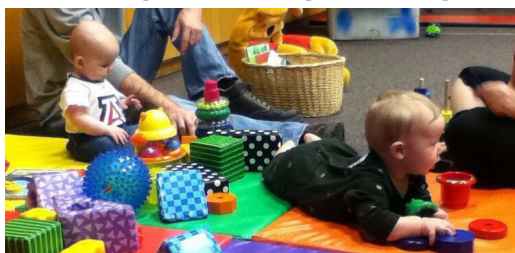




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Programming Spotlight: 123! Play With Me!



A programming favorite, "123! Play with Me!" not only encourages parents to play with their children, but it gives them the opportunity to learn and grow as caregivers.

The program is an informal playgroup where community resource professionals are invited to walk around the room and talk with parents about topics such as development, nutrition, social and emotional health, the importance of play, and other valuable topics.

"It helps parents and caregivers broaden their support system by making friends with other parents," Children's Services Librarian Kristin Williamson said.

The Metropolitan Library System was first introduced to the program in 1997 at a training for library administrators. In 2002 Metro Library's "123! Play with Me!" program became a part of a collaboration with Family Place Libraries, an initiative started in 1996 to expand the role of public libraries as community centers for families.

"The basis for '123! Play with Me!' was a training program founded by a mother who realized there was a lack of resources in her community for parents – in particular first-time parents, and she thought the library could help fill this void," Beyond the Walls Manager LaVetta Dent said.

In addition to the parent-child workshops, the program provides toys in the children's area, parenting collections, staff training on child development, and resources for parents.

"Some children have had developmental or speech delays identified by the resource professionals and the librarian can then direct the family to agencies to have the child tested or provide resources. It is so important to have delays identified early," Williamson said.

"123! Play with Me!" programs are offered twice a year, in the fall and spring. Each series runs for four weeks, and typically 12-14 libraries participate, which comes to about 100-115 individual programs annually.

Employee Story



Debbie Robertus retires after 22 years, and shares all the changes she has had the opportunity to see over the years.

"In the past 8060 days (22 years and 24 days) that I've been a part of the Metro team I've experienced a number of changes and events including..."

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| 2 | New libraries (AL and NW) |
| 2 | New buildings (CH and CT) |
| 3 | Library automation systems |
| 3 | Pay systems |
| 3 | Meeting rooms systems |
| 3 | Ways for ILLs |
| 3 | Interim directors |
| 3 | Library assignments - |
| | 15 months at Southern Oaks |
| | 19 years at Belle Isle |
| | 28 months (total combined) at Midwest City |
| 4 | Catalog systems |
| 4 | Ways to do reserves/holds |
| 4 | Directors |
| 4 | Different titles |
| 7 | Library remodels |
| | BE, BI, DC, ED, MC, SO, WA |
| | (and minor changes to just about every library) |
| 19 | FOCUS/Staff Development Day events |
| 19 | Staff Development dinners |

Staff-Wide Events

Register for Staff Day '17
by Sept. 22

Intranet Briefs

Performance Management - The new performance management system is almost complete - Singer Group has provided a final system draft.

Virtual Library Launch - The Virtual Library launched Mon. Sept. 11, 2017. In addition to answering calls, the team will also respond to messages and comments from emails such as "Ask a Librarian", "Circ Control", and the metrolibrary.org website.

Proposition #6 - The special election held Tues. Sept. 12, 2017 to consider bond and sales tax initiatives passed. Prop #6 for libraries passed with 63.1 percent. Prop. #6 included:
•The construction of a new permanent Almonte Library Location.
•An expansion of Ralph Ellison and Belle Isle libraries.
•A renovation to the Downtown Library.

M.E.T.R.O. Way Training Schedule - The M.E.T.R.O. Way training schedule is posted to the intranet. If you are interested in attending 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.

Survey Says - Kellie Delaney and Sadie Bruce are preparing for their staff day presentation, and they need your help! Take their "Database Duel" survey.

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Warr Acres Celebrates 50 Years

Sept. 9, 2017 marked Warr Acres Library's 50th anniversary. The 12,500 square foot library was built in 1967 as one of the first libraries incorporated into the Metropolitan Library System. Library Staff and members honored the big day with a celebration including a butterfly release.

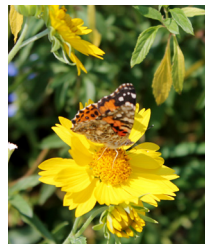
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From left: Rebecca West, Jessica Minter, Jill Justice, Karen Litteral, Barbara Beasley



Harpist Jill Justice



From left: Former WA Library Manager Mary Patton and Current Manager Barbara Beasley

Resource Highlights

Cypress Resume- This database walks users through the process of building a resume - it prompts users to enter the right information and links them to a job description so they have an easier time entering appropriate experience. After it is created they can download a PDF, rtf, or txt.

O*Net Online- A resource with thousands of job descriptions to help users develop an idea of the schooling needed for a particular job, the salary, and other career information.

Film Scripts Online- This database has over a thousand scripts - available without checking them out. Users can make a favorite list, save and print PDF, as well as cite, email, share, and embed.

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

Oklahoma Magazine Article: "Active Years" by Tara Malone

The library was featured in an article about options in the Oklahoma City area for older adults who want to get active both physically and cognitively. The Tai Chi program was featured as well as the Mango language learning app.

[Read More](#)

Metro Library Brand Champ



Virtual Library Manager, Tim Spindle, used a neighborhood event as a way to introduce others to the library. He signed up nine new card holders and issued one replacement card.

How do you represent the library in your community?



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