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Our BFFs & Booksale 2013

You're probably aware that **Siobhan Morava**, Development Coordinator for Community Organizations in the Development/Vol. Services office, left MLS to return to her first love, theater. She's now working in Development for Lyric Theatre, may she break a leg.

Her last major gig for MLS was the 2013 Booksale. Siobhan told us that working with perennial Booksale co-chairs Joe McReynolds and Larry Willrath was always a pleasure, a pleasure enhanced by the generous total of funds taken in by the sale. \$225,000 went in Friends of the Library coffers due to the hard work of everyone who volunteered.

And make no mistake about it—Booksale is a huge endeavor that couldn't happen without the time and effort of MLS, FOL, and community volunteers.

Expenses and taxes need to be paid out of the total funds collected, but the remainder will come back to the libraries in the form of grants. Since the annual event began in 1981 over \$3 million has been granted to MLS projects, almost as much as the yearly budget for ShelfLife, its staff and offices.

So a fond farewell goes out to Siobhan with our thanks for a job well done.



Whoo-Hoo! Graduation

Yes, it's that time of year again. Now graduates of all ages take that big step from wherever they've been towards wherever they're going, and one of the things they appreciate most is a hardy slap on the back. In that spirit, ShelfLife likes to pass on the best wishes of their families and colleagues, so if you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or co-conspirator at work who is graduat-

ing to bigger and better things and you want your MLS family to know about it, send an email to dbentin@metrolibrary.org. Let me know who the person is, his/her relationship to you, what s/he is graduating from and what's on the horizon.

Let me hear from you ASAP for inclusion in the May issue of ShelfLife.



The Pole Position

Perhaps you remember the discussion not too long ago about the Mayfield Library in Dalkeith, Midlothian (Scotland—think Edinburgh) and its decision to include pole dancing classes as part of its Love Your Library Day festivities last month. I wondered if the event had been successful—of course, the English are too sophisticated for such silliness, but the Scots . . . well, some of my family came from there . . .



The dancing class was one of several non-traditional library offerings. Sessions in country dancing were available, as were head massages and something

they called “booky table tennis” which required the use of books instead of paddles. Hmmm.

The day’s programs appear to have done what was expected of them. Take a look at the video from local TV coverage (<http://local.stv.tv/edinburgh/212611-free-pole-dancing-classes-at-dalkeiths-mayfield-library-a-success/>). The joint is jumping.

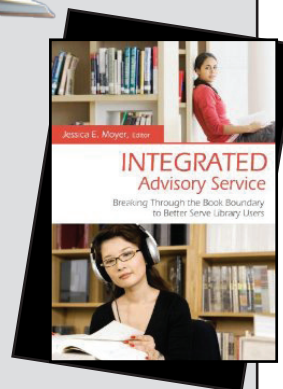
Bob Constable, from the Midlothian Council that approved the event, said, “Love Your Library Day is a marvelous opportunity for us all to celebrate the hugely important role libraries play in the heart of our local community.

“The pole fitness session is a fun and interesting way of encouraging more people into our libraries, trying out all the services on offer and ultimately borrowing more books.”

So which of our MLS libraries will be the first to offer a how-to class in pole dancing? And yes, Marketing will get some photos.



Lending Library: *Integrated Advisory Service: Breaking Through the Book Boundary to Better Serve Library Users*



By Jessica E. Moyer

Ask a librarian to tell you about his or her favorite moments as a pro and you’re bound to hear one or two stories about successes in readers’ advisory. Once you establish even a slight relationship with a reader, that customer is going to be interested in what you read and can recommend.

But, of course, libraries are not just about books anymore. It’s entirely possible that the contemporary library staffer will be asked about audiobooks (and it’s not just the plot and style you have to worry about, but also the quality of the performance), movies on DVD, games, graphic novels (once again, there is more than just the literary quality to discuss), maybe even blogs and other online sources of information.

It’s a brave new world, and sometimes you have to be the bravest thing in it.

Jessica Moyer’s book is a genre-based guide for finding the good, the bad, and the entertaining. The chapters are organized around 10 genres (crime, fantasy, horror, nonfiction, etc.)

Booklist says that “lively annotations cover plot and appeal, indicating availability in multiple formats, and are searchable by author-title indexing. With a broad scope, the guide is necessarily selective, and, as in most library collections, books still predominate. An eclectic resource for public libraries with broad collections.”

Take a look.



AWW-W-W

Do you work with someone who, for any one of a variety of reasons, you just want to give a big ol' innocent hug to—but because of OK Admin. Code Sec. 335:15-3-10, you can't? Don't get mad—get a Warm Fuzzy.

Staff Association is offering a way for you to show your co-workers that they are appreciated. For \$1 a Warm Fuzzy and your personal message will be sent to a co-worker who deserves some recognition.

Warm Fuzzies are cute, cheerful, and loving. Heck, their name says it all.



They cost \$1 each and the money that is raised will go to help provide prizes at FOCUS and pay for the SA annual meeting.

Staff Association's Brittany Barber told us all about the project.

"Orders for Warm Fuzzies will be accepted from April 1-15. Fuzzies will be delivered after April 25 by your Staff Association rep. Order from you SA rep, and if you don't have one where you work, please contact the rep at the library nearest you.

"There will be a form on the intranet starting April 1st. Anyone wanting to send out a Warm Fuzzy will need to fill out the form, submit it, print it and give it and \$1 to their Staff Association. All of that will be explained on the form."

Everybody likes to be recognized and this is a great way to show your appreciation to colleagues who need a pat on the back.



STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Dianna Rupp just transferred to BE from MC as a circ clerk.

"I had never worked in a library before but always loved them.

I spent 10 years in the Navy and every duty station I was at the first thing I did was go to the library. My favorite part of working in the system are the kids that I have grown close to and watch grow up from little ones."

Among her hobbies are "reading and spending quiet time with my three cats Thomas, Annie and Jensen."

She's also a basketball fan. "I love the Thunder, of course:) I route for them even when I can't watch the games."

For her favorite vacation Dianna said, "I went to Europe in 1979 when I was nineteen and fell in love with Florence, IT. I have always said that if I ever win alot of money I would move to Florence. My retirement dream would probably be this."



• MYSTERY PERSON •

Here are the clues to this month's mystery person.

Fave Music:

Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros
Chomsky on Anarchism, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
Pleasantville

Fave Book:

Fave Movie:

Fave Sports:

Fave Vacation:

Fave TV Show:

Fave Food:

Fave Season:

Fave Hobby:

Family:

Fave Pets:

Skateboarding
Staycations in the outdoors
The Walking Dead
Indian food. Yum
I like them all
Playing the guitar
Delightful
My kids are my pets... and they do chores.

Fave Smart PhoneApp: Write Sth

Current Repeat song on iPod: Breakestra: "Hiding"

What chore do you absolutely hate doing? I like doing chores. It's relaxing.

Answer on page 6

Building a Reading City: Introducing Some New Reviewers

Did you see the recent solicitation on the Intranet for fiction readers to submit short reviews for publication in our info magazine? Several staffers accepted our invitation and you'll be able to take a look at their reviews in upcoming issues of *info*.

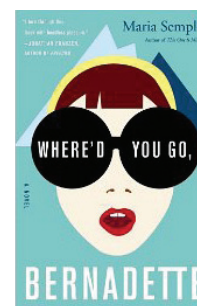
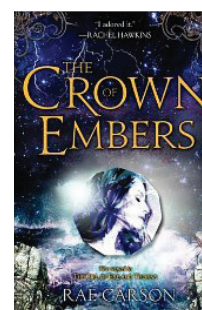
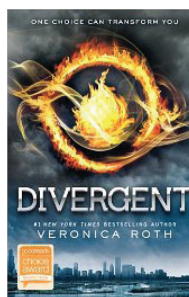
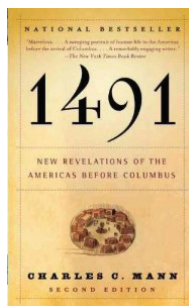
Then we also asked them to let us know what they are currently reading just for fun and they let us know. Here's your chance to meet them before their work appears in the magazine.

Todd Podzemny (ED): I'm just finishing up *1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus* by Charles C. Mann. His thesis is that the archeological record shows a much more heavily populated hemisphere than has commonly been believed, and that the "primeval" wilderness described by the Pilgrims bears as much resemblance to the pre-Columbian Americas as the Mad Max films bear to modern Australia. On the fiction side, I am officially joining the cult of Veronica Roth's *Divergent*, on the prolonged insistence of our YA Librarian Meaghan Hunt Wilson.

Alexis Whitney (AL): I'm currently reading *The Beggar King*, the third in Oliver Potzsch's The Hangman's Daughter series. 17th century German hangman Jakob Kuisl and his headstrong daughter Magdalena try to discover who murdered Jakob's sister, and along the way they expose a big conspiracy and cover

up. By turns amusing, mysterious, violent and suspenseful, this series is a must for fans of historical fiction. Potzsch has done a lot of research about Kuisl, a real-life ancestor of his, and each book in the series contains an informative historical afterword.

Elisabeth Wright (VI): I'm currently finishing *The Crown of Embers*, by Rae Carson, in anticipation of the upcoming author visit. I'm also reading *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, by Maria Semple. Fifteen-year-old Bee chooses a family trip to Antarctica as a reward for her good grades. But then her mother, Bernadette, who has become increasingly antisocial and agoraphobic, disappears and Bee compiles e-mails, letters, and other documents as she tries to figure out what happened.





The ShelfLife Quiz:

Monthly Readers

Shakespeare was pretty obviously thinking about Oklahoma when he wrote that “rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,” although the modern poet Michael Flanders saw May differently in *A Song of the Weather*: “Farmers fear unkindly May; frost by night and hail by day.”

See if you can match these poetic musings about certain months with their origins.

Poetic Musings:

1. “You have such a February Face, so full of frost, of storm and cloudiness.”
2. “Hard is the heart that loved not in May.”
3. “November always seemed to be the Norway of the year.”
4. “It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade.”

5. “What is so rare as a day in June? Then, if ever, come perfect days.”
6. “April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land.”

The Poets

- A. Emily Dickinson
- B. William Shakespeare, *Much Ado About Nothing*
- C. T.S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*
- D. James Russell Lowell, *The Vision of Sir Launfal*
- E. Geoffrey Chaucer, *The Romance of the Rose*
- F. Charles Dickens, *Great Expectations*

Answers on page 6

Ready, Set, GLOW

How do fireflies start a race? Gotta glow! That is exactly what four “fireflies” from MLS did on the night of March 2. **Kevin Sendall, Linda Hyams, Andrew Soliven** and **Mary Sholly** entered the amazing OKC Glow Run 5K which raised money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). The course was 3.1 miles of glowing fun featuring multiple black light zones, a glowing finish line chute and arch as well as thousands of runners decked out in glow gear. The Glow Run also featured music at multiple spots along the course as well as an on course DJ who pumped out the latest top 40 dance mixes to keep the runners motivated. The best part? 5pts for Wellness Works!

You never know where these MLS guys are going to show up. Which is good.



From left to right: Kevin Sendall, Linda Hyams, Andrew Soliven and Mary Sholley.

HELLO TO

Gwyn Weathers	Library Aide, AL
Morris Crisp	Inter-Library Loan Tech, ILL
Sarah Holloway	Library Aide, BE
Hannah Lankford	Library Aide, NW
Stephanie Valencia	Library Aide, AL
Mackenzie Cobb	Assoc. Librarian, NW
Michael Molina	Public Comp. Spc., SO
Melody Morgan	Library Aide, NW
Elaine Page.....	Public Comp. Spc., SO
Shannon Rice	Project Spc., OUT

PROMOTION

Casey Lowry	From ED PT Library Aide, to HT Circ Clerk
Vanessa Spaeth	From PT Library Aide, CT, to HT Ext. Spc., HR

TRANSFER

Carol Hunter	From FT Assoc. Librarian, ED, to PT Assoc. Librarian, LO
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GOODBYE

Sandra Powell	Library Aide, CT
Galaxia-Dawn Buba	Circ Clerk, LO
Kerry Burrows	Ext. Spc., LO
Jarod Atkins.....	Library Aide, NW
Dennis Delano	Ext. Spc., LU
Beth Wilson.....	Librarian, MC
James Chappell	Library Aide, NW
Siobhan Morava.....	DEV. Coord.-Community Orgs., DVS

SYMPATHY

Denise Courts, HUM, whose father-in-law, Arnold L. Courts, passed away in March.

Anne Fischer, IT, whose father, Elbert Vaughan, passed away March 28.



Gwyn Weathers



Morris Crisp



Sarah Holloway



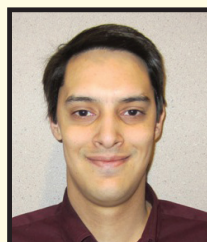
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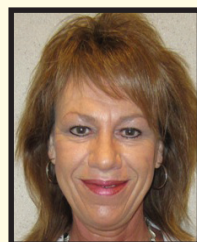
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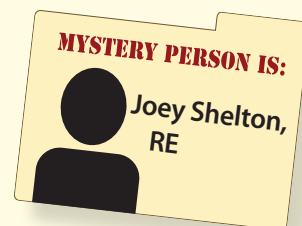
Melody Morgan



Elaine Page



Shannon Rice



The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

1. B. William Shakespeare
2. E. Geoffrey Chaucer
3. A. Emily Dickinson
4. F. Charles Dickens
5. D. James Russell Lowell
6. C. T.S. Eliot

April Bulletin Board

Employee's April Date-of-Hire

LAVETTA KINSEY DENT	4/27/1979
HEIDI JOHNSON	4/30/1979
ANNE FISCHER	4/3/1981
CLYDE HERROD	4/13/1982
JEAN WILBURN	4/6/1992
DANIEL FIELDS	4/2/2001
MARY MCELROY	4/5/2001
KERI CLOUD	4/29/2002
MELANIE LEVICK	4/26/2004
JULIANNA LINK	4/25/2005
LANDON HOLMAN	4/3/2006
SANDRA LANHAM	4/3/2006
DOYLE WILCOX	4/24/2006
KEVIN SENDALL	4/9/2007
JESSICA MORRIS	4/7/2008
JUSTIN HERWIG	4/7/2008
NANCY SLUSAR	4/14/2008
VICKIE ROSS	4/28/2008
JULIA MCCONNELL	4/6/2009
ROGER BANKER	4/20/2009
HEIDI WELLS	4/19/2010
JENNIFER ENGLAND	4/19/2010
TERESA HAWKINS	4/5/2011
REBECCA SPENCER	4/5/2011
JEANIE SOLES	4/19/2011
CASEY LOWRY	4/19/2011
LATASHA TIMBERLAKE	4/22/2011
DAVID SCHULER	4/16/2012
HANNAH BETHEL	4/30/2012
WILLIAM HAMMACK	4/30/2012
CATHLEEN KELLEY	4/30/2012

April Birthdays

KEVIN SENDALL	4/1
DARLENE S. BROWERS	4/3
JEREMY CAREY	4/4
JOHN WOOD	4/4
FARRAH BUTLER	4/5
CRYSTAL SUPPES	4/7
EMILY WILLIAMS	4/7
SIOBHAN MORAVA	4/9
ANGIE TRAN	4/10
CORY PERSCHBACHER	4/10
FRANCES HARBERT	4/10
SAIDAH YAKASAI	4/10
MARGO ELLIS	4/11
CASEY LOWRY	4/14
LISA WALKER	4/14
ADELAIDA HERRERIAS	4/16
GERALD HICKMAN	4/17
GREGORY BENNETT	4/18
KERI CLOUD	4/18
ALICE MURPHY	4/19
HEIDI JOHNSON	4/19
JOHN UTLEY	4/19
SHARON MAINE	4/20
JULIE SCHOFIELD	4/21
MARK VANCE	4/21
PATRICK WILLIAMS	4/21
MELISSA WEATHERS	4/22
ANDREA GAITHER	4/23
ALEXIS WHITNEY	4/24
DAVID MACK	4/24
JANET BOWEN	4/24
ROBIN POWELL	4/24
SANDRA LANHAM	4/25
LEONDREA GATES	4/26
PAIGE NIFONG	4/26
SUSAN STINSON	4/26
JULIET ALAVICHEH	4/27
MICHAEL OWENS	4/27
MARIA WATKINS	4/28
TIMOTHY HANNA	4/28
THOMAS GALLAGHER	4/30



May Bulletin Board

May Birthdays

NANCY SLUSAR	5/1
SUSAN RYAN	5/1
CHAD ALLEN	5/3
SHARON YOUNG	5/3
DEBBIE ROBERTUS	5/6
DONNA ADAMEK	5/6
MACKENZIE COBB	5/6
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
CATHERINE TABER	5/7
JESSICA MORRIS	5/7
ANNE FISCHER	5/9
CHERYL MANN	5/12
DAVID RUSHING	5/12
MELANIE LEVICK	5/14
MARY JOHNSON	5/15
STEPHANIE GERLING	5/15
KEVIN COLWELL	5/16
SHARON BISH	5/16
LISA WOOD	5/18
REBECCA HALL	5/18
SUSAN HUTCHINS	5/18
DIANNE WILLIAMS	5/19
REGINA FIELDS	5/19
BARBARA CALHOUN	5/20
LINDSAY EGLE	5/21
TRACY STONE	5/21
JACSON MELVIN	5/23
TIMOTHY DAUBENSPECK	5/24
MICHAEL PIPPIN	5/25
LIZ KICKHAM	5/27
SABRINA LITTLEAXE	5/27
ERIC ROTHWELL	5/28
JON ROLLMAN	5/31

Employee's May Date-of-Hire

MARILYN BACKUS	5/21/1987
REGINA WOLFINGER	5/29/1990
HEIDI PORT	5/12/1997
TINDLE ARNOLD	5/27/1997
JOSHUA WELLS	5/15/1999
TERESA GOGGINS	5/7/2001
CHRIS LARWIG	5/28/2002
DIANNA RUPP	5/28/2002
MARY SHOLLY	5/18/2003
MARYL BAIRD	5/22/2003
RENA GIBSON	5/16/2005
DANA BEACH	5/26/2005
KENDRA WILLIAMS	5/2/2006
FELICIA HAYES	5/8/2006
JERRY NANCE	5/27/2006
TIMOTHY DAUBENSPECK	5/22/2007
LAURA WINTERS	5/23/2007
JERRY O'HARE	5/5/2008
SUZETTE FELTON	5/12/2008
JOYCE JACKSON	5/13/2009
CARSEN MOON	5/21/2009
KIMBERLY NELSON	5/6/2010
ASHLEY MEYER	5/17/2010
MENDI SUMTER	5/3/2011
DIANNE WILLIAMS	5/9/2011
DEVIN DAWSON	5/16/2011
JEFFERY MULLINS	5/16/2011
LAURA VANWINKLE	5/31/2011
MEGHAN ATTALLA	5/31/2011
ANGELA WILEY	5/3/2012
JOHN BLEVINS	5/3/2012
DONNA DURBIN	5/7/2012
BREANNA BOLTON	5/14/2012
DEVIN MCGHEE	5/14/2012
GATLIN SULLIVAN	5/14/2012
PAULA PENROD	5/14/2012
DAVID BIARD	5/14/2012
MICHAEL PIPPIN	5/17/2012
RACHAEL KNIGHT	5/21/2012
ROBERTO SOTO	5/29/2012
ANDREW SOLIVEN	5/29/2012
JEREMY CAREY	5/29/2012
KARI FOX	5/29/2012