

**The ALA Midwinter 2014, ANSS Criminal Discussion Group met at 4pm on January 25, 2014 at the Philadelphia Convention Center 118A from 4 to 5 pm.**

The speaker was Dr. Larry Sullivan, Chief Librarian at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York.

Dr. Sullivan discussed archival materials and the value they add to collections. Among the highlights of his discussion were prisoner poetry and how the poetry can illuminate the lives and thoughts of prisoners. The poetry may not be valued for the rhyme or meter; but the content provides a rich view of the prisoner. Dr. Sullivan also discussed materials, which may not be thought of as archival (prisoner poetry, etc.), but should be collected and considered archival for their value into the everyday life and mind of the subject.

At the conclusion of the talk, Dr. Sullivan chatted with several attendees and answered their questions.