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Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

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Staff Recognition: Applause 2002

30 Years of Service



Priscilla Doss and Francie Pendleton

Outstanding Service Award



*Congratulations to Kim Rickey,
Dave Mack and Vickey Dixon*

Photos by Galen Kurth

Staff Recognition: Applause 2002

25 Years of Service



Karen Marriott, Judy Walden and Selma Zuhdi

20 Years of Service



Pam Brandt, Denyveta Davis, Rosemary Czarski and Kay Bauman

15 Years of Service



Marilyn Backus, Libby Holshouser, Darryl Fitzhugh and Denise Courts

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Ronna Davis, Alma Brown, Ursula Ward, Randy Wayland and Phil Tolbert

10 Years of Service



Joan Shelton, Karen Bays, and Traci Jinkens

15 Years of Service



Joe Poe, Karyn Miller and Jill Vessels

5 Years of Service



Joshua Schell, Carol Moody, Olivia Sammons, Barbara McDaniel, Heidi Port and Charleen Miller.

Staff Association Views and Reviews

By Darlene Browsers

The Staff Recognition Dinner was a lovely event. We want to again say thank you to the "Friends of the Library" for their support of this event for the last 17 years. Thanks to the committee also that worked all year to create such a lovely evening.

And most of all thanks to the MLS employees for giving so many years of great service to the Metropolitan Library System. This is a big part of why our customer service is top notch.

Congratulations go to Vickie Dixon, Dave Mack and Kim Rickey for receiving the Outstanding Service Awards this year. Each of the nominees exemplify the very best, and we are proud of all of them.

The following Staff Association site representatives are serving the MLS Staff Association in these ways: Chairperson is Darlene Browsers; Vice Chair is Jean Johnson; Secretary is Laura Fiester; and Treasurer is Derek Cash. All of the executive council continue to strive to educate themselves on issues that concern all employees. From this knowledge we make every effort to engage in problem-solving conversations with the administration.

Welcome to Joan Shelton who will be representing Capitol Hill, while Karene Adkins is on maternity leave.

The Staff Association Reps helped with the collection for "Warm Hands and Feet" that benefited the Salvation Army and also for "Eldercare." Thanks to everyone who donated and helped these people.

If you have a favorite recipe for a holiday food that you would like to share, we can still get it into our Staff Association Cookbook. Just send it in to Darlene Browsers or give it to your site representative. Do include your name on your recipe so we can give you credit. Many have already contributed, and we thank each of you.

Your staff association chairperson attends commission meetings and committee meetings as a representative of the staff.

For your information, according to a directive from the State Department of Libraries, all libraries in Oklahoma are to review and update their policies. Our Metropolitan Library System is in the midst of this process. Some of the policy updates currently being considered by the commission include disability leave and grievance procedures. The proposals were made to bring the policies in line with federal regulations, streamline and clarify these policies and help to make the use of these policies more consistent. The MLS Commission will hear these proposals at their December meeting.

News from the Construction Guy

New Choctaw Library

While the underground mechanical and electrical work continues, rain continues to impact the progress of this work.

Look for the placement of the concrete slab in the near future. A final review of the furniture package for the Choctaw Library was scheduled to begin in December.

Downtown Library

While some progress was made with regard to the exterior panels this past month, a final resolution has not been reached. The discussions continue.

Interior wall construction is close to 85 percent complete, and painting of the basement is 65 percent complete. The installation of ceiling grid has also started in the basement and will progress up through the building in the coming weeks. The installation of the grid makes possible the final installation of light fixtures and mechanical devices.

The contract for the telephone and data cabling work was awarded on December 12, 2002. The cable has been ordered, and the actual work in the field is expected to begin the week of

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ELVIS is COMING!

To heck with those other holidays—Elvis' birthday is almost upon us, and we're gonna take advantage of it by bringing Elvis into our libraries for a promotional stunt that should generate some good cheer.

OU Music Theater major Geoffrey Voss will be impersonating Elvis for us the week of The King's birthday (see attachment for dates and times).

We'll be advertising this promotion with radio spots and an appearance on "Read About It." We'll also send out press releases, and hopefully that will generate some print and TV coverage.

We'll be telling our customers the date that Elvis will appear at each library but not the exact time. *Please don't let the cat out of the bag* (or should that be "hep cat"?) by revealing the exact time.

For one thing, we may be late getting to afternoon appearances, depending on how things go in the morning. You know that drill.

We will give Geoff/Elvis a crash course in how to check out material.

When he checks out your

customer(s), they can get him to sign the receipt, and then they can take the signed receipt to KOMA for an Elvis CD.

They will not have to turn in the receipt to KOMA so their privacy will not be violated.

The rest of the time Elvis is with you, he will work the floor, flirting with the ladies, singing bits of his greatest hits, posing for pictures, whatever. Geoff made his Elvis debut at December's Commission meeting, and he wowed the crowd.

For more information or questions, please call me 231-8618.

Happy holidays to all and thank yuh.

Thank yuh verra much.

Doug Bentin, PR

Schedule for Elvis appearances:

<i>Monday, Jan. 6:</i>	DC (11-noon) MC (1-2)
<i>Tuesday, Jan. 7:</i>	SO (11-noon) CH (1-2)
<i>Wednesday, Jan. 8:</i>	RE (11-noon) CT (1-2)
<i>Thursday, Jan. 9:</i>	BE (11-noon) WA (1-2)
<i>Friday, Jan. 10:</i>	BI (11-noon) DN (1-2)
<i>Saturday, Jan. 11:</i>	VI (11-noon) ED (1-2)

People

Two Fuzzy Kittens

Two kittens, born Nov. 9, are available for adoption. Both are striped. You can choose from Snow or Tigger. Or, if you prefer a slightly more mature female, Miss Kitty is their mother, approximately nine months old, who nominated us to help raise her babies. If you want a Christmas kitty, call Karen Bray, 235-9123, x 20 or 946-0367 after 5 p.m.

– **Karen Bray, Outreach**

Del City News

Linda Jameson's big sister, Diana, gave her little sister, Rhonda, a kidney in November. Both sisters are doing well. What a great gift for a sister to give — the gift of life!

And Annika Bryant attended the graduation of her husband, Cale, from Army Basic Training, Georgia.

– **Katrina Prince, Del City**



Welcome To

Angelita Downing	Page, CH
Lacy Carr	Page, CAT
Serina Garcia	Page, MC

Goodbye To

Kristin Epperson	Librarian, MC
Jeff Smith	Page, VI
Sharla Lawrence	Data Entry, Tech, TP
Dawn Jackson	Librarian, MC

Rehired

Kimberly Woodruff	Page, CH
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Transferring

Rondia Banks	PT Librarian, PSA, to FT Librarian, RE
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NOTICE

Change of Internet Usage Time

As of January 1, 2003, Internet time allowed on all MLS Internet Computers will be reduced from

**2 Hours
to
1.5 Hours**

However, customers no longer will be required to log off for 30 minutes after each hour.

The Construction Guy continued--

January 5.

The Audio / Visual package is expected to be issued for bid in January.

Please feel free to e-mail any building questions you would like addressed to tolberding@mls.lib.ok.us.

Todd Olberding, Construction Management

Sympathy

To Todd Olberding, Support Services, whose father-in-law passed away in November.

And to Wanda Scott, Public Relations, whose mother died Monday, Dec. 2 in Duncan.



CONTEST!

Would you like a copy of the entire *Lord of the Rings* trilogy in paperback?

PR has free copies that will be given away when two people answer the following questions correctly:

What killed Gandolf?

What is Gandolf's horse's name?

and

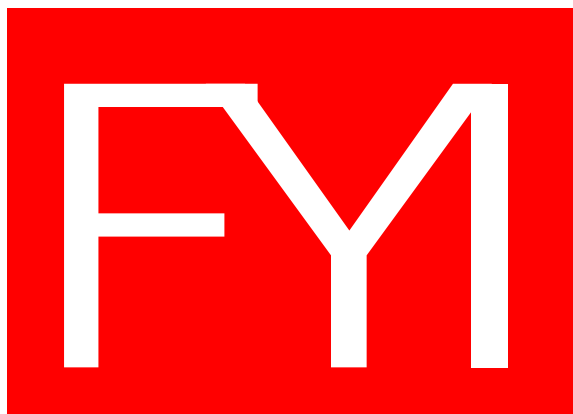
What is Sam's pony's name? (Sam is Frodo's friend from the Shire.)

In one volume you will receive *The Fellowship of the Ring*, *Two Towers* and *The Return of the King*.

The first two winners will get a copy of the trilogy.

Please e-mail your answers to nlytle@mls.lib.ok.us. The first two with correct answers will receive the prize.

Three people with the correct answers or close to correct will receive a single copy of *The Two Towers* and a CD soundtrack from the *Two Towers* movie. And last - one person will receive a single copy of the *Two Towers*.



January Birthdays

LAURIE F. MACK-CLARK	1/02
RANDY E. WAYLAND	1/04
DARRYL G. FITZHUGH	1/04
URSULA A. WARD	1/05
DEBRA O. SPINDLE	1/05
CHRISTINA D. LONG	1/07
ARVIN J. POURTORKAN	1/07
SALLY K. PHILLIPS	1/07
DENISE A. LUKES	1/07
CAROL MOODY	1/08
CECIL L. PEADEN	1/09
JAN M. REYNOLDS	1/10
PAT WHISENHUNT	1/10
JULIE D. SUPER	1/13
JONATHAN D. ST. AUBIN	1/14
STEVEN B. JENKINS	1/14
MARCIA J. FINDEISS	1/14
ANNIKA MARIE BRYANT	1/18
TODD S. OLBERDING	1/18
BEVERLY K. PHILLIPS	1/18
RONNA C. DAVIS	1/19
JOE J. POE	1/19
HELEN J. SHELTON	1/19

January Birthdays

GLENN E. WEBB JR	1/19
DOROTHY E. DUNLAP	1/20
EVELYN K. DAVIS	1/20
JOHN LEROY HILBERT	1/21
KATHY S. MARQUIS	1/22
PATRICIA R. USELTON	1/22
KALYANI CHEKURI	1/23
JEAN M. ENGBRITSON	1/23
ROSINA C. LANSDALE	1/24
JAMES M. ANDERSON	1/26
JOAN G. KENDALL	1/26
LINDA ARMSTEAD	1/28
NICOLE J. MAXWELL	1/28
PAMELA L. BRANDT	1/28
SUSAN M. MONROE	1/30

January Anniversaries

CAROL L. PROVINCE	1/6/75
KATRINA B. PRINCE	1/6/85
NANCY J. LYTLE	1/22/85
LIBBY HOLSHOUSER	1/21/87
SYLVIA A. LAWSON	1/24/89
ERIC G. KING	1/9/90
JAMES E. NIMMO, JR.	1/18/93
LASHAWN D. BRADLEY	1/3/94
LOVINIA M. NICHOLS	1/5/94
GREGORY W. BENNETT	1/21/97
DENISE A. LUKES	1/5/98
TIMOTHY D. FISHER	1/26/98
LARRY G. JOHNSON	1/26/98
LISA L. WALKER	1/26/98
VICTORIA E. DIXON	1/26/98
KATHY L. FRITSCH	1/27/98
CHRISTINE R. BASSETT	1/25/99
HEIDI MAE DANIEL	1/8/01
CODI M. BRAND	1/9/01

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BOBBIE KAY BREWER	1/11/01
TIMOTHY D. HANNA	1/16/01
MATTHEW SCHABEN JR.	1/22/01
ARVIN J. POURTORKAN	1/22/01
KALYANI CHEKURI	1/7/02
JENNIFER ADKKISSON	1/7/02
SHARON G. BISH	1/7/02
LYDELL R. BARTON	1/7/02
VIRGINIA R. PATTINSON	1/7/02
KEN SCHUTTENHELM	1/14/02
DIANNE C. COX	1/21/02
MARGARET F. REEVES	1/21/02
LAURA MCMURTRY	1/23/02
LEAH RHEA ZACHARY	1/23/02