

ShelfLife

Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

JULY 2003

2003 Benefits Fair: A Healthy Success

Photos by Darlene Browers



Sylvia Lawson, Auto, gets her hearing checked.



Human Resources team Ric Rea, Karyn Miller, Kelley Hoffman, Denise Courts and Roy Ballou worked hard to pull together vendors and prizes for staff.

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Edmond Library Checks Out Millionth Item

A million of anything will get your attention. Imagine a million gophers under your back yard. A million voice-mail messages on your work phone when you return from vacation. A million dollars in your checking account. (If you have the latter, you may not need to worry about the first two.)

Or, if you're a librarian, a million items checked out from a single library location in a single year.

One million. That's a lot of books, CDs, magazines, and videos.

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Winners of the Benefits Fair Drawings

On Thursday, June 26, the Human Resources Office held a Benefits Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in a come and go atmosphere.

Numberous door prizes were given, the winers include:

Putt-A-Round Miniature Golf Center
Two Tickets for One Free Round of Miniature Golf
Betty Wyrick

Love's Country Stores
\$5 Gift Certificates for Love's Country Stores
Bob Hurst

City Bites
1/2 Sub/Chips/Drink Coupons
Loretta Frantz

Interstate Theatres - Crossroads
Movies 8, Two Movie Passes
Jim Welch

Hollywood Entertainment Corporation
Two Free Video Rental Coupons
Debbie Kelley

AdvancePCS
Stadium Blankets
Don Updegrove

Putt-A-Round Miniature Golf Center
Two Tickets for One Free Round of Miniature Golf
Katrina Prince

Love's Country Stores
\$5 Gift Certificates for Love's Country Stores
Lynn Stephens

City Bites
1/2 Sub/Chips/Drink Coupons
Deborah Montgomery

Interstate Theatres - Crossroads
Movies 8, Two Movie Passes
Ann Aliotta

Hollywood Entertainment Corporation
Two Free Video Rental Coupons
Nancy Lytle

AdvancePCS
Stadium Blankets
Darlene Quinn

National Cowboy & Western
Heritage Museum
Two Complimentary Admissions
Pam Buchanan

Love's Country Stores
\$5 Gift Certificates for Love's Country Stores
Frank Ray

Omniplex
One Complimentary Pass for Four
Eric Do

Coach's Brewery
One Free Pizza Each
Teresa Goggins

Hollywood Entertainment Corporation
Two Free Video Rental Coupons
Kay Bauman

Bank of Oklahoma N.A.
Pen
Phil Tolbert

Lake Hefner Golf Club
Junior Golf Bag
Nancy Lytle

City Bites
1/2 Sub/Chips/Drink Coupons
Elizabeth Kessler

Interstate Theatres - Crossroads
Movies 8, Two Movie Passes
Melissa Cunningham

Coach's Brewery
One Free Pizza Each
Collete Hankins

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Views and Reviews: News from Your Staff Association

Darlene Browers

Congratulations from the Staff Association to all the staff at Edmond Library for doing a great job. And we mean "great" in every way. They have given great customer service while circulating more than one million books this year, and we are thinking that means one million books also have to be checked in and one million books have to be reshelfed. WOW! So congratulations to them for doing a "great" job.

The MLS Staff Association Annual Business meeting was held June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Hometown Buffet at 63rd and Northwest Expressway. Everyone attending received a report about the Staff Association's year, and if you missed that, it is available through your site representative or you may contact **Darlene Browers**, SA chairperson.

Donna Morris was the speaker for the evening and gave us a good picture of the challenges facing the Metropolitan Library System. She also talked about the accomplishments and how the Staff



At MLS Staff Assoc. annual business meeting, Anita Roesler entertains the audience playing the auto harp.

Association was organized. She closed by answering questions from the audience. Her presentation was appreciated, and the Staff Association presented her with a basket of OU items.

Anita Roesler gave us a fun and relaxing time to close the evening. We all learned to play the spoons and yodel. And we got to hear **Anita's** rendition of a variety of traditional music. She kept us laughing with her stories and music.



From left to right, Susan Palmer, MWC; Melissa Weathers, MWC; and Sharon Thompson; DN learning how to play the spoons.

This closes another year for the MLS Staff Association. We look forward to the coming year, and we'd like to say to each of you a big thank you for all you do.

Photos by Christina Robertson, Bl.

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And this month for the first time in Metropolitan Library System history, the Edmond Library reached that remarkable number. Both the watershed moment and the customer who checked out the book will be honored Monday, June 30, at 10 a.m. at the library, 10 S. Boulevard, in Edmond.

MLS Executive Director **Donna Morris** credits a well-designed library with good traffic flow as being partially responsible for Edmond Library's success. "Few branch libraries of that size (27,000 sq. ft) are able to handle that kind of circulation. And, of course, Edmond has an outstanding staff that works hard on providing excellent customer service."

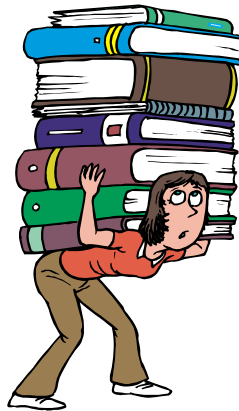
Edmond Library Manager **Karen Bays** is thrilled that her library is the first in the Metro System to reach this mark.

"When we first moved into the new building in June 2000, we expected circulation to go up - that's normal in a new library building," said **Bays**. "But I expected the numbers would taper off after several months. That didn't happen! Our numbers continued to rise during 2001 and 2002."

A lot more goes into reaching a circulation of one million library items in less than 12 months than just checking out books. "If we check out 1,000,000 items in a year," said **Bays**, "that means our staff check out and reshelve an average of more than 2,700 books a day, 365 days a

"The time we feel it worst is after we've been closed for a holiday," she noted. "We're literally wading knee-deep in books when we come back. One person told me, 'I wish we'd just stay open. It'd be easier if we didn't have holidays!' We've been lucky to have a very diligent and efficient staff that includes many creative thinkers. Our circulation staff is always coming up with new ideas to streamline service."

Edmond Library is also fortunate to have a collection of outstanding volunteers — people who are willing to give up some of their free time to ensure that the library operates smoothly and efficiently.



Bays is quick to point out the importance of these giving individuals. "Our volunteers shelve books and videos, help with crafts for children's programs, sign children up for summer reading, and take tickets at the door for the big summer programs," she noted. "I know we couldn't do it without our volunteers."

Bays says she also remains appreciative of the City of Edmond, the University of Central Oklahoma, the Edmond School System and the citizens of Edmond.



"Our success has a lot to do with our location," she said. "Edmond is one of the fastest growing cities in Oklahoma. Even though we added 10,000 square feet in our recent remodel, it often seems that a library lover occupies every chair. This community truly values its library and demonstrates that by utilizing the library fully."

All things considered, **Bays** believes she's working with the best staff in the Metro System. "It's been a fun million! We have a wonderful staff, and even though it's often wildly busy," said **Bays**, "it's usually lots of fun, because the people who work here make it special. They care about their co-workers, and they take time to do the little things that show it."

"The circulation of one million items at the Edmond Library in a single year is a landmark event for the system," added **Morris**.

Such activity, the MLS executive director admits, creates its own unique challenges. In the case of Edmond, that includes parking - as usage outstrips available parking spaces. "We look forward to working with the city of Edmond in the future to discuss library services and growth," said **Morris**.

Doug Bentin, PR

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Hollywood Entertainment Corporation
Movie Pass
Regina Kirkham

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Kim Edwards

Bank of Oklahoma N.A.
Pen
Lori Kane

Coach's Brewery
One Free Pizza Each
Marion LeCrone

Java Dave's Coffee
One Certificate for Nine - Free Drinks &
Pastries
Karen Bays

Read About It
T-Shirt
Debra Jackson

Coffee Creek Golf Course
One Gift Certificate for 1 Round of Golf
for 2 with Carts
Sharon May

Oklahoma RedHawks
Two Terrace Reserved Seat Coupons
Eric Do

Bed Bath & Beyond
One \$20 Gift Card
Carol Hunter

Hobby Lobby
\$25 Gift Cards
Lanny Myers

Hobby Lobby
\$25 Gift Cards
Erica Burton

Love's Country Stores
\$5 Gift Certificates for Love's Country
Stores
Lisa Walker

City Bites
1/2 Sub/Chips/Drink Coupons
Carol Hunter

Hollywood Entertainment Corporation
Movie Pass
Christy O'Brien

Hollywood Entertainment Corporation
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Walk to Cure Juvenile Diabetes

With 21 MLS members walking for the Cure and raising \$1,445.38, the walk was a huge success.

"We had a great time at the Zoo and every library walker wore a Dalmatian T-shirt," said Heidi Port, organizer of the MLS walking team.

Below from left to right, row 1, Maliyah Miser, Fran Pendleton, Teonta Pendleton and Heidi Port. Row 2, Ashley Hearn and Loreta Frantz, and Jacquie Taylor. Row 3, Shirley Henderson, Susan Palmer, Brookquel Robinson, Kim Edwards, Tiffani Robinson, Tjene Fitzgerald, Deanna Biddle and Kim and David Woodruff. Photo by Charlotte Overton, MC

People & Libraries

Edmond Library

Edmond Librarian **Ronna Davis** received roses from a customer in appreciation for providing service above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations **Ronna**!

Midwest City Library

Susie Beasley received a plaque in recognition for volunteering over 120 hours at the Oklahoma City Civic Center 2002-2003 season.

Susie is recovering from major knee surgery.

Susie Beasley, Midwest City

Del City Library

Sarah Suppes, daughter of Circ clerk **Crystal Suppes**, was the first customer to receive and check out her copy of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, Monday, June 23 at the Del City Library.

She was offered a brown bag to carry out her treasure but she refused. Most of all she was thrilled! to say the least.

Crystal Suppes, Del City

Choctaw Library

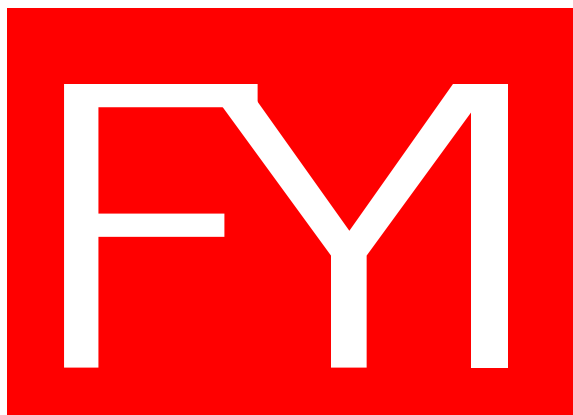


Choctaw Library facing south.



Choctaw Library, entrance and parking lot, facing east.

Photos by Evelyn Davis.

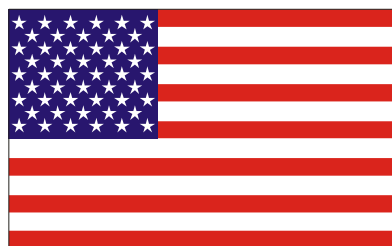


JULY Birthdays

SAISRI VONGCHANYAKUL	7/01
NICOLE E. CAMPBELL	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
SIMONA LONG	7/07
EMON D. CHAVERS	7/07
GAIL GARLOCH	7/09
ELIZABETH KESSLER	7/10
TUPPER T. DO	7/11
ALMA LOUISE BROWN	7/12
KELLEY E. HOFFMAN	7/15
MARY A. ANDERSON	7/17
DENISE A. COURTS	7/19
LASHAWN D. BRADLEY	7/19
S. COLLETTE HANKINS	7/20
HEIDI DANIEL-MORGAN	7/22
LENA C. LOPER	7/23
SHIRLEY HENDERSON	7/23
DIANE RICE	7/24
JANET E. BROOKS	7/24
DENYVETTA DAVIS	7/26

JULY Anniversaries

JANET BROOKS	7/1/80
URSULA WARD	7/1/82
RONNA DAVIS	7/19/82
FRANCES HARBERT	7/8/85
ANITA ROESLER	7/28/85
KAREN BRAY	7/7/86
DAVID MACK	7/2/90
ANGELA PAELTZ	7/15/92
PATRICIA WHISENHUNT	7/25/94
MARY DAUGHERITY	7/28/94
LAURA ANN WYLIE	7/5/95
DAGMAR PEERY	7/7/97
WOODROW HOWARD	7/7/97
CAROL MOODY	7/28/97
WHITNEY ROBERTSI	7/8/99
PAULA HANNAPEL	7/26/99
KIMBERLY RICKEY	7/10/00
SAMANTHA DEARMAN	7/10/00
RUSSELL PIERCE	7/17/00
MEGAN JOHNSON	7/24/00
MANDANA ROSHAN	7/27/00
MELISSA CORMAN	7/1/01
JOHN HILBERT	7/16/01
LISA WOOD	7/16/01
MARY SHOLLY	7/29/02



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People

Welcome To

Mary Huggins	Project Specialist, Outreach
Susan Moore	Tech Asst., BI

Goodbye To

Gavin Van Horn	Page, ED
Kimberly Woodruff	Page, CH
Maryam Salamat	Page, ED
Robin McDowell	Page, MC

Moving Up

Marian LeCrone	From Admin. Specialist to Friends Coordinator
Kimberly Edwards	From Circ clerk to Librarian, DN

Sympathy

Sympathy to Denise Courts, Human Resources, whose grandmother died June 8.

And to Ann Aliotta, ED, whose father-in-law passed away June 28.

Spencer Library

On June 28, at the end of the business day, the Spencer Library closed for good.

The closing was approved unanimously by the MLS Commission at its April 17th meeting.

FOR SALE

Smith Corona Word Processor

Although the commands are keyboard based, it works (yes, it does work) as a word processor and an electric typewriter, something that isn't that easy to find.

I have the original manual and box that came with it.

If desired, I will deliver to your home or workplace.

The \$10.00 price is definitely negotiable.

You can call or e-mail me at Belle Isle with any questions you might have. Call *Ann Meeks, Belle Isle, 843-9601*.

CAR FOR SALE!

Year: 1998

Make: Dodge

Model: Neon

Description:

4 door, white, low miles, new radiator

Perfect for the college bound or new young drivers. Must sell by July 31. Asking price \$5,000 or negotiable. Please contact Angel @ 706-3018 or e-mail apablico@metrolibrary.org if interested.