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Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

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CELEBRATE: FIESTA!

2003 Staff Recognition



35 years of service: Conrad Doty



30 years of service: Cheryl Mann



25 years of service: Ruby Soutiere

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2003 Staff Recognition Honors Longtime Employees



20 years of service: Sheila Fixel



15 years of service: from left, Louisa Smith, Mary Mahan and Tracy Stone



10 years of service, from left: Beverly Phillips, Ann Hsieh, Barbara Namminga, Julie Mock, Cecil Peaden and Regina Kirkham.



5 years of service, from left: Melissa Cunningham, Denise Lukes, Lisa Walker, and Linda Holmberg. Back row: Laura Tallant, Joshua Wells, Lori Kane, Tim Fisher and Linda Winn.

Metro Friends Host 2003 Recognition Dinner

The Friends of the Metropolitan Library System hosted another fabulous Staff Recognition Dinner on October 25, 2003.

More than 225 staff members, friends and family of MLS gathered for a "Fiesta!" to recognize 35 staff members for their years of library service.

The Centre was decorated with beautiful flower arrangements that served as door prizes after the event.

A scrumptious buffet included fajitas, enchiladas and nachos and a full dessert table.

Dana Morrow and members of Banish Misfortune entertained the diners before the program began.

Administrative Team members, **Donna Morris**, **Karen Marriott**, **Kay Bauman** and **Scott Carter** presented service awards to the honorees. **Mickey Gilliland**, president of the Friends, **Penny McCaleb**, chair of the Metropolitan Library Commission, and **Derek Cash**, president of the Staff Association, were there to congratulate the honorees.

Morris announced the winners of the Outstanding Service Awards and presented checks and a plaque to **Traci Jinkens**, **Alma Brown** and **Mary Beth Taylor**.

Special thanks to the Friends of the Metropolitan Library System for providing the funding for this event in appreciation to the staff for all that we do for Oklahoma County.

A tip of the sombrero also goes to the Staff Recognition Committee **Marie Nichols**, **Jean Johnson**, **Phil Tolbert**, **Laurie Mack-Clark**, **Ruby Soutiere**, **Nancy Lytle**, **Wanda Scott**, **Lori Griffin**, **Fran Pendleton** and **Marian LeCrone** for their efforts in planning such an enjoyable evening.

Congratulations! Outstanding Service Award Winners



From left: Alma Brown, WA, Traci Jinkens, PLA, and Mary Beth Taylor, ED.



Derek Cash

Views and Reviews:

News from Your Staff Association

At the Staff Association meeting for October 23 **Helen Chacon** spoke about Focus and took questions.

Members asked about the lack of opportunity to attend training events (esp. for circ clerks), and said training sessions are filled very quickly and offered too infrequently. **Helen** said next year they will offer training events more frequently, and she will try to plan training events more often for circulation clerks in mind.

Employees can e-mail **Helen** questions about training. **Helen** also told us that "Handle with Care" will involve training employees to handle customers to encourage loyalty to the library. This new program will begin next year.

The Staff Association voted to buy two tickets to the Library Endowment Dinner next April. Fannie Flagg will be the speaker. The SA executive council thought that it would be good to show our presence at the dinner. The SA chairman will receive one ticket, and there will be a drawing among members

for the other ticket. SA members must enter for the drawing, which will be held in January.

The Staff Recognition banquet (Oct. 25) was a beautiful event. The credit goes to the hard and tedious work of the committee under the chairmanship of **Marian LeCrone**.

Thanks also goes to the Friends of the Library, which hosted the banquet. Very few businesses or agencies can claim to have a body of people who support them as enthusiastically and wholeheartedly as the Friends support the MLS. (Some departments of government have to contend with organizations that are openly hostile to their existence.)

There were 43 OSA nominees this year. Over the course of the year we want to recognize them with comments that were written about them.

Carolyn Abernathy (SO): Carolyn is pleasant, diligent, dedicated, helpful and energetic with a get-it-done mindset and always ready with an encouraging word.

Darrie Breathwit (SO): Darrie has a super positive attitude treating each customer as the most important person in the building. She is so kind and considerate and always willing to pitch in on any task.

Alma Brown (WA): Alma has excellent rapport with customers and staff, treating everyone with kindness and respect. Alma is a wonderful

community ambassador for the library system.

Helen Chacon (PLA): Helen is always pleasant, friendly and cooperative with all internal and external customers. She is very innovative and clever, constantly on the look out for creative solutions to what is in the employees' best interest.

—Derek Cash, WA

Metropolitan Library System Staff Association Appreciation Days

Borders Books Music & Café
3209 NW Expressway (848-2667
(next to the Marriot Hotel in OKC)

December 12th, 13th, 14th

9am - 11pm on Friday

9am - 11pm on Saturday

9am - 11pm on Sunday

Come shop on these days & receive a Special 20% Discount on most items in the store.*

Just show your Staff Association ID card at the register when you check out to receive your discount.

*Excludes already discounted merchandise, newspapers, magazines, NET books (indicated on book sticker), café-prepared items, non-stock special orders, & stock special orders that have not arrived by December 12. DVD's receive 20% discount; electronics receive 10% discount.



DECEMBER Birthdays

KIMBERLY A. RICKEY	12/02
ABOLGHASEM SIAVASHI	12/03
MEGAN E. SMITH	12/03
MARY A. MAHAN	12/05
CHARLEEN K. MILLER	12/06
JO NITA WHITE	12/07
DEBORAH T. MONTGOMERY	12/09
VICTORIA E. DIXON	12/10
TRACI N. JINKENS	12/12
WHITNEY B. ROBERTS	12/12
FAYE HORN	12/12
LORETTA G. FRANTZ	12/15
LINDA S. WINN	12/16
BJ WILLIAMS	12/17
ROSEMARY A. CZARSKI	12/18
LISA BIRKLE RODANO	12/18
JESSIKA RENE HILL	12/18
JASON E. EVANS	12/18
GERALDINE PRICE	12/19
LINDA S. GENS	12/20
SUSAN K. BECKETT	12/20
JENNIFER CAROL ADKISSON	12/22

DECEMBER Birthdays continued

ANGELA K. SANDERS	12/22
DAPHENE H. KEYS	12/22
DOUGLAS G. BENTIN	12/22
SHARON S. WENZL	12/23
JESSIE C. BISHOP	12/24
MARY E. TAYLOR	12/27
KIMBERLY A. EDWARDS	12/28
C. LESLIE MCCLURE	12/28
KACEY M. NORRIS	12/28
PHILLIP E. TOLBERT	12/28
KENNETH CHUTTENHELM	12/28
JESSICA R. PRATHER	12/29
VERONICA BERNAL	12/30

DECEMBER Anniversaries

DARLENE R. QUINN	12/4/79
SHARLOTT BROWN	12/2/80
DOUGLAS G. BENTIN	12/26/85
LOUISA M. SMITH	12/13/88
ROSEMARY G. RYDEN	12/3/96
EDWARD MARAND	12/1/97
JOSHUA N. SCHELL	12/12/97
JOAN G. KENDALL	12/20/99
GERALDINE PRICE	12/27/99
KATHRYN UPCHURCH	12/29/99
STEVE V. PALMER	12/4/00
LAURA W. WINTERS	12/10/00
SHARON D. THOMPSON	12/11/00

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DECEMBER Anniversaries continued

MEGAN C. MOORE	12/13/00
LINDA K. BIRCHETT	12/18/00
GAIL GARLOCH	12/26/00
JENNIFER M. HUNTER	12/26/01
MARIAN LECRONE	12/31/01
TRISTA R. MILNER	12/16/02
DIANE RICE	12/23/02
CHELSEA N. GRISSOM	12/23/02

People

Welcome To

Richard Ryan	Maintenance Tech II, MTC.
Candelaria Nunez	Page, BE
Jessica Schick	Page, WA
Lisa Coker	Page, ED
Lori Jones	Page, CAT
Carol Monsma	Page, ED
Daniel Sanders	Page, ED
Lorelei Siater	Circ Clerk, BE

Good Bye

Megan Johnson	Mat. Sel Tech, MSL
Linda Dobbs	Page, SO
Natalie Roth	Page, CAT

Re-Hire

Diana Horne	Page, ED
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Congratulations!

To Rosemary Czarski, CT, and her family on the birth of their first grandchild, Caleb, born Oct. 28. Caleb is the son of Rosemary's daughter Jennifer and Jennifer's husband, Michael.

Free To Good Home

I found an adorable kitten, fluffy, tan with blue eyes. He's about eight weeks old, very sweet and loving. He uses his litter box and loves to play. He's had his first shots and a clean bill of health.

This little fellow started as an outside stray, but would enjoy life much more as an indoor cat.

If you're interested, contact **Ann Meeks** @ Belle Isle Library, 843-9601 or e-mail me.



Sympathy

To Elizabeth Kessler, MSL, whose grandmother passed away Nov. 14.

And to Sue Hall, BI, whose mother-in-law died December 3.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

from the busy elves in **Technical Processing** ...
... where the last boxes of books are being filled as we speak,
... and the last CDs with Christmas music are rushed off for checkout,
... where even Santa Claus stopped by; he was out of tape and knew TP would help him out!
He also borrowed some scissors; he had never seen scissors this big!
Oh yes, some paper, and some big, empty boxes, too.
So, when you get your presents from Santa this year, keep in mind,
the elves from **Tech. Processing** may have lent him a hand!

—Heidi Johnson

552 Enter MLS Writing Contest

Total entries - 552

Short Story entries - 351

1st Place Winner -Amy Kinnear, 5th-grader,
Washington Irving Elementary, Edmond
2nd Place Winner -Addie Asbury , 5th-grader,
Chisholm Elementary, Jones
3rd Place Winner - Brallan Gonzalez, 5th-grader,
Windsor Hills Elementary, Oklahoma City

Honorable Mention Winners (all 5th-graders):
Laura Goulden, SNU School for Children
Stormie Colvin, Choctaw Elementary
Ariel Bible, SNU School for Children
Elizabeth Brownd, Washington Irving Elementary
Chandler Kardaras, Washington Irving Elementary
Anna Searcey, Northern Hills Elementary
Amanda Gier, Chisholm Elementary

Illustrated Short-Story entries - 83

1st Place Winner -Lucia Conchello, 5th-grader,
Christ the King, Oklahoma City
2nd Place Winner -Sarah Reid, 5th-grader,
Chisholm Elementary, Edmond
3rd Place Winner -Elizabeth Harkey, 5th-grader,
Nichols Hills Elementary, Oklahoma City

Honorable Mention Winners:

Austin Thompson, 4th-grader, SNU School for Children
Deryl Rae Sanders, 5th-grader, Hilldale Elementary
Jessica Thompson, 4th-grader, Hilldale Elementary
Reise Nellius, 4th-grader, John Ross Elementary
Hannah Neill, 5th-grader, Russell Babb Elementary
Kaylin Smiley, 5th-grader, Russell Babb Elementary
Jessica Dauz, 5th-grader, Eastside Elementary

Poetry entries - 118

1st Place Winner -James Larry III, 5th-grader,
Sunset Elementary, Edmond
2nd Place Winner -Jared Allison, 5th-grader, John
Ross Elementary, Edmond
3rd Place Winner - Kendall Pearson, 4th-grader,
SNU School for Children, Bethany

Honorable Mention Winners (all 5th-graders):

Zoe Kent, Nichols Hills Elementary
Megan Prasad, Chisholm Elementary
Dylan Keester, Oakdale Elementary
Alex Evans, Washington Irving Elementary
Chandler Ogle, Orvis Risner Elementary
Safaa Aly, Chisholm Elementary
Emily Mullendore, Eastside Elementary