Yale Law School
LILLIAN GOLDMAN LAW LIBRARY
in memory of Sol Goldman

ANNUAL REPORT 2009–2010
I’m delighted to present the Lillian Goldman Law Library’s most recent annual report, covering the 2009-2010 fiscal year. This was a year marked by immense budgetary challenges following the aftermath of the 2008 financial collapse, causing us to rethink our collections and services, and rebuild the library in a manner best suited to serve the needs of our users in the early twenty-first century. We’ve emerged from this process with a stronger sense of our mission and are firmly positioned as one of the world’s great law libraries.

We began the fiscal year feeling the full brunt of the recession, having cut our collections budget by approximately 15 percent, with similar cuts to non-collection lines of our budget. We managed these cuts by following the key elements of our strategic plan, imagining where we want the library to be in five years and eliminating those elements we project will have the least value to our users. For example, we accelerated our shift from print to online serials and dropped much of the activity associated with the former. At the end of the year we find our library and its most important asset, its staff, functioning at a highly productive and satisfying level. Morale is good, collections and access to information resources is excellent, and usage is at all-time highs.

Near the start of the year, we launched a new strategic planning process to help map our course for the next three to five years. As a part of this process, we interviewed faculty, surveyed students and held focus group discussions to get a better idea of how well we were doing in the eyes of our users. The feedback we received was uniformly positive and very helpful. The one comment I liked best was from a student who said, “The Yale law library made it worth paying...tuition.”

In any case, we imagine the best law library in the world to be the one we are building at Yale, and we are fortunate to be part of a law school that values the contributions a great library makes to teaching and scholarship. This is a library with gloriously beautiful space, which entices students and visitors to enter and stay for long periods of study and research. It’s also a library that is committed to providing the richest possible array of legal information resources in formats most useful to our students and faculty. Thus, even in the face of budget cuts, we continued to emphasize the purchase of print monographs, which last year reached an all-time high of nearly 9,000 new titles, while also enhancing our access to online legal information resources. As a result, our use of both print and online resources continued to increase last year, and our circulation transactions for print materials exceeded 100,000 for the first time ever. Most importantly, the library we imagine as the world’s best is one with amazing librarians and staff—just like the ones we have now—who work collectively to provide our users with the support they need to make the very best possible use of our resources.

To this end, the Yale Law School librarians are now more seriously engaged in the instructional process than ever, offering a wide array of credit and non-credit courses in legal research. They also are engaged with most of the Law School’s many clinical programs, providing research support to students when they most need it. And they are working to leverage technology in a way that provides information resources and guides in manner that best serves the needs of our users.

Lastly, we imagine a library that builds on its substantial legacy of strengths. Among other things, this means continuing to invest in our rich, unique collection of rare historical law books and making these collections more visible through the innovative use of both traditional and newer technologies, such as combining special exhibits with library blogs and social networks. Building upon strengths also means continuing to invest in our rich collection of foreign and international legal materials. Our goal here is to assure the best possible access to a mix of print and online resources, so that we remain one of the world’s great venues for foreign and comparative legal research.

Reflecting back, the past year was a time of accelerated change that helped place the Yale Law Library in a solidly strong position for building a library fully capable of supporting the needs of a first rate law school and university. We imagine the library will have an even better year moving forward.

S. Blair Kauffman
Law Librarian and Professor of Law
The staff of the Technical Services Department continued to pursue innovative options to fulfill the mission of the department and to support the overarching mission of the library and the law school to encourage research and scholarship in law in the midst of harsh budget realities.

**SERIALS**
Subscriptions to library serials were reassessed by the Associate Librarian for Collections and Access and the Librarian for Serials. By the end of the fiscal year approximately 411 serial titles that were considered duplicative or tangential to the research needs of faculty and students had been cancelled. As a result, considerable savings were achieved and funds redirected to more pressing needs.

**III ERM** (Innovative Interfaces Inc Electronic Records Management) system implementation and training was completed, and we have started to digitize license agreements and link to them from erm records.

**CATALOGING**
Cataloging is currently down by one support staff member due to budget cutbacks. Notwithstanding this staffing deficiency, the Head of Cataloging has successfully devised strategies to keep up with new materials from acquisitions and serials. The possibility of moving to Connexion client as an alternative to MilCat/Z39.50 cataloging interface was evaluated. Connexion is currently being used as needed, but the bulk of cataloging is through MilCat remote.

**TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT**
- Participated in beta tests of Millennium software and Encore releases. We beta tested the integrated 2009A and 2009B releases and Encore 3.3.
- Continuing **morr** improvement.
- Installed Syndetics Plus which inserts a book summary, when available, into bib records.
- Added trailers to bib records for movies.
- Added video tutorials prepared by librarians to bib records.
- Added meebo widget to **morr** front page and a link to reference service to every bib record.
- Added bookmark/share widget to every bib record.
- Added virtual bookplates to bib records for books purchased by endowed funds.
• Improved WebBridge by adding research guides prepared by reference librarians to the resource database and eliminating less-useful links.

• Created a journal A to Z list through the ERM module http://morris.law.yale.edu/screens/srchhelp_y.html.

• MORRIS is now available on smart phones.

• Coordinated installation of two new modules: OAI Harvester and Program Registration.

• Coordinated installation of new Encore server.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

• **Jo-Anne Giammattei**: Yale Law Library: Strategic Planning Committee; Collection Development Committee; Yale University Library: Supervisors Discussion Group; Collection Development Council; E-Things Group.

• **Susan Karpuk**: Yale Law Library: Collection Arrangement Task Force; Yale University Library: Supervisors Discussion Group; AALL TS-SIS Cataloging and Classification Standing Committee, member; Descriptive Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group, member; Rare Materials Descriptive Cataloging, Task Group, member; New Law Catalogers Roundtable, member; Rare Books Cataloging Roundtable, member and 2009 Facilitator/Presenter, Cataloging 17th-18th Century German Dissertations.

• **Mary Jane Kelsey**: Yale Law Library: Executive Committee; Digital Initiatives Committee; Search Committee for Access Services Librarian position; Yale University Library: Promotion Review Committee; Supervisors Discussion Group.

• **Anne Myers**: Yale Law Library: Collection Development Committee; Social Media Task Force; Yale University Library: Supervisors Discussion Group; Committee on Digitized General Electronic Resources (CODGER); Presentation: Spotlight Series Presentation: Climbing Your Family Tree (April 28, 2010) http://climbtree.pbworks.com (presentation wiki); AALL 2010 Annual Meeting Program Committee selection meeting (Chicago, Sept. 2009); Chair, AALL 2011 Annual Meeting Program Committee; SNELLA webmaster and listserv manager; AALL Computing Services Special Interest Section Web 2.0 group facilitator

• **Michelle Sullivan**: Member of the AALL Descriptive Cataloging Working Group; member of Cataloging and Classification Standing Committee.
In the area of print and online library collections, we continued to face a large challenge: serving the ambitious research needs of Yale Law School faculty and students in the face of mounting budgetary restrictions and rapid changes in publishing, information formats, and patrons’ use of research materials. Associate Librarian for Collections and Access Services Fred Shapiro and Serials Librarian Anne Myers continued major cancellations of print serials in order to enable us to maintain our status as one of the most active law libraries in the world in collecting monographs, legal history materials, foreign legal publications, and electronic resources.

In FY ’10, our cancellations concentrated on two areas. One was the termination of our Library Maintenance Agreement with the West Publishing Company. This agreement had pulled in significant savings for us, but renewing it would have hindered our ability to reassess our collection in a constructive and useful manner. After termination, we cancelled the majority of our print West reporter sets, almost all print digests, and many West print treatises. These cancellations were decided upon in consultation with various constituencies such as the Yale Law Journal, reference librarians, and faculty. We were more radical than many other libraries in cancellation decisions, but more conservative than some other libraries; for example, we kept West print reporters that did not have PDF versions on Westlaw in order to help our student journals check citations, whereas some law libraries have cancelled even those reporters.

The other main area of cancellations this fiscal year was United States law reviews. Patron preference for online law reviews over print versions has become very clear, so we cancelled several hundred U.S. law reviews in print. In deciding which periodicals to cut, we looked primarily at which law reviews were infrequently cited, covered subjects of little interest at Yale Law School, or were expensive. Among the infrequently cited law reviews, we spared those that faculty wished to keep in print, some that were not available online, and some other specialized journals of particular interest. It should be emphasized that, for the great majority of cancelled West materials, law reviews, and other serials, our patrons still have access to the same publications in an online form.

We continue to aspire to have one of the best collections of legal electronic resources of any library. New electronic resources added in 2009-2010 included: Beck Online, Colonial State Papers, HeinOnline History of Bankruptcy, HeinOnline Scottish Legal History, International Criminal Law, International Human Rights Law, JustCite, and Oxford Scholarship Online. In addition, an important innovation that we had proposed several years ago came to fruition this year, as we became the first U.S. law library to obtain affordable academic subscriptions to four foreign databases provided by LexisNexis, namely EU
Tracker, Juris Classeur (France), LexisNexis China Law Database, and Quicklaw (Canada).

On April 30, 2010, the directors and foreign law librarian specialists of major academic law libraries with significant foreign law holdings met at Harvard Law School to explore and discuss ways to effectively and radically collaborate in the purchase of print and electronic foreign legal materials. The meeting was prompted by shrinking library budgets and expanding research interests in foreign and comparative law. As our director, Blair Kauffman, articulated, “Our major concern is continuing to build our outstanding foreign law collection in an intelligent and thoughtful way.” The meeting resulted in several collaborative initiatives. One involves dividing up collection and preservation responsibilities for the foreign law reviews that are indexed in the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals. Another effort is under way to work with foreign legal database providers to allow access to their information through a central consortium rather than individual library subscriptions. The foreign law library specialists are already sharing subscription information and collecting responsibilities for many countries in the world.

Fred Shapiro published an article on “Movie Misquotations” in the New York Times Magazine, Jan. 15, 2010 among other magazine articles, and continued his regular column on quotations in the Yale Alumni Magazine and his weekly posting on the same subject on the New York Times Freakonomics blog. He was interviewed about the most notable quotations of 2009 on National Public Radio “All Things Considered.” He also continued his roles as the Contributing Editor to Black’s Law Dictionary for historical information, the recipient of a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for online research into the origins of English-language words and phrases, the consultant to the Making of Modern Law digital history projects, and the consultant to the Oxford English Dictionary on legal terms.

Library Publications

One of our goals as a library is to pursue multiple programs of library publications. In recent years we have been a leader and indeed a pioneer in both print publishing and in several forms of digital publishing.

In 2009-10 we continued to work with the Gale Cengage company to digitize our books in the Making of Modern Law product, probably the most ambitious digital legal history project in the world. After previously playing major roles in creating Making of Modern Law: Legal Treatises, 1800-1926; Making of Modern Law: U.S. Supreme Court Records and Briefs, 1832-1978; and Making of Modern Law: Trials, 1600-1926, we played an even larger role in creating the fourth module, Making of Modern Law: Primary Sources, 1620-1926. The Primary Sources resource included state codes, state constitutional conventions, city charters, and law dictionaries, with the great majority of the materials being scanned from the Yale Law Library collection (the other library providing materials, with our guidance, was the Law Library of Congress). Approximately 1,500 individual titles and well over one million pages were digitized from Yale. For the most part these sources were not previously available in digital form.

In addition to relying heavily on our books, Primary Sources was to a very large extent conceived, planned, and implemented by our library, particularly by Fred Shapiro. Mike Widener, our Rare Book Librarian, Mary Jane Kelsey, our Associate Librarian for Technical Services, Susan Karpuk, our Head of Cataloging, and especially Cesar Zapata, Collections and Access Coordinator, also made important contributions.

We continued to develop our Digital Commons open-access online repository of Yale Law School faculty, student, and other publications. Although there are many issues of copyright permissions and logistics that remain to be worked out, we now have about 300 papers in the repository and hope to add many more in the next year.

No new books were published in Yale University Press’s Yale Law Library Series in Legal History and Reference in the 2009-10 fiscal year. However, the third book in the series, Representing Justice: Invention, Controversy, and Rights in City-States and Democratic Courtrooms by Judith Resnik and Dennis E. Curtis, will be published in December 2010. This long-awaited volume, which has benefited greatly from help from our library’s staff and collection, should be a landmark work. The second series book, The Yale Biographical Dictionary of American Law, was published in the spring of 2009 and has received many plaudits as the first full-fledged scholarly biographical dictionary of law. Fred Shapiro continues as the series editor.

LIBRARIAN PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

**Cadmus, Femi**
*The AALL Biennial Survey: The Law Librarian’s Tool for Fair Compensation in the Best and Worst of Times*, 14 AALL Spectrum 24 (2009), with Loretta Orndoff

**Making the Leap to Management: Tips for the Aspiring and New Manager** 19 Trends in Library Management and Technology 23 (2009)

**Bobbleheads in Yale Law Library’s Rare Book Collection**, 26 Obiter Dicta 1 (2010)

**Karpuk, Susan**
*Cataloging 17th-18th-Century German Dissertations* 48 Cataloging and Classification Quarterly (2010)

**Kauffmann, Blair**
*The Twenty-First Century Law Library*, 101 Law Library Journal 143 (2009), with Richard A. Danner and John G. Palfrey

**Shapiro, Fred R.**

**Myers, Anne**
*An Overview of the AMPC’s Program Selection Process. AALL Members Spectrum Briefing* 14 AALL Spectrum 3 (2010), with Steve Anderson

**Nann, John B.**
*Personal Librarians: The Answer to Increasing Patron Contact May Be Simpler than we Think*, 14 AALL Spectrum 20 (2010).
The adaptable staff in reference and instructional services have tapped into their collective skills and abilities to face the challenges of the harsh economic climate and create new opportunities. The demand for the products, services, and skills offered by the Reference and Instructional Services Department continues to grow, and we are now more than ever central to the mission of the law library and the law school as a whole.

The Reference and Instructional Services Department has made great advances in providing services in new and innovative ways. Members of the department also remained extremely active professionally and also took on new responsibilities within the university libraries and at the law library.

The department’s educational efforts continue to expand. In addition to offering courses in Advanced Legal Research, Research Methods in American Law, and Legal History Research, we have also added a series of workshops for LL.M., J.S.D., and J.D. students. These workshops cover a variety of topics, ranging from academic integrity to emerging technologies in research management. We’ve expanded legal research instruction in the area of foreign and international law. While continuing our offering of Specialized Research in Foreign and International Law, Teresa Miguel also introduced a new course during the Spring 2010 term called: Law, Politics & Society in Latin America. And the department continues to offer ad hoc classes for law journals and clinical programs.

While these legal research sessions continue to raise student awareness about the issues and methods of legal research, the reference and instruction department has expanded its outreach efforts to reach an expanding and increasingly complex patron base. Beginning spring 2010, the law library introduced a series of online legal research tutorials. These tutorials are available on the Law Library website and mobile site to increase patrons’ access to efficient and vital legal research training on demand. Further, database tutorials are embedded in MORRIS, increasingly making the law library catalog a one-stop shop for researcher needs.

Trends in reference have included a rise in the complexity of questions and a rise in requests for individual research counselling sessions. To meet increasing demand, additional outreach enhancements were added to the Law Library website to give researchers greater access to the reference staff. Most reference librarians have individual web pages that contain their schedule, areas of expertise as well as contact information including an instant message widget. In addition, live chat features were added to our catalog to allow students to ask questions of our reference staff in real time. Further, an electronic appointment request form added to the Law Library’s Research site, allowing patrons to
schedule in-depth customized meetings with a librarian. And the library continues to update the Law School community with its news alerts and blogs, while continuing its strong presence on the social networking sites Facebook and Twitter. Despite all of these enhancements, there still remains a need to maintain a presence at the reference desk as a significant point of contact with our patron base. Therefore, the reference department maintained a reference librarian at the reference desk for most of the day.

Throughout the year, the Department offered many library tours and orientations for a variety of groups, including: new and visiting faculty, visiting scholars and fellows, other Yale librarians, Law School employees, research assistants and incoming students.

The department’s liaison program with the faculty has witnessed a steady increase in the number of requests fielded. The number of faculty members who have used reference services has also increased with almost 75 percent of the faculty using reference services.

The drop in microform subscriptions has not reduced the use of our current microform collection as the material that is available solely in microform is still important. This year, the Technical Services Department took the lead in microform filing while the Reference Department continued to assist patrons in using the collection. To make the collection even easier to use, the library installed new microform readers and scanners.

The digital initiatives committee, chaired by Emerging Technologies Librarian Jason Eiseman, will expand upon existing projects, including the redeveloped judicial nominations database and, developing the Avalon Project. It will also make recommendations concerning future digital publishing and preservation projects.

There were two departmental promotions during the past year. Teresa Miguel has been promoted to Associate Librarian for Foreign and International Law, and will take a more active role in collecting and promoting our outstanding foreign and international law collection. Evelyn Ma was promoted from Librarian II to Librarian III.

Members of the department remain active in professional endeavors:

- Jason Eiseman served on the Executive Board of the Computer Services Special Interest Section of AALL. He was organizer of the first Lawberry Camp at AALL in July 2009 and a follow-up Midwinter Lawberry Camp at Harvard Law Library in January 2010. He spoke at the Conference on Computer Aided Legal Instruction and is a regular commentator on the Law Librarian BlogTalk Radio.

- Ryan Harrington spoke at the Conference on Computer Aided Legal Instruction and the AALL Annual Meeting. His editorial review of WestlawNext on the AALL Spectrum blog recently broke the record for most hits ever on that site.

- John Nann has served as the Education Committee Chair of the Law Librarians of New England since 2008.

- Evelyn Ma participated in the Fall 2009 and Spring 2010 NEFLC meetings.

- Margaret Chisholm Chaired the Library’s Communications Committee.

- Teresa Miguel is the incoming Chair of the AALL Latino Caucus. She has two pending publications: one stemming from an AALL conference presentation titled, A Closer Look: Uncovering the Spanish Roots of Louisiana Civil Law; the second a chapter titled, Comparative Law: Academic Perspectives, in the forthcoming book, “International Handbook of Legal Information Management” (Ashgate Publishing Ltd.).

- Camilla Tubbs spoke at the AALL Annual Meeting, the Legal Education at the Crossroads Conference at University of Washington School of Law, and presented testimony on behalf of AALL and the Southern New England Law Library Association (SNELLA) to the Connecticut General Assembly. She was a co-coordinator of the AALL Legislative Advocacy Leadership Training for 2009 and 2010 and the co-coordinator of the Library 2.0 Symposium hosted by the Yale Information Society Project (ISP). She served as the Chair of the AALL Government Relations Committee, as an appointed-member of the Depository Library Council, and is the current incoming Vice President of SNELLA.
Significant acquisitions for the year included more than a hundred titles for the American Trials Collection, a heavily illustrated 1514 Venice edition of the Corpus Juris Canonici, an almost complete run of the comic book, Wolff & Byrd: Counsellors of the Macabre, the 1641 edition of Hobart’s Reports (the first English case reports published in English instead of Law French), and the 1766 Haarlem edition of Beccaria’s classic on penal reform, Dei delitti e delle penne, containing the author’s last definitive revisions.

The Rare Book Collection mounted two major exhibitions. “Freedom of the Seas, 1609: Grotius and the Emergence of International Law,” October 2009-January 2010, marked the 400th anniversary of the publication of Mare Liberum (“On the Freedom of the Seas”) by Hugo Grotius, a little book with an enormous influence on the shape of modern international law. The exhibit’s co-curator was Edward Gordon (Law ’63), who has taught and published widely in the field of international law. Gordon gave a well-attended public lecture on the exhibit on Oct. 26. Articles on the exhibit appeared in the Yale Daily News (Apr. 13, 2010), the ABILA Newsletter (Jan. 2010), the Yale Bulletin (Oct. 23, 2009), and in numerous legal history, rare books, and international law blogs. An expanded version of the exhibit was posted to the Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog, including a comprehensive bibliography by Gordon that is one of the most frequently viewed postings (over 1,400 views).

The Spring 2010 exhibit, “Reused, Rebound, Recovered: Medieval Manuscript Fragments in Law Book Bindings” (February-May 2010), coincided with the annual meeting of the Medieval Academy of America, March 18-20 at Yale University. Benjamin Youse-Hindes, a Ph.D. candidate in medieval studies at Stanford University, was the lead curator on the exhibit, which featured 18 of the hundred or so books in our Rare Book Collection that incorporate medieval manuscript fragments in their bindings. An open house for the Medieval Academy on March 19 was a resounding success, with close to 50 attendees. Forty additional volumes that were not in the exhibit were set out in the Paskus-Danziger Rare Book Reading Room, with forms for them contribute information about the fragments. They were like children let loose in a toy store. One of them told us, “A week from now I won’t remember a single paper that I hear at this conference, but I’ll remember this event.” This exhibit also went online in the Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog, and the two Hebrew manuscript fragments are now recorded in the online catalog of the National Library of Israel. Yousey-Hindes gave a presentation on the exhibit to the Law Library staff on May 26 as Dr. Yousey-Hindes, having just received his Ph.D. from Stanford.

Two smaller exhibits generated a large amount of attention. A display of Supreme Court Bobblehead dolls was featured in the Mar. 17, 2010
issue of the New York Times and in the Yale Daily News (Mar. 26, 2010). The display publicized a major acquisition: The Green Bag designated the Lillian Goldman Law Library as the archive for its Supreme Court Bobbleheads. Another small exhibit, “Images of Justice,” was also covered in the Yale Daily News (Jan. 12, 2010); the online version of the exhibit is the most popular posting on the Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog, with more than 1,600 views by the end of June.

The Rare Book Collection supported classroom instruction in the Yale Law School and beyond. On Sept. 29 and Dec. 10 Professor John Langbein used early English law books and manuscripts as teaching aids in his “History of the Common Law” course. Mike Widener gave presentations in the Paskus-Danziger Rare Book Room to Professor Eugene Fidell’s admiralty law seminar (Jan. 27) and Camilla Tubbs’ Advanced Legal Research class (Apr. 27). Professor Anders Winroth’s graduate history seminar, “Law in Medieval Europe,” used the Paskus-Danziger Rare Book Room for the second time in Spring 2010; each of the students wrote a paper on one of the medieval manuscripts in our collection.

Mike Widener also gave presentations to about 30 students and faculty from Yale College’s Directed Studies program (Nov. 4) and to Professor Mary Liu’s undergraduate history seminar, “Murder and Mayhem in Old New York” (Feb. 24).

The Rare Book Collection organized two public events. “Bookbindings: What They Tell Us About Early Printed Books” was a talk by Scott Husby, former Rare Books Conservator at Princeton. He presented his ongoing research into incunables that retain their 15th-century bindings. More than 60 Yale students, faculty, and staff attended his Dec. 10 talk. The Rare Book also held its annual open house during the Yale Law School’s Alumni Weekend, attended by 40 alumni and spouses.

The department also hosted tours for entering LL.M. students in the Law School (Aug. 25), a group of 20 middle-school students from New York City (Sept. 30), a group of visiting Brazilian law students (Jan. 21), a dozen South American law students with the Yale Law School’s Linkages program (Feb. 5), 84 fourth-graders from Ridge Road Elementary School in North Haven (Apr. 22), and the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Supreme Court Historical Society (May 11).

Celebrating the Donation of the Juvenile Jurisprudence Collection
Morris Cohen Donates Children’s Law Book Collection to Law Library

In December 2009, the library celebrated Professor and Librarian Emeritus, Morris Cohen’s donation of a fascinating and delightful collection of children’s books relating to law and justice.

“Morris Cohen is one of the great law librarians and book collectors of the twentieth century, and it is an honor to have this unique collection. I don’t know of any other collection like it anywhere,” said Michael Widener, Rare Book Librarian at the Law Library.

Added Law Librarian Blair Kauffman, “This marvelous gift fits perfectly into the great collection of rare books Morris helped develop and refine, and it complements the illustrated law book collection Mike Widener has been pulling together in recent years. We are so happy that future generations of library users will be able to get a glimpse of Morris’s delightful sense of humor and excellent book collecting skills when they browse this collection or draw upon it for their research.”

With an interest in rare law books and curiosity about how early American legal scholars and judges sought to disseminate law to the general public, coupled with his instinct to collect, Professor Cohen began accumulating children’s books related to law around 1960. His then six-year-old son Dan, now a professor of American history, took note of dad’s acquisitions, and the collecting turned into a hobby the two shared. Stopping at bookseller shops became a staple of family trips. At home, the two would pore over antiquarian book dealers’ catalogues.

The result of the nearly five-decade effort was a delightfully diverse assortment of 200 books written for children—some intended to educate, some to entertain, and some to provide moral instruction. They range from simple stories illustrating the consequences of wrongdoing to serious instruction in politics and government. They comprise a variety of formats—from story books to pamphlets to coloring books to textbooks—with some geared to toddlers and others to young scholars. The oldest book in the collection dates from 1759.

Professor Cohen’s favorites include early English didactic books like A Brief Grammar of the Laws and Constitution of England; humorous ones like Juvenile Trials for Robbing Orchards, Telling Fibs, and Other Heinous Offenses; and modern histories like Freedom’s Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories.

He says he donated his collection to the Law Library because of his affection for the Library and its Rare Book Collection.

“This Library was the capstone of my fifty-year-long career in legal education at Columbia, Buffalo, Pennsylvania, Harvard, and Yale,” said Professor Cohen. “It is my hope that students here can study this unique collection and see how our law was, and still is, being disseminated and forming an important part of our children’s civic education.”

Morris Cohen was on hand to celebrate the donation of his collection of children’s books relating to law and justice.
The library remains the most preferred and desirable area in the law school for our students, this fact just confirmed by our annual student survey. Our circulation statistics also continue an upward trend with more than 100,000 items checked out this past year.

Access Services remained very busy with a steady stream of students visiting and studying in the library. The library remains the most preferred and desirable area in the law school for our students, this fact just confirmed by our annual student survey. Tables are usually full by mid-afternoon as are many of the carrels in the reading room and the stacks. The flurry of activity at the Circulation Desk continues into the evening hours with students picking up intercampus and interlibrary loan materials that they have ordered for delivery to the Law Library. DVDs continue to be popular items especially before the weekends and holidays.

The Circulation Desk is ably staffed by our Access Services staff: Antonio Malabag, Cha Chi Hung, Alison Burke, and Drew Adan. In addition to working at the desk each staff member works on many other tasks, all of which contribute to our high level of service. Our circulation statistics are up from last year. In FY 2008-2009 we circulated 91,499 items. This year we circulated 103,305 items.

The Law Library staff also processed 7,335 Eli Express items from other Yale campus libraries for our users to pick up at the Law Library Circulation Desk.

A reorganization last spring led to staffing changes with Alison Burke now the lead person in the ILL unit and responsible for all borrowing, and Drew Adan now in charge of all ILL lending. Alison and Drew have also been leading the way in the utilization of the latest upgrade of ILLiad, the Interlibrary Loan management system. Until very recently we were the sole department on this campus using the upgrade. Their expertise has proven helpful for other staff on campus.

During the past fiscal year, the staff processed approximately 14,000 items for the Library Shelving Facility. In conjunction with this, we are in the process of rearranging the reading room. In consultation with library users and staff members, it was decided to shift the majority of the reporters from the reading room to make room for philosophy and history books. This rearrangement, although highly novel for a law library, provides books of interest to our students as well as aesthetic variety, as opposed to the visually dull reporters that are rarely used by our patrons in print. Along with our DVD collection and the
“New Books” collection, the rearrangement contributes to a vibrant Reading Room.

During the past year, Kathy Eow assisted with faculty services on a day-to-day basis and filled in when Richard Hasbany was absent. This made for a great and successful collaboration between Access Services and the Reference and Instructional Services Department. Kathy’s knowledge of interlibrary loan was beneficial to the partnership. Furthermore, Drew Adan and Kathy Eow assisted the Emerging Technologies Librarian with data entry for the Avalon project, the Law Library web page, and the online clerkship directory. This summer Drew and Cesar Zapata are working on floor plans to be displayed on our web page.

Antonio Malabag continues to lead the student employees at the Circulation Desk during the evening hours. We welcomed Cha Chi Hung to the staff in September. She is usually seen performing stacks maintenance and is a great addition to the unit.

Cesar Zapata was promoted to Band III in the managerial ranks in early September.

This past year he managed the lending of approximately 1,600 books to the Gale Company for a digitization project (Making of Modern Law: Primary Sources). He is in the process of managing the multistep shift that will result in our philosophy and history collection being shelved in the Reading Room. His work as project manager for our Digital Commons institutional repository is moving forward. He also currently serves as chair of the University Library Disability Services Committee and the Law Library Social Media Task Force.

Finally, at the end of the fiscal year our Access Services Librarian, Martha Clark, announced her retirement, effective Aug. 16, 2010, after 28 years of excellent service at the Law Library. Martha started working here when the Library was known as the Yale Law Library, circulation processes were paper based, document deliveries were always made in person and requests were submitted by telephone. Today we are known as the Lillian Goldman Law Library and the transition from paper to electronic continues an upward trend.

The following are comparative circulation figures for this year as compared to the last two years:

**2005–06 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- 29,499 checkouts
- 89,070 total transactions

**2006–07 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- 33,770 checkouts
- 100,137 total transactions

**2007–08 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- 32,327 checkouts
- 96,793 total transactions

**2008–09 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- 31,397 checkouts
- 91,449 total transactions

**2009–10 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- 34,876 checkouts
- 103,305 total transactions
The library experienced yet another invigorating and exciting year chock-full of programs for students, faculty, librarians and the general public.

The library’s faculty scholarship series gave students the opportunity to engage in lively conversations with faculty who discussed their current and ongoing scholarship. Among the well-attended programs were Professor Brett Dignam’s discussion of “Women Behind Bars: Fighting for the Rights of Women Prisoners” and Professor Kim Scheppele’s, “The International State of Emergency: Legality and Transnationality after 9/11”.


Our graduate and international students were not left out as movie night continued to be hosted by the library, providing a forum for intercultural exchange of ideas. Movies selected this year by graduate students from their home countries included Ghandi, The Story of Qiu Ju and Brides.

The librarian’s spotlight series featuring topics and discussions relevant to library staff generated a lot of interest and strong attendance. Our librarians discussed topics ranging from genealogy (Anne Myers) to Tech Tools (Jason Eiseman). Other featured topics included the book acquisition process by technical services librarians Jo Giammattei and Mary Jane Kelsey, and an expose on the workings of library administration by Library administrative staff Liliane McClenning, Shana Jackson, Femi Cadmus and Blair Kauffman. The library also hosted a riveting talk by an outside speaker - Gene-Claude Straussman “From Separation to Salvation: experiences of a young child during World War II”.

Librarians meetings with special invited speakers opened up interesting topics to the entire law school and university libraries community. Featured speakers included Professor Ross Davies of the Green Bag who spoke on “The Last Word”, Scott Husbey a book binder and conservator who has carried out projects at the Library of Congress and Folgers Shakespeare Library on “Bookbindings: What They Tell us About Early-printed Books” and Ed Gordon ’63 “Freedom of the Seas, 1609: Grotius and the Emergence of International Law.”

In keeping with the library’s commitment to share information and contribute to the larger body of global knowledge, the Lillian Goldman Law Library hosted Elizabeth Butler, Head of Public Services and Tax Librarian at the University of Florida as a library fellow in the summer of 2010. She observed the workings of the public and technical services departments of the library and led a discussion on her ongoing work on “Records status of web 2.0 documents created or maintained by the federal government.”

In the summer of 2010, the law library staff had the pleasure of hosting a librarian from Nigeria—Ufoma Laminkara the AALL FCIL 2010 grant recipient. Ms. Laminkanra is the Readers’ Services Librarian at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of Lagos and adjunct law lecturer, University of Lagos. During her short visit Ms. Laminkara was able to observe the operations of the library and participate in a working librarians meeting.

Our Associate Law Librarian for Administration, Femi Cadmus presented a paper at the June 2010 BIALL conference in Brighton, England “The Recession Mounts the Ivory Tower: How the Yale Law Library Has Met the Challenges of a Declining Economy.” She also spoke at the SEALL conference in Williamsburg, Va., on “Making the Move to Management: Tips for New and Aspiring Managers.”
Strategic Plan 2010-2015

VISION
To be the best academic law library in the world

MISSION
The Lillian Goldman Law Library supports the educational and scholarly programs of Yale Law School and Yale University as we:

- Discover, acquire, and create a superb collection of resources
- Organize, publish, and deliver information to our patrons
- Provide excellent assistance and instruction to our faculty and students
- Preserve resources, information, and knowledge for current and future scholars
- Provide a welcoming physical and virtual environment for our community
- Support and encourage staff to reach their highest potential
- Contribute to the larger body of global knowledge

GUIDING PRINCIPLES
- We provide excellent service to our patrons
- Every employee contributes to unlocking our rich and unique collection
- We are creative, agile, and flexible
- We recognize, appreciate, and value the unique qualities, background, and life experiences each person brings to the Law Library
- We cultivate a culture of trust and integrity through honest communication
- We are environmentally responsible

GOALS & OBJECTIVES
1. Continue to build, disseminate, and make accessible our unparalleled collection
   - Continue to develop and publicize what makes us unique:
     - a premier collection of historical legal materials
- a superb foreign and international law collection including an extensive collection of public international law and human rights monographs
- a comprehensive collection of scholarly monographs for U.S. law
- electronic resources of significant value to our faculty and students
- Adjust collection development priorities and processes to changing user preferences, budgets, and technologies
- Ensure that our infrastructure supports evolving standards in cataloging and acquisitions
- Explore new collaborative opportunities for delivering information to our patrons
- Make our resources available to patrons on multiple technological platforms

2. Make the library the place where everyone wants to go
   - Make every patron feel welcome
   - Make optimal use of the Law Library’s space
   - Balance Law Library hours with Yale community needs and Law Library resources
   - Provide innovative solutions for research and learning

3. Be a creative, flexible, and smart organization in an ever-changing environment
   - Regularly review and reassess the Law Library’s organizational structure
   - Provide formal orientation, education, and mentoring programs for staff

4. Continue to develop and improve reference assistance and legal research instruction
   - Develop consistent and customized outreach strategies
   - Improve access to reference services
   - Optimize the role of librarians in legal research instruction
   - Explore and implement appropriate reference and instructional technologies

5. Contribute to the larger body of global knowledge
   - Make our unique content available to a wide audience
   - Expand the library’s role as a publisher
   - Formalize support and opportunities for staff to publish and present scholarly material

6. Increase environmental consciousness and responsibility among library staff and patrons
   - Create and implement environmentally responsible directives to guide staff efforts
   - Promote less waste, and more recycling and upcycling among library patrons and staff

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