



## Director's Corner

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The American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) is the national professional organization for Law Librarians. Last month the board presented members the opportunity to vote on a new name - Association of Legal Information (ALI). The proposed name change was one effort in rebranding AALL to attract new members and keep with changing times. However, much discussion was had prior to the vote on the fact that the word *Libraries* was being removed from the name. You've probably heard comments about libraries such as "No one uses books anymore" or "Why do we need libraries?"



*Code of Federal Regulations Wreath*

More than 80% of the voting members - myself included - decided against the name change. I am proud to be a Librarian. I also realize that libraries need to change with the times. We are aware of our need at the Franklin County Law Library to evolve with those changes.

We continue to add to our electronic collections through databases and eBooks. We use services such as this newsletter, our online legal resource guides, and our email reference to reach our patrons in their offices instead of making them come to the physical library. And we are so proud of the Brown Bag Lunch programs which are getting such high attendance we need to look for alternative locations to fit everyone.

We also appreciate that many patrons still require print resources. Last year we circulated more than 2000 books - more than twice as many as we circulated in 2013. Partnerships with other libraries allow us to borrow print resources from other county law libraries and the many Ohio university libraries associated with OhioLink. We can access books for our patrons that we don't keep in our collection. If you are looking for a book please check with us and we'll do our best to get it for you.

Recycling a superseded volume of the *Code of Federal Regulations* into a wreath is a great way to recycle the book, but fear not, it was replaced with a new volume which is available for check out.

## The FDR's: A Most Extraordinary First Couple

March's Brown Bag Lunch Program



Local Presidential Historian Jeri Diehl-Cusack will reintroduce participants to Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. While it wasn't a perfect marriage, the two forged a successful political partnership during the turbulent 1930's and 40's.

Join us **Wednesday, March 23, 2016, from 12:15 until 1:15**. Reservations for all classes are mandatory. Call or stop by the Circulation Desk to register. Participants should bring their own brown bag lunch to the class. [See our flyer for more information.](#)

## Lexis Advance Training

### March's Brown Bag Lunch Program

LexisNexis' next generation of legal research has arrived at the Law Library. With even more options to personalize, analyze, and manage legal research, the Lexis Advance solution has reached another milestone on its path to transform legal research for its customers.

Four classes will be offered at 10am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, and 2:30 pm. Class size is limited to 8 participants. Participants may receive one general CLE credit.

Join us **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**. Reservations for all classes are mandatory. Call or stop by the Circulation Desk to register. Participants should bring their own brown bag lunch to the class.

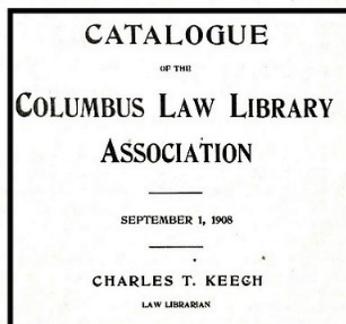
## Law Library History: The First Law Librarian

Jennifer D. Jones

Charles T. Keech was elected the first Librarian of the Columbus Law Library Association on September 8, 1894, and he was re-elected every year until his death in 1920. While little information about Mr. Keech is available, online census records and partial genealogies show he was born in 1843 in New York, but it is unclear when he moved to Columbus and under what circumstances.

A few interesting facts about Mr. Keech can be gleaned from the minutes of the Columbus Law Library Association's trustees' meetings between 1894 and 1920. For example, it appears Mr. Keech was not well compensated. On May 11, 1895, the clerk noted in the minutes that the commissioners had refused to pay the Law Librarian's salary. Nothing else is written about his salary-or lack thereof-until January 15, 1910, at which time the Librarian's annual salary was set at \$50. However, the financial reports of the Law Library only show a total of \$46.75 being paid to Mr. Keech in four payments between 1910 and 1920. Either Mr. Keech dedicated his time to the Law Library, or his compensation was not recorded.

Mr. Keech also published the first catalogue of the Columbus Law Library Association in 1909. At that time, the Law Library contained approximately 9,000 volumes, which Mr. Keech catalogued alphabetically both by author and by subject. He also created two additional divisions of the catalogue, one specifically for American reports, statutes, and digests (arranged by state) and one for English reports.



In addition to his services to the Law Library, Mr. Keech was a coin enthusiast and a member of both the Columbus Numismatic Society and the American Numismatic Association. He published an article in *The Numismatist* in 1907 entitled [Ancient Roman and Greek Coins](#) (see page 224).

After Mr. Keech's death, Judge David F. Pugh, President of the Trustees of the Columbus Law Library Association, wrote a memorial to Mr. Keech which was "spread upon the records of this Association." Unfortunately, that memorial was not retained with other Law Library records, but we are grateful for Mr. Keech's service that helped make the Law Library a valuable resource for the central Ohio legal community.

## Online Legal Research Guide

Susanna Marlowe

The Law Library has a new online legal research guide on our [website](#) entitled [Compiling 50-State Surveys of Laws & Regulations](#). This guide references already compiled surveys and provides video tutorials on statutory research. This [page](#) of the guide links to free versions of all 50 states and the District of Columbia's statutes and administrative codes. If the unannotated internet versions of the codes are not adequate for your research, the Franklin County Law Library has the editorially enhanced statutes and regulations available for searching in the Library on WestlawNext and Lexis Advance.

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