

# ShelfLife

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*MLS Commission Chair Penny McCaleb accepts on behalf of MLS a \$122,400 grant check from Friends Coordinator Marian LeCrone at the Sept. 18 commission meeting.*

## ***Friends of the Library Awards 2003 Grant Monies***

*The Friends of the Library recently awarded grants for library use. Money from the grants comes primarily from The Friends annual Booksale held in February.*

In the **Children's** category, LIFE Come Read With Me, Outreach, received **\$5,000**.

40th Anniversary Celebration Children's program at BI received **\$1,000**.

In the **Teens/Young Adults** category, the MLS teen Summer Reading, the library program at Outreach, was awarded **\$1,7000**.

The Teen Space Signage at Midwest City received **\$350**.

In the **Adults** category, A Kaleidoscope of Cultures at the Village, received **\$6,000**.

In the **Seniors** category, **\$3,500** was given to Outreach for Book Center book cases.

In the **All Ages** category, Outreach received **\$14,800** for the Our World Series of programs.

Belle Isle received an unknown amount for its 40th Anniversary Celebration concert. And Bethany Library received **\$1,500** for the Shannon Lucid Education Project.

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## Friend's Grants continued

In the **Art Related** category, **\$2,000** was awarded for public art in libraries.

And the Downtown Library received **\$20,000** for historical prints to be framed.

In the **Materials/Technology** category, Downtown Library received **\$4,000** for local rebinding of history/genealogy materials. All libraries received a total **\$10,000** for materials.

In the **Recognition** category, MLS Volunteer Recognition received **\$3,000** and the Staff Recognition reception received **\$4,550**.

For **Librarian Recruitment**, **\$10,000** was given for the Lee B. Brawner Scholarship Fund.

Under **Miscellaneous**, Maintenance received **\$17,500** for a new 1½ ton truck.

To wrap a City bus,MLS received **\$5,000** towards the Dalmatian Bus Wrap.

Midwest City received **\$1,500** for gallery wall lighting.

And The Village Library received **\$5,000** for a sign.

## Ralph Ellison Library

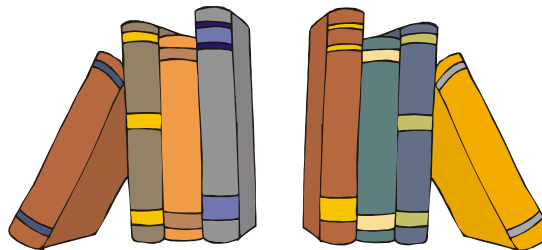
*This note from Cheryl Cherry, circulation clerk:*

I have been corresponding with an excellent author by the name of Mary Monroe, and the coincidence is that Ms. Monroe has a daughter who lives here in Oklahoma City.

About two weeks ago, Ms. Monroe sent me all four of her fiction novels that she had also autographed for me. The titles are ***God Don't Like Ugly, God Still Don't Like Ugly, The Upper Room, and Gonna Lay Down My Burdens.***

Hopefully in November, I will get the pleasure of meeting Ms. Monroe when she makes a trip to OKC.

**Cheryl Cherry, RE**



## Edmond Library

New record: **41- page reserve** list this morning. When I came in a little before 8:00 (Sept. 3), **Joanne** already had stacks of reserves to fill on her desk, and **Marybeth** had a cart out, pulling more.

I am forever grateful for the morning staff, who continually accelerate their rate of work to meet these challenges. Many Kudos deserved!  
Congratulations!

**Ann Alliotta, ED**





Derek Cash

## Views and Reviews: News from Your Staff Association

The Staff Association Executive Council will man a table at Focus to issue membership cards to employees who want to join the SA.

At Focus we will have a drawing for \$15 Borders gift certificates.

The bylaws dictate that in November we submit to the executive director issues/questions that the employees have. SA representatives will be talking with co-workers. So be prepared to discuss any concerns with them.

At future meetings we plan to invite administrators to attend briefly, so that they can explain policies/practices for their departments. We believe that it will help us better understand the library system.

There was a discussion about amending the bylaws to allow representatives to serve for three years. Currently, employees serve for two years. In the first year, a person is learning about the council. In the second year the representative has experience, but unless he/she serves another term, the knowledge is lost all too quickly. Express your opinions on this to

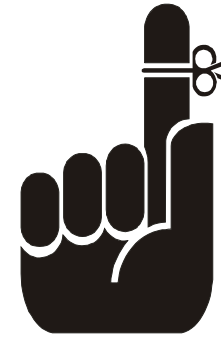
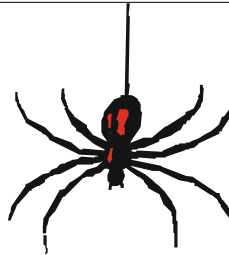
your representatives, because an amendment must be voted on and approved by a majority of the membership.

At the meeting we appointed a new membership chairman, **Sharon May**, from Ralph Ellison. We also have a new site representative from the Village, **Linda Gens**, and from Downtown, **Sharon Thompson**.

The Staff Association also discussed writing articles about amazing workers and events. We would be glad to hear from employees, so that we can put some of these stories in Shelflife. We also plan to write articles about the Outstanding Service Award nominees.

Do not forget to join the Staff Association, either through a site representative, or directly via **Sharon May** at RE. Site representatives have membership cards and will forward the membership money to Sharon.

Derek Cash, WA



**Don't Forget!**

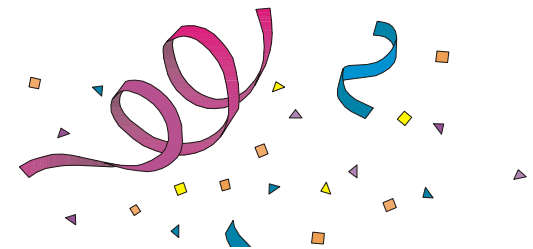
## Staff Recognition Dinner

Saturday, October 25  
6 p.m.

The Centre  
4325 N.W. 50th

The Theme this year is

**Fiesta!**





## OCTOBER Birthdays

|                      |       |
|----------------------|-------|
| LISA E. MYERS        | 10/04 |
| WANDA D. SCOTT       | 10/05 |
| BARBARA K. BEASLEY   | 10/07 |
| GEORGE M. MARSHALL   | 10/08 |
| EVA F. PETEET        | 10/08 |
| LAVETTA KINSEY DENT  | 10/09 |
| SHARLOTT WHITE BROWN | 10/10 |
| CHERYLANN COLEMAN    | 10/11 |
| CHRISTALEIGH NELSON  | 10/12 |
| SHARON D. THOMPSON   | 10/14 |
| JOSHUA H. WELLS      | 10/15 |
| HELEN F. HARRELL     | 10/16 |
| FANNIE HARSHBARGER   | 10/16 |
| CHRISTOPHER LARWIG   | 10/17 |
| MARY R. MCELROY      | 10/18 |
| THOMAS LOUIS BOGLE   | 10/18 |
| RONDIA K. BANKS      | 10/18 |
| TONDA FAME KELLY     | 10/19 |
| PAULINE B. RODRIGUEZ | 10/20 |
| RUTH M. BUTLER       | 10/23 |
| DARLENE R. QUINN     | 10/26 |

## OCTOBER Birthdays continued

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| LINDAA. FELTON   | 10/30 |
| HEIDIA. PORT     | 10/30 |
| KRISTEN KEYSER   | 10/30 |
| LENARD SMITH III | 10/30 |

## WANTED: A Good Home



Hi, my name is Panda.  
I am an eight-month-old mix shepherd. I need a gentle loving home. I have all my shots, and I will be spayed soon. I was abandoned, and lived on the streets for months before I wandered to my current mom's home. My surrogate mom would keep me, but she already has three dogs. If you can provide a loving home, please call her, Thuy, at 613-7708.  
Sincerely,  
Panda

**Thuy Nguyen, BI**

## ShelfLife

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**Nancy Lytle**  
Editor

**Wanda Scott**  
Graphic Design



For more information contact: Public Relations at **405.231.8618**.

## Black Female Labrador Free to a Good Home

1-1/2 years old.  
She would be good in a backyard with a dog her own size or by herself.  
Call Lisa Walker 672-9874(home) 231-8602(work).

**Lisa Walker, BO**

# People

## Welcome To

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| Burton Thurmond        | Page, ED               |
| Ronald Hensley         | Tech Asst., BI         |
| Laura Hurst-Frabasilio | Tech Asst., TP         |
| Emily Williams         | Assoc Lib, VI          |
| Kenneth Hagy           | Page, CH               |
| Priya Desai            | Page, MC               |
| Jessica Hill           | Proj. Specialist, OUT. |
| Valarie Byers          | Tech Asst., RE         |

## Good Bye

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Heather Franks   | Tech Asst., MC |
| Angelita Downing | Page, CH       |
| Olivia Sammons   | Assoc. Lib, ED |

## Transferring

|                |                                  |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Laqueta Lewis  | From Tech Proc., TP to Page, CAT |
| Kristen Keyser | From Circ Clerk, ED to WA        |

## Re-Hired

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Matthew Evans | Page, BE           |
| Joshua Schell | Receiving Tech, TP |
| Isaac Onalapo | Page, RE           |

## OCTOBER Anniversaries

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| JIMMY C. WELCH     | 10/22/70 |
| FRANCIE 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 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  |
| PATSYA A. GLOVER   | 10/16/00 |
| TODD S. OLBERDING  | 10/1/01  |
| CHARLES S. ISAACS  | 10/1/01  |
| BARBARA D. JONES   | 10/3/01  |
| CHRISTY M. O'BRIEN | 10/9/01  |
| MARJORIE DUPREE    | 10/17/01 |
| RACHEL B. SMOOT    | 10/1/02  |
| NICOLE E. CAMPBELL | 10/1/02  |

## OCTOBER Anniversaries Continued

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| LINDA F. DOBBS      | 10/2/02  |
| SUSAN J HUTCHINS    | 10/7/02  |
| ERIC M. DO          | 10/7/02  |
| JAQUAY MORRIS       | 10/16/02 |
| CHERYLE E. CHERRY   | 10/21/02 |
| MELISSA K. WEATHERS | 10/28/02 |

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Susan Ryan, Materials Selection, whose father died Friday, Sept. 26.

## FOR SALE

For sale: Marine blue double recliner full-length sofa, \$325, in excellent condition. Call Karen Bray (MTC) or 946-0367 after 5 p.m. M-F, all day S-Su.

**Karen Bray, MTC**

