

# ShelfLife

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## MLS, Food Bank Announce Food For Fines Project



Regional Food Bank board chair Sherri Price and MLS board chair Penny McCaleb are shown with a food collection barrel at the Village Library. The Food Bank and MLS are jointly conducting the Food for Fines Project which runs from Oct. 15 through 21st.

### *Clear Your Conscience As We Clear Your Fines*

Embarrassed?

No time to bring back your overdue library books?

Now is the time to make the time.

Beginning Oct. 15 through Oct. 21, all Metropolitan Library System libraries will accept food donations for fines. Customers may bring prepackaged, non-perishable foods (with the original labels) and their fines will be erased. No fine is too big. Cans of soup and boxes of cereal are types of acceptable foods. The libraries cannot accept 'home canned' or home prepared food.

"We thought this would be a great way to benefit the community and make life a little easier for our customers," said Scott Carter, director of Public Relations for MLS.

Donation boxes, located inside each library, will be

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### October Anniversaries

JIMMY C. WELCH	10/22/70
FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	10/9/72
RUBY J. SOUTIERE	10/1/78
SHARON S. WENZL	10/7/81
STEVEN B. JENKINS	10/5/87
JANE F. BERNIER	10/23/89
KAREN L. BAYS	10/2/92
REGINA D. KIRKHAM	10/4/93
ANNE R. HSIEH	10/4/93
CECIL L. PEADEN	10/18/93
JOANNE SCHNEIDER	10/24/94
DOROTHY E. DUNLAP	10/25/95
JOYCE L. TALLANT	10/6/98
MELISSA J. CUNNINGHAM	10/19/98
LINDA J. HOLMBERG	10/22/98
ROBERT M. FERGUSON	10/2/99
RONDIA K. BANKS	10/4/99
LENA C. LOPER	10/5/99
AIMEE N. HOUSE	10/12/99
MARYANN M. HEARD	10/18/99
KAREN A. LEHR	10/1/00
PATSY A. GLOVER	10/16/00
JEFF L. SMITH	10/16/00
AUBREY D. MERCADO	10/23/00

### October Birthdays

JESSICA M. WEATHERBY	10/02
LISA E. MYERS	10/04
WANDA D. SCOTT	10/05
KATHIE A. HULGAN	10/06
BARBARA K. BEASLEY	10/07
GEORGE M. MARSHALL	10/08
EVA F. PETEET	10/08
LAVETTA KINSEY DENT	10/09
SHARLOTT D. WHITE BROWN	10/10
CHRISTA L. NELSON	10/12
CRYSTAL L. LE	10/12
SHARON D. THOMPSON	10/14
JOSHUA H. WELLS	10/15
HELEN F. HARRELL	10/16
MARY R. MCELROY	10/18
MARK A. TULL	10/18
RONDIA K. BANKS	10/18
PAULINE B. RODRIGUEZ	10/20
MICHAEL J. TORTORELLI	10/22
RUTH M. BUTLER	10/23
DARLENE R. QUINN	10/26
LINDA A. FELTON	10/30
HEIDI A. PORT	10/30
KAREN K. KWETEY	10/30
AKRAM A. TAGHAVI	10/31

### Welcome To

C. Lewis McClure  
 Sarah Dearner-Coady  
 John D. Wood  
 Laura Parker  
 Patricia Uselton  
 Jeanne Marie Devlin  
 Angela Sanders  
 Jabari Toure  
 Jeffrey Clemons

### Goodbye

Jennifer Kettler  
 Allisse Pohl  
 Tremaine Truitt  
 Kristina Robertson  
 George Cummins  
 Isaac Onaolapo  
 Aliceanne Green  
 Roxanne Zeigler  
 Sarah Davis  
 Tabitha Kirkes  
 Sarah Bell  
 Ashley Grant  
 Bree Menard  
 Lauren Mintz

### Movin' Up

Megan Johnson from: Receiving Tech.  
 TP to: Materials Selection Tech.  
 MSL

Denzel Mitchell from: Library Asst  
 RE to: Librarian RE

Annika Thornburg from: P-T Library  
 Page MCTo: Library Asst (H-T)  
 DC

### Retiring

Glenda Moore, Tech Processor TP.

## People

Two **MLS library** staffers were among the featured storytellers at "Territory Tales" September 15 at Ponca City's Gateway Historic Neighborhood.

The pair told stories on the lawn of an historic home built in 1907.



**Marilyn Hudson**, RE Librarian Specialist, is producing a **Tellabration!** suitable for families with children older than Kindergarten-age. The event is being held in Norman .

**Tellabration!** is part of an international evening of benefit storytelling in which communities around the world on a single day celebrate the wonder of storytelling for all ages.



**Ursula Ward**, Government Documents Cataloger, has received a grant from ODL to travel to the Depository Libraries Conference in Washington, DC Oct. 14-17.



ALARMING! -- Edmond Library Manager **Karen Bays** displays her false alarm notice necklace. Bays' necklace was made for her by **Olivia Sammons**, library assistant.

Our condolences to **Jana Hausburg**, whose grandfather **Cecil Huff**, passed away over the Labor Day weekend.



Edmond Library's **Comedy Commandos** performed at September Fest. All of the Commandos met **Gov. Frank Keating** and were even seen on the evening news with Governor.

MLS will begin its first set of cable television commercials in early October.

Four different spots--a general identification spot, one featuring our new domain name and two spots on the importance of reading to children--will air from October through December on various Cox Cable stations.

MLS Public Relations Director M. Scott Carter issued a public "thanks" to all staffers who assisted in the production of the spots.

## ShelfLife

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# Food For Fines

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supplied by the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Food donations cover overdue materials fines only. Damaged or lost materials are not covered under the fine free week.

"We are excited to partner with the Food Bank," Carter said. "Their mission is to help the charitable community effectively feed people in need."

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, a non-profit organization, distributes foods to 500 charitable feeding programs in 53 counties of central and western Oklahoma.

Distribution sites include: children's programs, women's shelters, mobile meal programs, homeless shelters, senior citizen centers, drug and alcohol treatment centers, soup kitchens and emergency food pantries.

"About half million of our neighbors in Oklahoma are at risk of going hungry, and one in five children in Oklahoma do not get enough to eat in order to sustain their growth and development," said Regional Food Bank representative Jessica Spanglehour.

Last year the food bank distributed 17.3 million pounds of food.

"We are pleased to help the Regional

Food Bank, especially during the holiday season. We encourage our customers to bring their food items with their overdue books, videos, etc., and we'll clear that fine with a smile," said Carter.

For more information please call 231-8618 or 231-8658.

## Q & A About Food For Fines

1. Food for fines is a joint project between the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and the Metropolitan Library System.

2. Regional Food Bank provides food and nutrition resources for the needy in Oklahoma.

3. Project lasts for one week: Oct 15-21. *However, fines can be removed one week before and one week after the event.*

4. Food Donations can be made at any main branch library of the Metropolitan Library System.

5. Food donations must be nonperishable, prepackaged food items (i.e., cans of soup, boxes of cereal).

6. Food Bank/Library cannot accept donations of home-canning, or home prepared food.

7. No matter what the size of the donation, the customer's total fine will be erased.

8. Each library will have designated donation boxes for food.

9. Donation boxes are supplied by the Food Bank.

10. Food Bank is responsible for pick up of donations.

11. The actual event last only one week. *However, you do have the ability to remove fine one week before and one week after the event.*

12. Food donations cover overdue materials fines only, they do not cover lost or destroyed material costs.

13. Customers with questions may contact MLS at 231-8618, or 231-8658.

# America Unites After Sept. 11 Attack

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**The Sept. 11 terrorist attack affected each and every staff member of the Metropolitan Library System.**

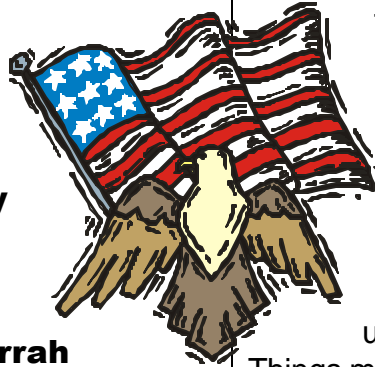
**For many it brought back memories of the Murrah building bombing, for others a deep sense of grief.**

**Many in the MLS family had friends or family affected by the tragedy. Still other members of our family lost loved ones in the destruction.**

**Writing about such an event is, at best, difficult. However, we realize something must be said.**

**The following essay, written**

**by Staff Association President Darleen Bowers addresses this tragedy in a wonderful and comforting way.**



The incomprehensible horror of the Sept 11 terrorist attack on World Trade Center has left each of us searching for some way to deal with it. Our experiences with the Oklahoma bombing give us a unique understanding of the tremendous price to be paid by all involved.

We as individuals face many unknowns at the moment.

Things may be required of each of us that now seem impossible. Families may be disrupted because of military service or death. Extreme stresses of all kinds may be a part of our daily lives and in turn part of our work environment.

The question remains. How do we deal with it all? This is some of what I have learned from all of you.

- First we talk and listen to each other.
- We give each other a bit of space when needed.

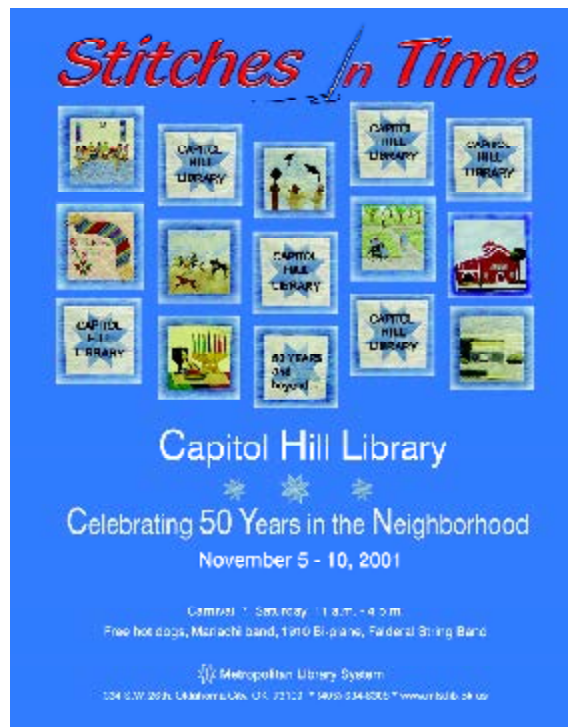
- We offer the helping hand to someone who is in a bad moment.
- We don't expect perfection in this imperfect world.
- We don't let fear control us.
- We make normal days happen.
- Then we tell each other it's okay to be normal even though others have been denied that privilege.
- And we remember more help is available if needed through the Employee Assistance Program.

The Metropolitan Library System pays for this coverage and provides the first three visits for employees and their families. One can call Angela Cunningham at 820-9005 to get in touch with the appropriate professional.

It is great to work with all of you. Your caring and giving spirit proves Nancy Gibbs point in a recent *Time* article. She wanted the terrorists to know they made a bad mistake. They assumed our faith rests on what we can buy and build. That is not true. That is why we can face the future, deal with whatever has to be done and continue to live as free Americans.

# Celebrations!

## Like to Sew? Want to Learn? Stop by and Sew at Capitol Hill Library



When Capitol Hill Library celebrates its 50th anniversary November 5-10, the focal point will be a hand-made commemorative quilt depicting the best of this historic south Oklahoma City neighborhood.

In recent months library staff and community members have quilted squares depicting the diverse cultural icons of the community the library serves (galloping Kiowa horses, a table set for Kwanza, a Hispanic church, graduating high school seniors), but now Phil Tolbert, Capitol Hill library manager, says he needs people to sew the finishing touches on the quilt.

"Whether it be 15 minutes, an hour or

every Wednesday," said Tolbert, "everyone is encouraged to participate."

The stitching that remains is simple, he says, so even someone who has never sewn could participate without slowing down production at all.

In fact if Tolbert had his druthers, he admits, he would have every single person who lives in Capitol Hill drop by the library and add at least a few stitches to the project--so the final quilt could truly be a community endeavor.

"We want the quilt to celebrate the history and future of the library," he noted.

People are welcome to stop by and sew 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. October 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.