

ShelfLife

Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

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Books on CD- They're Here!

Books on compact disc are in the libraries now!

BI, DN, ED, MC, SO, WA and CT will carry compact discs this fiscal year.

Ruby Soutiere, Materials Selection, is attempting to buy mostly unabridged audio discs.

About 51 titles are either on the shelves, checked out or on order, and they are moving fast.

Popular fiction holds the bulk of the list but Ruby is ordering classics including *Pride and Prejudice*, *Wuthering Heights*, *The Red Badge of Courage* and *Hound of the Baskervilles* and sci-fi titles including *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*.

The books on CDs are housed in plastic bags like the cassettes, except they have a blue card instead of a yellow card inserted inside the bag.

Call 231-8618 if you would like a copy of the list.



The Downtown Library Learning Center is slowly looking like a real building. The building's steel frame is going up!



August Birthdays

Pat Hall	3
Carol Provine	3
Vickey Dooley	3
Carolyn Abernathy	3
Jim Nimmo	3
Dagmar Peery	4
Jill Vessels	4
Jack Kinzie	4
Clayton Webber	4
Sharrolyn Reed	5
Charlotte Overton	5
Sharon Nolan	5
Katrina Prince	6
Karon Storm	6
Regina Wolfinger	7
Kelly Dalrymple	7
Kathy Fritsch	8
Kathryn Dunn	9
Joyce McCauley-Johnson	9

Karen Lehr	11
Sylvia Lawson	13
Anita Roesler	13
Francie Pendleton	13
Maryann Heard	14
Linda Jameson	14
Bobbie Brewer	15
Susie Beasley	18
Alice Collinsworth	20
Eddie Terry	21
Nathan Leonard	21
Jean Wilburn	22
Pamela Kosted	25
Karmen Queita Harvey	25
Thuy Thi Mai Nguyen	25
Katherine Williams	26
Steven Streetman	26
George Cummins	27
Theresa Morgan	27
Ann Aliotta	28
Tim Fisher	29
Teresa Goggins	29
Kathleen Young	30
Joyce Helms	30
Kay Bauman	31

August Anniversaries

Priscilla Doss	8/1/72
Cheryl Pernell	8/1/79
Marilyn Barnett	8/20/81
Phil Tolbert	8/9/82

Sharon Maine	8/17/82
Barbara Beasley	8/1/84
Kay Bostic	8/2/86
Darryl Fitzhugh	8/17/87
Karyn Miller	8/24/87
Sharon Nolan	8/29/89
Karmen Queita Harvey	8/21/91
Kelly Dalrymple	8/26/91
Galen Kurth	8/30/93
Julia Mock	8/30/93
Eva Peteet	8/23/94
Jacquelyn Taylor	8/29/94
Bob Hurst	8/26/96
Deborah Willis	8/31/96
Kathleen Laugerman	8/4/97
Sarah Vann	8/19/97
Glenn Webb	8/25/97
Frederick Wilson	8/10/98
Annika Thornburg	8/9/99
Crystal Giles	8/23/99
Mireya Regalado	8/25/99
Janet Bowen	8/25/99
Mary Harrison	8/7/00
Ashley Grant	8/7/00
Susanna Hearne	8/7/00
Amanda Terry	8/8/00
Daniel Foote	8/9/00
Stephaine Gerling	8/14/00
Saisri Vongchanyakul	8/21/00
Stacia Gillett	8/21/00
Lisa Rodano	8/28/00
Sheryl James	8/28/00

People

Welcome To

Pages:

Chris Smith, Lauren Mintz, Angela Green and Tyler Skelton, Southern Oaks; Melissa Corman and Aliceanne Green, The Village.

Librarians:

Lisa Wood, Choctaw; John Hilbert, Southern Oaks; and Lori Wylie, Edmond.

Half-time Librarian Specialist. Jennifer Kettler, Capitol Hill.

Tech Processor:

Laqueta Lewis, Tech Processing.

Goodbye To

Pages:

Stacia Gillett, Edmond; and Robert Whalen, Southern Oaks.

Circ Clerk: Leslie Reed, Warr Acres.

Library Assistants: Sarah Dawson, Capitol Hill; and Joan Van Rysselberg, Del City.

And goodbye to Marygrace Berkowitz, cataloger, Cataloging; Rich Ng Brautigan, system operations tech II, Automation; and Lauren Donalson, librarian, Warr Acres.

Moving Up

Are Deborah Willis, from assistant manager to library manager II, Midwest City; and Denyveta Davis, library manager, Ralph Ellison, to Director of Branch Services, Public Services Administration.

Job Change:

Deborah Montgomery, from Materials Selection tech to circulation clerk, Downtown.

Transferred:

Glen Webb, circ clerk, from Belle Isle to Capitol Hill.

Retiring:

Is Linda Pittman, computer operator, Automation.

Our Sympathy

To Mary Griffin whose grandson, Shane Mackey died. His funeral was Aug. 18

Last Lines

Way back in the history of Shelflife, before it was called Shelflife, we had an editor who gave the last lines of a book.

Staff phoned in (no e-mail back then) the title and author. Those calling in the correct answer had their names printed in the next issue.

To give this contest a kick-start we are offering a prize for the first person to e-mail or call in the correct title and author. (Call 231-8618, or e-mail nlytle@mls.lib.ok.us.)

The ending of the last line is the title of the book.

Here is this month's last line:

"I laughed, poking Patrick in the arm, had to laugh at that expression in his face he'd had when we were boys,..."

The Scoop

Planning Office

May 31 through June 2, Debra Jackson attended the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, in Seattle. Her OU professor, Dr. Charles Brown, invited her to help with the NCORE (National Conference on Race and Ethnicity) program of University of Oklahoma after she expressed interest in learning about diversity and mentoring minorities. It was an all expenses paid trip and Debra said 'it was great.'

Belle Isle

Librarian Thuy Nguyen has written an article entitled *Public and Private Selves: A Study of the Vietnamese Male and Female Memoirs* that will be published online in The Vietnamese Studies Internet Resource Centre (VSIRC) the end of August. The Web address is www.vstudies.org.

Thuy celebrated a birthday on August 25.

Midwest City

Susie Beasley reported daughter Stormy graduated from the University of Arts and Sciences at Chickasha with a degree in biology and will be working at Oklahoma City Community College.

Christine Dettlaff's daughter Jordan won 1st place in the science fair competition at Rose Witcher Elementary School in Mustang. Jordan was in fifth grade.

Annika Thornburg was in Mexico for a week for mission work with her church.

And Dawn Hall, who recently received her master's degree in library science, just got back from a two-week river cruise to Egypt. This gift-trip was from her mom who accompanied her.

Dawn highly recommends the trip. She spent three days in Cairo, toured the Aswan area including the temples of Abu Simbel. Toured the Luxor area, and in the Valley of the Kings and Queens, saw the Temple of Isis and Philae and Queen Nefertiti's tomb.

On the flight to Egypt her luggage was stuck in Atlanta for three days.



On her next trip, Dawn said she would take an extra set of clothes on board the plane.

Warr Acres

Mary Patton reported the library is getting a new roof. Mary was very pleased with their wonderfully successful program series for the summer. More good news for the future: WA is getting their parking lot resurfaced and a sprinkler system put in.

Warr Acres will begin offering ESL classes in late August. The library is in partnership with The Adult Learning

Center of the Oklahoma City Public School system.

Mary said they have had continual requests for the classes from the Hispanic, Asian and Middle Eastern communities. Commission member Jose Jimenez was very supportive and encouraged this program at Warr Acres.

Cataloging

Sullivan Hausburg, eight-year-old son of Jana Hausburg in Cataloging, was notified that a portrait he made for art

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class and submitted by his teacher was selected for display by Binney & Smith, makers of Crayola Crayons.

His piece, titled "Self-Portrait" will be displayed in the Crayola Dream-Makers Southwest Regional Exhibition in Tulsa. Jana and family plan to travel to Tulsa on Sept. 30 for the opening ceremony at the University of Tulsa in Phillips Hall. According to Jana, Sullivan was much more excited about the idea of receiving a plaque than he was about having his picture displayed for all to see!

Downtown Library

According to Jim Nimmo, in July, an exasperated man from Dallas came in to the library to use the Internet. It seems he and his wife had traveled to OKC via the train and left the wife's purse on the train, which was headed back to Texas.

The purse contained both their wallets, all their money, credit cards and identification. The couple needed to contact friends in Ft. Worth to tell them to pick up the purse when it arrived around 11 p.m. that night. Although they had no ID, staff at circulation determined he was a good risk and allowed him to use the Internet.

And a good Samaritan on staff at Downtown gave the man \$20.

September Birthdays 2001

Mary Strasner	1
Laqueta Lewis	1
Ellen Goodman	2
Jane Bernier	2
Carol Wolf	2
Christine Dettlaff	6
Darrie Breathwit	6
Perry Wilson	6
Jacquelyn Taylor	8
Amber Nelson	10
Lanny Myers	11
Priscilla Doss	12
Denzel Mitchell Jr.	13
Cheryl Pernel	14
Vincent Armijo	14
Judy Walden	15
Jane Carvajal	15
Ruby Soutiere	15
Kimberly Wade	17
Mary Griffin	18
Rugena Blonner	19
Rosemary Ryden	19
Angela Paeltz	19
Veronica Gregory	19
Crystal Giles	23
Codi Brand	23
Janice San Nicolas	25
Tindle Arnold	26

September Birthdays Continued

Jennifer Kettler	26
Karen Bray	27
Debra Jackson	27
Karen Marriott	28
Mary Harrison	29
Megan Johnson	29



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Friends Grants

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System have awarded grants totaling \$125,313 to fund special children and adult programs, books and art, literacy and technology programs, and more.

At the July 17 Friends' board of directors meeting the members voted to give the Metropolitan Library System these monies used to fund programs and services not funded by the library's operating budget.

Children

Children's Finishing Touches
\$ 5,425 Warr Acres
Storytime Filmstrips
\$321 Del City
Wall Toys for Children's Area
\$772 Belle Isle
LIFE Reading is Fun
\$5,000 Outreach

Literacy/Children/Family

BOOKS
\$1,500 Outreach

Seniors

Display Accessories
\$1,000 Outreach/Friends

Teens/Young Adults

Comedy Commandos
\$3,880 Edmond
MLS Teen Summit 2001
\$2,560 Outreach
YA Author Visit
\$8,000 Outreach

All Ages

Our World Series

\$16,150 Outreach
Health Fair
\$1,755 Bethany
"Sudden Opportunity"
\$4,000 Outreach

Public Art in Libraries

Public Art in Libraries
\$2,000 To Be Determined
Framed Historical Prints
\$20,000 Downtown

Materials

\$30,000 Everyone

Technology

PC Learning Lab
\$9,150 Midwest City

Recognition

Volunteer Recognition
\$3,000 Everyone
Staff Recognition Reception
\$5,300 Everyone

Miscellaneous

Christmas Tree
\$200 Downtown
"Read About It" set
\$2,300 MLS TV

Total \$122,313.00

Library Related Grants

Citizens for Library Support
\$2,000

Library Endowment Trust
\$1,000

Grand Total \$125,313.00



Staff Assn News

Membership Drive

Many of you as new employees may not be aware of our MLS Staff Association and its history of effort on the behalf of the welfare of the staff. Even us "ole timer's" may need our memories refreshed.

Your Staff Association was founded in 1980 to unify the staff and create a forum for problem solving. Each site in the MLS now has a representative on the Staff Association Executive Council that meets at least monthly.

Your Staff Association representatives or officers meet regularly with members of the administration, the commission, and with the administrative team. Your concerns about salaries, fringe benefits and other conditions and

situations affecting your employment are voiced at these meetings. Any work-related problem that affects the staff as a whole can be addressed. The vision care added to the insurance coverage is a recent example of the administration responding to a Staff concern. On May 28, 2001 the Staff Association presented the issue of including the use of sick leave on the evaluation of personnel and that is under study.

Here are a few past examples of Staff Association involvement: establishing the Staff Development Day; a grievance review board; direct deposit to bank of choice; bereavement leave increase; prescription rider; limited benefits for part-time employees. There have been countless other opportunities when Staff Association has been able to represent Staff interests.

Your Staff Association has been active in the development of the Annual Staff Recognition event. This involves

grant writing, banquet planning and arrangements plus staff pins to recognize years of service. This is in cooperation with the Administration and Friends of the Library.

Other social events and service projects are planned for your participation and enjoyment. Together we are stronger, have more fun, and make a difference. So each of you is important and we invite all staff to be a part of your organization.



To join you may contact your site representative, or send \$2.00 along with your name and work location to our membership chairman, Darrie Breathwit, or to the treasurer, Regina Wolfinger at BI.

-by Darleen Browsers

Customer Service Month October 1 - 31

What is Customer Service Month?

Customer Service Month is a MLS sponsored event that is devoted to celebrating our Internal and external customers.

Goals of Customer Service Month Are:

1. To raise MLS staff awareness of the important role that customer service plays in our being one of Oklahoma County's premier information, education and entertainment resources.



2. To demonstrate our commitment to providing quality customer service every day, all day.

Who can Participate?

All departments and libraries can participate. We would love to have 100 percent participation.

How can we participate?

Be creative! Have a party or open hours, decorate your library/office, serve coffee/tea, give away something, sing, dance, or just smile a lot.

Celebrate for a month, the benefits all year long!



Win a Pizza Party!

A pizza party for the department and the library with the most creative celebration, activities, etc.

Sound like fun! Ready to celebrate?

Contact Denyveta Davis at 231-8689 or ddavis@mls.lib.ok.us. It's that easy!