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To: All Law Librarians within the Chapter's jurisdiction as listed in the 1958 Directory of Law Libraries.

The first letter of September 8, 1958, was addressed to all Law Librarians within the Chapter's jurisdiction and brought us a new member. Let's hope that this second letter will induce others to join our ranks. (Annual Chapter dues are only $1.00 for members of AALL and $2.00 for nonmembers.)

I am attaching a copy of our annual Chapter report which was requested by the Chairman on the Committee on Chapters by March 15, 1959. We made the deadline, but our own project deadline is April 15. Hence the annual report includes some hopeful thinking instead of facts. From a lawyer's standpoint it is objectionable, from a Chapter's angle, it might get by.

Chapter Project.

The Kentucky Laws, with a report, have been received. We all thank Field Harris. He was asked to take part in a discussion at our meeting, but anticipates to be in Europe by that time. We could not expect him to postpone his trip!

If anyone can do some work on Virginia and Tennessee, it will be appreciated. My lines of communication broke down. Mississippi made a similar survey fairly recently, and another undertaking did not seem profitable at this time.

In the February 1959 issue of the Law Library Journal appeared an article by Michael S. Pucher, Librarian of the Supreme Court Law Library in Utica, N.Y., on Maintenance of Law Libraries under a Fee System (pp. 29-32) and in the Fall Issue of the Montana Law Review (v. 20, no. 1:67-69) an article on Law Library Service in Montana by Richard S. Burrows, Assistant Professor of Law and Librarian, Montana State University. These two articles bring up to date the reading suggestions on page 3 of my first letter. I am eagerly expecting the work of our committees by April 15.
Annual Meetings.

June 15-19, AALL 1959 Institute for Law Librarians. "Cutting costs in acquisitions and cataloging."

Place: Grossinger's, Grossinger, New York.
Director: Mrs. Marian G. Gallagher, Law Librarian of the University of Washington, Seattle. Past President of AALL.
Rates: Institute tuition, $10.00.
Rooms (2), $60.00 and $69.00 per person, including lodging and meals and gratuities.
Chartered bus from New York, round trip: $4.00 per person.

Address your inquiries to: Lionel J. Coen, Librarian
New York Law Institute
120 Broadway


Southeastern Chapter Annual Program Meeting:
June 21, 1959 at the Commodore Hotel, New York City.

Informal Lunch: Noon.

Program: 3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. Questions from our members on problems related to our Chapter project. (See attached annual report for general outline). Answers from our members assisted by two experts:

1. Miss Helen Snook, Librarian of the Detroit Bar Association Library. She has previous experiences as speaker for the bar librarians on a panel on "The World of Microfacsimiles", (Law Library Journal 51:365) and as chairman of a Round Table on "The One Man Library", (L.L.J. 50:319).

2. Mr. Francis Waters, Law Librarian of the New York Court of Appeals in Albany, N.Y. Mr. Waters has served as legal reference librarian of the New York University School of Law; as Assistant Law Librarian of the New York State Library and as Assistant Professor of Law and Law Librarian at the University of Utah. He is a graduate of Ohio State University and of the College of Law and School of Library Science of Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Snook, in accepting her part in our program, remarked that, "An informal gathering and discussion usually produces more of lasting value for a smaller group."

Both our "leaders and experts" will be with us for the following activities:
Social hour (5-7 P.M.)
Dinner in a private dining room of the Commodore Hotel.
Our speaker after dinner is Professor Malcolm D. Talbott of the Rutgers University Law School, Newark, N. J. In his letter of acceptance he pointed out to me that he has spent considerable periods of time in Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, North and South Carolina. I am sure that all who know him will be delighted at the opportunity to renew your friendships. For those of you who need further proof of his professional accomplishments, Professor Talbott is a Reporter on the Advisory Committee, New Jersey Statutory Revision Commission; an arbitrator on the New Jersey State Board of Mediation; a visiting professor at the School of Banking held regularly since 1953 in the Spring, at Louisiana State University; and Assistant to the Dean of the Rutgers Law School. Be on your guard, he knows the insides of Law Libraries!

Details on reservations will be mailed to you after receipt of the AALL program, so that you may present all information to your respective administrators. Anyone of our members who, by participating in our program, can obtain reimbursement for expenses, may write to me and ask for an "official" letter of appointment as a member of the panel. The number of panelists is unlimited. Please indicate to whom the letter should be addressed.

Hoping to see you all on June 21, 1959 in New York,

Sincerely yours,

Kate Wallach
President,
Southeastern Chapter, AALL

P.S. The members of the Nominating Committee are:
Frances Farmer
Mary Oliver.