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Letter to Leah Chanin regarding SEAALL meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting, June 26, 1972

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Professor Leah F. Chanin  
Mercer University Law Library  
Macon, Georgia 31207  

Dear Leah:

Please excuse the delay in return of the attached form. I have been waiting to receive the doctor's latest estimate of when our next child will be born. At this point he says July 6, so I suspect I will not be in attendance at the Chicago convention. Should the baby be born early, I shall fly up even if it is only for a portion of the convention.

Anticipating the possibility that I will not be in attendance, I am also including with this letter a progress report on the program for the regional convention for you to relay to the membership present at Chicago.

I am looking forward to seeing you in August and, if nature is kind, at Chicago as well.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Surles, Jr.  
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On Tuesday, August 22, 1972, the membership present will meet 
at noon for a luncheon which will include a presentation by Professor 
Mary Oliver of the University of North Carolina on the topic "The 
A.A.L.L. Today." Following this there will be an afternoon session.

The subject of the afternoon session will be "The Law Library 
and the New Patron." The format of this afternoon session will be that 
of a panel discussion followed by a general question and answer session. 
The panel presentations shall be allotted no more than twenty minutes 
per speaker thus leaving the maximum amount of time available for questions 
and commentary from the membership.

In addition to the oral presentations by the speakers, the chair 
will distribute several items currently in use for at or being developed 
for The University of Tennessee. These include such items as sample 
letters to be sent to newly hired faculty and an outline of the matters 
covered during the freshman orientation to the law library. On or about 
July 20, 1972, those persons from the region who have announced their 
tention to being in attendance will be asked to bring to the convention 
similar materials in use in their libraries.

The session will be taped. These tapes will be transcribed, 
edited and prepared for distribution. During the early fall I shall 
make available a transcript of the session with as many sample forms as 
we can gather.

In keeping with the program of A.A.L.S. we shall emphasize 
slightly, the academic setting. The topic is, however, a problem of 
such a universal nature that it is expected that whatever is said will 
be of general applicability to all law libraries.

Our concern during the program will be the general one of how 
law libraries might best communicate information about its services and 
procedures to new users of that library whether they be experienced 
attorneys or novices. The product hoped for is:
1. A listing of those categories of information which need to be communicated.

2. Samples of the actual methods being utilized now to communicate that information.

3. A copy of the results of our deliberations in the hands of each member of the Chapter whether or not it was possible for them to be in attendance.

The membership of the panel has not yet been selected as I am waiting for everyone to crystalize their plans. By July 20, however, I anticipate that this will be accomplished. The projected make-up of the panel will be myself as moderator, one new law professor and one additional law librarian.

Richard Surles
Program Chairman