

Shelflife

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Legislative Report:

The Latest on House Bill 2158

Shelflife wants to keep you current on what is happening with House Bill 2158.

Susan McVey, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, told us that an amendment was added to the original bill. "This," she tells us, "is a floor substitute for HB 2158.



"Several changes have been made. There is now a definition of 'homosexually themed' literature and the definition of 'sexually explicit' has been modified. The largest change is that a new section creates a State Library material

Content Advisory Board.

This Advisory Board is composed of appointees from the House and Senate, parents of children under the age of 18, and teachers in private or public schools. The Advisory Board will annually develop a list of child and young adult materials that contain homosexual or sexually explicit subject matter."

Google "Oklahoma HB 2158" for a depressing number of hits.



Human Resources — Keeping Up To Date

Linda Hyams, from **Human Resources**, has asked ShelfLife to remind you of the importance of keeping your personnel information up to date. You know, name, address, phone numbers, contact person, etc. We hope that nothing drastic happens to anyone in our MLS family, but just in case of an emergency, we've got to have correct contact information.

So keep in mind that:

- ◇ Enrollees of Defined Contribution (Mass Mutual) are responsible for either updating themselves online or by contacting Mass Mutual directly.
- ◇ Employees who are members of the

Credit Union and Nationwide need to notify them when address/contact information changes.

- ◇ Employees who are in the Defined Benefit plan are automatically updated when Human Resources notifies the Business Office of address changes.

Human Resources needs updated information because:

- W-2's are known to be returned due to bad address information.
- Insurance claims may be delayed or denied if the address/contact information differs from Human

Resources and the insurance companies.

- Explanation of Benefits (EOB's) which are required for filing insurance/flex paperwork may not be received.

"If your emergency contact information invalid, you can imagine the consequences," Linda said. "Believe me when I tell you I've had employees tell me that they filled out a change of address card at the post office...."

Keep up to date, folks. HUM helps those who help themselves.

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Heartwalk

Here's a quick reminder about the Heartwalk taking place on **April 22, beginning around 8:30 a.m. at the SWC Bricktown Ball Park**. We've been talking about it for a couple of months now and promising more details as we got nearer the event.

Linda Hyams, HUM, is the point of contact for the the non-public service agencies, and the Staff Association will have a representative at each library recruiting walkers and donations. **Fran Pendleton** is the point of contact for administration. Linda and Fran have asked us to pass on to staff that we have multiple walking teams from MLS.



Details:

1. Our team is the "Reading Ramblers" and we are inviting anyone who plans to walk to email Linda at

lhyams@metrolibrary.org. She will send you a link to our personal website to sign up.

2. For each donation of \$10, staff will receive a Red Dress pin, which symbolizes Woman's Heart Health.

3. Each walker who raises money is eligible for prizes. There is a list of prizes at the website.

4. If you want solely to make a donation and not walk, donations can also be made online.

5. You can make donations in memory of someone and we will post that on the official website for all to see.

Our overall goal for MLS is \$3000.

Questions? Call Linda or Fran, or check with your Staff Association rep.

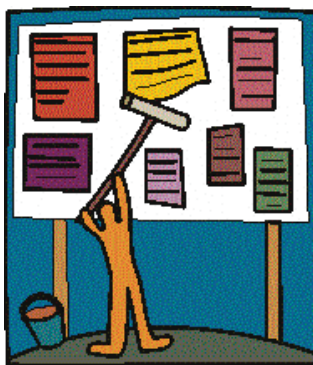


Shaaa, Na-naa-na, Shaaa, Na-naa-na

—Get a Job

What are your high school or college-age kids doing this summer? Bumming around the house? Asking for money? Why not help him/her find a job.

Were you aware of the **Greater Oklahoma City Career Fair from 12:30-4:30 on Wednesday, April 5 at the Cox Center**? The organizers are hoping that this inaugural career fair will attract hundreds of graduating college seniors needing immediate employment as well as college juniors wanting to jump start their career path. High school students wondering about where they're headed in life might find it of interest as well. Participating companies will be located in a "virtual Bricktown" at the Cox Center.



The Chamber of Commerce calls this "the only regional career fair in Oklahoma and [it] will exclusively feature Oklahoma employers. Organized by the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber, employers across the state are invited to recruit new employees and/or interns."

Librarians interested in developing smaller versions of a job fair might want to check this out, too. It could provide some good programming ideas. Recently Midwest City Library held a job fair with a great turnout.

For more information about the OKC Job Fair, check out more than 100 companies attending at **www.greatergrads.com**.

People

Hello To & Rehires:

Lindsay Jones.....	Assoc. Librarian, SO
Reginald Walker	Tech Asst., TP
Donald Bruner	Mtc. Tech II, MTC
Kristin Smith (Epperson) (rehire).....	Children's Svc. Coord., HT, OUT



Lindsay Jones Donald Bruner Reginald Walker Kristin Smith

Goodbye To:

Laqueta Lewis..... Mat. Svcs. Div. Tech, CAT
 Gaynell Spigner Page, RE
 Aimee Okamuro Circ Clerk, MC

Promotion:

Deborah Martinez-Thompson	From Tech Asst., MC, to Comp. Operator, IT
Samuel Weehunt	From Assoc. Librarian, HT to FT, DC

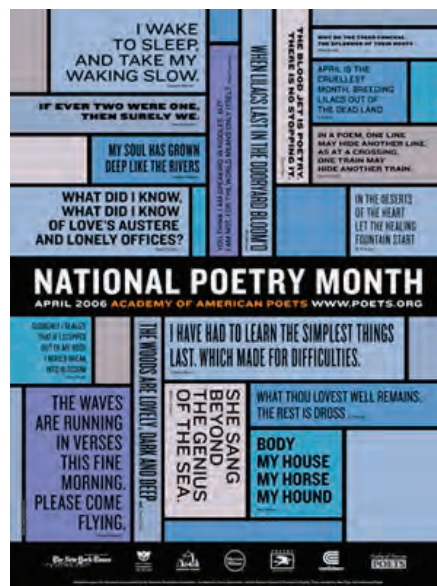
Sympathy:

To Cheryl Coleman, Associate Librarian at RE, whose mother Elinor Bellinger passed away March 16.

Sympathy also to Reagan Bockhold, MSL Technician, whose father passed away March 25.

"I always read the last page of a book first so that if I die before I finish I'll know how it turned out."

—Nora Ephron



Working in a library isn't all routine. Sometimes it's absolutely poetic. Christine Bassett, of BE Library, has found the beauty in unshelved books, the romance in an unemptied book drop.

Thoughts of a Library Page

(with apologies to William Wordsworth)

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vale and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of assorted library books.
Upon the cart, filling the truck,
Piling up within the book drop.

Continuous at the stars that shine
And twinkle on the Milky Way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the endless backroom shelves.
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Filling the room with great expanse.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with dismay fills
As I contemplate the overspill.

—Christine Bassett
Bethany Library

April Birthdays

ANGELA K. RUPEL 4/2
 DARLENE S. BROWERS 4/3
 JOHN D. WOOD 4/4
 EMILY R. WILLIAMS 4/7
 CRYSTAL L. SUPPES 4/7
 KAREN J. DAVIS 4/9
 FRANCES V. HARBERT 4/10
 KELLY E. WOLF 4/11
 LISA L. WALKER 4/14
 KAREN L. BAYS 4/16
 GERALD W. HICKMAN 4/17
 KERI L. CLOUD 4/18
 GREGORY W. BENNETT 4/18
 HEIDI M. JOHNSON 4/19
 JOHN C. R. UTLEY 4/19
 KELLEY LYN BERTRAM 4/20
 ERIN K. RACHELS 4/20
 SHARON L. MAINE 4/20
 MARK DAVID VANCE 4/21
 PATRICK D. WILLIAMS 4/21
 JULIE A. SCHOFIELD 4/21
 ISABEL T. OROZCO 4/22
 BRANDI E. GAY 4/22
 MELISSA K. WEATHERS 4/22
 DAVID L. MACK 4/24
 JANET E. BOWEN 4/24
 PAIGE ALLYSON NIFONG 4/26
 SUSAN A. STINSON 4/26
 JULIET M. ALAVICHEH 4/27
 STUART H. WILLIAMSON 4/27
 JOYCE L. TALLANT 4/27
 CHRISTY M. O'BRIEN 4/28
 MARIA E. WATKINS 4/28
 TIMOTHY D. HANNA 4/28
 THOMAS P. GALLAGHER 4/30

April Anniversaries

CAROLYN S. ABERNATHY 4/1/1966
 EDWARD N. TERRY 4/4/1966
 ERNESTINE F. CLARK 4/22/1976
 LAVETTA KINSEY DENT 4/27/1979
 HEIDI M. JOHNSON 4/30/1979
 ANNE G. FISCHER 4/3/1981
 CLYDE D. HERROD 4/13/1982
 JEAN M. WILBURN 4/6/1992
 LORETTA G. FRANTZ 4/25/1994
 SUSAN E. HALL 4/5/1999
 KRISTINA F. ROBERTSON 4/13/2000
 DANIEL E. FIELDS 4/2/2001
 MARY R. MCELROY 4/5/2001
 JUANITA M. MENDOZA 4/30/2001
 KERI L. CLOUD 4/29/2002
 KERRY STEWART HUBBS 4/12/2004
 MELANIE DIANE LEVICK 4/26/2004
 BROOK WELCH 4/25/2005
 LINDA A. TEMPLE 4/25/2005
 JULIANNA LOUISE LINK 4/25/2005
 RACHEL H. BROWN 4/27/2005

May Anniversaries

EVELYN K. DAVIS 5/27/1980
 JESSIE C. BISHOP 5/13/1981
 FRANK C. RAY 5/21/1984
 COLLETTE HANKINS 5/6/1985
 MARILYN E. BACKUS 5/21/1987
 REGINA WOLFINGER 5/29/1990
 HELEN J. SHELTON 5/12/1992
 HEIDI A. PORT 5/12/1997
 TINDLE J. ARNOLD 5/27/1997
 GENE E. CHAPPELL 5/26/1998
 LISA E. MYERS 5/5/2000
 MEGAN E. SMITH 5/30/2000
 TERESA GOGGINS 5/7/2001
 LINDA ARMSTEAD 5/6/2002
 CHRIS LARWIG 5/28/2002
 DIANNA L. RUPP 5/28/2002
 MARCUS J. HARMAN 5/3/2003
 MARY J. SHOLLY 5/18/2003
 MARY ANN HUGGINS 5/29/2003
 VERONICA P. MOORE 5/9/2005
 GOJIE B. S. LUSTER 5/9/2005
 VALERIE MANRIQUEZ 5/9/2005
 JEANELLE ECHOLS 5/16/2005
 RENA M. GIBSON 5/16/2005
 KELLEY LYN BERTRAM 5/23/2005
 DANA M. PHILLIPS 5/26/2005

May Birthdays

SUSAN E. RYAN 5/1
 MICHAEL A. BAUGHMAN 5/2
 SAMUEL G. WEEHUNT 5/4
 DEBBIE E. ROBERTUS 5/6
 ROSEMARY STAFFORD 5/6
 ANNE G. FISCHER 5/9
 MARY L. DAUGHERITY 5/11
 CHERYL A. MANN 5/12
 RICHARD E. REA 5/13
 MELANIE DIANE LEVICK 5/14

MARY ANN JOHNSON 5/15
 STEPHANIE D. GERLING 5/15
 PAMELA E. WISER 5/15
 KEVIN D. COLWELL 5/16
 SHARON G. BISH 5/16
 ELIZABETH NEWLAND 5/16
 CHERYL E. CHERRY 5/18
 LISA M. WOOD 5/18
 SUSAN J. HUTCHINS 5/18
 REGINA D. KIRKHAM 5/19

MARILYN R. BARNETT 5/19
 TERRI PAULINE FROST 5/21
 TRACY C. STONE 5/21
 LINDSAY E. JONES 5/21
 JOSHUA N. SCHELL 5/21
 AARON G. KILLOUGH 5/22
 LAURA PARKER 5/22
 FREDERICK R. WILSON 5/22
 REBECCA D. PRINCE 5/23
 JULIA C. ENGEL 5/29