

ShelfLife

Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

JULY / AUG 2002

Donna Morris Assumes Role as Acting Executive Director

When **Donna Morris** assumed the duties of acting executive director Aug. 2, it came after a few painful and tense weeks.

Donna sent an e-mail the day after a special meeting of the Library Commission took place July 31 in which Norm Maas gave his resignation. After that meeting, **Donna** was asked by the commission to serve as Acting Executive Director of the Metropolitan Library System.

Donna has been here before. She served as interim director, as many staff recall, before Norm came, from October 2000 to Dec. 11, 2000.

"The Commission has asked me to serve for an indefinite period of time," said **Donna**. "I want to make the transi-



Donna Morris, new MLS Acting Executive Director

tion as smooth as possible and to assure staff things will continue as usual, with no major changes during this interim period."

"We will continue to concentrate on the programs and services now in place, i.e. Success by Six, Literacy, Family Place, and core services such as providing books and materials and information, etc., with no expansion intended at this time."

Donna said that she would like to slow the pace down a bit and concentrate on programs already in place while continuing to provide good service to customers.

The Commission is also con-

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cerned with the long-term demands on the budget – in light of the fact that it's going to cost significantly more to operate the new Downtown building than the old one. The Commission has to look at the long-term cost (of operating the libraries), **Donna** said.

During the week of Aug. 5, **Donna** met with all administrative staff members to see what projects they had under way and to take a reading on how things are going.

And what will happen to **Donna's** other position as Deputy Director of Support Services? "It will remain open until the Executive Director position is filled," said Donna. **Donna** said she will continue to serve in a limited capacity in that position.

"Todd (Olberding, Director of Construction Management), will probably be more involved with the day to day of that job." But, **Donna** said, she will continue to handle the furniture for the new building since she was the only one dealing with that part of the project.

Donna said she regrets that more information about the situation could not be passed on to the staff after the July 18 commission meeting, but such information just was not available.

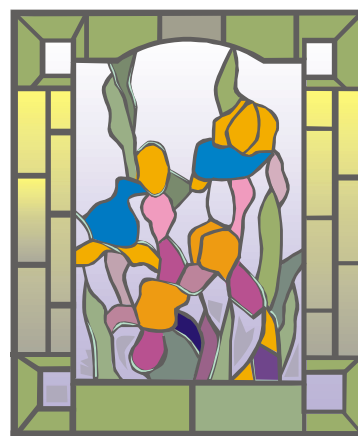
Donna promises open communication, inviting staff to call her with any questions they might have.



Mark Your
Calendar Now!

Staff Recognition Celebration

Saturday, November 9, 6 p.m.
at The Centre
4325 N.W. 50th
Oklahoma City, OK 73112.



MLS Officially Unveils Family Place Initiative

See How the Library has Changed
to Better Help Parents
Prepare Children for Reading

One of the most pressing needs in our community is preparing very young children to learn how to read, and now the Metropolitan Library System has developed a program for families that will help meet that need.

Dubbed the "Family Place," the program calls for libraries to become a place where parents and children - through play, storytelling, and parent-child workshops - lay the foundation for reading readiness. The concept was founded and named by Middle Country Public Library in Centereach, N.Y.

The Grand Opening of MLS' Family Place was held Friday, July 19, at 10 a.m. at Midwest City Library.

The first Family Place pilot workshop in the state was held there in March.

The celebration exposed the media and local officials an opportunity to observe a Family Place Parent-Child Workshop first-hand.



Choctaw Groundbreaking a 'Major Success'



READY TO DIG –Tuesday, July 2, the ground was finally broken to start the much anticipated building of the new Choctaw Library at the corner of Gilbert and Muzzy, address 2525 Muzzy. Above pictured are architects, builders, the mayor, Commission members, etc.

Pictured above from left to right is Michael Hoffner and Rand Elliott of Elliott + Associates Architects, JL Walker of JL Walker Construction, City Councilman Ray Bradshaw, Ward 1, City Councilman Bud Walker, Ward 2, City Councilman Dale Gill, Ward 6, Senator Dave Herbert, Margaret Mueller, Mayor Bobbie Freeman, MLS Commission president Penny McCaleb, MLS Commissioner Alyne Strube, Norm Maas, City Council Jeanne Abts, and City Councilman Roger Malone, Ward 4.

MLS Staff, Commissioners, Choctaw Leaders Attend July 2, Ceremony at Choctaw

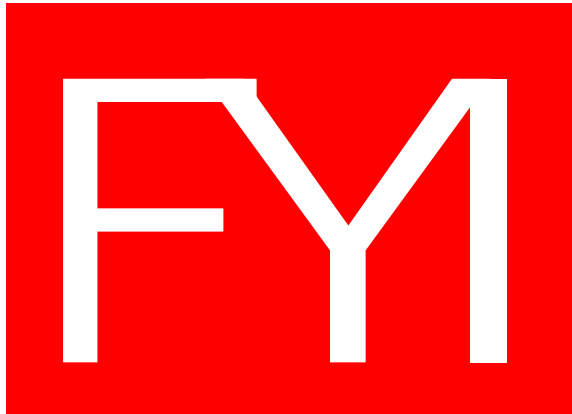
CHOCTAW — The most exciting and positive things can be born from the most terrifying disasters.

When a tornado ripped through the city of Choctaw on May 3, 1999, no one imagined it would hasten the fulfillment of a dream of long standing. Yet from the rubble, a new state-of-the-art library will now rise to serve the community.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Choctaw Library will be Tuesday, July 2.

“What better way to celebrate Independence Day and America’s freedom to read and discuss ideas than the creation of a new library building?” said **Metropolitan Library System Commission Chairperson Penny McCaleb**. “I’m so excited for the city of Choctaw, and for the rest of the library system, to see construction beginning on this fabulous new facility.”

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JULY Anniversaries

JANET E. BROOKS	7/1/80
URSULA A. WARD	7/1/82
RONNA C. DAVIS	7/19/82
FRANCES V. HARBERT	7/8/85
ANITA F. ROESLER	7/28/85
KAREN R. BRAY	7/7/86
DAVID L. MACK	7/2/90
ANGELA M. PAELTZ	7/15/92
PAT WHISENHUNT	7/25/94
MARY L. DAUGHERITY	7/28/94
LAURAA. FIESTER	7/5/95
DAGMAR M. PEERY	7/7/97
AKRAM A. TAGHAVI	7/7/97
WOODROW HOWARD JR.	7/7/97
CAROL MOODY	7/28/97
WHITNEY B. ROBERTS	7/8/99
PAULA A. HANNAPEL	7/26/99
KIMBERLY A. RICKEY	7/10/00
SAMANTHA DEARMAN	7/10/00
RUSSELL L. PIERCE	7/17/00
MEGAN J. JOHNSON	7/24/00
MANDANA ROSHAN	7/27/00

JULY Anniversaries continued

LORI H. WYLIE	7/9/01
JIMMY M. SALES	7/14/01
JOHN LEROY HILBERT	7/16/01
LISA M. WOOD	7/16/01

Welcome To

Chris Davis	PT Tech Asst, BI
Christopher Larwig	PT Tech Asst, DN
Charla McGarrah	Page, MC
Dianna Rupp	Page, MC
Shirley Smith	Project Spec, OUT
Karen Davis	Page, BE
Trevor Dailey	Page, VI
Robin McDowell	Page, MC
Christa Nelson	PTProj. Spec, OUT
Lori McClure	Page, MC
Mary Howard	Page, VI

Goodbye to

Mark Tull	MTC Tech, MTC
Silke Lovato	Page, ED
Krista Russell	Page, MC
Stephany Wilson	Page, BE
Sarah Hleboski	Page, WA
Tonice Woods	Security Off., RE
Lisa Preble	Circ Clerk, RE
Megan McCleskey	Page, MC
Darla McGuinness	Page, VI
Jim Sales	Security Ofc, RE
Lori Wylie	Librarian, ED
Alex Powers	Page, WA
Marilyn Hudson	Librarian, OUT

JULY Birthdays

SAISRI VONGCHANYAKUL	7/01
CHRIS W. SMITH	7/01
LOIS W. MCKENNA	7/02
BARBARA D. JONES	7/03
ANNE R. HSIEH	7/04
SHIRLEY SMITH	7/05
GAIL GARLOCH	7/09
DARLENE L. BRICKY	7/10
ELIZABETH ANN KESSLER	7/10
MARYAM SALAMAT	7/12
ALMA LOUISE BROWN	7/12
MARY A. ANDERSON	7/17
DENISE A. COURTS	7/19
LASHAWN D. BRADLEY	7/19
S. COLLETTE HANKINS	7/20
HEIDI MAE DANIEL	7/22
KAREN L. EFFINGER	7/22
LENA C. LOPER	7/23
SHIRLEY J. HENDERSON	7/23
JIMMY M. SALES	7/24
JANET E. BROOKS	7/24
DENYVETTA DAVIS	7/26
BARBARA M. NAMMINGA	7/26
KRISTINA F. ROBERTSON	7/27
DENESA C. YOST	7/28

People

Spencer Library

My granddaughter, Leann Weaver, has had two creative writing assignments published in the Edmond Memorial High School's literary arts magazine, *Broken Barriers*. Congratulations!

– **Joyce Helms, Spencer**

For Sale

Household Freezer. 5 cubic ft capacity, Excellence brand name made in Italy. \$50.00. Kids are grown and gone so I don't buy as many groceries to store anymore.

Call **Betty Wyrick** @ 231-8608 or 722-4157.

For Sale

Queen size bed, wood, 4-post bed frame for Sale - Headboard, Footboard and Rails. \$500.00.

Buyer will need to make arrangements for pick up & delivery.

Contact **Denise Courts** @ 947-0392.

Staff Development Day: New Name, New Process

Staff Development Day gets a facelift in 2002 with a new name and a process for organizing the annual event.

Focus 2002: Creating Connection and Direction is scheduled to take place on October 14th at the Clarion Meridian Convention Center, the site of last year's event.

To determine this year's topics, the Planning Office interviewed managers and directors, surveyed a randomly selected group of MLS employees and met with **Darlene Browsers**, president of the staff association.

Topics most requested have been tentatively worked into this year's agenda. More information about the event will be released in the coming months.

– **Helen Chacon, Planning**

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ShelfLife, the official newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System, is published electronically each month by the **Public Relations Division**.

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Sympathy

Sympathy to **Darlene Quinn**, DN, whose mother died in Houston, May 30.

And to **Peggy Long**, SO, whose brother from West Virginia, died July 4.

Also, **Peggy's** mother is in Integris Baptist Hospital in Yukon for a heart attack. Please keep her in your thoughts.

Sympathy also to **Shirley Henderson**, MC, whose father died July 8, in Texas.

And to **Deanna Biddle**, BI, whose mother died, July 13.

Brightly Colored Dalmatians Highlight MLS/WEOKIE/MetroTransit Bus



READY TO ROLL—The Metro Transit/MLS/WEOKIE Credit Union Dalmatian bus hauled several staff to the Choctaw Library groundbreaking, providing staff a vehicle to attend the eagerly awaited shovel in the dirt festivities. The actual debut of the bus took place Wednesday, June 26.

to change our lives for the better."

As part of the promotion, **Metro Library** cardholders will be able to ride the library bus - all day, all year -for half the regular fare simply by showing the driver their library card. (**Metro Transit** buses run Monday through Saturday; the discount is only good on the library dalmatian bus, and you must show a **Metropolitan Library System** library card).

The library bus rotates through five routes: Route 2 / N.E. 23rd and Walker (Ralph Ellison Library), Route 12 S.W. 44th and May (Wright Library), Route 13 /S.E. 29th and Shields (Capitol Hill Library), Route 23 / Reno and Rockwell and Route 40 / S.W. 7th and (Southern Oaks Library).

Starting July 19, the **WEOKIE Credit Union** and your **Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County** invite you to climb on board, crack open a good book and make these dog days of summer the most welcome of the year.

For more information about the Dalmatian Bus, call MLS Public Relations 231-8619 or MetroTransit at 235-RIDE.

It's a bird! It's a plane!

It's a ... gigantic dog?

Nope, it's the latest in a line of decorated **Metro Transit** buses traveling Oklahoma City streets, and this one is compliments of your local library and the **WEOKIE Credit Union**.

The black bus sprinkled with dalmatians of a different color urges bystanders to "Change Your Life" by reading or working on their financial future.

It has been said the color of a dalmation's spots is as unalterable as the stripes on a tiger, and the metaphor is often used to

demonstrate that some things can never change.

Metro Library and **WEOKIE** don't believe that for a minute.

Learning to read, reading regularly or mastering one's personal finances can open up a new world of information and entertainment for a person.

The **Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County** and **WEOKIE Credit Union** hope everyone who sees their gaily colored bus will go away thinking that: "Yes, each and every one of us has the potential

Choctaw Groundbreaking

"This groundbreaking will be a big step toward our ultimate goal of a state-of-the-art library for the community of **Choctaw**," said **Choctaw City Manager Robert Floyd**. "The campaign for a community library has been a citywide focus for the past two years, and we believe all the hard work and sacrifice by the people of Choctaw is about to pay off with something of which we can all be proud."

Choctaw residents passed a \$1.15 million bond issue in February of 2000 – the city's first bond issue in 38 years – to build the library. (The last bond issue in 1962 was for water and sewer improvements.)

"Hopes for a new library in Choctaw have existed for many years now," said then **Metro Library Executive Director Norm Maas**. "We've been renovating many of our existing libraries lately, and we have plans to upgrade more of them. The tornado of 1999, and the damage it caused to the building that housed the Choctaw Library, provided the opportunity to move ahead with this project."

Library service in Choctaw began humbly enough when a handful of citizens asked Metro to schedule a regular bookmobile run for the city. Usage of this portable facility grew until a bookmobile was stationed permanently in Choctaw.

By the late 1970s, the demand for more library service prompted the Choctaw Li-



HARD WORK PAYS OFF—Members of the Choctaw Library Guild and the Choctaw Library Staff prepare to turn earth for their new library. The group includes, from left: Janet Amicon, Martha Lennington, Susan Woodruff, Charles Lennington, Magi Whitaker, Janet Hixson, Rita Holder, Choctaw Library Manager Rosemary Czarski, Margaret Mueller, Mayor Bobbie Freeman, MLSC Commissioner Alyne Strube, Mary Gillespie, Choctaw City Councilwoman Jeanne Abts, Charlene Crossland, Bill Crossland and Sheryl Dale and her grandbaby.

brary Guild and the Metro Library System to begin looking for a building.

In keeping with past practice, the city provides the building to house the library collection.

Margaret Mueller, president of the Choctaw Library Guild, Inc., the civic organization most responsible for moving construction of the new library off square one, remembers those early days of searching

for a permanent location.

"The Tri-City Youth and Family Center came to the rescue by offering a room in the southwest corner of its building on Main and 23rd. All that was needed was a glass front door.

"Thus began the formation of the Choctaw Library Guild, and the first of many fund raisers," she said. "The door was purchased, and the Choctaw Extension Library proudly opened its doors for business in 1978."

As the movies tell us, build it and they will come. The new library became so popular and usage increased so rapidly, the small library was about to burst its seams. Once again, Tri-City rode to the rescue by offering the library a larger room in the northeast corner of the building. "However," **Mueller** added, "this time we needed more than a glass door. We needed to completely renovate what was once a grocery store. The Guild gathered its forces, started fund raising, and with the help of the Metropolitan Library System and a small army of volunteers, including the Vo-Tech, we got the job done."

By 1985, Choctaw had another new library facility.

It was 2,700 sq. ft., and the city had a five-year lease to it.

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Choctaw Groundbreaking

Ten years later, and five years beyond the expiration of the original lease, the Choctaw Library was once again feeling the pinch brought about by its own success. With the steady increase in material (not only books and magazines but also new collections of videocassettes and compact discs), as well as programs for children and adults, the former grocery store space was as snug as an old suit.

That's why, in 1995, the Choctaw Library Guild approached MLS about constructing a new building dedicated to a full range of library services.

The Guild purchased a parcel of land three blocks west of Choctaw City Hall, close to Main Street, at the corner of Gilbert and Muzzy.

More fund-raising events were scheduled.

And there were setbacks.

The Guild learned it had not purchased enough land to satisfy city parking requirements, so more land was added to the original deal. Unfortunately, the price had gone up by then, but the Guild - excited at the prospect of a new library - soon raised the needed funds.

Then, on the evening of May 3, 1999, all talk was stilled when the same tornado that had already cut a swath through Moore and Del City undulated eastward, crossed NE 23rd, and ripped a wound in Choctaw the

city wouldn't soon forget.

One of the damaged structures was the Tri-City Youth and Family Center, still housing the Choctaw Library. The building's roof was lifted by the high winds, resulting in thousands of dollars worth of damage to library material and equipment.

But after more than two decades of a relationship between the city and its primary source of reading pleasure, nothing was going to keep Choctaw's library down for long.

A stopgap storefront library opened in a local shopping plaza until a new building could rise from the destruction of the tornado. Planning for the new library moved to the front burner.

Elliott + Associates Architects of Oklahoma City were already onboard to design the new facility, and the dream was about to become reality.

Groundbreaking for the new Choctaw Library was held Tuesday, July 2, at 10 a.m. The site is 2525 Muzzy, three blocks west of city hall.

The project will be a joint effort of the City of Choctaw and The Metropolitan Library System, and the Choctaw Library Guild. In addition to the city's \$1.15 million bond issue, MLS will provide \$800,172 for the project, including \$333,338 construction costs, \$213,133 equipment, \$116,201 design fees and \$137,500 for opening day

collection.

The city of Choctaw having donated the land and additional funds in excess of \$175,000 towards the project. The Guild continues to raise the final funding needed to complete the landscaping. Elementary school children plan to raise the funds for the flagpole in front of the library. That project is being spearheaded by **Principal Sharry Vaeth** at Indian Meridian Elementary School.

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System has donated almost \$18,000 to the project, including monies for a land survey and construction of a concrete deck that provides access to the main building for the disabled.

Total construction cost for the project is expected to near \$1.56 million.

"The new library will give us plenty of room for expanding the current collection," said **Deputy Director of MLS Support Services Donna Morris**. "The facility will be 9,000 square feet and feature a new piece of art commissioned from Oklahoma City metal artist **Robin Orbach Starke** for the site. Other features of the building include a multi-purpose room for meetings, classes, art exhibits, and other public gatherings. There will be an under-floor race-

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Choctaw Groundbreaking

way that distributes power and data throughout the building, and a computer room for classes or individual use," she said.

The new Choctaw Library is scheduled for opening in late summer of 2003, but it all began on July 2 with the groundbreaking, which drew a host of dignitaries: city, county and library officials as well as Choctaw citizens and supporters to the site of the future library.

From the terror of the tornado of 1999 to the excitement of moving library service in Choctaw into the 21st Century, the four years of development have been a time of promise and progress.

The Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County includes 12 libraries and seven extension libraries. Branch libraries include Belle Isle, Capitol Hill, Downtown, Ralph Ellison & Southern Oaks in Oklahoma City, as well as Bethany, Choctaw, Del City, Edmond, Midwest City, The Village and Warr Acres libraries. Extensions are in the communities of Harrah, Jones, Luther, Nicoma Park, and Spencer, and also include Drexel and Wright libraries in Oklahoma City.

Choctaw Library Facts

1. The new library will be 9,000 square feet.
2. Its address will be 2525 Muzzy, on the corner of Gilbert & Muzzy, Choctaw.
3. The building's designer is Elliott + Associates Architects of Oklahoma City.
4. The scale and form of the building respects the surrounding residential area, and its saw-tooth form is derived from the 25-foot lot plats originally developed here by the Choctaw Railroad.
5. The brick building with a standing seam metal roof with matching metal trim will include:
 - a. a multi-purpose room for programming & classes.
 - b. 40-50 reader seats, spread across tables & lounges.
 - c. an outdoor, concrete deck that includes access for the physically disabled & a programming area.
 - d. a periodical/quiet reading area.
5. The library site will include a 40-space parking lot.
6. The library will house 45,000 to 50,000 items, i.e. books, CDs, videos.
7. Service hours and staffing for the library will remain at current levels.
8. A future city park will eventually be connected to the library by extending the axis of the library's stained concrete floor, which also connects the parking lot through the building to an outdoor porch.
9. The date of incorporation for the city is featured on the entry side of the delivery canopy.
10. Oklahoma City metal artist Robin Orbach Starke has been commissioned to design and build site specific art for the building's interior.

History of the Choctaw Library

1. Choctaw's library began with a book-mobile at the request of a few locals.
2. The first permanent address came in

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Choctaw Library Facts

1978, when the Choctaw Library Guild was founded.

The Tri-City Youth & Family Center offered a room in its Main & 23rd

Street location, but the room needed a door. The new Guild raised the funds to buy the door, and the Choctaw Extension Library opened its doors in 1978.

3. In 1985, Tri-City offered a larger room in the northeast corner of its building, but the room needed renovation. The Guild again raised the funds, and with the help of the local Vo-Tech, opened the doors of a new 2,700-square-foot library in 1985. It had a five-year lease on the space.
4. In 1995, the five-year-lease had come and gone five times, and the Guild decided it was time for a permanent library building for the citizens of Choctaw and eastern Oklahoma County.
5. With the blessing of the Metropolitan Library System of Oklahoma County, the Guild purchased a parcel of land close to Main Street in Choctaw and hired an architect with a good background in library construction, paid for soil testing, and set about raising funds for construction. Goal: to begin building in five years.
6. The project ended up requiring more land to meet the City's parking requirements, and the Guild purchased what was required.
7. On May 3, 1999, a massive tornado ripped through Choctaw, heavily damaging the Tri-City Building and destroying the contents of the library.
8. In February of 2000, the people of Choctaw voted to pass a \$1.15 million bond issue to build a library.
9. The Library Bond Issue was the first bond issue in 38 years for the community (the last one in 1962 was for water and sewer improvements).



PROUD MOMENT—**Margaret Mueller**, Choctaw Library Guild president and instrumental force behind the Choctaw Library.



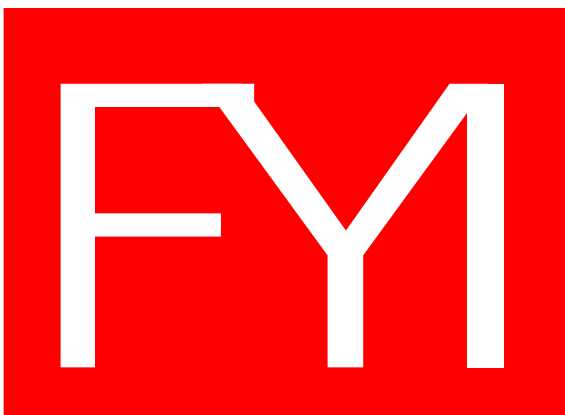
Customer Service Month Coming!

This is an early warning notice: The second **MLS Customer Appreciation Month** will be October 2002.

A WOW team is being formed to help **Denyvetta Davis** prepare guidelines and activities. Look for more information in upcoming issues of Shelflife!

AUGUST Anniversaries

PRISCILLA M. DOSS	8/1/72
CHERYL E. PERNELL	8/1/79
MARILYN R. BARNETT	8/20/81
PHILLIP E. TOLBERT	8/9/82
SHARON L. MAINE	8/17/82
BARBARA K. BEASLEY	8/1/84
DARRYL G. FITZHUGH	8/17/87
KARYN J. MILLER	8/24/87
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/29/89
KARMEN QUEITA HARVEY	8/21/91
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/26/91
GALEN R KURTH	8/30/93
JULIA A. MOCK	8/30/93
EVA F. PETEET	8/23/94
JACQULYN J. TAYLOR	8/29/94
ROBERT A. HURST	8/26/96
DEBORAH J. WILLIS	8/31/96
KAREN L. LITTERAL	8/31/96
KATHLEEN M. LAUGERMAN	8/4/97
GLENN E. WEBB JR	8/25/97
FREDERICK R. WILSON	8/9/99
CRYSTAL D. GILES	8/23/99
JANET E. BOWEN	8/25/99
MARY K. HARRISON	8/7/00
SUSANNA S. DAVIS	8/7/00
AMANDA S. TERRY	8/8/00
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	8/14/00
SAISRI VONGCHANYAKUL	8/21/00
LISA BIRKLE RODANO	8/28/00
C. LESLIE MCCLURE	8/6/01
KIM L. COBB	8/9/01
ELIZABETH A. PRESSLER	8/20/01
JOHN D. WOOD	8/27/01



AUGUST Birthdays

PATRICIA J. HALL	8/03
CAROL L. PROVINCE	8/03
VICKEY K. DOOLEY	8/03
CAROLYN S. ABERNATHY	8/03
JAMES E. NIMMO, JR.	8/03
DAGMAR M. PEERY	8/04
JILL L. VESSELS	8/04
CHESTER KINZIE, JR.	8/04
CHARLOTTE R. OVERTON	8/05
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/05
KATRINA B. PRINCE	8/06
KARON A. STORM	8/06
ANGELA D. GREEN	8/06
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	8/07
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/07
KATHY L. FRITSCH	8/08
KATHRYN M. DUNN	8/09
JOYCE MCCAULEY-JOHNSON	8/09
CHARLA D. S. MCGARRAH	8/09
KAREN A. LEHR	8/11
SYLVIA A. LAWSON	8/13
ANITA F. ROESLER	8/13
FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	8/13

AUGUST Birthdays continued

LAURA ELVIRA MCMURTRY	8/13
MARYANN M. HEARD	8/14
LINDA J. JAMESON	8/14
BOBBIE KAY BREWER	8/15
SUSIE L. BEASLEY	8/18
EDWARD N. TERRY	8/21
NATHAN K. LEONARD	8/21
JEAN M. WILBURN	8/22
PAMELA K. KOSTED	8/25
KARMEN QUEITA HARVEY	8/25
THUY THI MAI NGUYEN	8/25
KATHERINE Y. WILLIAMS	8/26
ANN G. ALIOTTA	8/28
ELIZABETH A. PRESSLER	8/28
TIMOTHY D. FISHER	8/29
TERESA GOGGINS	8/29
KATHLEEN F. YOUNG	8/30
JOYCE A. HELMS	8/30
KAY L. BAUMAN	8/31

Transferring Is

Shellie Zeigler-Hill From VI Librarian,
to DC

Moving UP Is

Julia Mock From Librarian, VI, to
Materials Selector, MSL

2002 Walk to Cure Diabetes



MLS volunteers raised \$1,043 for the CURE June 8, 2002.

Pictured from Left to right are: Row 1- Alma Dunn, Francie Pendleton, Angel Mitchel, Brodiquel Robinson, Mary Ann Heard, Emily Heard, Tammy Tryon and Michelle Hill.

Row 2-Clinton Caldwell, Joyce McCauley Johnson, Heidi Port, Kareen Adkins, Jill Vessels, Autumn Smith, Nick Smith, Dale Vessels and Vicki Maddux.

Row 3 - Tjene, Kim Edwards, Lynn Jones, Leotis Hill Cedre Jones and Angela Dumas.

Not pictured are Loretta Frantz and Nancy Curnett.



Darlene Browsers

Views and Reviews

This is the beginning of a new year for your Staff Association. We are looking forward to continued efforts to serve as a communication channel about areas of concern between staff and administration. Your Staff Association Executive Council is dedicated to this goal.

Please feel free to share with your SA representative those concerns that affect our work environment. These concerns will be included in future conversations as we continue to seek solutions.

Probably every staff member has had the pleasure of eating some really yummy treats that a co-worker prepared and brought to work to share in the lounge, at a party, or in a pot-luck dinner. Most of us have said, "Can I have your recipe?" Your SA Executive Council is working to help us all share and organize those wonderful recipes.

We will be producing a MLS Staff Recipe Notebook and making it available to all who would like to have it. We would love to include as many recipes

as possible here at the beginning. Please get a copy of those great recipes to your site representative or send to **Darlene Browsers**, PSA, and they will be included in this new Recipe Notebook.

Include the name of the cook for each recipe. The Notebook will give you a readily organized way to add to your recipe collection in the future. Samples of the Notebook will be available in each site so that you can place an order for one if you like it. The price is currently being calculated but it will basically be just to cover cost of materials.

Your Staff Association Executive Council members will be contributing their work to type and assemble them.

Down through the years we hope you will not only enjoy many good things to eat but also the good memories of your friends here at MLS who shared their recipes with us all.

Your membership chairman designed a membership enrollment that would get your Staff Association membership card to you at the time you pay your dues.

This should eliminate any delays in getting your cards to you. Due to illnesses we have been a little late getting

everyone contacted. However, everything is ready to go. If your rep misses you, please contact them and they will have your membership card for you. Membership dues remain at **two dollars** for the year.

We have been negotiating with Borders Books Music and Café to continue the discount weekends for their two stores for our members. That has just been finalized and the dates for those weekends will soon be announced. Please be sure to take advantage of this privilege and let them know how much we appreciate it.

The Staff Recognition Committee is hard at work getting ready for an evening to celebrate and honor MLS staff with many years of service. Be sure to set aside Nov. 9 at 6:30 to come to The Center at 50th and Meridian. We'll join our friends and co-workers for this special evening. More information will be coming to you from your committee.

-Darlene Browsers