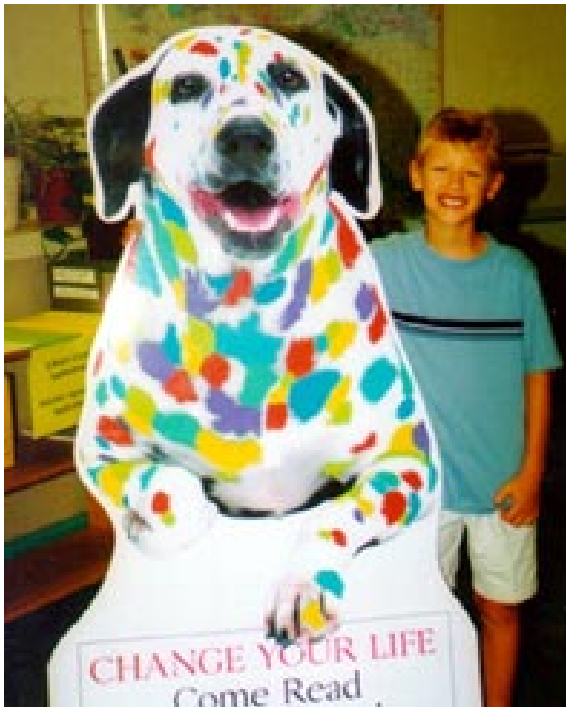


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## ***Library Dalmatian Gets His Name, "Spoticus"***



***Nathanael Fronko and Spoticus***

Eight-year-old Nathanael Fronko from the Edmond Library coined the winning dog named **Spoticus**.

For his creative efforts, he won a DVD player and three children's DVD movies.

Another eight-year-old, Mariah Peace, had her name drawn to throw out the first pitch at Library Night at the Ballpark on Aug. 7.

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## ***Belle Isle To Celebrate 40th Anniversary***

*It was 40 Years Ago  
Today is the theme for  
the Belle Isle Library  
40th Anniversary.  
Events include:*



**Saturday, Sept. 27** - Author Talk with Darleen Bailey Beard, 2-4 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 28** - Concert on the Lawn, 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 29** - Scavenger Hunt/ Pizza Party for Ages 10-16, 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 30** - Happy Birthday, Belle Isle Library Reception, 3-7p.m.

## Choctaw Library Making Plans For 2004 Grant Opening



Choctaw Library. Photo by Evelyn Davis.

## Library Books 20 Years Overdue Returned To MLS

Two very overdue books turned up in the Village Library's bookdrop during August.

*Five Centuries of Keyboard Music* and *A Short History of Keyboard Music* were due back on June 8, 1972.

**Marilyn Backus**, Materials Selection, said they will go into the new Downtown Library/Learning Center.

Both books had the card pocket with stamped due date cards inside and the old computer punch card.

Choctaw Library is tentatively scheduled to open in January 2004.

There will be a soft move-in date, then a date scheduled for the Grand Opening.

The new library address will be 2525 N. Muzzy, Choctaw.



## Young Artists Display Works At Ralph Ellison Library

Al Bostick taught young people the art of mural painting (see above) and stain glass art using tissue paper during the summer .

The painting is on display at the Ralph Ellison Library.

## Race For The Cure

MLS Staff are volunteering together to fight breast cancer on Friday, October 10, and they don't even have to miss work to do it.

How is this possible? Staff can participate in Lee National Denim Day!

Simply donate \$5 or more to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and you can fight cancer. And the fun part is that you get to wear your jeans to work with your own Staff Volunteer (dog on the back) t-shirt and your new pink ribbon pin.

If you are a breast cancer survivor and you would like your name listed as an honoree on the MLS breast cancer survivor list, please either call or e-mail **Heidi Port**, Volunteer Coordinator at 231-8649 or [hport@mls.lib.ok.us](mailto:hport@mls.lib.ok.us).

We're glad you conquered breast cancer and we want to celebrate with you.

Also, there will be a drawing for a special pink ribbon watch from the names on the survivor list.

Before you send your money, look for instructions and posters appearing in your agency soon, or contact **Heidi Port**.

– **Doug Bentin**



*Derek Cash*

## Views and Reviews: News from Your Staff Association

The Staff Association Executive Council met on July 24 at Bethany Library.

The representatives for this year are : **Sharon May** (RE), **Jean Wilburn** (BI ), **Tindle Arnold** (CT), **Lena Loper**, (DC), **Melissa Weathers** (MC), **Beverly Phillips**, Secretary (SO), **Jean Johnson**, Vice Chair, (ED), **Mary Daugherity**, Treasurer, (BE), **Joan Shelton** (CH), and **Derek Cash**, Chairman (WA). Positions for Downtown, Village, The Extensions and Maintenance remain to be filled.

I encourage all employees to join the MLS Staff Association.

Anyone in the system is welcome to bring any issue that he or she questions to a Staff Association representative, and we will try to find an answer or bring the issue to the attention of someone who can address the problem.

Another benefit for members is an opportunity to use a 20% discount at Borders Bookstore four times a year.

Although the date has not been finalized, the next weekend for the discount is October 3-5.

Staff Association dues are \$2.00. Give your money to a Staff Association representative, and they will give you a membership card.

During 2002-2003, almost 80% of the Metro Library employees joined the Staff Association.

The Staff Association representatives and officers attend MLS Commission Meetings, Retirement Committee meetings and Finance meetings.

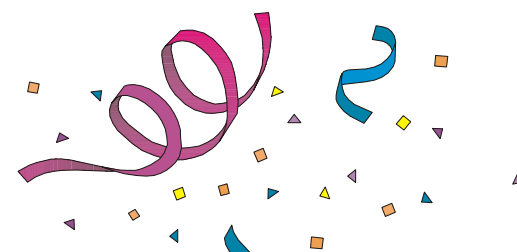
Two members of the Staff Association, **Jason Evans** ( ED ) and **Kristina Robertson** ( BI), are busy taking pictures of the 33 honorees for the MLS Staff Recognition Dinner, October 25. The theme for the celebration is "Fiesta".

This year the Chairwoman of the Staff Recognition Dinner Committee is **Marian La Crone**.

### Luther's Library is Moving!

The Luther Library, now located at 115 S. Main, will be moving to 310 N.E. 3rd.

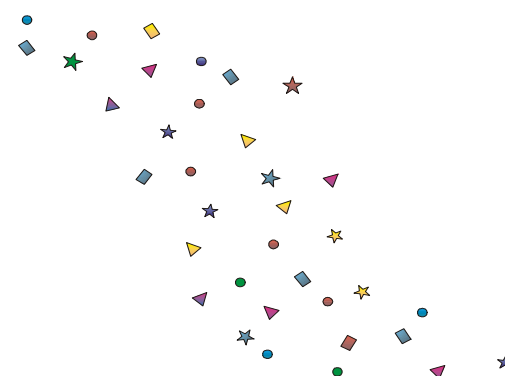
Luther is now located in a trailer (formerly a bookmobile,) and it will move to a renovated 1800-square-foot building.



## Staff Recognition Dinner

**Saturday, October 25**  
**6 p.m.**  
**The Centre**  
**4325 N.W. 50th**

The Theme this year is  
***Fiesta!***



## *MLS Summer Volunteer Recognition Party*

### *The Prize is Right For Teens*

Nobody parties like a group of people who have worked hard together to accomplish a specific task—and nobody rocks while partying like a group of teens who volunteered to help with MLS' Summer at the Library program.

For this summer's "Dig It!" campaign, MLS Volunteer Coordinator **Heidi Port** assembled a group of 209 mostly teen volunteers. Their ages ranged from 12 to 16, with a few older teens and some adults as well among them. The volunteers assisted library staff in all facets of summer reading. Their efforts, and those of the entire MLS family, paid off as we reached a 30-year high in enrollment.

To give them a job-well-done pat on the back, the teen volunteers celebrated with a party on August 5 at the Downtown Library. For two hours the library was hopping with fun, food, games, food, fellowship and, oh yes, food.

The Friends of the Library supplied the groceries, and library staff served food, awarded prizes and organized a variety of games.



*Teen Volunteer Kathryn Norman plays the Book Stacking game. Photo by Erin Roddy.*

Throughout the summer, the volunteers had ways of earning Culture Shock Currency, "money" that could be used in the playing of games at the party. For instance, for \$200 in Culture Shock Currency the teen could enter the Alpha Author game. S/he would be given a stack of 10 books to arrange in proper alphabetical order, ready for shelving and prizes were awarded to whomever finished first.

Other games included Stacking, in which two-person teams tried to create the tallest stack of books in 90 seconds. (Remember the stack of books the Ghostbusters discovered in the shelves

of the New York Public Library? Like that, only without the ectoplasm chaser.)

Black-out Bingo and Harry Potter (in which players had to



*Teen Volunteers playing bingo. Photo by Erin Roddy*

arrange the Harry Potter books in order of publication) were also popular favorites, and the grand finale game, Plinko, stole the show!

"The Prize is Right," the Summer Volunteer Recognition Party, was only the icing on the cake for the volunteers. Some libraries had as many as 30 teen volunteers donating from 50 to 75 hours helping children younger than themselves stay on the path of literacy during their out-of-school months.

The real reward for volunteering at the library is not the prize you may take home from a party. The real reward is the legacy of literacy you leave behind you.

The teen volunteers know that. Party on, dudes.

**– Doug Bentin**





## SEPTEMBER Birthdays

MARY L. STRASNER	9/01
LAQUETA L. LEWIS	9/01
VIRGINIA R. PATTINSON	9/01
JANE F. BERNIER	9/02
KATHRYN A. WILLIAMS	9/04
DARRIE J. BREATHWIT	9/06
PERRY A. WILSON	9/06
SARAH E. BROCKHAUS	9/08
JACQULYN J. TAYLOR	9/08
AMBER R. NELSON	9/10
LANNY B. MYERS	9/11
PRISCILLA M. DOSS	9/12
KHANH M. DO	9/12
CHERYL E. PERNELL	9/14
VINCENT D. ARMIJO	9/14
JUDITH A. WALDEN	9/15
RUBY J. SOUTIERE	9/15
KIMBERLY L. WADE	9/17
ROSEMARY G. RYDEN	9/19
ANGELA M. PAELTZ	9/19
SHELLY R. MUNGUIA	9/20

## SEPTEMBER Birthdays continued

CRYSTAL D. GILES	9/23
CODI M. BRAND	9/23
JANICE L. SAN-NICOLAS	9/25
TINDLE J. ARNOLD	9/26
JANA L. EATMON	9/26
KAREN R. BRAY	9/27
DEBRA K. JACKSON	9/27
MARYANN HUGGINS	9/27
HELEN LUETTA CHACON	9/27
KAREN L. MARRIOTT	9/28
MARY K. HARRISON	9/29
MEGAN J. JOHNSON	9/29
DAVID WILLIAM FRENCH	9/30



## Downtown Library Learning Center

Plans are for the Downtown Library Learning Center to open next spring.

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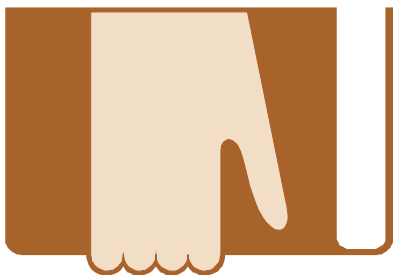
# People

## Goodbye

Brent Kern	PT tech Asst, RE
Angel Veneza	Assoc. Librarian, VI
Erica Burton	Receiving Tech, TP
Susan Moore	PT Tech Asst, BI
Brittany Mays	Page, MC
Charles McCurley	Page, ED
Bob Blankenship	Page, WA
Tremaine Truitt	Page, RE
Andrea Penn	Page, ED

## Moving UP

Cheryl Coleman	From PT page, BE, to Circ Clerk, RE
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## SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

KAREN L. MARRIOTT	9/6/77
SUSIE L. BEASLEY	9/18/78
FAYE HORN	9/10/79
JO NITA WHITE	9/25/81
ROSEMARY A. CZARSKI	9/13/82
ALMA LOUISE BROWN	9/16/82
KAY L. BAUMAN	9/27/82
GWEN THOMPSON	9/4/84
RUTH M. BUTLER	9/17/84
PAMELA S. BUCHANAN	9/10/85
PEGGY M. LONG	9/9/86
NINA M. GINSTERBLUM	9/5/89
SUSAN E. RYAN	9/13/89
SHIRLEY J. HENDERSON	9/3/91
LISA WEISSENBUHLER	9/23/91
CHESTER KINZIE, JR.	9/6/94
JANA C. HAUSBURG	9/11/95
DEBBIE E. ROBERTUS	9/11/95
ANN L. MEEKS	9/11/95
CRYSTAL L. SUPPES	9/25/95
PATRICIA J. HALL	9/24/96
JOYCE A. HELMS	9/24/96
MARCIA J. FINDEISS	9/20/97
LINDA S. GENS	9/7/99
MARY E. TAYLOR	9/16/99
JONATHAN D. ST.AUBIN	9/5/00
LINDA A. FELTON	9/18/00
SUSAN L. GEE	9/18/00
PATRICIA R. USELTON	9/4/01
JEANNE M. DEVLIN	9/4/01

## September Anniversaries continued

ANGELA K. SANDERS	9/5/01
SHELLY R. MUNGUIA	9/17/01
ROSINA C. LANSDALE	9/17/01
D. DIANE SHARP	9/17/01
ANGEL PABLICO	9/24/01
SHARON GAYE MAY	9/2/02
IVORY R. DAWSON	9/3/02
RITA L. INMAN	9/9/02
ELIZABETH NEWLAND	9/10/02
THOMAS P GALLAGHER	9/16/02
VAN R. BIELSTEIN	9/17/02
STUART H. WILLIAMSON	9/19/02
SARAH E. BROCKHAUS	9/23/02
ALLISON FIELDS MCBETH	9/30/02
RACHEL MOSMAN	9/30/02

