

CMCLLD Meeting Notes

August 27, 2024

Via ZOOM

In attendance: Flossie Barnes, Sandy Brewer, Zachary Gunther, Audrey Dingler, Catherine McGuire, James Durham, Julia Viets, and Joan Bellistri.

- Flossie welcomed Audrey Dingler, now with the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library as Outreach Coordinator & Reference Librarian. CMCLLD members introduced themselves.
- Flossie thanked Julia and Catherine for their excellent work and dedication to the CMCLLD over the past 2 years.
- A2J/SRL and CMCLLD Annual Reports
 - Questionnaire Form was sent out to Members.
 - Members were reminded to provide stats for the FY24 Annual Report and that the Questionnaire Form had been sent out.
- 2024 Help Center Provider Conference
 - To be held 10/1/24.
 - Julia and Flossie will present a program with Christian Noble of the A2J Department. The program will cover resources for SRLs in court libraries and e-filing.
 - Staff from the Thurgood Marshall State Law Library will attend.
 - Arrangements are in progress for a table for the People's Law Library, the TMSLL and CMCLLD.
- AALL Meeting - Reports from Members who attended.
 - Catherine McGuire reported that the weather and programs were good especially the GLL Recognition Breakfast with speaker David Mao, newly appointed Law Librarian of the Supreme Court. She mentioned that the Louisiana LEAP program that is similar to Maryland's Frontlines program received an award.
 - Julia Viets reported on the LISP programs on Access to Justice and onboarding.
- A2J Resource/Asset Map Demo - Report:

Joanie attended a demonstration. “The Access to Justice Resource & Asset Map will allow anyone who is trying to help a client with a civil legal problem to quickly and efficiently identify locations of important access to justice resources and services, including courts, civil legal aid offices, government public benefits offices, social services organizations, and many other resources.”

See <https://www.esri.com/en-us/lg/industry/nonprofit/stories/mid-shore-council-on-family-violence-gis-program-revolutionizes-domestic-violence-support>

- Laws of Maryland - Update (Joanie):

Original email was sent to D.J. Lissau on 6/12/2024 with follow-up sent 7/16/2024. Second follow-up sent to D.J. Lissau on 8/26/2024 but also copied to Victoria L. Gruber, Executive Director victoria.gruber@mlis.state.md.us; Lori L. Mathis, Director lori.mathis@mlis.state.md.us; James Dorsey, Coordinator of Distribution Services, james.dorsey@mlis.state.md.us; and Tammy Meyerson, tammy.meyerson@mlis.state.md.us. A response was received from Carol Mihim with Editing and Bill Processing. No answers to our questions at this time but will pass on information when available.

- Member updates
 - James mentioned that the Conference’s Administrative order outlines the members of CMCLLD. Audrey Dinger as the new Outreach Coordinator & Reference Librarian will be taking Catherine’s place as member who represents those libraries without a professional law library director.
 - TMSLL - James reported on the law library’s audit and budget request. They will soon post the Library Assistant position.
 - Washington County – Zach reported an increase in the Help Center use to 200 per month. The center operates two days per week.
 - Montgomery County – Julia reported a busy summer with in-person use. They have been dealing with challenging patron behavior relating to the use of the library’s notary service. The library services webpage has been revised. They are planning to resume Everyday Law programming through Zoom and in-person at the public library in partnership with local attorneys.
 - Anne Arundel – The law library has added a new staff member, Mariemily Rodriguez who is in her second semester at the University of Maryland Library school. Library will be fully staffed when Denise

Wolf returns after a summer break. Joanie has completed the work on the Story Map, an SLRN/GLL joint project. She will be presenting a program on the Story Map and GIS at the SRLN Conference in September.

- Prince George's County – Flossie provided Tonya's report. Tonya will not be able to attend the SHC Conference. She reported that the AALL program on AI with Leland Sampson was great. She asked James if the AI platform will become available on Westlaw. (James responded that there are no plans at this time but that it cannot be considered until the contract expires next spring.) Prince George's County is preparing for 5 new judges. New fiscal process in the court has increased library tasks. Tonya will be a member of the AALL Annual Meeting Program Committee. Tonya will attend the October CMCLLD meeting via Zoom.
- Carroll County – The law library is in the midst of the internal audit process. The second floor of the library has been painted. Flossie will provide a tour for the Community College Business Law class in October. Contracts for Westlaw, with an addition of the National Analytic, and Quicken have been renewed. Lexis print will now be pay as you go rather than a contract. Flossie is preparing for the Carroll County Law Library Committee meeting in November.
- Planning ideas for the Annual CMCLLD Meeting in Annapolis were discussed and members were reminded that a Doodle poll was sent for date selections.
- Fall CMCLLD Meeting will be In-Person (w/option to Zoom in) – at the Carroll County Circuit Court – Tuesday, 10/22/24, 9am-3 pm