

# VALL Review

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**From the President's Desk** – Caroline Nevin, Courthouse Libraries BC

I have been a member of VALL for every one of the five years I've been CEO at Courthouse Libraries BC. When I first started, I asked what organizations I should get involved with and VALL was at the top of everyone's list. I knew to ask this question because I'd spent the previous 20+ years working at a professional association (the Canadian Bar Association) and I regularly engaged and volunteered with two others (the Canadian Society of Association Executives and the International Institute of Law Association Chief Executives).



I believe that professional associations are one of the most important investments you can make in your own career satisfaction and success. Everyone needs a trusted circle of people who understand the pressures and pitfalls of your job. Everyone needs practical, relevant PD picked by people who share your specific interests and needs. And everyone needs a network of people to call on in a pinch, to ask questions of and help you look even more valuable to your employer or client. The time and money you invest in your local/national/international associations are always going to be worth it.

My belief in the value of associations is also why I ended up becoming president - because I know it's important to take your turn volunteering so that no-one gets burned out or over-burdened. A strong association relies on everyone investing in keeping it vibrant and relevant. That's my plug for all of you to get more involved in VALL... and CALL... and AALL!

Our Programs Committee has organized and hosted some amazing PD programs and networking events already this year – Sarah Sutherland on Generative AI, Thomas Isaac on Current Issues and Trends in

Aboriginal Law (November 23), a great June Social at the Art Gallery, a networking/brainstorming event at Courthouse Libraries BC, and an upcoming December social lunch that I expect will sell out! Oh, and BIG NEWS - on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 12-1pm PST (block it in your calendar right now!) we're going to have a Zoom presentation by Professor Abdi Aidid on AI and Legal Research. He is the co-author of *The Legal Singularity: How Artificial Intelligence Can Make Law Radically Better*.

A big thank you to last year's Executive and in particular Past President Alexandria Everitt, who set a great example for me to follow. And thank you to this year's VALL Executive volunteers, who will be working with me to ensure that VALL remains the first organization someone is told to join when they are hired into a law library in BC!

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## From the Editors

Beth Galbraith | Clark Wilson LLP  
Katherine Gieni | Guild Yule LLP

As we begin a new year of the VALL Review, it's been a time to reflect on what we have been doing that is working well and what are some new ideas we can consider. Katherine joins as a new VALL Review editor this year, bringing along fresh ideas and perspectives. The recent Programming Survey included some questions about the VALL Review (check out the full report on page 15!), and it was very encouraging to see the responses that the Review is being read and is considered a valuable resource for VALL Members. It is good to know that this newsletter continues to be a place where members can connect and learn together, in addition to our educational and social programming, the Lawbster Forum, and informal networking.

With that in mind, we are trying out some new features! The "Unique Items" section was launched in a previous issue, as a way to show off special items found in our members' libraries. The last issue featured two items from Clark Wilson: the Owls of Law and a bookmark holder that used to be the card sign-out box. In this issue we are highlighting some items from Faskens: two beautiful stained-glass pieces and a law reporter from the 1700's. If you have some unique items in your library you would like to share in an upcoming issue, please let the editors know!

We are also expanding the "Members News" section. This is where new member bios are featured, and we would like to begin including other types of news or announcements from the membership there as well. This will be a great way to share and celebrate the achievements of our members, so if you have a new job, upcoming retirement, an article being published, or are speaking at an event, let us know so we can celebrate you!

We hope you enjoy this issue, which includes reports from two Peter Bark Bursary recipients and updates from our members. If you have an idea for a feature article, please let us know. Stay cozy!

# VALL Review

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## Feature articles: Peter Bark Bursary Reports

### **CALL Conference 2023: AI, Law Libraries and the Pace of Change**

by Julie Wettstein, Farris LLP (Peter Bark Bursary Recipient, 2020)

It was an immense pleasure to return to an in-person CALL Conference this past summer 2023 and join my esteemed colleagues in a riveting weekend in Hamilton, Ontario. Before the CALL conference began in earnest, I attended the Speed Networking event put on by the New Professionals SIG as a mentor and was enthusiastic to meet and re-meet everyone. Unsurprisingly, we were all reporting our careers were in some level of flux, some closing in on retirement, others engaging with a new elevated position in the profession, and even some joining the profession from a different discipline! As always, I'm incredibly inspired by those who have remained and gained momentum through these isolating COVID years.

The matters of AI and its technological wonders and woes were the common theme throughout the weekend. The opening plenary with Dr. Teresa Scassa was informative and substantial. Discussion of the current and, in Dr. Scassa's opinion, wholly unrefined Bill C-27 for regulating AI in Canada was heavily evaluated. After pouring over the many pro's and con's attributed to the bill and comparisons to international legislation like it, Dr. Scassa's closing observations were that the current tabled legislation is so profoundly deficient in its lack of outside input (along with many any other deficiencies) that it is not enough and we as Canadians are owed better by our legislators. An empowering yet harrowing view to kick off the similarly themed sessions.

The open discussion/roundtable format regarding ChatGPT's applications in legal was incredibly insightful and foundational to my interpretation of these recent events. The members of the roundtable who provided excellent commentary were Colin Lachance of Jurisage AI, Mark Doble CEO of Alexi, as well as legal reference librarians Brenda Lauritzen and Shaunna Mireau. Their opening remarks really distilled the concept: open AI models are not truth machines; they are wholly language and available data context dependent. The discussion focused on what the summarization and data compression of legal contexts could look like, such as pairing AI with a legal textbook to narrow down to and summarize legal concepts. Discussion surrounding how AI can become a way to connect research and knowledge curation was fascinating. "Surely as the rains will come" they chimed, AI is happening, and the regulators (though ill equipped it would seem at this time) are coming to lessen the strength of the blows. This technological shift reminded me of the early 2000's with the rise of Wikipedia and my high school teachers were forced to acknowledge its existence but emphasized that we students were not to rely on it as it was open sourced and of unconfirmed authority. The comparisons to current events are surely not lost on those of us who remember, but for those who may not know I highly recommend checking out the "Reliability of Wikipedia" entry in Wikipedia.

Overall, the 2023 CALL conference was inspiring, invigorating, and empowering. More stories and knowledge than could fill this page remain, but that's what association socials are for! At this moment I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the VALL Executive who awarded me the

Peter Bark Bursary back in 2020 and who graciously held the bursary in Trust as the COVID lockdown measures put in-person conference attending dreams on hold. Until the next event!

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## **Project Management Basics and the Applications to the Library Field**

by Brenda Alm, CanLII (Peter Bark Bursary Recipient, 2020)

It is with great pleasure that I write this article for the Vancouver Law Library Association Review. This piece has been a long time coming, and I am thrilled to share it with you finally. As the recipient of the 2020 Peter Bark Bursary, I am grateful for the opportunity to put the bursary towards an area I am excited to develop further. I still remember the day I received word of the award, and I remain as grateful now as I was then.

Shortly after the bursary award, everything shut down, and I wasn't sure when I'd be able to put the award to good use. The silver lining was I had some time to think and pivot to a course that reflected my new direction with work.

I registered for "Project Management Basics," the official PMI online course, to build project management skills and prepare for the updated Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) certification exam. The course is developed, created by PMI, and validated by CAPM and Project Management Professional (PMP) certification holders.

Project management skills and strategies are useful in all kinds of situations, not just formal projects! Anyone who helps develop and implement programs will benefit from learning how to create and follow through with project scope and sequence.

The Project Management Basics course is a great resource for law librarians who want to understand project management and discover how it can intersect with librarianship. As well as learn how to create and follow realistic work plans, manage personnel and team dynamics within projects, conduct risk assessments, track budgets and deliverables, and more.

VALL established the Peter Bark Professional Development Bursary to commemorate Peter Bark and his contribution to VALL and law librarianship. It is a testament to how Peter Bark's legacy helps to ensure that the profession continues to grow and thrive. You can check the VALL website's Peter Bark page for more information on how to apply in the future.

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### **The Peter Bark Bursary**

Alex Everitt, Harris & Company LLP

*(this article was previously published in the Spring 2022 issue of the VALL Review. It has been edited for length and clarity.)*

VALL is currently accepting and reviewing Peter Bark Bursary Applications on a rolling basis. The aim of the Bursary is to support the professional development of VALL members. Members of at least a year's standing, including those who have received the bursary previously, are eligible to apply. Please consider applying for the Peter Bark Bursary if you are interested in attending a professional development conference, a continuing education program, or other related course, and you need financial assistance. For further information, please see the Peter Bark Bursary page under *Join Us* on the VALL website.

Adapted from the Nos Disparus section of the Advocate, below is a short acknowledgment of Peter's life and his accomplishments as a law librarian. After a lengthy illness, Peter died November 17, 1990. He was 35 years old. Since becoming a law librarian myself, and being involved with VALL I always knew who Peter Bark was but I never realized how young he was when he passed away and quite the contributions and lasting impressions he left on so many in the legal community. He sounds like an outstanding person and the VALL community is grateful for his legacy.



Peter Bark

Peter Bark was a legal research librarian; his career spanned 10 years, the last 5 of those years working for the firm Lang Michener Lawrence & Shaw in Vancouver. He received his B.A. and L.L.B from Queen's University and after articling in Ontario he realized he much preferred researching the law than practicing it. Peter went on to obtain his MLIS at the University of British Columbia in 1982. After graduation Peter began his career at the Courthouse Library and went on to work at several Vancouver law firms before settling in at Lang Michener Lawrence & Shaw.

To this date, Peter is still described as a leader in the field of law librarianship. He was active in several professional organizations, including sitting on the executive of the BC Library Association and chairing several committees for the Canadian Association of Law Libraries. Peter was also instrumental in the establishment of the Vancouver Association of Law Libraries in 1988 and was program coordinator that first year.

As acknowledged in the Advocate obituary, Peter's commitment to excellence in the performance of his professional duties became well known among his colleagues who frequently turned to Peter for professional advice or for advice regarding career decisions. His greatest quality was described as his ability to make others feel good about themselves. He always said the right thing, and like magic, he could turn tears into laughter. In my opinion one of the undervalued skills of a law librarian working in high pressure situations.

We are honoured to be able to celebrate Peter every year in recognition of this bursary. Please consider applying.

To read the full article in the Advocate, please see [here](#).

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## From the Web Editor's Screen

Jen Brubacher | DLA Piper

Hello from the Web Editor's new desk! I'm very pleased to be back with the VALL Exec (I was previously involved as co-editor of the Review). With this new role, I'm looking at first contact with new members, and making sure existing members have the information they need.

Today I'd like to highlight the Peter Bark Bursary information available on our website. [Here you can find out about this memorial bursary](#), intended to assist VALL members attending workshops, conferences, or other professional development opportunities. [You can also find out about Peter Bark himself](#), who contributed greatly to VALL and law librarianship generally. This bursary hasn't been awarded lately, and we'd love to see it go to something really useful.

I'm also issuing a challenge to all our members: If you find any broken links [on our website](#), please let me know. Every useful correction I'm sent before the end of the year will earn you a point, and the person with the most points wins.\*

Happy hunting!

\*My respect and admiration.

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## Member Announcements

VALL is pleased to welcome the following new members:

### **Layla Andros – Courthouse Libraries**

I joined the team at Courthouse Libraries BC as the full-time librarian in the Nanaimo branch in March 2023. Originally from southeastern Louisiana, I moved to Vancouver in 2011 and completed a Master of Library and Information Science at UBC in 2013. Since then, I've worked in libraries of various scope and size in North Vancouver, the United States (Austin, Texas), and Germany (Berlin) before returning to BC. While the majority of my experience is in public libraries, I'm excited to dig into law here at CLBC. In my free time, I love trail running, reading (currently *Death Valley* by Melissa Broder), and "walking" our two sweet kitties, Biff and Sister Bliss.

### **Angeline Han - LexisNexis**

Angeline is the Product Adoption and Learning Consultant for BC. She loves legal research and is excited to be on the cutting edge of it and legal technology at LexisNexis Canada. She believes legal research is a fantastic skill to have. Angeline brings her background in law and experience in teaching legal research at a university into this role. She is well-versed with the Canadian rules of

legal citations and various legal research tools. She looks forward to meeting customers first hand and supporting them with their legal research needs in the field. She is happy to customize sessions for users of all levels and welcomes all questions.

### **Alise Nelson – Courthouse Libraries**

Alise started out her library career in Youth Services at the Prince George Public Library where she headed collection development for kid's books, and wrote a column about pre-teen programming for YAACING, a BCLA Newsletter for children's librarians. Alise finished her MLIS through U of A in 2019 and began her career with Courthouse Libraries in April of 2020, which was an absolutely wild time to start a brand-new job! She manages the Prince George branch of Courthouse Libraries. Outside of work you can find her splitting her time between being active, and making things out of yarn.

### **Heather Reid – Courthouse Libraries**

I have had a wide range of work experiences, from onboard biologist on whale watching boats, to working as a reporter at a small-town newspaper. When I started at Courthouse Libraries in Victoria, I knew it was going to be a good fit. I was fortunate to do my practicum with CLBC and then transition to a full-time library technician after I graduated from Langara's Library Technician program in the spring of 2022. CLBC is a place where the learning never seems to end, and I like that. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time quietly in nature. I started swimming in the ocean during the pandemic, and that continues to liven me up when my energy sags. In winter I do jigsaw puzzles, read thrillers and cook pots of soup -- when I'm not binge watching the latest series that has hooked me.

### **Sam Snodgrass – Lawson Lundell**

Hi! I'm Sam Snodgrass (she/her). I'm in the final term of my MLIS at UBC. I'm currently doing a Professional Experience course at Lawson Lundell and working as a Student Librarian at UBC's Woodward Library. Before my MLIS, I did board governance work at the nonprofit Facing History and Ourselves. My undergraduate degree was in gender studies at Mount Holyoke College. During that degree, I worked in the college archives. In my free time, I like to take dance classes, go to farmer's markets, and take walks around the city looking for cool old houses! I look forward to getting to know you all.

### **Bri Turner – Borden Ladner Gervais**

Bri Turner (she/her) is delighted to have joined the library team at Borden Ladner Gervais this past July. Bri is a 2012 graduate of SAIT's Library Information Technology diploma, and she has nearly 15 years of experience in a variety of library environments throughout western Canada and Ireland including school, academic, and public. She is thrilled to dive into the world of law libraries and plans to pursue an MLIS within the next few years. Bri's favourite pastimes include reading, yoga, and having too many ongoing hobbies and passions to ever really get good at any of them.



## More Member Announcements

Congratulations to Clare Asquith Finegan, Beth Galbraith, Natalie Rocheleau, and Sarah Sutherland who were speakers at the CLEBC course, Legal Research 2023, at the Coast Coast Harbour Hotel on October 17, 2023. The event was hybrid with both in-person and virtual attendees, and featured a variety of speakers on the topic of legal research and AI. Congrats again to our VALL members!

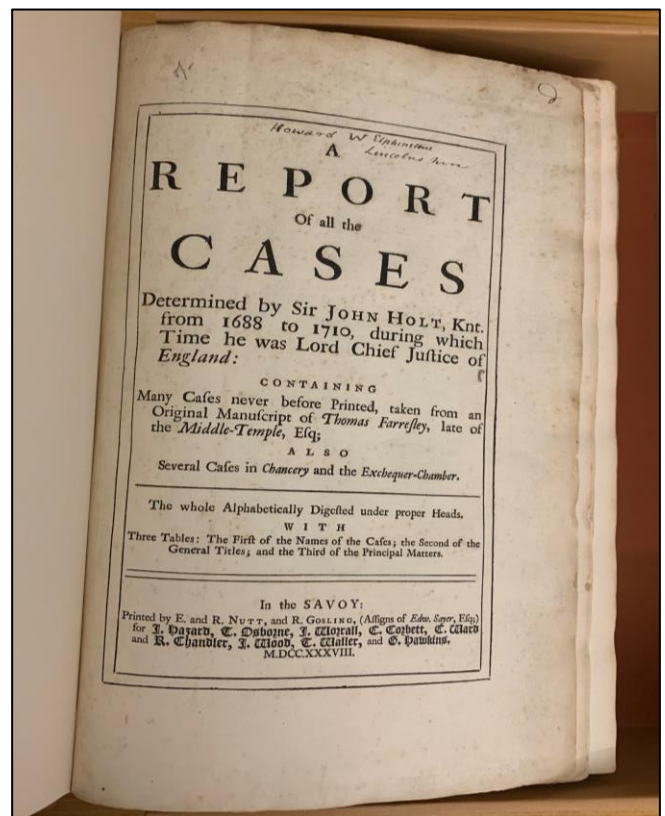
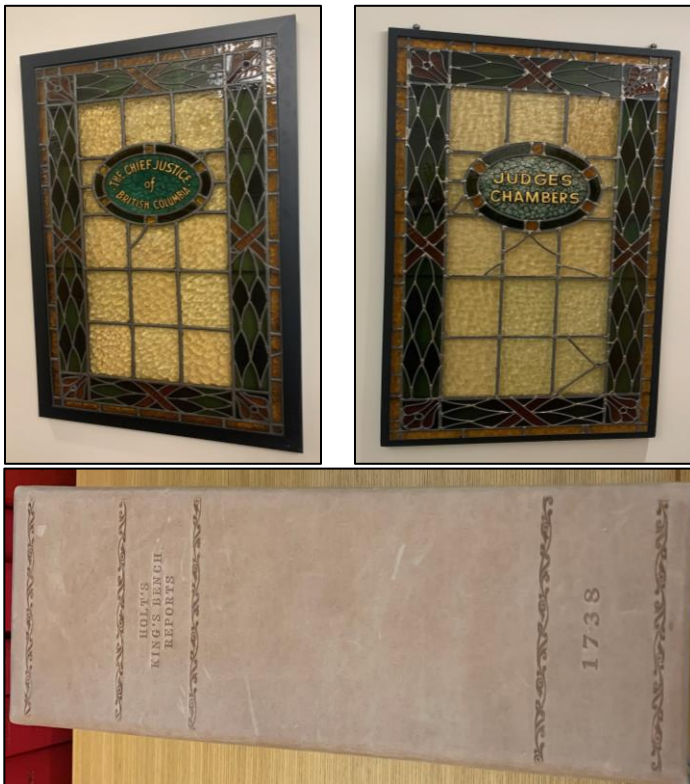
If you have an announcement you would like to see featured in the VALL Review, please contact our editors. Announcements can include new VALL members, retirements, new jobs, published articles or speaker credits, or personal milestones like weddings or births. Anything you would like to share with the VALL community – please consider submitting it to us!

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## Unique Items in My Library

Most of us love a touch of personalization, whether it's in the form of knick-knacks, visual aids, or other fun items. These things make our libraries unique and make us smile. Please enjoy these fun elements of our members' libraries, and if you have a unique item that you would like featured in the VALL Review, contact our editors with your pictures!

This month we are highlighting some items from the library at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin LLP. Thanks to Marnie Bailey for providing the photos!



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## News from CLEBC

Adam Simpkins, Marketing Manager | CLEBC

### Updates to Three CLEBC Deskbooks

CLEBC is proud to announce updates to three of its popular deskbooks:

- *Family Law Deskbook*  
Essential for both new and seasoned family law practitioners, the *Family Law Deskbook* offers insights into firm organization, document preparation, and client communication. Equipped with over 100 family law precedents, checklists, and concise legal explanations, this tool ensures efficient file management and training of new staff.
- *Conveyancing Deskbook*  
The intricacies of land transfer in BC are simplified with the *Conveyancing Deskbook*. Providing a methodical guide for all transfer tasks, it includes checklists, over 70 forms and precedents, and a glossary. Navigate the conveyancing process confidently, ensuring no step is overlooked.
- *Due Diligence Deskbook*  
For lawyers managing business acquisitions, the *Due Diligence Deskbook* is invaluable. Centered on BC practices, it details every search required, along with the why and how. It boasts over 45 search request templates and a comprehensive directory of contact information. Streamline your due diligence review and stay systematic with this deskbook.

### Coming Soon

- *Financial Issues in Family Law* (Winter 2023)
- *Estate Disputes in British Columbia—2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Spring 2023)

For more details, visit: [www.cle.bc.ca/publications](http://www.cle.bc.ca/publications)

### CLEBC to Retire CDs From Print Manuals

No more obsolete CDs! Starting September 2023, the Forms and Precedents included in manuals will be easily downloadable in Microsoft Word format via your CLEBC Store account. For more details, visit: [www.cle.bc.ca/cds](http://www.cle.bc.ca/cds)

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## News from Courthouse Libraries BC

Tracy McLean, Manager, Information Services | Courthouse Libraries BC

### Better Together – Legal Training Partnerships

CLBC is a regular provider of free training and professional development opportunities for lawyers. We have wonderful partners who help us to share knowledge and build stronger connections in the legal community. Some of our partners include RISE Women's Legal Centre, the Criminal Defence Advocacy Society and the Indigenous Legal Community Clinic. In September we presented "Trauma-Informed Lawyer" with author Helgi Maki. This free webinar interviewed Helgi Maki about her book, *Trauma-Informed Law: A Primer for Lawyer Resilience and Healing* and offered trauma-informed tools to help lawyers in their practice.

### **Staff Professional Development—Also Better Together!**

In October, CLBC hosted our first in-person, staff professional development days in 4 years since the pandemic shifted us online. Some of our focuses were safety and de-escalation skills building, outreach and collection development. Our "Learning Days" are hosted by our Vancouver branch with staff from locations around the province in attendance.

### **Law Matters**

LawMatters is continuing to offer training to public libraries around BC, with the goal of increasing legal reference skills and local access to legal information. This spring we delivered training to Northern BC libraries at the Beyond Hope conference in Prince George, and are planning training for Lower Mainland libraries & Vancouver Island Regional Library.

### **Look Ma, No Fees!**

As of June 2023, CLBC moved to a no-fee model for services. As part of our commitment to reducing barriers to legal information for everyone in BC, most of our services including our document delivery service are free. We do charge small fees for photocopying, printing (\$.25/page) & scanning (\$1/page) in our larger branches and clients who are able to do so are invited to make a tax-deductible donation.

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## **News from LexisNexis**

Felix Evans, Senior Relationship Manager, Large Law | LexisNexis

### **CaseMap**

CaseMap Cloud is a case analysis and strategy tool for Litigators, and winner of the 2023 SIIA CODiE Award for Best Business Intelligence Solution.

CaseMap Cloud helps organize all of the files and data associated with a case into 1 central location. Litigation teams can review the evidence and make connections to people and legal issues they are proving, disproving or arguing. Connecting legal research is a very important piece of the case and CMC can help you organize this as well. Easily see the strengths and weaknesses of your case and extract reports with the key evidence that support your winning strategies. Don't settle for Office or G-suite products that aren't designed for litigators, check out Case Map Cloud today.

### **Recent and Notable Updates (in order of recently released)**

- **Media Element:** Allows users to upload audio, video and pictures to explain the story of those items and link them to the important facts in the case. Users can create clips, take screenshots of the video and eventually note up the pictures that supports their case.
- **Custom Reporting:** Enhanced to allow users to create reports based on selected data and files the user wishes to extract. Embed the documents into the report so that the output file contains all of the documentary evidence you've selected to include. Select what data and in which order you wish to extract it.
- **Importing Data:** Import from an excel file or a spreadsheet of information that has been exported from an e-Discovery system, Document Management system or a file you've compile with random information. Maybe you have a list of parties, or a grouping of legal issues, compiled research or document records; all can be easily imported into the system to avoid duplication of effort.
- **Customizations and Templating:** Create custom fields in your case to enter data that doesn't fit in standard fields. Create up to 20 fields for each of the 6 elements (120 fields total) giving you a customizable experience. Furthermore, create case templates for matters that you specialize in or deal with frequently, thus saving you time on intake of similar cases. Pick and choose what data you wish to keep or add to your case template.

### **VALL Review Newsletter Article Content Submission Guidelines**

Please take a look at the guidelines below and contact the *VALL Review* Editors if you have any further questions. You do not have to be a VALL member to write for us. Anyone is welcome to contribute to the *VALL Review* as long as you meet the guidelines below. Thanks for your support and interest!

#### **Purpose of VALL Review**

- To provide short news and articles on library information and knowledge management developments of interest to VALL members with a priority focus on legal information and related issues concerning the legal sector.
- To highlight resources of interest to VALL which would be useful to the legal community and for professional library staff development.

**Authors** are advised to submit their draft articles that meet the minimal criteria:

- 1) In Microsoft Word, plain text or RTF.
- 2) Maximum of up to 800 words for full articles.
- 3) Single spaced with paragraphs.
- 4) Functional URLs and corresponding footnote bibliographic information for further reading.
- 5) Identification of author, their official position title and parent organization.

**Publishers and vendors** should only highlight for submission any new product developments that the vendor has not yet publicly released or that the vendor would like feedback from its customers. (Note: If a vendor has already released public marketing information to all customers on its corporate web site, *VALL Review* editors will exercise rights to determine if there is sufficient space to include the submitted information, in light of other VALL content publishing priorities.)

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## Programming Review

Stephanie Karnosh | Cassels Brock  
Kathy Barry | Boughton  
Nancy Li | Blakes

VALL programs have been very well-attended in the past six months since the last VALL review! A big thank-you to everyone who has spoken at, hosted, or enjoyed our offerings.

In June 2023, we ushered in summer with our annual after-work event at the Vancouver Art Gallery Bistro, where everyone had a marvelous time enjoying the view, imbibing wine, and generally catching up with their colleagues.

After a short break, we inaugurated the 2023-24 season in October with a Zoom talk entitled “Generative AI and the Law Librarian: A Discussion with Sarah Sutherland.” Sarah’s engaging presentation blew our registration numbers out of the water, and gave us all a lot to talk and think about regarding the future of AI in our profession.

Later in the month, BC Courthouse Libraries sponsored a lunch at their Vancouver location, where participants learned more about programs and services the Courthouse Libraries offer. In addition, members were asked to volunteer their suggestions for ways in which the Courthouse Libraries can support private law firms.

The VALL Programs Co-Chairs have had a lot of great feedback from our members, so please continue to provide us with ideas for programs and events you would like to see VALL offer going forward!



VALL members attend a lunch social hosted by Courthouse Libraries, October 24, 2023

## VALL Statement of Income and Expenses

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

<b>Operating Account</b>				
<b>Operating Account Balance as of July 1, 2022</b>				<b>\$10,623.97</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		<b>Estimated*</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	Membership fees 2022/2023	\$1,800	\$3,120	\$1,320
	Bank interest & dividends	\$366.90**	\$7.48	\$359.42
	Sponsorship	\$1,000	\$2,096.15	\$1,096.15
	Event registrations	\$1,000	\$2,605	\$1,605
<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Estimated*</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Difference</b>
	Zoom Account	\$225	\$224	\$1
	Steve Matthews Gift	\$50	\$50	--
	Honoured Member Attendance	\$250	\$50	\$200
	PBMF Bursary 2022/2023	\$1000	\$1125	\$125
	Executive expenses (e.g. thank you cards, stamps, etc.)	\$100	\$55.25	\$44.75
	Programs expenses (speakers, venues, prizes, etc.)	\$6,000	\$6802.34	\$802.34
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>\$4,166.90</b>	<b>\$7,828.63</b>	<b>\$3,661.73</b>
<b>NET EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$7,625</b>	<b>\$8,306.59</b>	<b>\$681.59</b>
Member shares		\$151.30	\$158.78	\$7.48
<b>Operating total including member shares as of June 30, 2023</b>				<b>\$10,071.08</b>

\*Based on the previous year's amounts.

\*\*Redeemed non-redeemable annual term amount in September 2021, which is why the dividends were higher in the previous year.

<b>Peter Bark Memorial Fund Account</b>		
	<b>As of June 24, 2022</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2023</b>
Escalating Term Deposit 3Y <i>Matures: September 9, 2025</i>	\$1,000	\$1,000
Escalating Term Deposit 3Y <i>Matures: September 4, 2024</i>	\$8,500	\$8,580.75
Non-Redeemable Annual Term Deposit <i>Matures: September 7, 2023</i>	\$3,000	\$3,000
T-Bill Savings Account	\$1,701.08	\$1,756.08
NET	\$14,201.08	\$14,336.83
Member shares	\$188.34	\$197.65
<b>PBMF Total including member shares</b>	<b>\$14,389.42</b>	<b>\$14,534.48</b>

## VALL 2022-23 Programming Feedback & Suggestions Survey Report

### Introduction

The Vancouver Association of Law Libraries Executive is pleased to present the annual results for the Programming Feedback & Suggestions survey for the season 2022 - 2023. This survey captured event attendance by the VALL membership, and collected data for upcoming 2023 - 2024 events. Respondents returned the survey between June 19 and July 9, 2023 using Google Forms.

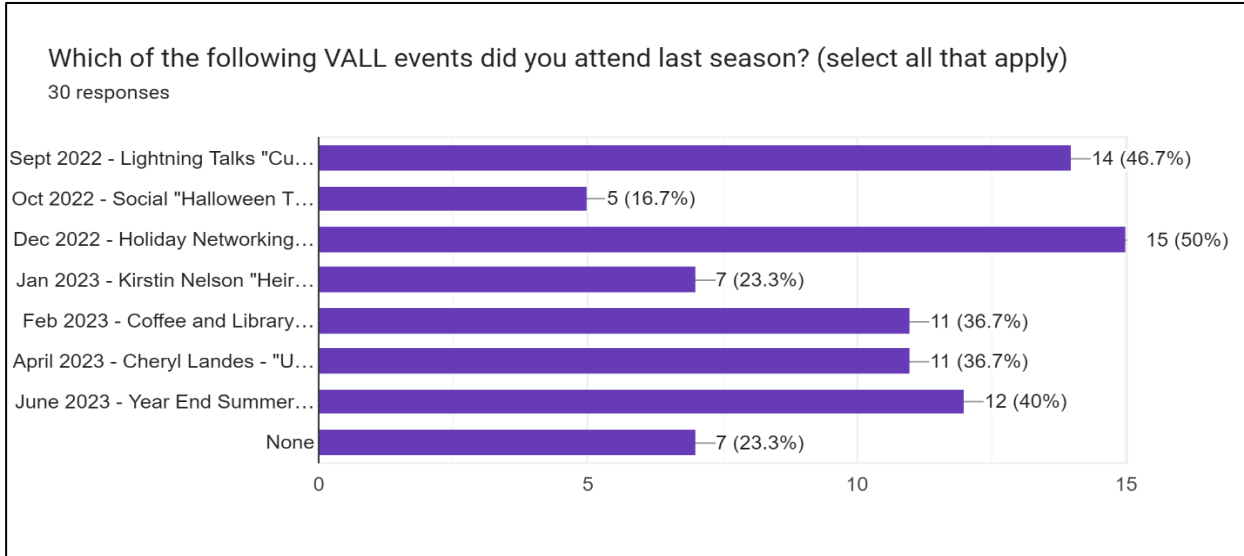
We received 30 responses from members, who answered 15 questions regarding VALL programming and the VALL review in the 2022-23 season.

### Summary of Findings

- 30 respondents, down from 32 in the 2021-22 season
- Highest attended events were the Lightning Talks and the Holiday Social
- Respondents were almost as equally likely to attend in-person events as virtual events, similar to last year
- Members indicated AI/ChatGPT as a topic of high interest
- Respondents were equally interested in substantive legal topics and library-related topics
- Respondents found the VALL Review to be of relatively high professional value, and most did not find the website login requirement to be onerous in accessing the issues.

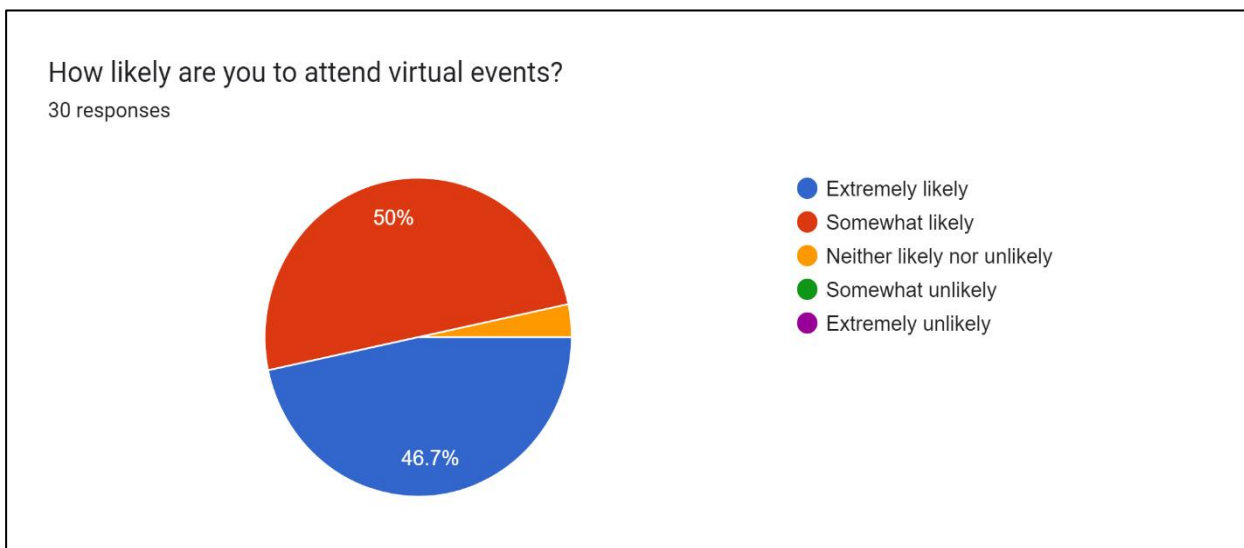
Overall, most members seemed happy with the variety of programs offered this season, and felt that both the social and educational programs, as well as the content of the VALL review, offered satisfactory networking, educational, and professional enhancement opportunities.

**Results Breakdown by Question**

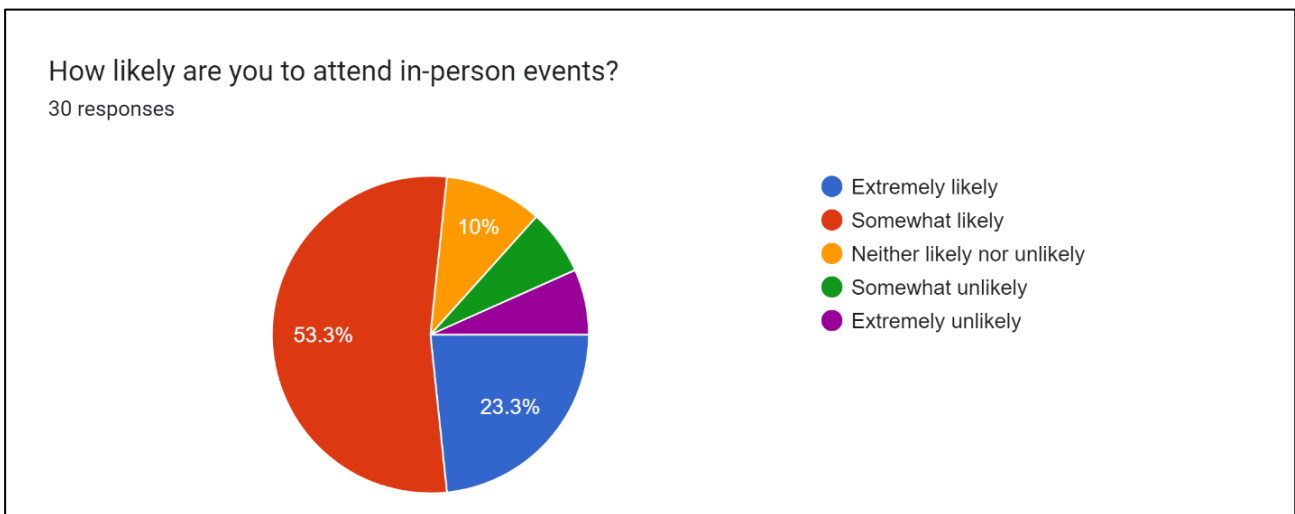
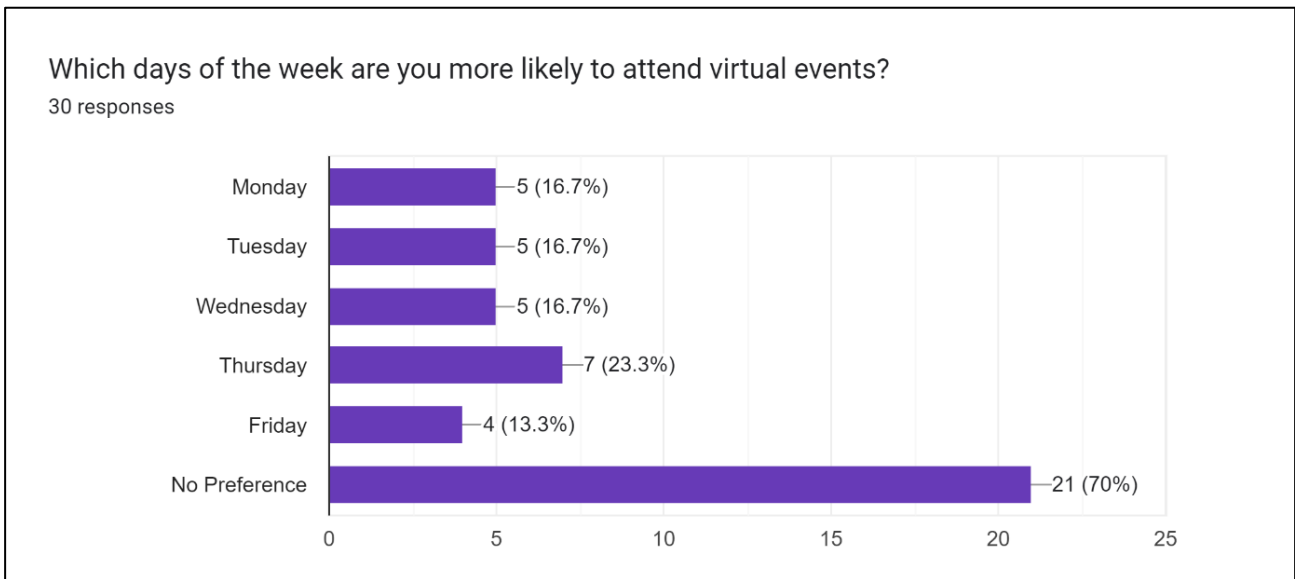
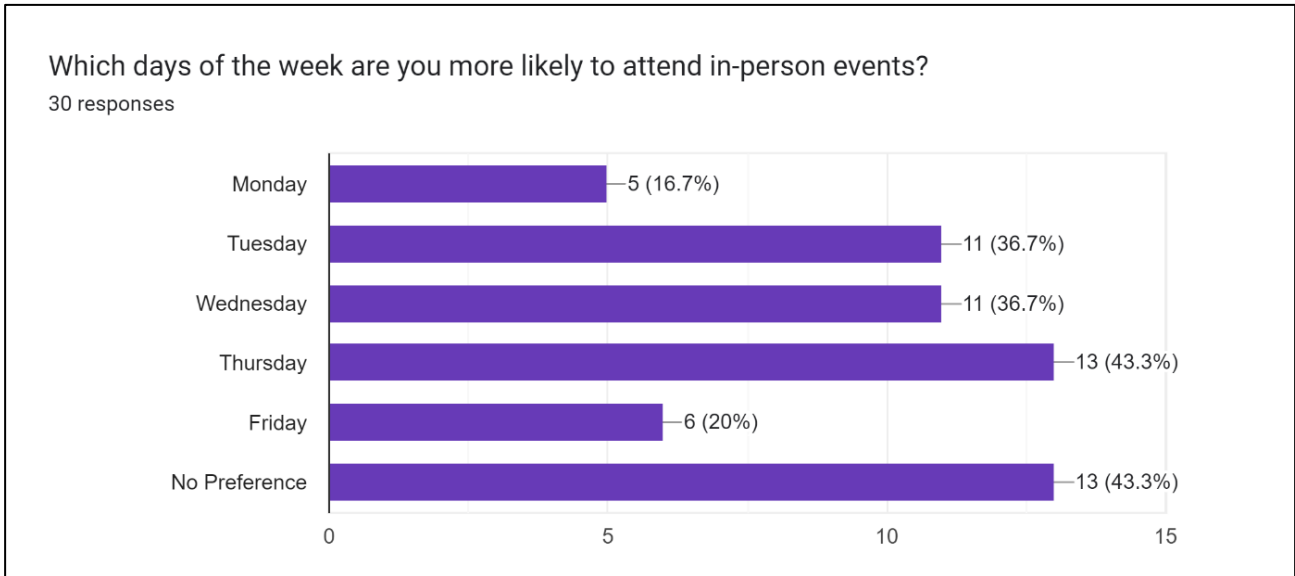


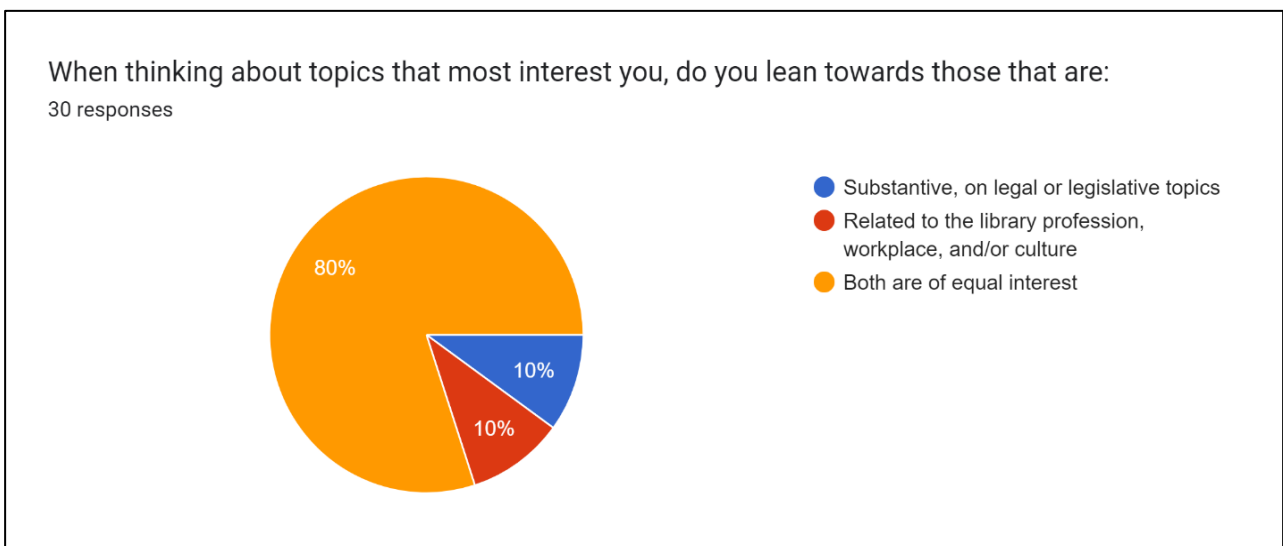
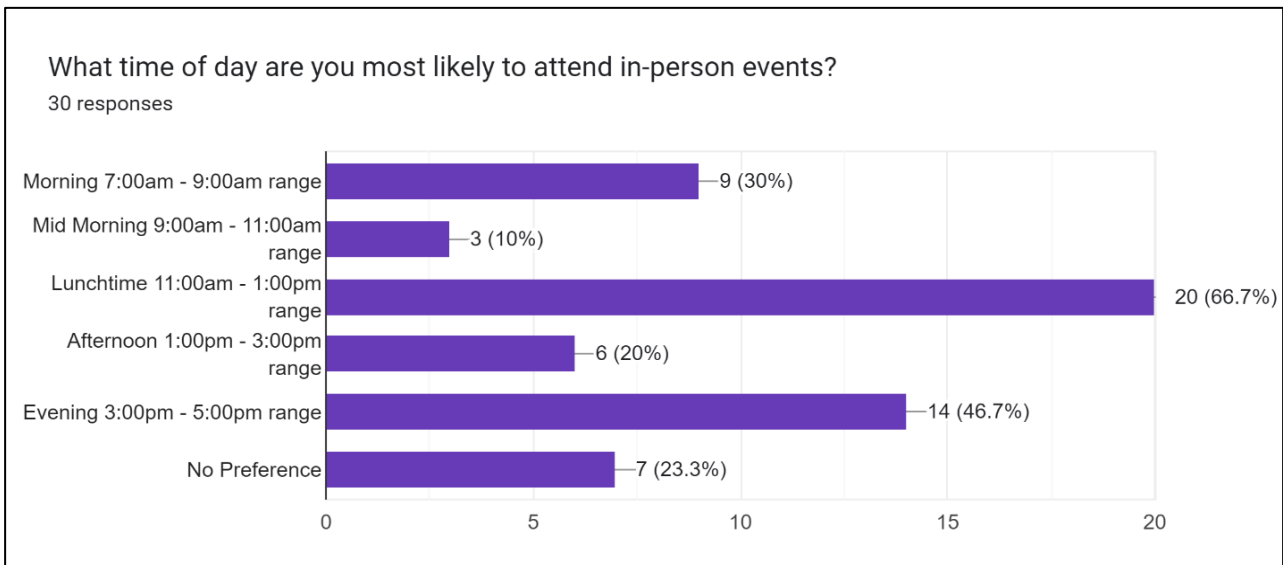
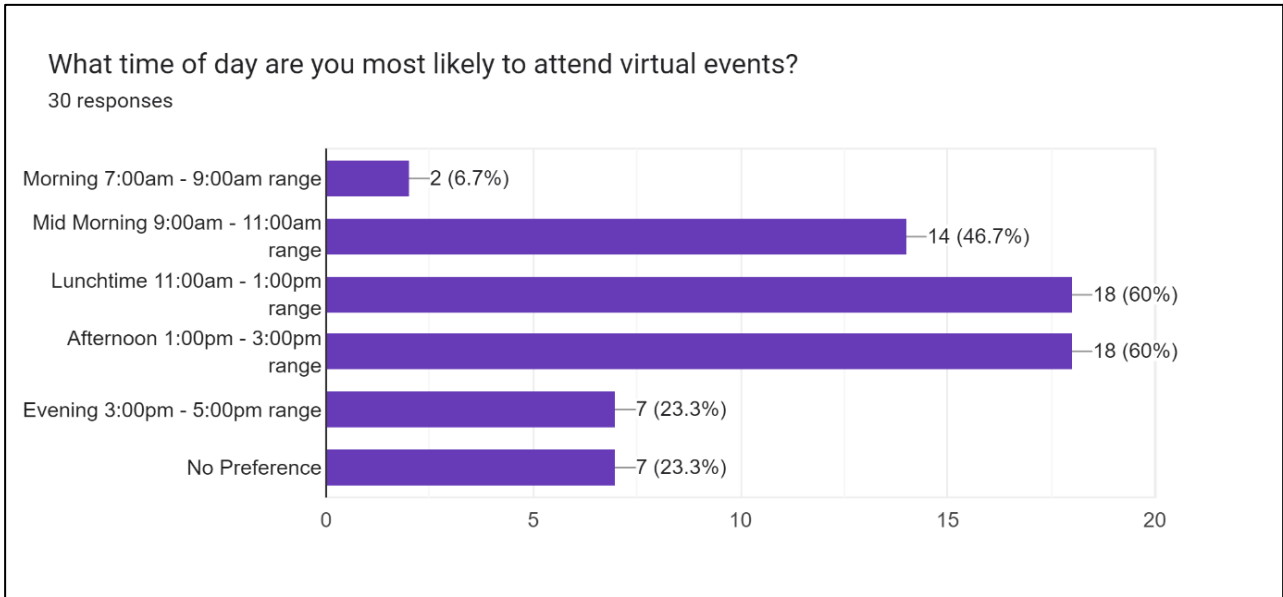
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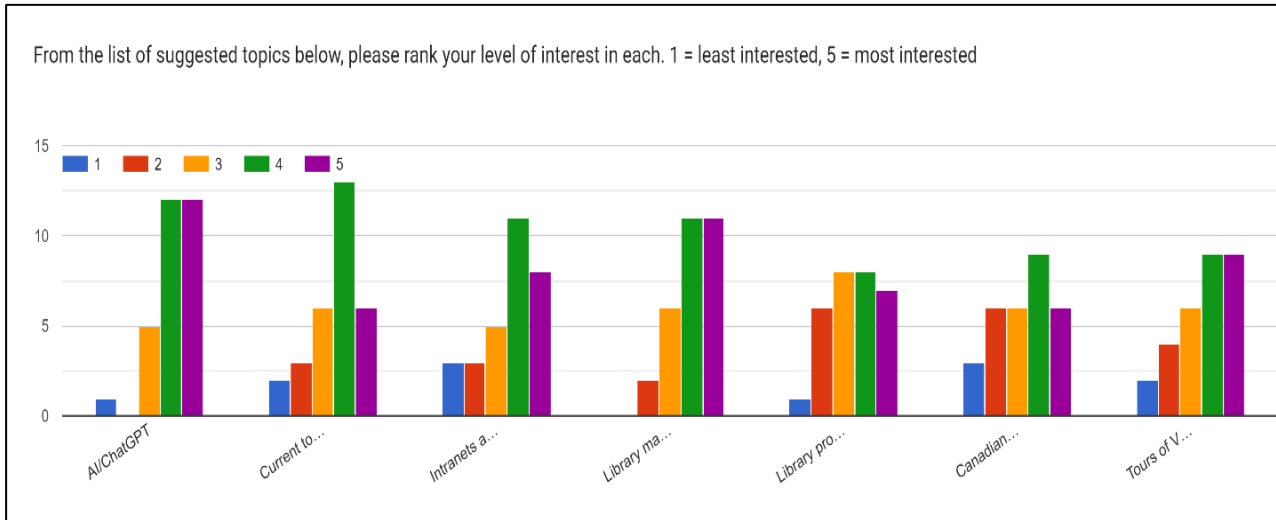
- Sep 2022 – Lightning Talks “Current Library Projects”
- Oct 2022 – Social “Halloween Trivia”
- Dec 2022 – Holiday Networking Lunch at the Sutton Hotel
- Jan 2023 – Kirstin Nelson “Heirs Property”
- Feb 2023 – Coffee and Library Tour at Harris & Co
- Apr 2023 – Cheryl Landers “Usability in Indexing”
- Jun 2023 – Year End Summer Social at Bistro 1931











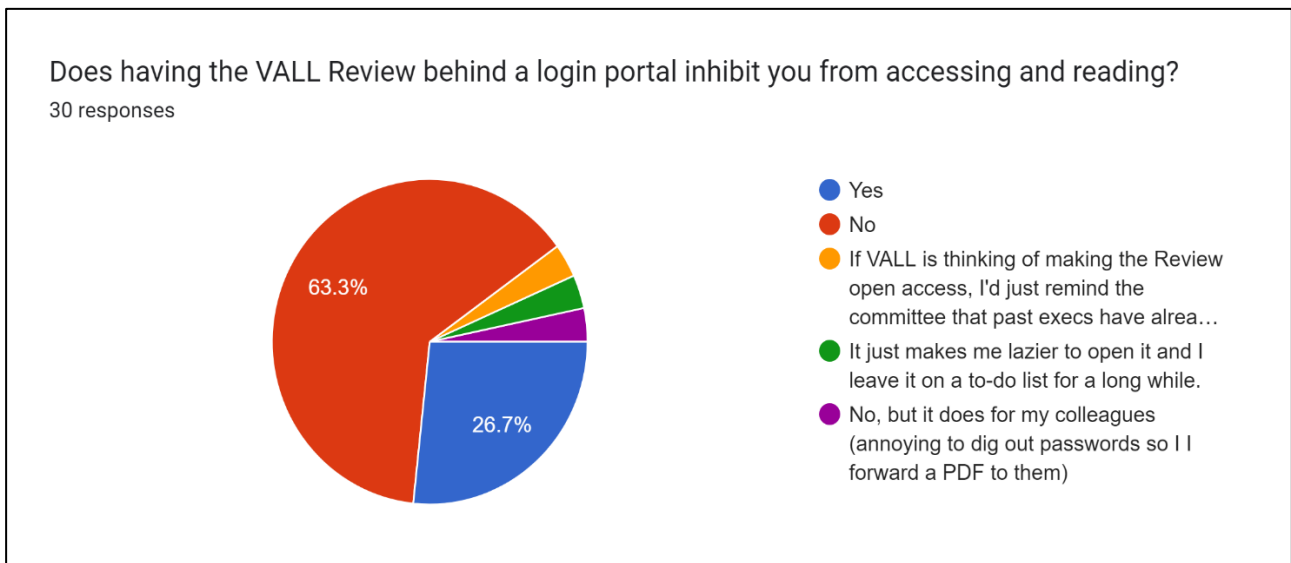
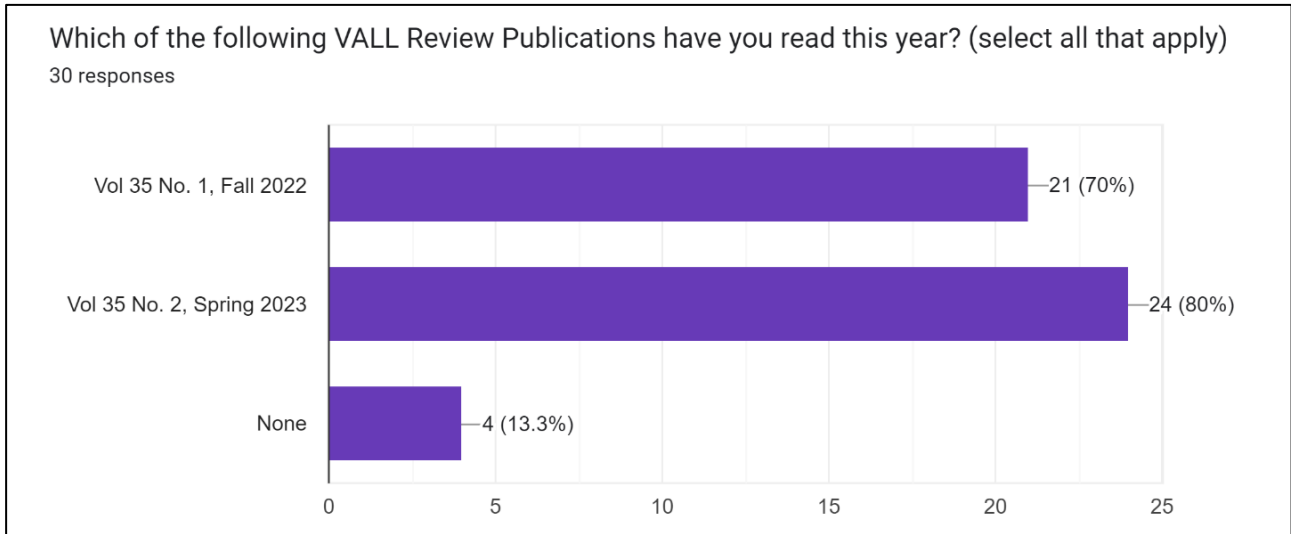
Suggested topics (in order from left to right):

- AI / ChatGPT
- Current topics in specialized areas of law
- Intranets and managing digital projects
- Library management tools – budgeting, collection management, conducting legal research
- Library professionals as educators
- Canadian archives – how to find information effectively
- Tours of Vancouver law libraries

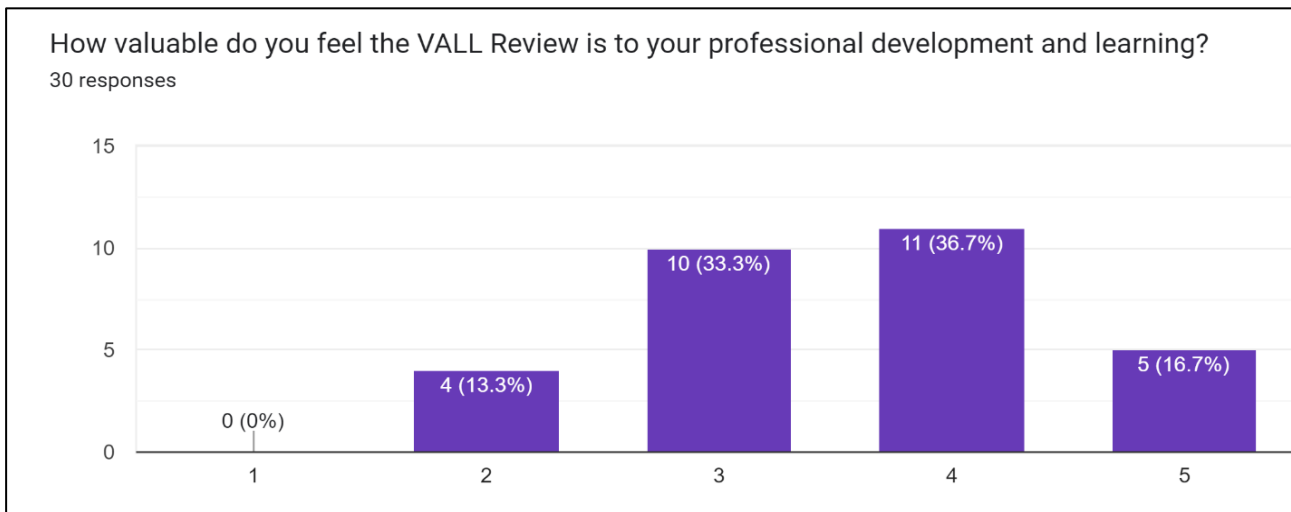
Is there an event topic you'd like to suggest for the next programs year?

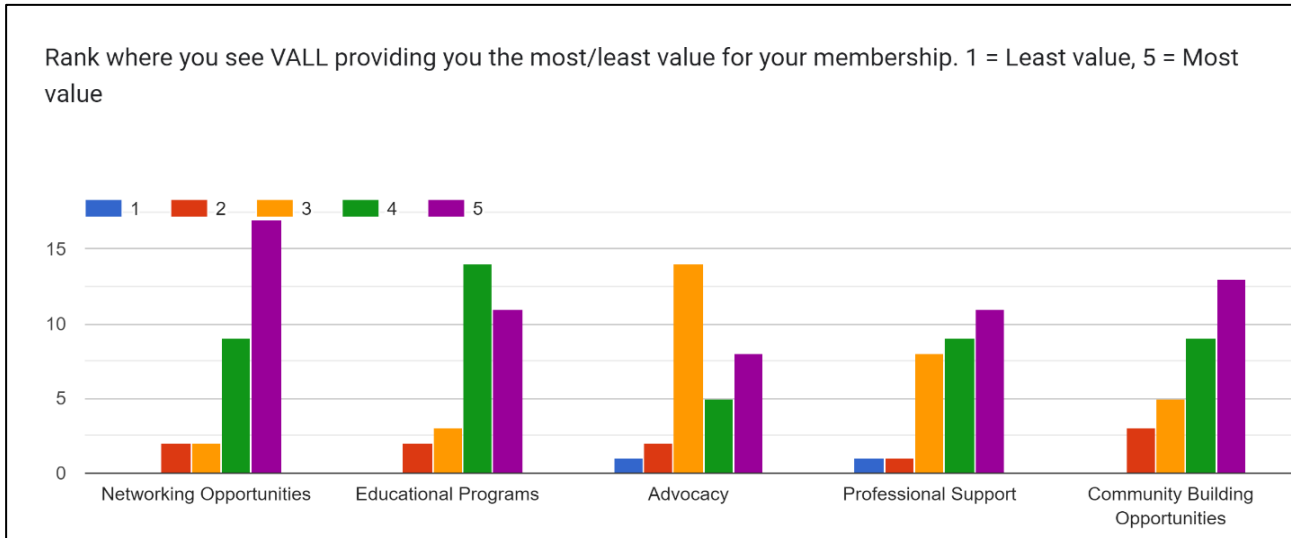
10 responses

- n/a
- Really liked the Lightning Talks. AI and ChatGPT use by librarians/research.
- Intranet design; foreign legal research
- Something to drive new membership - maybe a co-hosted social night with SLA, Langara, and SLAIS?
- How to use DataBC
- library advocacy, tips for increasing visibility of our contributions to the firm/organization
- Management strategies for new library directors and vendor negotiation tactics
- Data/data governance; competitive intelligence; content aggregation—all would be of big interest.
- Expanding competitive intelligence services in law libraries.



\*If VALL is thinking of making the Review open access, I'd just remind the committee that past execs have already decided against for past/archived issues. There is no caveat for future issues though!





**Is there any other feedback you would like to provide for the next programs year?**

7 responses

Thanks for keeping things virtual OR in-person and not doing hybrid!

As always, programming does an excellent job - it's a position that requires so much behind the scenes work that is often invisible to attendees. I appreciate the efforts!

I always appreciate the effort that I know goes into every program provided for our members! Thank you for your work on these events.

n/a

The events (both in person and online) are well organized and informative. I enjoy reading the VALL Review but it doesn't necessarily lend to "professional development and learning" but it depends on the issue (I like it for the updates so maybe having more updates from members can be fun but I know it's hard to get participation).

Hope you will repeat the lightning talks session.

I couldn't choose an option that reflects my availability for in person events: after 5:00 PM. I love evening events.

Thank you to all who completed the survey! Your responses will help us plan rewarding and relevant events for the upcoming year!