

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

### **Excellence in Library Services: What Can Libraries Learn From Successful Non-Profit Organizations?**

The Teacher's Desk opened in October 2011 and has since distributed more than \$15 million in tools for education to teachers serving 150,000 students in need free of charge. These children are located at 250 eligible schools throughout the eight counties that make up Western New York. Each of the 6,000 teachers shopping annually receives encouragement and \$1,000+ in new books and school supplies.

In addition, 225 weekly volunteers including 100 students and adults with special needs find purpose and a smile serving together at The Teacher's Desk.

### **Librarians' Guide to Supporting Patrons Forming a Non-Profit Corporation**

Many people wanting to create or just learn about non-profit organizations begin by going to the library. While nonprofit law can be complex and wide-ranging, librarians can help their patrons by having a basic understanding of non-profit organizations and using that understanding to direct patrons to appropriate resources. Of course, librarians are not allowed to practice law any more than to practice medicine or engineering or any number of professional areas that may prompt patron questions, but that doesn't mean librarians cannot be conversant in the subject matter. This session will introduce you to the basic elements of non-profit law and tax exemption and suggest some resources.

### **Digitized Resources: A Must-See Behind the Scenes Tour of a Legal Publishing Operation**

William S. Hein & Co., Inc. has been serving the library community for more than 95 years as a legal publisher, periodical subscription agent, and the world's largest distributor of legal periodicals. Their research and reference tools for law, international relations, political science, and foreign affairs are among our most important contributions to the publishing world. We will take a tour of the HeinOnline Operations & Hein facilities with Shannon Hein, Shannon Furtak, and members of the HeinOnline Production Team which will be followed by appetizers served in the Hein & Dine Café.

### **A Night at the University of Buffalo Law Library**

Founded in 1910, the Law Library is named for the Honorable Charles Brown Sears (1870-1950), an attorney who practiced in Buffalo for twenty years before his appointment as a Justice to the Supreme Court of New York. The Law Library welcomes members of the bench, the bar and the public as well as UB students, faculty and staff. The Library is home to a number of special collections, offering a rich source of unique information for legal scholars, researchers and historians. The Law Library staff offer an array of services to support the communities

served. The Information Services Department provides expert reference and research support. The M. Robert Koren Center for Clinical Legal Education is the Law Library's AV Department which includes space for law school clinical interviews, trial practice and oral arguments. The search for new ways to make legal research and intellectual discovery as seamless as possible is supported by the library's Technical Services and Access Services Teams. Library staff make it a priority to investigate and incubate emerging new technologies including e-book accessibility and the use of mobile devices. In addition, the Library houses a Passport Acceptance Facility.

### **New York State Regulatory History Research Update**

If you've ever had the "pleasure" of tracing the history of an NYCRR regulation, you know it is not an easy task. The first step was to find a library that retained all the NYCRR replaced pages. Not anymore. The NYCRR Digital Archive is the result of a collaboration between the University at Buffalo Law School's Charles B. Sears Law Library, the New York State Supreme Court Law Library/Buffalo, and the Appellate Division, Fourth Department Law Library.

Now that the NYCRR Digital Archive is available, how is it used? This presentation will provide a brief overview of the archive, and demonstrate how it can be used to determine, say, the standards for grading maple syrup in 1985, or how many dogs were allowed in a hunting party in 1973. Specific tips and strategies for identifying relevant information within the archive will be discussed.

### **Legal Analytics for Law Librarians**

The focus of this session is the work of the Georgia State University Legal Analytics Lab and its experimentation with the application of data science methodologies (text mining, machine learning, predictive modeling, etc.) to legal data. There will also be a discussion of access to bulk data such as court documents, which is always a major initial hurdle in any of these projects.

### **Embedded in Post-Maria Puerto Rico: Best Practices For Research Support on the Run**

In January 2018, Mr. Detweiler had the opportunity to spend six days in Puerto Rico supporting students from the University at Buffalo School of Law's Puerto Rico Recovery Assistance Legal Clinic. Helping the students provide legal and humanitarian assistance to survivors of Hurricane Maria during the day, his evenings were occupied offering in-person reference support while the students worked on blog posts and research assignments. Together they assisted people whose homes were damaged or destroyed appeal denials or insufficient offers of assistance from FEMA, and handed out solar lamps, cell phone chargers, and toiletries to survivors who had been without power and running water since the storm hit the previous September. Mr. Detweiler describes his travels with the students to Puerto Rico as the most rewarding experience of his career as a librarian, and looks forward to sharing those experiences with his ALLUNY colleagues.

### **Mining Social Media for Evidence: Ethics and Practicalities**

This session will cover recent ethics decisions and ethics resources on using social media to obtain information for litigation. There will be a discussion as to how to ethically mine social media for evidence and use social media to research jurors.

### **Buffalo Landmark Cemetery Tour and Archives Management**

Join us for a visit to the largest cemetery within the City of Buffalo including a trolley tour around the 269 acre beautifully landscaped grounds. The first interment took place in 1850 and there are currently 161,000 permanent residents. The grounds include resting areas for veterans of every American conflict since the Revolutionary War. Some of the most famous residents are: Dorothy Goetz Berlin (Mrs. Irving Berlin), Shirley Chisholm (Congresswoman and Presidential Candidate), Dr. Frederick Cook (Explorer of the North Pole), Millard Fillmore (President), Rick James (R&B/Funk Musician), Red Jacket (Revolutionary War Era Seneca Orator) and Mary Burnett Talbert (Founder of the Niagara Movement) amongst many, many more. We are hopeful one of those permanent residents may even pay us a visit. The grounds include a variety of memorial sculptures, including one designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. Additionally, we will meet Archivist John Edens at the Margaret L. Wendt Archive and Resource Center.