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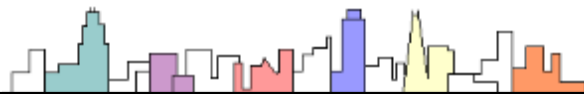
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## **94 STORIES OR BUST: THE CALL HUSTLE UP THE HANCOCK STAIR CLIMBING TEAM**

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Why would anyone choose to climb to the top of the John Hancock Center of their own free will? "It was fun," said Kevin McClure, Government Documents Librarian at Chicago-Kent College of Law Library. All of the CALL Stair Climbing Team would agree -- it was fun, exhilarating, and exhausting.

On February 28, 2010, seven members of the CALL Stair Climbing Team participated in the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago's annual Hustle Up The Hancock. Together with more than 4,100 other climbers, six CALL librarians (and one project manager friend) climbed up all 94 stories of the John Hancock. Not only did all of us make it, but we also raised nearly \$1,500 for respiratory health research.

The Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago works to "promote healthy lungs and fight lung disease through research, advocacy and education." The first Hustle Up The Hancock was held in 1998 and now thousands of climbers each year tackle one of the world's tallest buildings to support respiratory health. For more information about the Respiratory Health Association, visit its website at <http://www.lungchicago.org>.

The CALL Stair Climbing Team participated in the Hustle Up The Hancock to raise awareness of respiratory health. But each of us had his or her own reasons as well. Research Librarian Stephanie Crawford of Chicago-Kent wanted to participate for the sheer challenge of climbing 94 stories. Eric Neagle, Access Services Librarian at

Chicago-Kent, said, "I mostly wanted to do it to be able to say that I did it. Having a history of knee problems, I feel a particular sense of accomplishment in completing the Hustle."

For many of us, the climb was also a lot of fun. "My path to the Hustle was a little different," said Research Associate Scott Vanderlin of Northwestern: "I heard that there was a CALL meeting at the Cheesecake Factory. ... when I showed up, everyone was dressed weird, and they made me start climbing. In the end, I loved the challenge of the climb and the camaraderie of reaching the top with the rest of the CALL team."

Maribel Nash, Research Librarian at Chicago-Kent, plans to climb even higher:

As a runner, I'm always looking to tackle new distances, run new races, go as far as I can. When I first heard about the Hustle Up the Hancock a few years ago, I did not even consider signing up for it. I thought anyone who would climb skyscrapers for sport was just plain crazy. The more I thought about it, however, I realized that doing the Hustle would offer me something that running can't give me... instead of finding out how far I can go, I could find out how high. I'm so glad I did it. The event gave me a great chance to spend some quality time with my co-workers and fellow CALL members, and now I can

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**Congratulations to the CALL Hustle Up the Hancock Stair Climbing Team. The six CALL members (and one non-CALL member) of the team collected almost \$1,500 for respiratory health research.**

**Way to Go!!!**

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7. See <http://www.hathitrust.org/about>.
8. See Senovia, *supra* note 3, at 18.

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actually say that I've climbed up 94 flights of stairs.  
As for what's next... Willis Tower, here we come!

Willis Tower? What's she thinking? Well, the climb is only 103 stories. If we can climb 94 stories, why not? The CALL Community Service Committee would like to thank the participants of the Chicago CALL Stair Climbing Team and all of the CALL members who contributed to our fundraising.

The CALL Stair Climbing Team:

- Stephanie Crawford – IIT Downtown Campus Library (Chicago-Kent)
- Debbie Ginsberg – IIT Downtown Campus Library (Chicago-Kent)
- Kevin McClure – IIT Downtown Campus Library (Chicago-Kent)

- Frances Mortiz - not a CALL member
- Maribel Nash – IIT Downtown Campus Library (Chicago-Kent)
- Eric Neagle – IIT Downtown Campus Library (Chicago-Kent)
- Susan Seibert (unable to climb because of injury) – Professionals Library Service, Inc.
- Scott Vanderlin – Pritzker Legal Research Center (Northwestern University)

**Note:** *Debbie climbed so that she would at least have a vague chance of being able to keep up with her active preschool son and recently-mobile infant daughter. She suspects that her son could climb the Hancock faster and more easily than she did.*