

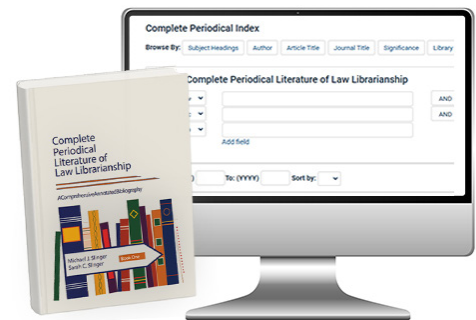
# Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship

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The *Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship* is a groundbreaking resource, **three decades in the making**, that bridges the historical depth and contemporary challenges of the profession. Curated by a father-daughter editorial team with unparalleled expertise, this searchable HeinOnline database **features over 5,000 meticulously annotated articles**, empowering researchers to navigate the evolution of law librarianship in the United States and Canada with ease. From its exhaustive annotations to its user-friendly platform, this transformative tool is designed to illuminate the profession's past, inform its present, and inspire its future.



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A fully searchable bibliography of 5,000+ annotated law review articles, saving users time by streamlining research efforts.

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Advanced search, metadata, and significance ratings simplify finding relevant law librarianship materials by subject, audience, and importance.

“*The Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship is a game-changing resource for anyone researching the field. Painstakingly compiled over decades by Michael J. Slinger and Sarah C. Slinger, this unparalleled tool distills and annotates over 5,000 articles spanning the history of the profession—covering every major author, topic, and era. With expertly crafted summaries, subject indexing, and evaluations of each article’s significance, it dramatically simplifies the research process. As a law library historian, writer, and editor, I can’t imagine tackling any issue in law librarianship without it. My only regret is that it wasn’t available sooner.*

**Frank G. Houdek**

Emeritus Professor, Southern Illinois University Simmons Law School; Former Editor of Law Library Journal (1994–2007); Past President of AALL (1996–97)

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Significance is assigned to each article and an article may have more than one significance value assigned to it. Users can browse, search, and filter search results by Significance. The Significance is appended after the article publication year.

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- **Landmark** = of both great value and lasting importance.
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Each article has been assigned a designation indicating the primary law library audience to which the article is most directed. The Library Type Categories are:

- General Libraries (2,000+ articles)
- Academic Law Libraries (1,400+ articles)
- Canada (350+ articles)
- Law Firm Libraries (350+ articles)
- State & Municipal Law Libraries (100+ articles)
- Federal Libraries (100 articles)
- Public Law Libraries (90 articles)
- County Law Libraries (80 articles)
- Court Libraries (70+ articles)
- Foreign & International Law Libraries & Law Librarians (65 articles)
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- Careers (800+ articles)
- Computer Assisted Research (850+ articles)
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- Statistics (750+ articles)
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- And many more!

## 4. ANNOTATIONS

The Annotations were written by the editors to provide the reader with a detailed look inside each article. These Annotations highlight the major themes and topics included within the article.

**How Many Copies Are Enough Revisited: Open Access Legal Scholarship in the Time of Collection Budget Constraints**  
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**1** → **Brown, Kincaid C.**  
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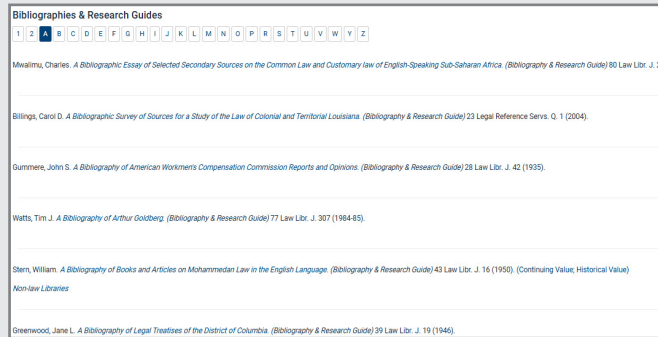
**2** ← **Library Type: General Libraries**

**3** → **Subjects: Access to Legal Information; Acquisitions--Virtual; Administration of Law Libraries; Budgets & Finances; Computer Assisted Research; Digital Repositories; Evaluation of Research Material; Law Reviews; Library Research Studies; Open Access Scholarship & Research; Professional Research & Writing; Search Strategy; Statistics; Web Pages**

**4** ← **Annotation +**  
Mr. Brown follows up on a similar Study he undertook 15 years prior to this one. He reports on his comprehensive evaluation of the use and growth of open access law scholarship and institutional repositories. Topics discussed include: "Law Review Open Access Study; Methodology; Findings; Currency in All Journals; Initial Online Access for All Journals; Institutional Repositories and Journal Websites; Top Journals; Issues and Articles; Total Volume Coverage; Growth of Open Access Law Reviews and Journals; Law Library Economics; The Economics and Place of Law Reviews (aka Law Reviews Are Different from Journals in Other Disciplines); Growth of Institutional Repositories; Interoperability, Search, and Change in Research; Interoperability and Search; Open Access Is Easier; Expanded Access to Relevant Content; Greater Exchange of Ideas; and Moving Forward."


## BIBLIOGRAPHIES & GUIDES

The database also includes several hundred bibliographies, identified by the editors as valuable resources for the field of law librarianship. While these bibliographies may lack the detailed metadata assigned to articles, they remain highly relevant and are fully integrated into the custom search index. For added convenience, they are also listed separately under a dedicated *Bibliography & Research Guides* tab.



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## ARTICLE SELECTION GUIDELINES

The following criteria were used to determine the articles included in the *Complete Periodical Literature of Law Librarianship*:

1. All scholarly articles on law librarianship topics with a United States and/or Canadian focus.
2. Non-scholarly law librarianship articles judged to be of practical use to law librarians, or articles that are of historical importance to law librarianship, with a United States and/or Canadian focus.
3. Articles on legal research or related instruction such as legal writing, authored by law librarians.
4. Articles on law librarianship or law library topics written by non-law librarians.
5. Articles on law librarianship in a foreign journal with a U.S. or Canadian focus.

*Please note:* Spanish-language articles that fit the above criteria, if authored by U.S. or Canadian law librarians, will be added in a future update.

Not included are:

1. Legal research, legal writing, or law school instruction articles written solely by non-law librarians.
2. Columns or regular features in non-scholarly law librarianship publications that, in the editors' judgement, are ephemeral.
3. Articles written by law librarians on non-law librarianship or non-legal research instruction topics.
4. Articles from regional law librarianship publications, such as AALL chapter publications.
5. Newsletter articles.
6. Articles on law librarianship that primarily have a foreign or international subject matter focus, unless they also have a significant comparative nexus with U.S. and/or Canadian law librarianship.
7. Books or book chapters.
8. Reports or proceedings from professional meetings unless they discuss substantive law librarianship topics.
9. Annotations or bibliographies or research guides are not provided.

*Please note:* the editors attempted to find and include every article on law librarianship that met the above criteria. Readers should contact the editors concerning any article not included that they believe meets the selection criteria.

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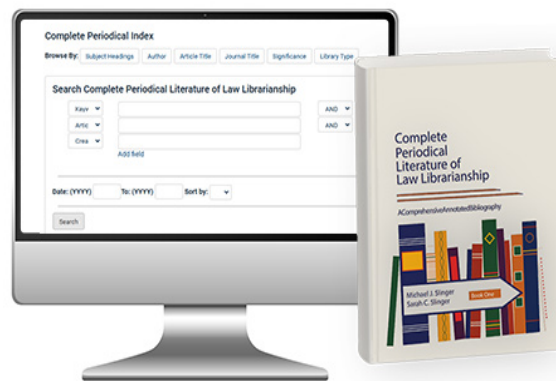
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