ABA Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar
AALL’s Report to the Council
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2020 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference

AALL 2020 Annual Meeting and Conference will be held in New Orleans, July 11-14, 2020. The theme for the Conference is “Unmasking Our Potential”. Registration for the conference is scheduled to open in February 2020. The keynote speaker is Jim Kwik, a learning expert.

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For the first time, AALL will be having a Start Up Central in its exhibit area. This area will be dedicated to start up companies who have products related to the legal information industry.

Professional Development

On March 27-28, 2020, AALL will be holding a Leadership Academy. The Academy is an intensive learning experience designed to prepare law librarians with core leadership skills, strategies to handle leadership challenges and tools to grow as an effective leader.

On May 7 and 8, 2020, AALL will hold the Competitive Intelligence Strategies and Analysis program in Chicago.

Law Librarianship as a Career

AALL is striving to raise awareness of law librarianship as a career. AALL President, Michelle Cosby, appointed a Special Committee to work on this.

As part of this committee’s work, AALL sent out a survey asking the Law Library Directors and hiring managers about trends in hiring legal information professionals...
and the availability of quality candidates. A final report from the committee is expected in June 2020.

**Advocacy Efforts**

AALL’s current legislative priorities include improved access to justice, balanced copyright laws, increased access to government information, greater government transparency, and protection of privacy. Advocacy issues include no-fee access to federal court information through the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) system; modernization of the Federal Depository Library Program; net neutrality; and copyright laws that allow law libraries to access and preserve information.

AALL also continues to work with the ABA Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress and the Uniform Law Commission in support of adoption of the Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act and in favor of full funding for the Law Library of Congress.