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## From the Editor

# Preparing for the Law Library of the Future: Required Reading

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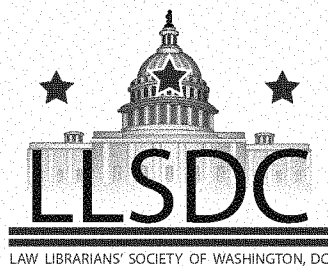
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The theme of this issue is the Law Library of the Future. Predicting and preparing for the future of our profession may cause you great angst. Fortunately, *Law Library Lights* is here to help.

In this issue, Dan Odenwald, principal research consultant at Capstone Information Services & Consulting, gives an entertaining prediction of what the law library of 2316 may look like. In his tech column, Matt Zimmerman avoids making predictions about the future of library technology. Andy Lang reviews John Palfrey's *BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*, a quick read from a legal academic and quasi-librarian. Lowell Rudorfer, research librarian at the DOJ, takes us into the past with his review of the museum exhibit *Lawyers without Rights: Jewish Lawyers in Germany under the Third Reich* in a new periodic column, *Eyes on Exhibits*.

I don't know that I have much insight into the law library of the future, but I imagine researchers will always need annotated bibliographies in some shape or form. So whether you're frightened, excited, or ambivalent about the future of law libraries (or all of the above), here's a short list of articles and books that will help get us there.



### Submission Information

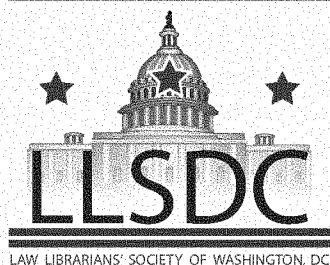
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# From the Editor, Continued

- ▶ Scott Frey, "[A History of the Future of Law Libraries](#)"  
This quick but fascinating *Spectrum* article gives an overview of law librarians' predictions of the future going back to 1915.
- ▶ Ronald Wheeler, "[Is This the Law Library or an Episode of the Jetsons?](#)"  
This 2015 article focuses on the role technology will play in the law library of the future.
- ▶ ILTA, "[Legal Technology Future Horizons: Strategic Imperatives for the Law Firm of the Future](#)"  
The International Legal Technology Association's report is important because the future of law libraries is inextricably tied to the future of law firms and legal practice.
- ▶ Nicholas F. Stump & J.R. Kerns, "[The Future of Academic Law Librarianship | Peer to Peer Review](#)"  
Two academic law librarians discuss ways in which the legal education crisis has impacted their library (for the better).
- ▶ John Palfrey, *BiblioTech: Why Libraries Matter More Than Ever in the Age of Google*  
While this book isn't specific to law libraries, John Palfrey is the former director of the Harvard Law School Library and a lawyer. And a big advocate for libraries. See Andy Lang's book review for more information.
- ▶ Roy Balleste, Sonia Luna-Lamas & Lisa Smith-Butler, eds., [Law Librarianship in the Twenty-First Century](#)  
A textbook for students studying law librarianship.
- ▶ Jessica Panella & Catherine M. Dunn, "[Embracing the Future on a Budget: Uconn School of Law Library Merges Its Reference and Circulation Desks](#)"  
Another quick *Spectrum* article on facing the reality of a future filled with budget cuts.
- ▶ Ellyssa Kroski, ed., [Law Librarianship in the Digital Age](#)  
Chapters written by firm, government, and academic law librarians.

I hope you enjoy this issue. Please consider contributing to our summer issue, the Year-End Round Up & AALL Conference Preview. ■



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