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Choctaw Library Begins Move; Spoticus, The Library Dog, To Debut At Grand Opening



The New Choctaw Library (Photo by Evelyn Davis)

The Metropolitan Library System announced today that the new Choctaw Library will open Jan. 20, after closing Jan. 5 for what is expected to be a two-week move.

"We may be in a position to provide service to the public before Jan. 20," said Judy Walden, MLS deputy director for public services, "but for now we are planning on a Jan. 20 opening."

The Choctaw Library was a casualty of the

tornado that swept through central Oklahoma on May 3, 1999. In the aftermath of the storm, Metro Library created a temporary library in the Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center. The new library will be located three blocks west of city hall at 2525 Muzzy.

The 9,000-square-foot library will be constructed of brick with a standing-seam metal roof with matching trim. The building will include a multi-purpose room for programming and classes, 40-50 reader seats and tables, an outdoor concrete deck with a programming area and a magazine/reading room.

The new Choctaw Library will house 45,000 to 50,000 items — including books, magazines, CDs and videos.

"I know the city of Choctaw is very excited about the opening of a beautiful new facility," Walden added, "and we can hardly wait to begin the move."



Spoticus, the MLS mascot is being modeled by Todd Olberding. Spoticus will debut at the Choctaw Library, on Feb. 10, during Choctaw's Grand Opening celebration week.

Thanks To All You Read About It Volunteers

Staff volunteers and contributors to Metro Library's weekly cable TV show, "Read About it," were recently feted at a holiday lunch at Full Circle Cafe.

Friday, Dec. 12, BJ Williams invited Read About It volunteers to lunch at the Full Circle Bookstore at 50 Penn Place. Each volunteer was allowed to pick out \$25 worth of books in recognition of the time and energy they had given to the TV program during the past year.



From left to right: Kelley Riha, Ronna Davis, Susie Beasley, host BJ Williams and Phil



From left to right: Ruby Soutiere, Elizabeth Kessler, Fran Harbert and Shellie Zeigler-Hill.



From left to right: Evelyn Davis, Shellie Zeigler-Hill and Doug Bentin.



From left to right: M.J. Van Deventer and Heidi Johnson.



From left to right: Joyce McCauley-Johnson, Heidi Port and Jim Nimmo.



Derek Cash

Views and Reviews: News from Your Staff Association

At the December SA meeting, **Tindle Arnold** (CT) spoke about her meeting with the manager of the Crossroad's J.C. Penneys. Although plans have not been finalized, the manager has agreed to give SA members a 50% discount on clothing. Members must submit their membership card and library badge at the time of purchase, and they can buy for themselves only (no clothing for children or spouses). Tindle submitted the MLS dress code, so that the manager can determine which articles will be appropriate for the discount. Unless there are unforeseen problems, **Tindle** thought that the discount would take place for a week at the end of January.

All SA members who would like to enter the drawing to attend the Library Endowment Dinner in April need to tell their representative or me. All names will be put on slips, and the drawing will be held at the next SA meeting in January.

At the Library Commissioners' meet-

ing in November, **Andrew Junkin**, financial consultant, spoke about the MLS retirement plan. The Bank of Oklahoma manages the plan, and its manager invest in upper quality companies that have done well. They evaluate managers based on portfolio, pure benchmark analysis (returns on a 5-year basis) and quantitative analysis based on style. There will be an annual presentation of the plan to the Commissioners, so they will have a better understanding of how it is managed.

As we continue to recognize staff members who were nominated for OSA, the following are four more who were nominated:

Margaret Collins (ED) displays enjoyment of her job frequently with a friendly smile. She is honest, ethical, tolerant and highly responsible.

Heidi Morgan-Daniel (OUT) creates a pleasant atmosphere. She is flexible, enthusiastic and full of energy.

Crystal Giles (CAT) is the nicest young lady who shows real leadership by walking the extra mile.

Mary Ann Heard (VI) has been a personal role model to myself merely with her excellent people skills. She does an outstanding job by constantly treating others with respect and having an open mind.

Books-By-Mail Much Appreciated

This letter, written by Choctaw Library staff member Karon Storm, engenders library service.

"I want to share with you a wonderful experience I had, because I work for the Metropolitan Library System."

(Karon goes on to say her mom is in the St. Anns Retirement Center in Oklahoma City. Her mom's friend Dorothy, recently a resident at St. Anne's, has macular degeneration and can only read large print material, and the retirement center has limited large-print material.

Dorothy had heard of the MLS Books-By-Mail program but couldn't read the literature. Karon took apart the BBM catalog, enlarged it and took it to Dorothy.

"The next time I saw Dorothy she was so excited and happy because she had received some books to read. Her thanks and gratitude made me feel very good, but even better than her words was the look on her face. I, too, love to read and would hate to be deprived of the ability; I am so glad the System provides Books-By-Mail and large print books for people such as Dorothy. I am happy I was able to be a part of getting this service to Dorothy; it was a very satisfying experience."

-Karon Storm, Choctaw Library



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
ARVIN J. POURTORKAN	1/07
SALLY K. PHILLIPS	1/07
DENISE A. LUKES	1/07
CAROL MOODY	1/08
CECIL L. PEADEN	1/09
LIDIA ANGELES	1/10
JAN M. REYNOLDS	1/10
PATRICIA WHISENHUNT	1/10
LAURA HURST-FRABASILIO	1/11
PETER L. ROBERSON	1/12
JULIE D. SUPER	1/13
JONATHAN D. ST.AUBIN	1/14
STEVEN B. JENKINS	1/14
MARCIA J. FINDEISS	1/14
ISAAC F. ONAOLAPO	1/15
ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ	1/16
TODD S. OLBERDING	1/18

JANUARY Birthdays continued

BEVERLY K. PHILLIPS	1/18
RONNA C. DAVIS	1/19
JOE J. POE	1/19
HELEN J SHELTON	1/19
GLENN E. WEBB JR	1/19
DOROTHY E. DUNLAP	1/20
EVELYN K. DAVIS	1/20
JOHN HILBERT	1/21
KATHY S. MARQUIS	1/22
KALYANI CHEKURI	1/23
JEAN M. ENGBRITSON	1/23
ROSINA C. LANSDALE	1/24
JESSICA L. SCHICK	1/24
JAMES M. ANDERSON	1/26
JOAN G. KENDALL	1/26
LINDA MARIE ARMSTEAD	1/28
PAMELA L.	1/28
BRANDT	1/28
SUSAN M. MONROE	1/30



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Happy New Year !

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Promotion

Bobbie Brewer	From Page to Circ Clerk, CT
Pamela Wiser	From Page to Circ Clerk, WA
Isaac Onaolapo	Page, RE

JANUARY Anniversaries

CAROL L. PROVINE	1/6/75
KATRINA S. PRINCE	1/6/85
NANCY J. LYTLE	1/22/85
ELIZABETH 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 DANIEL-MORGAN	1/8/01
CODI M. BRAND	1/9/01
BOBBIE KAY BREWER	1/11/01
TIMOTHY D. HANNA	1/16/01
MATTHEW S. SCHABEN JR	1/22/01
ARVIN J. POURTORKAN	1/22/01
KALYANI CHEKURI	1/7/02
JENNIFER CAROLADKISSON	1/7/02
SHARON G. BISH	1/7/02
VIRGINIA R. PATTINSON	1/7/02
KENNETH SCHUTTENHELM	1/14/02
DIANNE C. COX	1/21/02
LAURA ELVIRA MCMURTRY	1/23/02
LUIS A. MUNOZ	1/31/02
KELLEY E. HOFFMAN	1/21/03

Congratulations

To Dick Ryan, MTC, who has a new baby granddaughter, Emma Grace, his fifth grandchild.

For Sale

Bedroom set: Black (Lacquer,) Head board, two night stands, dresser with mirror and queen mattress. \$300. Call Teresa Goggins, 752-0727.

-- Teresa Goggins, PLA

Retired

Marcia Edgecomb Circ Clerk, BE

