

Shelflife

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Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Staff Recognition 2004: Celebrate!

Retired



Judy Walden

35 Years



Donna Morris

25 Years



From Left to right, Faye Horn, Darleen Quinn, Heidi Johnson and Dana Morrow

Staff Recognition: Celebrate!



20 Years

From left to right:
Ruth Butler,
Barbara Beasley, Joyce
McCauley-Johnson
and Ann Aliotta.

15 Years

From left to right:
Mary Strasner, Sharon
Nolan and Susan Ryan.



10 Years

From left to right:
Marie Nichols, Alan
Siavashi, Lee Mata, Jack
Kinzie, Mary Daugherty
and Jacquelyn Taylor.



Staff Recognition: Celebrate!



5 Years

From left to right:
Rondia Banks, Kim
Edwards, Shahin Asghari,
Roy Ballou, Michael
Baughman and Janet
Bowen.

5 Years

From left to right:
Sue Hall, Linda Gens, Mark
Marshall, Zironya Lewis,
Joan Kendall, Lena Loper
and Crystal Giles.



Outstanding Service Award Winners

Congratulations To ...



Melissa Weathers, Midwest City Library, congratulated by Executive Director Donna Morris.

Comment from nominator:

"Her careful design of the Teen Space, with its comfortable furniture and rugs communicates 'Welcome, teens, we're glad you're here.' Melissa set a goal for the Teen Summer Reading Program. She dyed her hair pink when she achieved her goal."

Jan Reynolds, Development, congratulated by Executive Director Donna Morris.

Comment from nominator:

"Jan has on more than one occasion completed work for me that should have been done by a volunteer that didn't come in for one reason or another. She truly goes above and beyond the call of her duties."



Joan Kendall, Edmond Library, congratulated by Executive Director Donna Morris.

Comment from nominator:

"Somehow her frequently repeated, 'Thank you so much' sounds fresh and sincere each time. Joan is the first to volunteer for the unpopular jobs."

FYI

Midwest City Library



Midwest City Library's Reader Hall of Fame. We had 521 kids complete their summer reading goal and add their name to our wall. *Photo by Linda Birchett.* —Deb Willis



The Midwest City Library thanked its summer reading volunteers with a teen lock-in. The theme of the lock-in was "Wacky-Tacky" and was coordinated by Young Adult Services Librarian Melissa Weathers, left, and Children's Services Librarian Cheryl Smith, right.

The Village Library



Congratulations to Lisa Wood, Children's Librarian, who has been awarded the Mildred Laughlin Scholarship. Named after a beloved professor at OU's School of Library and Information Science, the award is given to a student who is focusing on children's or young adult services in school or public libraries and exhibits excellence in scholarship.

We all know Lisa is an exceptional member of the MLS team, but it's wonderful to have the rest of the Oklahoma library community know it as well.

—Lisa Weissenbuehler

Edmond Library



Congratulations to Ronna Davis, Edmond, and the Edmond Library Comedy Commandos for appearing in the October issue of *Voya* (librarian's magazine) website.

The program earned Runner-up in a national "roundup" of excellent teen programs in public libraries.

It appears on the magazine's website at www.voya.com.

PEOPLE



A MOMENT WITH MORRIS

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Q & A

Do you have a question you've been wanting to ask but never had the chance? (Library related of course.)

Here's your chance.

All staff are invited to ask questions of our executive director. Please send in your question by the 10th of the month to give the director time to answer for the next Shelflife.

Please send questions to nlytle@metrolibrary.org. The question and the answer will appear in the next issue of Shelflife. (The first one will be in Dec.)

Anonymous questions will not be answered. Nor will personnel issues be considered.

HELLO TO

Sheldon Beach	Librarian, DN
Rosemary Stafford	Page, VI
George Niebank II	Page, WA
John Langley	Page, DN
Rebecca Peters	Page, LU
Lettie Jane Clifton	Page, LU
Wendy Gabrielson	Page, DN
Janet Engstrand	Page, ED
Jessica Little	Page, ED

GOODBYE TO

Rachel Mosman	Assoc. Librarian, CT
Rita Inman	Page, VI
Gwen Thompson	Circ Clerk, MC
Chris Smith	Page, SO
Julie Super	Circ Clerk, SO
Lidia Angles	Page, CH

PEOPLE

Diggin' and Dishin' with the Dalmatian...

To Continue the FOCUS theme of Diggin' and Dishin' —we would like to invite staff to send in what wonderful thing(s) have happened at your library (or office) during the past year. It was exciting to hear the great stories from libraries and departments at FOCUS. Unfortunately, not everyone got to speak. But, now you can.

Please send to nlytle@metrolibrary.org by the 12th of November.

"Partners Connecting People With Libraries"

MOVING UP

Mary Sholly	From Page to Circ, WA
Lisa Coker	From Page to Circ, ED
Glenn Webb	From 1/2 time Circ to FT, CH
Christopher Carroll	From Page, ED, to Circ, CH
Laura McMurtry	From Tech Asst., WA, to Computer Operator, Auto

TRANSFERRING

Gene Chappell	From Tech Processor, TP, to Page, VI
Collette Hankins	From Computer Operator, IT, to Receptionist, DN
Stephen Isaacs	From HT Computer Operator to FT, IT
Chris Larwig	From PT Tech Asst., to FT, DN
Sally Phillips	From HT Circ to FT, SO

RETIRING

Judy Walden Deputy Dir. of MLS/
Public Services, PSA

HELLO AGAIN

Marilyn Hudson Librarian, SO

CONGRATULATIONS

Jill Vessels, Cataloging, on the birth of
her granddaughter, Trinity Nicole Smith,
Sept. 29.

SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy to Cheryl Mann whose sister Debbie passed away September 22.

And to Todd Olberding, whose mother passed away in October.

And to Ernestine Clark whose father died Oct. 17.

November Birthdays

SELMA ZUHDI	11/01	RYAN BLAINE TAYLOR	11/15
YVONNE M. DYESS	11/02	TERI L. REDENBAUGH	11/16
KELLEY L. RIHA	11/04	DONNA L. MORRIS	11/16
LINDA J. HOLMBERG	11/05	GWENDOLYN R. THOMPSON	11/16
CHERYLL R. SMITH	11/07	SUSAN D. PALMER	11/18
SUSAN E. HALL	11/09	LISA K. BRADLEY	11/19
LOVINIA M. NICHOLS	11/10	ROBERT A. JACKSON	11/19
BETTY A. WYRICK	11/11	JABARI A. TOURE	11/20
MATTHEW E. EVANS	11/11	ELIZABETH C. HOLSHOUSER	11/22
MARGARET J. COLLINS	11/11	PHYLLIS A. DAVIDSON	11/26
SHARON DAVIS JORSKI	11/12	DEBORAH A. KELLEY	11/27
CHELSEA N. GRISSOM	11/12	LISA DAWN COKER	11/27
ROY S. BALLOU	11/13	RAMON LIRA	11/27
RANDY L. KNUTSON	11/13	RACHEL ELIZABETH MOSMAN	11/27
STACY G. SCHRANK	11/13	DEANNA L. BIDDLE	11/29
KARYN J. MILLER	11/14	J. PRESTON BELL	11/30

November Anniversaries

PAMELA K. KOSTED	11/4/1975	MARY L. STEPHENS	11/27/2000
DANA L. MORROW	11/5/1979	JABARI A. TOURE	11/6/2001
RANDY E. WAYLAND	11/16/1982	DAVID WILLIAM FRENCH	11/15/2001
DENYVETTA DAVIS	11/22/1982	CHERYL ANN COLEMAN	11/4/2002
JOYCE A. MCCAULEY-JOHNSON	11/1/1984	JOHN C. R. UTLEY	11/4/2002
PERRY A. WILSON	11/16/1984	SERINA L. GARCIA	11/26/2002
PAULINE B. RODRIGUEZ	11/4/1985	JESSICA L. SCHICK	11/3/2003
DEANNA L. BIDDLE	11/3/1986	CAROL J. MONSMA	11/10/2003
J. PRESTON BELL	11/25/1986	LISA DAWN COKER	11/10/2003
TRACI N. JINKENS	11/30/1992	LORELEI KATHERINE SLATER	11/10/2003
KATHRYN A. WILLIAMS	11/17/1995	DANIEL A. SANDERS	11/10/2003
SALLY K. PHILLIPS	11/21/1995	LINDA A. ELSTON	11/24/2003
DEBRA K. JACKSON	11/4/1996	PETER L. ROBERSON	11/24/2003
LOIS W. MCKENNA	11/23/1998	LINDA LEE HYAMS	11/24/2003
ZIRONYA D. LEWIS	11/8/1999	TULIN R. LAFOLLETTE	11/24/2003
KELLEY L. RIHA	11/13/2000	ALICIA M. RUZYCKI	11/24/2003
DARRIE J. BREATHWIT	11/20/2000	ANDREW R. TOLLY	11/24/2003
ELIZABETH ANN KESSLER	11/20/2000		

December Birthdays

C. GEORGE NIEBANK, III	12/01	LISA BIRKLE RODANO	12/18
CHRISTOPHER RAND CARROLL	12/01	JASON E. EVANS	12/18
KIMBERLY A. RICKEY	12/02	GERALDINE PRICE	12/19
ABOLGHASEM SIAVASHI	12/03	STEPHEN C. PERRYMAN	12/19
MEGAN E. SMITH	12/03	LINDA S. GENS	12/20
MARY A. MAHAN	12/05	SUSAN K. BECKETT	12/20
CHARLEEN K. MILLER	12/06	TERI LYNN WOOLEY	12/22
JO NITA WHITE	12/07	JENNIFER CAROL ADKISSON	12/22
JENA ELIZABETH MULHOLLEN	12/08	ANGELA K. SANDERS	12/22
DEBORAH T. MONTGOMERY	12/09	DOUGLAS G. BENTIN	12/22
VICTORIA E. DIXON	12/10	SHARON S. WENZL	12/23
ALICIA M. RUZYCKI	12/12	JESSIE C. BISHOP	12/24
TRACI N. JINKENS	12/12	MARY E. TAYLOR	12/27
FAYE HORN	12/12	KIMBERLY A. EDWARDS	12/28
LORETTA G. FRANTZ	12/15	KACEY M. NORRIS	12/28
LINDA S. WINN	12/16	PHILLIP E. TOLBERT	12/28
B. J. WILLIAMS	12/17	VERONICA BERNAL	12/30
LORELEI KATHERINE SLATER	12/17		
ROSEMARY A. CZARSKI	12/18		

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DARLENE R. QUINN	12/4/1979
SHARLOTT D. WHITE BROWN	12/2/1980
DOUGLAS G. BENTIN	12/26/1985
LOUISA M. SMITH	12/13/1988
ROSEMARY G. RYDEN	12/3/1996
EDWARD AHAD MARAND	12/1/1997
JOSHUA N. SCHELL	12/12/1997
JOAN G. KENDALL	12/20/1999
GERALDINE PRICE	12/27/1999
AMY KATHRYN UPCHURCH	12/29/1999
STEVE V. PALMER	12/4/2000
SHARON D. THOMPSON	12/11/2000
LINDA K. BIRCHETT	12/18/2000
GAIL GARLOCH	12/26/2000
JENNIFER M. HUNTER	12/26/2001
MARIAN JANE LECRONE	12/31/2001
DIANE RICE	12/23/2002
CHELSEA N. GRISSOM	12/23/2002
LIDIA ANGELES	12/8/2003

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