conventional and on-demand printing. Reference tools and finding aids will be created to locate documents within the system.

The first design review of the FDsys will be held in early November 2006. Beta testing plans for participants in the internal pilot release 1B is expected to begin in April 2007. This will allow users to submit content and metadata, to create, collect and edit content metadata using MODS, to access, search and request content using a web based interface, and to combine content and metadata into information packages (SIP, AIP, ACP and DIP). The first exter-



(Photo by Margot McLaren)

nal release 1C which involves creating, collecting, editing and sharing of content metadata supporting MARC and Dublin Core standards will be launched in the second half of 2007. In this release, submitted content will be checked for authenticity and integrity, and content will be verified to assure that it has not been altered, corrupted and duplicated. Data exchange with GPO and ILS will occur, one will be able to assign a persistent name, and basic preservation processing will be introduced.

Upcoming activities within the next six months include conducting trade study reviews of releases 1B and 1C, developing FDsys workflows and use cases, and continuing outreach activities with stakeholders. The system will be rules based, policy neutral, and modular and adaptable.

Editor's Note: Please see Margot McLaren's bio-profile of Judith Russell, Superintendent of Documents, on the next page.



**Don't Miss the
SCALL Holiday Party!**

Tuesday, December 12, 2006

Pastina Restaurant, Westwood
(Details Forthcoming)



Judith C. Russell: Portrait of a Librarian Extraordinaire

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Many SCALL members who are government documents librarians may have met Judy Russell at the Southern California depository library meeting where she was invited to speak at the San Bernardino County Law Library on September 20, 2004 or at the 2006 Fall Federal Depository Library Conference and Depository Library Council Meeting in Washington, D.C. Judy is the first woman to hold the post as the 22nd Superintendent of Documents, and will be retiring in February 2007. A reception was held in her honor for her outstanding service at GPO.

Judith C. Russell is an Army brat, born at West Point, New York. She received her Bachelor of Arts (Cum Laude) (1966) from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross and her Master of Library Science (1968) from The Catholic University of America. An avid reader since childhood, Judy's exposure to librarianship began when she volunteered to work in the school library while she was in the 8th grade. She continued to work in school libraries throughout her high school and college years. While pursuing her undergraduate degree and graduate degree, Judy secured summer jobs in five special libraries. Her high school librarian and one of the special librarians she worked for while in college were her early mentors. She remembers: "I entered college knowing what I wanted to major in (English) and what I expected to study in graduate school (library science). What I did not anticipate, but have thoroughly enjoyed, was the opportunity to become involved in information policy and to work in the information industry as well as in libraries and for the federal government."

Judy's extensive library and information management background in government and in the private sector includes COMSAT Laboratories, the Program of Policy Studies in Science and Technology at The George Washington University, the Office of Technology Assessment for the U. S. Congress, Thyssen-Bornemisza Information Technology Group, Information Industry Association, Disclosure Information Group and her own consulting practice, Russell Associates.

From 1988-1991, Judy was responsible for coordinating activities to further the development of federal, state and local government markets for the LexisNexis services as Government Market Manager for Mead Data Central

[LexisNexis]. In 1991, she was appointed Director of the U.S. GPO's Office of Electronic Information Dissemination Services (EIDS). Her responsibilities included implementing the Superintendent of Documents' web site, *GPO Access* and online information services, and designing and marketing all GPO electronic products, as well as providing documentation, user support and training. She assisted in establishing *GPO Access*, providing online access to over 2000 databases including the *Code of Federal Regulations*, *Federal Register* and the *Congressional Record*. Judy also led in the development of GPO's 1996 report to the Congress: *A Study to Identify Measures Necessary for a Successful Transition to a More Electronic Federal Depository Library Program*.



(Photo courtesy of Judith Russell)

Judy left GPO in 1996 to serve as Director of the Government Services Division, IDD-Digital Alliances of IDD Enterprises, L.P., a New York based company that was acquired by the Dow Jones News Retrieval. She was responsible for introducing IDD products and services into the federal, state and local government markets, and providing business analysis and proposals for IDD custom webs sites such as Smith Barney Access and Liberty Leaps.

In 1998, Judy left the private sector to serve as Deputy Director of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS). As deputy director, she was responsible for developing and implementing NCLIS policy and communicating policy recommendations to the President's administration, the Congress and other interested individuals and organizations. She also directed the agency's administration, including financial and publications management, appropriations, contracts and purchasing, personnel, and information technology.

Judy returned to GPO in 2003 to assume her current position as the 22nd Superintendent of Documents to lead the agency in providing public access to published federal government information. In that role, she provides policy guidance and strategy for GPO's Library Services and Content Management business unit that includes the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), the Cataloging and Indexing Program, the International Exchange Services and *GPO Access*, the agency's online public access databases. She is also responsible for GPO's Publication and Informa-

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The Circuit Court Libraries

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The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals is a well-known part of the American judiciary. With nine states within its boundaries, it is the largest of the federal circuit courts. Its controversial decisions, among them the Pledge of Allegiance case, are widely discussed. To some it is known as a liberal aberration that must be controlled. To others it is a last outpost of enlightenment within the conservative federal courts. Recently, the Court has been the subject of debate—whether the Court should be divided or not.

Less well-known is the Court's library system. That library system began in 1894 when Frank Monckton, the Court Clerk, assumed additional duties as Librarian.

In 1905 a new federal building was completed in San Fran-

cisco, at Seventh and Mission Streets. It contained federal courts and the main post office, and it also housed the law library. James Knox Taylor, chief architect of the U.S. Treasury, designed the structure. Done in American Renaissance style and richly decorated inside, it is one of the most ornate federal buildings west of the Mississippi.

One year after the building's construction, the Great Earthquake and Fire of 1906 struck the city. Although buildings around it fell, the federal building remained standing. When one of the numerous fires around the city threatened it, postal workers saved the building by extinguishing the flames with water-soaked mailbags.

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(Photo by Brian Keefe)

The James R. Browning United States Courthouse, San Francisco, designed by James Knox Taylor in 1905.



Circuit Court Libraries (cont.)

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In the quake's aftermath, the Circuit's law library was one of the few remaining in San Francisco. For a short while, it became the city's law library. Needing more money for its continued operations, the Circuit judges solicited Congress for \$20,000, and in 1908, an appropriation of \$15,000 was made for that purpose.

Over the next 75 years, several district courts within the Circuit established their own law libraries. By the 1970's it was clear that this practice had created disparities in the library services provided. In 1984 the Court of Appeals adopted a plan for a circuit-wide library system. At the same time, it approved ten additional branch libraries. Today the Circuit has 24 staffed libraries. The headquarters library remains in the old federal building at Seventh and Mission. There are 23 satellite or branch libraries.

The branch libraries are housed in United States courthouses throughout the West. In many cities, new federal courthouses have been replacing older ones. Branch libraries are now housed in architecturally innovative buildings, like the Sandra Day O'Connor Courthouse in Phoenix (*see previous page, masthead photo*) and Seattle's new U.S. Federal Courthouse. In Los Angeles the U.S. Courts library is located in the Edward Roybal Federal Building.

Within this centralized library system, the headquarters library staff operates that library while providing cataloging, acquisitions, and systems and personnel support for all branch libraries.

The primary duty of the Circuit Court librarians has always been to provide professional assistance to judges and their staff. Librarians organize staff training on topics such as computer assisted legal research. They are responsible for developing and maintaining the court library collections and for procuring items for the judges' chamber collections.

Librarians may also support court executives and judges in their role as administrators of the local courts and on matters involving committees of the Council of the Ninth Circuit and the Judicial Conference of the United States. In some locations, library resources are made available to the bar and to the public. Local judges decide what level of access is afforded.

At the U.S. Courts Library in Los Angeles, we serve over 60 judges, the largest number of any library in the Circuit. While we work for circuit court judges, district court judges, bankruptcy judges, magistrates and their staffs, we

also provide assistance to the bar and to the public who visit the Library. We are unable to offer reference assistance by telephone or email, and we cannot fill interlibrary loan requests from non-court libraries.

As there has been an evolution in law libraries generally, the Court's library system has evolved as well. According to Eric Wade, the Circuit Librarian, when he joined the Court's library staff in 1990, there was no email, no online catalog, and no website. Personal computers were not standard equipment at every desk. All this has now changed.

One criticism leading to the adoption of the circuit-wide library plan was that the staff did not have a sufficient number of professionally trained librarians. Today more than three dozen of the staff librarians have professional library degrees, and several hold law degrees.

New to my job, in August I traveled to San Francisco for training at the Circuit library headquarters. There I saw for myself James Knox Taylor's masterpiece at Seventh and Mission Streets. In 2004 the building was named the James R. Browning United States Courthouse.

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Psst! ... SCALL Members!

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Circuit Court Libraries (cont.)

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Its exterior is granite-covered. Inside, the building is decorated with marble, mahogany, redwood, bronze, glass and porcelain tile. Marble and glass mosaics, vaulted ceilings and marble columns adorn the hallways. Mosaics, columns and wood grace the courtrooms.

The Loma Prieta quake of 1989 forced the building to close. It underwent an extensive renovation and retrofitting that cost \$91 million. When it was reopened in 1994, the library had been moved from the second floor to the first. It occupied a place at the heart of the building where the old post office had been.

Inside, an award-winning design transformed the space into a modern library. Maple wood, glass and steel gave the library a sleek, contemporary look and one stylish enough to fit the building's overall décor. The library's offices are behind the public area and surround a large atrium. The atrium begins one floor below in what had been workspace of the post office. The technical services department is located beyond the staff offices.

Along with the other new librarian from Los Angeles, I met the headquarters staff. I received training in acquisitions and cataloging using Sirsi Unicorn. I talked with the Circuit Librarian, the personnel officer, etc. When it

was over, I felt initiated as a member of the Circuit library staff.

It is always nice when ending a story to summarize it neatly, perhaps with a metaphor or simile. And so, I will try one. The Ninth Circuit's library system is like the renovated library in the old federal building. Like it, the Circuit library system as a whole has been redesigned and modernized. Like it, the Circuit library system occupies a central place within a venerable structure—the Ninth Circuit itself. The Ninth Circuit's libraries are ready to assist the courts in the years ahead.

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The LexisNexis Call for Papers Has Begun— You Know You Want to Do It!

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Have you been thinking of writing an article of interest to law librarians? Need a push to get started? Well, here it is. The AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee is soliciting articles in three categories:

Open Division: for active and retired AALL members and law librarians with five or more years of professional experience;

New Members Division: for recent graduates and AALL members who have been in the profession for less than five years; and the

Student Division: for students in library, information management or law school. Participants in this division need not be members of AALL.

The winner in each division receives \$750 generously do-

nated by LexisNexis plus the opportunity to present the winning paper at a program during the AALL Annual Meeting, coming up in New Orleans! Winning papers are also considered for publication in the Association's prestigious *Law Library Journal*.

For more information, a list of previous winners and an application, please visit the AALL Web site at http://www.aallnet.org/about/award_call_for_papers.asp.

Submissions this year must be postmarked March 1, 2007, so don't waste any time getting started.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AALL/LexisNexis Call for Papers Committee: Chair, Renee Rastorfer, rrastorfer@mac.com; Ed Greenlee, egreenle@law.upenn.edu; or Joe Gerken, gerken@buffalo.edu. Good luck!

AALL / Aspen Offers Research Grants

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The AALL Research Committee is accepting applications for research grants up to \$1,850 from the AALL/Aspen Publishers Grant Program. The deadline for application is **November 27, 2006**.

The committee looks to award one or more grants in the fall of 2006 to library professionals who wish to conduct research that supports the research and scholarly agenda of the profession of law librarianship. The grant program funds small or large research projects that create, disseminate, or otherwise use legal and law-related information as their focus. Projects may range from the historical (indexes, legislative histories, or bibliographies) to the theoretical (trends in cataloging and publishing) to the practical (models for collection, personnel, or infrastructure management). The AALL Research Agenda offers suggestions for possible research, however, research projects are not limited to those described in the agenda. To review AALL's Research Agenda, please visit <http://www.aallnet.org/committee/research/agenda.asp>

The AALL/Aspen Publishers Grant Program was established in 1996 with a generous contribution of \$50,000 from Aspen Publishers, a New York based legal publisher. Aspen Publishers considers its contribution as an investment in research that will examine the role of librarians, researchers, and legal information providers and will yield results to which publishers can respond. Aspen's goal is to sponsor research that will have a practical impact on the law library profession and inspire products and changes in the marketplace.

Grants will be awarded and announced in December. Allocation of the research grants will be at the sole discretion of the AALL Research Committee.

For the grant application and complete guidelines, please visit http://www.aallnet.org/about/grant_application.asp. For more information, please contact Jean Callihan, chair of the AALL Research Committee, at jc374@cornell.edu.



President's Column (cont.)

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Holiday Party

Don't forget to watch the SCALL web site and listserv for details concerning our SCALL Holiday Meeting, which is being planned by Brian Raphael and which is always a festive and popular event.

Diversity Recruitment Summit for Information Professionals

The SCALL Board agreed to donate \$400 to the Diversity Summit held at UCLA on September 18th. According to their Web site (<http://isdiversity.gseis.ucla.edu/summit06/>), the purpose of the Summit was to bring Southern California information professionals together to explore solutions and strategies for the library workforce over the next decade, to encourage career development and to promote mentoring activities for future professionals from under-represented communities.

Jill Fukunaga attended as the official SCALL representative, and reported that about 140 attendees listened to a morning panel that emphasized recruitment and retention techniques, grooming new hires for future leadership roles, and diversifying an organization's workforce. The tone for the panel was set with an introduction of statistics regarding California's changing population diversity. The panel was followed by break-out groups that discussed specific challenges and possible solutions associated with the recruitment, hiring and retention of a diverse workforce. Jill mentioned that there was agreement that graduate schools, libraries and professional organizations must work together to attract and properly train a diverse workforce.

The afternoon panel followed with reports from the break-out sessions and a panel discussion about how information organizations can help actively recruit and attract diverse candidates for the information profession (e.g., the ALA Spectrum Scholarship Program). Finally, the Summit ended with a discussion led by Associate Professor Clara Chu from UCLA's Department of Information Studies, who solicited dozens of suggestions from the audience about specific steps librarians and information organizations could take toward fulfilling our joint efforts toward establishing a more diverse workforce.

Library and Information Science Students Encourage Networking (LISSTEN) Professional Association Day

Library Liaison Committee Chair Jill Fukunaga attended the Annual LISSTEN Professional Association Day held

Sunday, October 29th at California State University Fullerton's Pollack Library. LISSTEN is the student association for the San José State University School of Library and Information Science.

Not only was Jill able to present a table with SCALL information, but she also briefly addressed the gathering on behalf of SCALL. According to LISSTEN Event Committee Chair Lucy Bellamy, the purpose of the event is to expose library students to library associations and to encourage students to join and participate in library associations at the earliest possible time.

Thanks to All of Our Volunteers!

I want to end with my sincere thanks for all of you who have volunteered to serve on a SCALL committee this year. As I'm sure is always the case, this year's response to the President's annual call for volunteers was certainly heartening. I've personally reviewed over 40 volunteer forms and there are many more who are volunteering for the coming Institute. In addition, there are several volunteers who are committee holdovers and who did not need to submit a volunteer form. So the number of SCALL volunteers is truly substantial. As I said in my prior column, with about 20 active committees the work of SCALL could not go on without you.



SCALL's Inner City Youth Internship Program

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In the wake of the 1992 Los Angeles riots, a committee was formed to help rebuild a sense of community in Los Angeles and to give disadvantaged students the opportunity to experience working in a professional environment. Fourteen years later, SCALL's Inner City Youth Internship Program is still going strong, most recently placing 27 high school students in law library summer internships across Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Riverside counties.

"The committee has always represented SCALL's commitment to diversity and community, and ICYIP is honored to carry that commitment forward to the future," says committee co-chair Julie Webster-Matthews. "Our mission allows us to give back to the community and to expose students to law librarianship early on in their career development."

The ICYIP committee began 2006 with letters and calls to guidance counselors at inner city schools across Los Angeles, encouraging students to apply for 200-hour summer internships. At the same time, the committee members leveraged their relationships across the law library community to develop a target list of host sites. The majority of the host sites had taken ICYIP interns in past years, and their positive experiences made them eager to accept additional interns in 2006.

Most of the private law firms and corporations who host interns found the interns themselves. The committee works to secure funding from a number of institutions to pay for the internships at public entities. The Crail-Johnson Foundation was a major source of funding this year, contributing over \$10,000.

Student applicants attended two workshops to prepare for their internships—one in mid-May and one in early June. At these workshops, the students learned about the program requirements, the specifics of the law library environment, and professional etiquette and expectations. For many, this internship would be their first job, so there was an understandable mixture of excitement and anxiety.

By the end of the second workshop, each applicant had been interviewed and evaluated by the committee. The committee worked to match students' strengths and interests with appropriate host sites. As in many years past, *all* applicants were placed in internships and left the second workshop knowing when and where they would start

their jobs.

The students' internships started on July 5th, and each student worked 200 hours at his or her respective job site. A third workshop in July allowed the students to share first-hand their internship experiences. They evaluated their job assignments and wrote essays detailing what they had learned.

Although the mission of ICYIP is undoubtedly to show these students the benefits of working in a professional law library environment, invariably the host sites and librarians benefit just as much as the students do.

Donella Johnson of Loeb and Loeb explains, "All of my SCALL interns have been wonderful and I've hired most of them as part time clerks after the internships ended. Several of my interns have gone on to college, one became a police officer, two now work in other law libraries."

The interns benefit from a summer in a professional environment, and each host site gets an eager, hard-working new face for the summer—one that often becomes an integral part of the firm. Nossaman Guthner Knox & Elliott's intern, for example, worked on projects throughout the firm. She was even included in many of the firm's summer associate events and activities.

Mary Howard of White & Case, and an ICYIP committee member, hosted two interns: "The firm accepted our interns as employees. Their experience was very enlightening. They were exposed to working in a professional environment and the experience can be used as a springboard to working in a corporate environment in the future."

Planning is already underway for the 2007 internship season, and the ICYIP committee is working hard to secure funding and host sites. Targeted schools will be contacted once again after the first of the year. Mary Ann Donaldson of Arnold and Porter and Julie Webster-Matthews of LexisNexis are chairing this year's 11-member committee.

Donella Johnson sums it up, "What I would really like to emphasize is the pleasure you get from mentoring a high school student, then seeing what s/he does after graduating from school." Often, the ICYIP program is the first opportunity for these students to excel in a professional environ-

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ment and, for many interns, it has proven to be the foundation of a successful career.

If your firm or institution is interested in hosting an intern in 2007, or if you'd like to learn more about ICYIP's mission or activities, please contact MaryAnne at maryanne_donaldson@aporter.com or Julie at julie.webster-matthews@lexisnexis.com.

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tion Sales business unit that sells U.S. government publications and provides reimbursable distribution services to federal agencies. Judy was appointed by Bruce R. James, Public Printer of the United States, and is the first woman to hold this position.

When asked what her greatest challenge was as Superintendent of Documents, and how she handled it, she states: "The depository library community is diverse. We have 1,265 libraries of different sizes and types, with disparate resources and missions. Our common vision is to serve the public by increasing access to, and usefulness of, published federal information, but the transformation that we are facing as a result of the movement of so much government content to the Internet is enormous and happening very fast. In 10 years we have gone from a program that was 95% print and microfiche to a program that is 92% online resources (although we have a significant number of titles that are online and also in tangible formats). As a result it was (and continues to be) necessary to listen to many points of view and to try to balance the needs and concerns of all parts of the community-within available resources. I and my staff have participated in many meetings in person and by telephone, read and answered thousands of e-mail messages, and we have posted numerous documents and surveys to gather information, test new

ideas and keep the community informed. We have tried to be as inclusive and as open as possible as we discuss our options, debate the issues, set a course of action, and assess our progress."

Judy keeps active by participating in a number of organizations. She is a member of ALA (including GODORT, ACRL, and PLA), AALL, ASIDIC, CENDI, FLICC, NFAIS, and SLA. She serves on the DVDA Advisory Council (2006-present), Federal Library and Information Center Executive Board (2001-2003, 2005-present), NFAIS Board of Directors (2005-present), and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science Board of Visitors (2006-present). She is also the Public Printer's representative to the National Digital Strategy Board for the Library of Congress National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP).

Judy is a recipient of Special Library Association's Professional Award (2005) and of Federal Computer Week's Federal 100: The Reader's Choice Awards (1993) for her outstanding contributions as an information professional to the global and federal information technology communities. Judy plans to remain a lifelong advocate for permanent public access to government information.

When Judy is not immersed in her career and professional activities, she spends time with her family and friends. She has three children, Christopher, Michael and Catherine, and six siblings. She enjoys philosophy and religion, history, reading, listening to music, cooking, and film (her daughter is a film major).

Editor's Notes (cont.)

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Recently I looked through some of the past issues of our newsletter; it was illuminating to see the changes and how it evolved into the form you are now reading. It was interesting to browse through some of the articles, news, announcements, bio-profiles and program reviews to see how they reflect SCALL's rich, vibrant and colorful story.

Through the years, our newsletter may have changed in its form and layout, mode of delivery and even its content to make it more appealing and interesting to readers. I hope that in making those changes, you will agree that we have stayed true to our value of keeping you informed of matters that are important to you, whether you are a new or a long-time member.

I continue to keep abreast of employment opportunities and educational programs--we all do--but I also like to stay involved in SCALL activities and connected to its members, some of whom have become truly good friends of mine and are like family to me. Most of all, I value the opportunity to contribute to the uplifting of our profession, and SCALL affords me that opportunity in many ways.



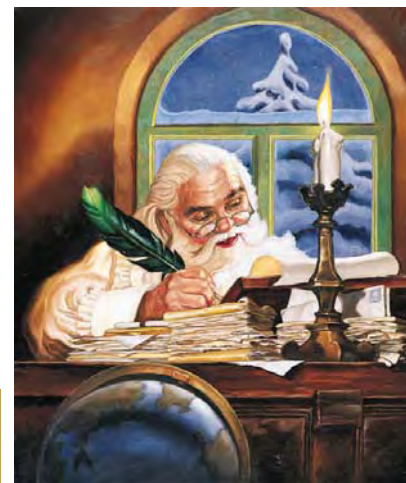
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Associate Dean, Library & Information Services; Pepperdine University School of Law; Malibu, September 6

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