**August:** A luncheon meeting was held to discuss the formation of a Minnesota Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries.

**April:** A petition and proposed by-laws were created and submitted to AALL to request permission to form a new chapter.

**December:** An organizational meeting of eleven charter members was held at the Campus Club, University of Minnesota.

A quote from the first report of the Minnesota chapter to AALL Committee on Chapters: “It has become a pleasant custom for the Chapter meetings to be set for Thursdays at the Campus Club of Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota, because Thursdays the Club is open to guests, and because we enjoy the delicious roast beef dinners featured there.”

**June 27-30:** 53rd AALL Annual Meeting was held in Minneapolis.

A committee was appointed to compile a union list of loose-leaf services and created the first list.

**July:** Permission to form the chapter was granted by the executive board at its meeting in Chicago.

The first program of the chapter was an informal report by Leon Liddell of his visit to the four-county law library at Montevideo.

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 Minnesota Association of Law Libraries
AALL established a scholarship fund and invited chapters to contribute gifts in memoriam and other gifts. MALL sent a gift a month after approval in memory of two deceased chapter members.

Sixty invitations were sent to area law firm librarians in an effort to expand membership.

MALL held a seminar to train members to use the KF classification schedule.

**January:** The national president addressed MALL on “The Electronic Retrieval of the Law” as a plan of the American Bar Association.

**September:** V. 1 #1 of the MALL Newsletter was published. A Special Committee on Institutes was formed to “organize a regional chapter institute comparable to the national rotating institutes.”

**May:** A by-laws revision was approved which added a new section on dues and established seven committees.

**June:** 67th Annual AALL meeting was held in St. Paul.

Downtowners was established to help meet the practical needs of law librarians in the corporate or law firm setting.
Membership grew from 30 to 52 members in one year.

**January:** Westlaw was demonstrated for members at a MALL program.

**September:** The first Legal Bibliography Institute was a nine-week program from Sept. 22 to Nov. 17. 30 pupils were accepted and 30 “had to be turned away.”

First membership directory was published.

Head librarians from law schools, Hennepin County Law Library, and State Law Library met to discuss cooperative acquisitions and inter-library loan.

Plan B paper by Janet Jacobson examined current levels of cooperation among law libraries in the Twin City metro area.

Membership was at 81. MALL committees had grown to 12.
Bylaws change attempted to rename MALL to Midwest Chapter. Defeated by vote of 7 in favor and 20 opposed.

July: MALL member Kathy Price was AALL President

A MALL online users group was formed for “librarians subscribing to or interested in Lexis-Nexis or Westlaw databases.”

September: A Paige From Life: MALL Newsletter’s first serial. MALL had a published romance novelist as a member. For 26 installments, Jan Boies entertained members with the adventures of Paige Turner, librarian at Blacks, Hornbook & Nutshell, Ltd.

April: MALL held its first Spring Conference. A permanent Awards Committee was established with the added responsibilities of awarding life memberships and scholarships. First Law Librarianship Award was given to Ann Carter.

April: “Space Requirement Checklist for Basic Resources” is published in the newsletter. The introduction stated that “an accurate projection of library space requirements is an important aspect of law library management.” Space requirements were stated in both feet and number of shelves.

October: A new newsletter column began called “Download.” It was described as “a column devoted to exploring any and all aspects of technology as it impacts law libraries.”

April: MALL meeting’s topic was “Computers in Law Libraries”
1985

The “Second Thirty Years of MALL” began with a new member orientation meeting and the establishment of a mentor program.

1986

Membership had grown to 120 members and 15 committees.

1987

MALL purchased its first software package, PageMaker, to produce the newsletter.

1988

November: “Mirror, Mirror” began on the back page of the newsletter. Set in the ivy-covered campus of Heyworth University, this mystical serial by Anna Cherry ran for 15 issues.

September: Four sessions on Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw/Dialog searching was added to the biennial Legal Bibliography Institute.

Conan the Librarian, the warrior information specialist, debuted in the newsletter. A serial in seven parts written by Hadley V. Baxendale (aka Anna Cherry).

March: The newsletter published a directory of “Law School Libraries With Telefacsimile Machines.”

September: MALL presented a “Basic DOS” workshop.

October: MALL participated in the first Midwest Regional Conference of Librarians held in Chicago. 300 members from six chapters attended.

July: MALL member Dennis Skrade thrilled the judges with a bagpipe medley to win first prize in the individual category in the talent contest at the AALL Annual Meeting in Reno, NV. Corps d’ Loons marched and twirled glittery thesauri to the music of “Louie, Louie” for second place in the chapter category.

July: MALL member Barbara Golden joined the Executive Board of AALL.

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June: MALL hosted the 83rd AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Attendance broke all previous records at 2,754.

May: MALL membership was 157 members with 23 new members this year.

February: MALL celebrated its 40th anniversary at the Minnesota Club in St. Paul with greetings from Justice Wahl, music by Illyrian Minstrels, and entertaining library science milestones.

An Internet column debuted in the newsletter.

MALL member Ann Carter won the first West Excellence in Private Law Librarianship Award.

Conan the Librarian on the Information Highway took on Internet mavens and other electronic infomaniacs in 25 parts.

July: MALL sponsored three delegates to the National Conference on Legal Information Issues at the AALL Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh.
September: MALL participated in the first Minnesota Law & Technology Show as a sponsor and seminar provider.

August: MALL donated $1,000.00 to the Library Disaster Fund of the MN Library Association Foundation to help with the restoration of collections and services affected by the 1997 flooding of the Red River.

July: MALL member Margaret Maes Axtmann was AALL President.

July: MALL sponsored 4 VIPs (Valuable Invited Participant) to the AALL Annual Meeting in Washington DC. MALL received the AALL presidential certificate.

July: MALL member Marvin Anderson received the Spirit of Law Librarianship Award given for his work in the “Everybody Wins” a reading program for children.

July: MALL member Anne Grande was AALL Treasurer.

January: MALL member Pat Cummings received the 1997 Legal Services Coalition Pro Bono Publico Award.

March: MALL members participated in the first satellite video conference for librarians titled “The Future for Librarians: Positioning Yourself for Success”

March: MALL pursued a collaborative effort with St. Catherine’s master program in library science to provide credit for MALL’s Legal Bibliography Institute with additional class work.

July: MALL team entered the Law Library Decathlon featuring events such as the Compact Discus Toss and the Book Truck Slalom Course.

MALL introduced its web site on the Internet. The MALL listserv also began as a way to electronically discuss MALL issues and quickly disseminate information to members.

MALL ceased general print distribution of the newsletter in favor of distribution on the web site.

November: MALL participated as a sponsor to the gala celebration of 150 years of service of the Minnesota State Law Library.
MALL created a time capsule for the AALL Annual Meeting in Philadelphia for the year 2025.

July: MALL will host the AALL Annual Meeting in Minneapolis.

December: MALL’s 45th Anniversary celebration.