

SL Shelf Life

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METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Eclipse Recap



Leading up to, during, and following the eclipse our libraries received an influx of calls and eclipse program attendance – with Northwest Library having over 800 members on eclipse day.

During the eclipse viewing party, Northwest Library had 850 people at their library ready to watch the historic moment.

The library collected about 500 eclipse glasses prior to the day of the eclipse, and they quickly went through every pair – even with only giving one pair to each family.

Programs were set up to keep members busy leading up to the big moment. There was a display of astronaut gear, information on the eclipse, crafts to create viewers, and other fun activities for members.

Northwest checked out a traveling trunk from the History Museum entitled "Oklahoman's in Space" - the trunk included things like space suit and flight suit mock-ups, blow-up planets, and meteorite fragments among other things.

"The favorite was the blow-up planets," Rondia Banks said. "The sun was the largest and the kids inside our room played and played with the planets."

Despite the influx of people, and the demand for more glasses, the eclipse viewing party was a success, library manager Mark Schuster said.

"What ultimately occurred on the 21st was a warm, friendly environment of sharing and fellowship as strangers bonded under this enigmatic celestial experience, sharing glasses, troubleshooting homemade solar viewers, eating lunch on the berms around the building, and joining a shared moment in time that was

greater than any individual," Schuster said.

Each of the libraries had significant traffic leading up to and during the day of the eclipse, and each library put their members first as they led programs and viewing parties for the public.

Overall, each of the Metro Libraries averaged about 84 people, with the least being 24 and the most being 850.



Staff-Wide Events

Rosemary Stafford Bench Dedication -
Oct. 4 @ 6pm

Intranet Briefs

The M.E.T.R.O. Way in Action - Read how Belle Isle Teen Librarian Lindsay Jones developed a new perspective on customer service by looking local.

FREE Shirts - They're here! IC is getting these ready for distribution.

Read an eBook Day - A celebration of modern storytelling by encouraging members to try checking out eBooks.

IC wants YOUR feedback - Help your IC team hone in on your communication needs as a Metro team member by participating in a survey.

Value Awards '17 - Nominate your fellow team members for a value award using the nomination form on the intranet.

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Library Discourse What would you do?



At the beginning of June, a new member came into the Children's area for help. She spoke limited English and was new to the U.S. She wanted a library card to be able to checkout materials for her and her children.

I helped her get a library card, a process that took quite a while because of the language barrier and had to be completed over the course of two visits because she didn't have proof of address and was too new to her apartment to be verified with the online application. It was the first time I had to take a Passport for a form of ID.

I also helped her with some questions about ESL classes for herself and materials for her children to help them with learning English. I taught her how to use the express check machine in the library lobby to check out materials.

She has come back and purposely made a point to find me each time. On her second visit, I helped her learn how to use the sorter to return books and showed her how to change the language on the screen to Spanish and print a receipt.

I've seen her in the library just finding new materials and letting her

children have a chance to play on the Children's computers and I've had the opportunity to help her children find materials that are fun for them and also give them exposure to English, which she wants.

It took a while, and my Spanish was a bit rusty, but I left my time with her knowing she appreciated my effort with Spanish and my efforts to help her with her English. It is like I've made a new friend and I look forward to seeing her each time she visits the library!

- Anne Hall, Edmond

"WE GROW SMARTER COMMUNITIES,
ONE PERSON AT A TIME"

Social Spotlight on Metro Library



Above: Belle Isle's Eric Carle Display was featured on the Eric Carle Museum Facebook page Thursday.

M.E.T.R.O. Way



Thursday the first of several M.E.T.R.O. Way trainings took place at Southern Oaks Library taught by Janeal Walker and Angel Suhrstedt.

Photo: Meaghan Hunt Wilson teaching the Train-the-Trainer on Tuesday.

Resource Highlights

Ebscohost Explora - While this database has been a longtime librarian favorite - it can be intimidating to our users, Explora offers more easy-to-use functionality.

World Almanac for Kids - This resource is part encyclopedia, part atlas, part quiz, and part instructive. It erases the line between homework support and fun exploration.

For more information on these databases, contact Sadie Bruce.

Send in YOUR story!

Your IC Coordinator welcomes your story ideas and feedback on stories and information you would like added.

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Metro Wellness



There will be flu shots available to all employees at Staff Day '17 for free!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Flu shots can...

- Keep you from getting sick with flu.
- Reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization, including among children and older adults.

- Be a preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions.
- Help protect women during and after pregnancy. Getting vaccinated can also protect a baby after birth from flu. (Mom passes antibodies onto the developing baby during her pregnancy.)
- Make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness. More vulnerable people to the flu include babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions.

Wellness Works will be conducting the annual biometric screenings for all employees Oct. 10-11, Oct. 17 and Oct. 19 at four different locations.

Biometric screenings are free for all employees and provide valuable health

information to determine your risk for serious health conditions such as diabetes or heart disease.

The biometric screening is a simple finger-stick and takes about 15 minutes with immediate results.

The screening measures your total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, total cholesterol/HDL ratio, glucose, triglycerides, A1C, blood pressure, resting heart rate, height, weight, BMI and waist circumference.

More details to come in the next few weeks.



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