The analysis also explores the prevalence of link rot among top-level domains, showing content at state-government URLs (state.[state code].us) to be at a significant risk for link rot, compared to resources posted to government (.gov) and organization (.org) websites.

Having successfully completed its two-year pilot phase in 2009, the Chesapeake Project Legal Information Archive is expanding. A new law library (Harvard Law School) has recently joined the Chesapeake Project, and the Legal Information Preservation Alliance (LIPA) in March 2010 announced the formation of its Legal Information Archive, a collaborative digital preservation program for the law library community modeled after the Chesapeake Project. All LIPA-member libraries are invited to participate in the Legal Information Archive.

For more information, visit the LIPA website at http://www.aallnet.org/committee/lipa/ or the Chesapeake Project at http://legalinfoarchive.org/.

PRIVATE LAW LIBRARIES

Things of Interest to Those of Us in Private Law Libraries (and Elsewhere!)

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For this column, I thought I would share some things that I have read, seen or heard about that are of potential interest to those of us in private law libraries and beyond. I hope some of them will be new to you, and you will be inspired to check them out.

First, I recently read a terrific *LLRX* article entitled, "From the Law Firm Library Trenches: A Conversation Between Two Veterans," by Karen Krupka and Elaine Billingslea available at http://www.llrx.com/features/lawfirmlibrarytrenches.htm. This article originally published in *Legal Division Quarterly* 17, nos. 1-2 (2009-2010):9, was posted on *LLRX* on April 12, 2010. It is a transcript of a conversation the authors, veteran firm librarians, had over lunch. They discuss what to look for when interviewing for a firm librarian position, but most of these tips are applicable to those of us already working in firms as well. It's also a good overview of the variety of roles law firm librarians play.

Second, I highly recommend John Palfrey's article in the latest *Law Library Journal* 102, no. 2 (2010):171 entitled "Cornerstones of Law Libraries for an Era of Digital-Plus." He shares his vision for the future of legal information in what he calls the "digital-plus" era. I like this phrase as a way of describing this time in law libraries, when we are dealing with lots of information in digital form, but are also still very much managing print materials. At the same time, the study of law and legal research is branching out into other related disciplines. Whether one agrees with him or not, this article certainly makes one think about law libraries and their future direction. I was happy to read that he sees an essential role for technical services librarians in making metadata for digital resources work for users, and in building connections to traditional catalogs.

Third, for those of you with subscriptions to CCH materials online via their *Intelliconnect* platform, or for those of you considering a subscription, there were two reviews of *Intelliconnect* on blogs that I read regularly. Greg Lambert was one of several law bloggers invited by Wolters Kluwer to go to New York to view the interface, look at some of the advances that have been made since the launch, and to offer feedback, suggestions, criticisms, etc. to a group of Wolters Kluwer trainers, marketers, developers and executives. His May 21 post, "A Fresh Look at Intelliconnect," on *3 Geeks and a Law Blog* at http://www.geeklawblog.com/2010/05/fresh-look-at-intelliconnect.html advocates taking a new look at this product, which he says needs, "a second chance to make a first impression." He also refers to the other review I read by Jason Eiseman on his blog, *Jason the Content Librarian*, on May 19 at http://www.jasoneiseman.com/blog/?p=420. He praises *Intelliconnect* as a useful tool for practitioners, and while not perfect, he says it's worth a look.

Fourth, I have been trying to stay up-to-date with *RDA* and I recommend Barbara Tillett's webcast and PowerPoint slides on "RDA Changes from AACR2 for Text." This is available via the Library of Congress website at http://www.loc.gov/today/cyberlc/feature_wdesc.php?rec=4863. Ms. Tillett gives many examples and also notes several other webcasts that give more information on *RDA* and its background.

Lastly, I wish I could attend the AALL Annual Meeting this summer. Maybe it's because I can't go, but I am just sure that there are more programs that look interesting to me this year than in any previous years. Here are just some that I would like to attend, and that might be of interest to you as well.

"PLL-SIS Summit: Change as Opportunity." This pre-conference is being held on Friday and Saturday to exchange ideas in three areas: Strategic Skills: persuasive communications, time management, better presentations, and business skills; Strategic Knowledge: law firm trends, the legal publishing industry, success-modeling, and team building; and, Strategic Thinking: law firm economics, staffing, space planning, collection development, and change agency. This workshop is "the completion of the first year of a two-year effort by PLL to identify significant changes taking place in the legal world, to understand how these changes provide opportunities for assuming leadership roles, and to develop concrete plans for becoming leaders within our organizations." I am thrilled to see librarians taking a proactive stance and wish I could be part of it in person. The idea is to prepare participants with the information and skills necessary to begin leading their own strategic change. Note: if you are not attending the summit, but are attending the main conference, PLL-SIS is offering a wrap-up session, "60 Minute Recap of the Change as Opportunity Summit," on Tuesday, July 13, 2010, from 2:15-3:15 p.m.

PLL-SIS Program: "Law Firm Technical Services Challenges and Opportunities," Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

TS-SIS Program: "What's in a Name: CORE and I-2, New Standards to Improve Efficiency in the Electronic Resources Environment," Sunday, July 11, 2010, 1:30-2:45 p.m.

C5: "Catalogers Today: Skill Sets, Expectations and Challenges," Sunday, July 11, 2010, 4:15-5:15 p.m.

G5: "MARC and RDA: An Overview," Monday, July 12, 2010, 4:00-5:15 p.m.

TS-SIS Hot Topic Program: "New Faces of Resource-Sharing - SkyRiver and USS, Just to Name Two!" Sunday, July 11, 2010, 12:00-1:15 p.m.

H4: "The Semantic Web and RDA: Making the Catalog a Networked Bibliographic Environment," Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

I hope to learn from those of you who are attending, and I plan to listen to the programs that AALL will be webcasting live. If any of you have read or seen anything of interest lately please let me know, and if there are any topics you'd like me to address in this column please email me. Have a great Summer!

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Discovering Research Ideas, Topics, and Questions

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The deadline for this year's OBS-SIS/TS-SIS Joint Research Grant (JRC) is quickly approaching. All application materials are due to the JRG Committee Chair by June 15, 2010 and the winner of this year's grant will be announced at the Annual Meeting in Denver. Complete grant applications consist of a narrative including detailed budget requirements, two letters of reference, and a signed copy of the Joint Research Grant Agreement form sent via email or regular mail to the JRG Committee Chair. The overarching goal of the grant is to support research that will either directly or indirectly benefit technical services law librarianship. More information on the grant can be found at http://www.aallnet.org/sis/obssis/research/researchinfo.htm.

As the chair of the Joint Research Grant Committee, one question that I have been pondering lately is: What exactly is research that could benefit technical services law librarianship? In order to assist in answering that question, I thought that I would dedicate this column to throwing some ideas out there in hopes that maybe a few of them would catch on.

One area in which I have been encouraging my students to research and experiment is cataloging. With the release of *RDA*, now is the time to put the standard and the available tools to the test. Legal genres make an interesting domain for experimenting with how well *RDA* works with special and unique materials. Tests, or research experiments, should be conducted on how to use *RDA* with MARC in legal environments. These tests should be planned in detail and well-documented, so that they