



STAFF NEWSLETTER OF THE
METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

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A Slithering Good Program



Photo: Cheryl Coleman, Youth Engagement Specialist at Warr Acres

Slithering creatures may make some members' skin crawl, but when library member Larry Daniel retired, all he wanted to do was start educating others on snakes.

Oklahoma City Herpetological and Invertebrate Society President Larry Daniel, has been volunteering at the library for over eight years. He hosts a program that teaches the

basics about snakes, including the misconceptions.

"In nearly every audience there are a fair number of people who are afraid of snakes, or think the only good snake is a dead snake. It is great to change people's perception of them," Daniel said.

After retiring, Daniel started

traveling around Oklahoma and the surrounding states offering programs at libraries, schools and senior centers. Daniel has between 15 and 20 snakes and takes five to six with him for his programs.

Some of the topics Daniel goes over include anatomy and physiology, how to recognize poisonous and non-poisonous snakes, what to do if you are bitten, which snakes make good pets and things to be careful of if you are going to keep snakes.

Daniel began collecting snakes in 1958. In college, he started out majoring in zoology, but decided on psychology instead.

"I don't want my hobby to become work. I want to enjoy it," he said.

Oklahoma City Herpetological and Invertebrate Society (OCHIS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and they offer free local programs.

[Contact Larry Daniel](#)

Staff-Wide Events

Rosemary Stafford Bench Dedication
at the Village Library
Oct. 4

[Finance Committee Meeting](#)
Oct. 4

[Capitol Hill Grand Opening](#)
Oct. 5

[Last Day to Register for Flu Shots and
Health Screenings](#)
Oct. 6

[Staff Day '17](#)
Oct. 9

Intranet Briefs

M.E.T.R.O. Way Training Schedule-

The M.E.T.R.O. Way training schedule is posted to the intranet. You do not need to register, but remember to sign in at the training.

Capitol Hill Grand Opening - The Capitol Hill Library will open Thurs. Oct. 5, 2017. The grand opening ceremony will begin at 3:00 PM.

YA Services Meeting Minutes- Outcomes

- Update on ONEcard
- Learn about Hoopla and other digital resources
- Discuss the 2017 summer teen volunteer survey
- Share and learn from each other

Children's Services Meeting Minutes- Outcomes

- Poster supply distribution
- Update on ONEcard
- Summer volunteer wrap-up
- Summer reading wrap-up and feedback
- Beanstack
- Hoopla and other digital resources
- Library sharing

Impact Survey - A public-facing survey to better understand our community and how people use our public technology resources and service. Launches Mon. Oct. 2, 2017.

Wellness Works- In addition to the flu shots available at Staff Day, health screenings and additional flu shot times will be available in October. Register by Fri. Oct. 6. [Contact Kasandra](#) with any questions.

Friends of the Library Fall Membership Campaign



Work as a team

- Talk to each other – make a conscious effort
- Set a goal for your library
- Everyone on staff join if possible
- Encourage friends and family to join
- "What do each of us need to do to achieve the goal?"

Make it easy for members

- Have forms up front and visible
- Help potential members complete the form ("I can help you with that!")
- Show them online how to sign up and help them if needed

Ask library members to become members of the Friends

- Listen for compliments as a lead in to talking about supporting the library by joining Friends
- Share the incentives of being a Friends Member with customers (Booksale tickets, events calendar e-mailed at \$25 level)
- Bring it up to people – pick up on their nonverbal cues that they have time and are relaxed and open
- Highlight important information

More information coming soon!

This week kicks off the Friends of the Library (FOL) Fall Membership Campaign. This year there will not be a competition. Library staff will work toward a common membership goal of 1200 members. The following are some strategies for success from Juliet Alavicheh and Ben Mead-Harvey.

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

Read it Forward 2017



Photos

Above (from left): LaVetta Dent, Emily Williams, Kristin Williamson, and Jana LaHood (Educare Site Director)

Right: Latasha Wickware (YMCA)

The books that our summer community of readers donated through Read it Forward have all been delivered! Our Read it Forward total number of books this year is 4,206, which beats last year's total of 3,758. Thanks for all your hard work promoting and explaining Read it Forward during Summer Reading, and to the Friends of the Library for funding all of these great books.

This year's recipients were the Bethel Foundation, YWCA, and Sunbeam Family Services.

Emily Williams

Teen Services Manager, Education and Program Development



Resource Highlights

Latino American Experience- This database traces Latin-American history from the Mayan Empire to modern times. It takes users through the Great Depression and the Latin-American experience of the civil rights movement.

"Real-World" Sites for Latin Culture

Supermercados Morelos - Sadie suggests their pan white flour and candy.

Mango Languages- This is a language learning database that has 72 languages to choose from. Of particular interest is the Spanish for Librarians course.

Little Pim- This is Mango Languages' children's version which has 10 languages to choose from.

Duolingo- This is a free language learning smart phone application that has 26 languages to choose from.

For more information on these databases, [contact Sadie Bruce](mailto:contact.Sadie.Bruce).

SRP 2017 Celebration

The Village Library staff were awarded a lunch celebration for their progress over the course of the Summer Reading Program on Sept. 20, 2017. Support staff worked on the library floor while they enjoyed pizza and chicken, along with a special visit with Interim Executive Director, Kay Bauman.



Photos

Above (from left): Sarah Peterson, Vicki Thompson, Julie Ballou, Judy Smith (Commission, Public Services Chair), Anthony Herron, Morgan Jones, Michele Gorman, Melody Kellogg, Kim Terry, Anne Fischer, Bobby Reed and Chris Kennedy

Right: Kay Bauman, Melody Kellogg and Bobby Reed



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