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Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Choctaw Library, 2525 N. Muzzy, on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004.  
(Photo by Evelyn Davis.)

## Choctaw Library Grand Opening: A Success

**CUTTING THE RIBBON** - From left to right, Choctaw City Council members Ron Bradshaw and Dale Gill; former Choctaw Mayor Bobby Freeman; Chamber of Commerce President Linda Bomgren; Library Guild member Bill Crossland; Mayor Don Griffin with the scissors; Library commissioner Hugh Rice; Martha Lenington, Guild and Parks board member; Commissioner Deanna Hannah; Guild President Margaret Mueller; MLS Executive Director Donna Morris; commissioners Greg Womack, Penny McCaleb and Nancy Anthony; project architect Michael Hoffner; Choctaw Library Manager Rosemary Czarski; and Guild member Rita Holder.

# Choctaw Library:

## Grand Opening Week Activities



Spoticus Day at the Library, Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004. Kim Edwards was Spoticus.



Children's Day at the Library, Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.



The ribbon-cutting ceremony on Grand Opening Day, Feb. 11, 2004. From left to right, Choctaw Library staff Pam Brandt, Tindle Arnold, Marcia Findeiss, Manager Rosemary Czarski, Alicia Ruzycski, Karon Storm, and Bobbie Brewer.



Flagpole Dedication, Saturday, Feb. 14. Choctaw High School ROTC members raise the flag.



Fred Raines, left, with Masonic Grand Lodge of Oklahoma; Rosemary Czarski; and Masonic Grand Master for the State of Oklahoma, dedicating the Cornerstone.

## Williams, Lovely Join MLS Administrative Team



**Patrick Williams**  
**Director Of Facilities**  
**Maintenance**

**Born:** Fort Leonardwood, Missouri

**Schooling:** Moore Norman Tech, Plumbing contractor; OSU Tech, Mechanical contractor. Currently enrolled at Rose State undergrad in the science of Mechanical Engineering.

**Previous Job & how long:** Health care director of Facilities, Safety and Security.

**What was your most interesting job?** Being a parent.

**What prompted you to apply for the**

**Library?** Longevity and unique

**Family:** I have a 14-year-old son Dylan, a 5-year-old son Gage and a lovely wife Stacey of 19 years.

**Hobbies and/or favorite thing to do outside work:** Organizing little league sports, coaching and officiating little league teams.

**Favorite Sports you follow:** Football, baseball, Olympics.

**Favorite Book(s) :** Technical trade, Mechanics, Design.

**Favorite Movie(s):** *Face Off* with John Travolta & Nicholas Cage.

**Favorite Songs or music group or type of music:** I like all music: Shania Twain, Outkast. For the moment *Hey Ya!* is my most popular song.

**Best Travel Adventure:** Maui, Hawaii.

**Do you ever shop on eBay?** No. I go to Wal-Mart.

**What are your favorite Internet sites?** County Assessor web page.



**Lloyd Lovely**  
**Director of Finance**

**Born:** OKC

**Schooling:** UCO, BS in accounting, MBA .

**Previous Job & how long:** 4 years, Avalon Correctional Services.

**What was your most interesting job?** US Navy - stationed in the Philippines for 2 years, 1972-1974.

**What prompted you to apply for the Library?** The opportunity to work with Spoticus.

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*Lloyd Lovely continued on page 4.*

**Lovely continued.**

**Family:** wife, Judy, registered dietician; daughter Julie, senior at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; daughter Stephanie, freshman at OSU.

**Hobbies and/or favorite thing to do outside work:** Restoring 1950 wooden mahogany boat (15 foot).

**Favorites Sports you follow:** All of them, especially women's sports, because both my daughters are athletic (Stephanie is on the soccer team at OSU).

**Favorite Author(s)/Book(s)**  
Brian Greene - *The Elegant Universe*  
Leon Lederman - *The God Particle*  
Shelby Foote - *The Civil War*  
Isaac Asimov - *The Foundation Trilogy*

**Favorite Movie(s):** *The Princess Bride, Amadeus, Clockwork Orange, Lord of the Rings, The Fabulous Baker Boys, A Christmas Carol, The Jerk, Office Space.*

**Favorite Songs or music group or type of music:** Rondo Veneziano, Falderal, Toby Keith.

**Best Travel Adventure:** Snow Skiing.



Derek Cash

**Views & Reviews:**

**News from Your Staff Association**

At the Staff Association monthly meeting (1/22/04), the representatives voted to invite **Donna Morris** to speak briefly at the annual meeting in June.

Donna has graciously accepted the invitation. As part of the agenda at the annual meeting, the representatives voted to have a referendum on extending the term for SA reps. from two to three years.

Congratulations go to **Emily Williams** (VI) who won the drawing for the Literary Voices dinner.

In Donna's Calypso memo about retirement plans, she stated that many older employees prefer the status quo, while younger employees prefer a looser type of plan.

At the SA meeting, members were generally in favor of the current plan. By now many employees are aware that at the next Pension Board meeting (BI, 4/29, 3:30) commissioners will be discussing the possibility of changing the MLS retirement to a 401k. A 'discussion' does

not necessarily mean that there will be alterations, but any possibility merits concern. It is to your advantage, therefore, to attend the meeting to hear the commissioners' comments and to let your presence indicate to them that you care about the issue.

**Highlighting Staff**

*The following people and a brief description of why they were nominated follows. These staff members were nominated for 2003 but did not receive the award :*

**Randy Knutson** (MTC)—You can trust that what Randy says he'll do, he does. He is dependable, reliable and even-tempered.

**Galen Kurth** (SO)—Galen models responsibility by never neglecting his work and showing unflappable dependability.

**Sharon Maine** (OUT)—Sharon is friendly, concerned, willing to listen and is exceptionally good at treating all customers with respect.

**Brittany Mays** (MC)—It doesn't matter how bad Brittany's day has been or how tired she is, she is always nice and willing to help anyone with any task.

**Jim Nimmo** (DN)—In one word, Jim is conscientious. He does not gossip. He is honest, trustworthy and very ethical.



**Metropolitan Library System  
Staff Association  
Meeting Dates in 2004**

March 25, Choctaw, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
April 22, Ralph Ellison, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
May 27, Downtown, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
June 24, Southern Oaks, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
July 22, Bethany, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
August 19, Belle Isle, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sept. 23, Midwest City, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
October 28, Belle Isle, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
November 11, Edmond, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
December 16, Downtown, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**For More Information  
about the MLS  
Staff Association  
Contact Derek Cash  
@ 721-2616**



**Welcome To**

Patrick Williams	Dir. of Facili- ties, Maint.
Ryan Taylor	Page, DN
Chris McDole	Tech Asst., MC
Tamerat Atlabachew	Page, VI
Gloria Turner	Page, ED
Clif Broadworth	Page, ED
Mary Lou Strong	Librarian, DN

**Good Bye**

Arvin Pourtorkan	Page, ED
Amanda Terry	Page, MC

**Promotion**

Mary McElroy	From Page, to Circ, BI
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# People

## MARCH Birthdays

MEGAN C. MOORE	3/01
DAVID J. BLAIlOCK	3/02
MELISSA LOWRY CORMAN	3/04
EDWARD AHAD MARAND	3/05
SARAH J. KELLUM	3/06
PATSY A. GLOVER	3/08
NANCY J. LYTLE	3/09
JULIA A. MOCK	3/09
CHARLES S. ISAACS	3/12
DEREK J. CASH	3/13
SERINA L. GARCIA	3/14
JUANITA M. MENDOZA	3/14
ROBERT M. FERGUSON	3/15
MELISSA J. CUNNINGHAM	3/15
AWNALEE	3/17
STEVE V. PALMER	3/18
AMY KATHRYN UPCHURCH	3/19
DIANNA L. RUPP	3/19
BARBARA L. MCDANIEL	3/21
TREVOR L. DAILEY	3/21
MARY J. SHOLLY	3/22
MARIAN JANE LECRONE	3/22
RUSSELL L. PIERCE	3/22
EBRAHIM EJTEHADI	3/23
SHAHIN S. ASGHARI	3/25
KIM L. COBB	3/26
CHRISTOPHER A. MCDOLE	3/27

## MARCH Birthdays continued

PAMELA S. BUCHANAN	3/27
MARY L. STEPHENS	3/27
SHEILA D. FIXEL	3/31
JANA C. HAUSBURG	3/31

## MARCH Anniversaries

HELEN F. HARRELL	3/2/1987
DENISE A. COURTS	3/16/1987
JILL L. VESSELS	3/19/1987
JOE J. POE	3/21/1987
MARY A. MAHAN	3/15/1988
TRACY C. STONE	3/17/1988
MARY L. STRASNER	3/6/1989
BARBARA AMMINGA	3/8/1993
BEVERLY K. PHILLIPS	3/22/1993
HECTOR L. MATA	3/15/1994
BARBEE STUEVE	3/1/1995
DEBRA O. SPINDLE	3/25/1996
MICHAEL BAUGHMAN	3/22/1999
JAN M. REYNOLDS	3/6/2000
MARGARET COLLINS	3/27/2000
KATHY S. MARQUIS	3/5/2001
JANICE L. SAN-NICOLAS	3/5/2001
SUSAN D. PALMER	3/5/2001

## Anniversaries continued

EBONY J. WERYACKWE	3/12/2001
VINCENT D. ARMIJO	3/26/2001
MICHAEL MILLER	3/4/2002
TONDA FAME KELLY	3/4/2002
VERONICA BERNAL	3/4/2002
HELEN CHACON	3/4/2002
KRISTEN T. KEYSER	3/5/2002
BETTY A. WYRICK	3/11/2002
PAMELA E. WISER	3/3/2003
TUPPER T. DO	3/4/2003
ANGELA K. RUPEL	3/5/2003
KACEY M. NORRIS	3/5/2003
EMON D. CHAVERS	3/6/2003
SIMONA LONG	3/17/2003
DAPHENE H. KEYS	3/17/2003
ANITA J. SANDERS	3/17/2003

## Transfers

Virginia Pattinson	Tech Asst., from SO to BI.
Steve Palmer	1/2 time Circ, BI to 3/4 Circ, DN
Rondia Banks	Librarian, from RE to WA

## Van For Sale

**1996 Plymouth Voyager**, 62K miles, great condition. Has extended warranty until Oct. 2005 or 86K miles. Asking \$7500, OBO. Call **Debbie Robertus** at 949-1645 or Mike at 203-7769.