

# Shelflife

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## Fair Exchange- Pioneer Library System Staff Members Visits MLS

They came from Norman, about a dozen of them, and **Janet Brooks, MSL**, was glad to see them. They were a group of librarians who make up the Acquisitions Dept. for the Pioneer Library System, and they were here to find out how MLS does what they do.

"Their Acquisitions is a combination of Cataloging, Tech Processing, Materials Selection, and Interlibrary Loan," Janet told us.

They were fascinated in our way of doing things, and impressed by our staff.

The idea that the Pioneer gang could visit with the MLSers came about after Caroline Dulworth, from Pioneer, toured here in the past. She took a look at our operations and buildings and decided that bringing a group of her techs to The Big City might prove beneficial.

"We divided them up into groups and sent a different one off every 15 minutes. We pretty much stuck with the nuts and bolts of the job—we talked about vendors, standing orders, and only briefly went into the ins and outs of selection.

"They were particularly impressed with the compact shelving at DN Library since they have real storage issues back in Norman."

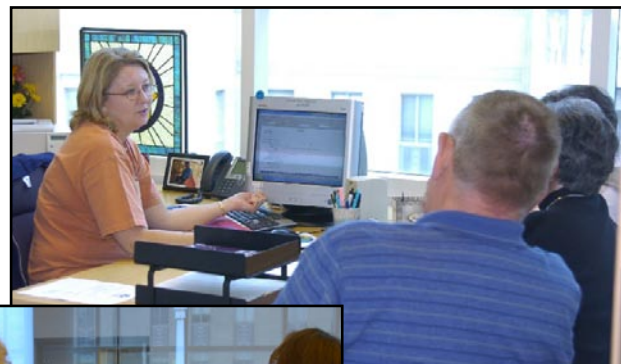
Another MLS area that was of interest to the Pioneers was our reserve system. One of their routines is to buy selected titles for limited checkout in addition to regular circulation. These copies are located on the new book shelf and cannot be used to fill reserves. They are on the shelf to be checked out on a first come-first served basis.

"One of the things they enjoyed the most," Janet concluded, "was meeting our staff in the flesh, since they had been talking with then on the phone but had never seen them. Their ILL tech was delighted to finally meet Charlotte Brown, in our ILL office."

The visiting was fun and an exchange of ideas is always valuable. Maybe someday soon some of the gang from MLS can make a trip to Norman . . . ?



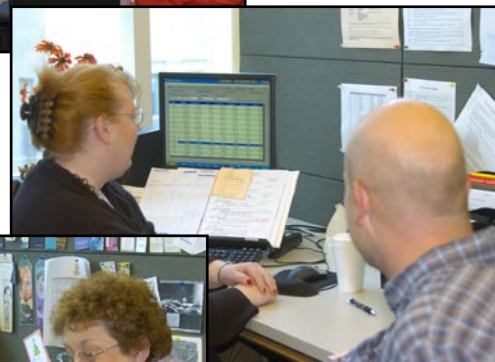
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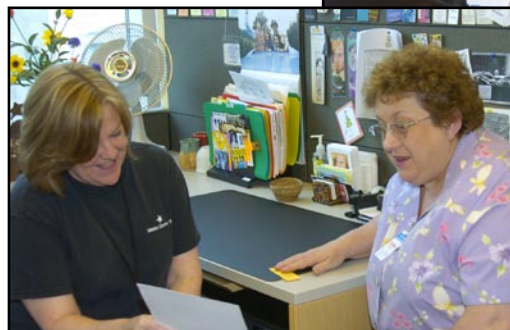
Above: Janet Brooks discusses different areas of Selection.



Left: Kim Rickey shows Pioneer staff some ordering tips



Above: Susan Ryan talks with a Pioneer staff member.



Left: Marilyn Backus goes over a selection process with a Pioneer library staff member.

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## Hardhats Required

### An Update on MLS Construction Projects

A couple of months ago Shelflife chatted with the MLS Director of Construction Management, **Todd Olberding**, about the status of some of our major construction projects. We went back to Todd to see what's changed since that first conversation.

"Everything keeps moving along, some-times faster and sometimes slower. In relation to the new **Service Center**, the current plan is based upon the construction of a new building to house **Maintenance, Technical Processing, Cataloging, the Friends** and several **Outreach** operations," Todd



told us. "The process of securing a building site, the first step, began in March.

We'll be making a presentation to the Finance Committee of the Library Commission on May 31. If all goes well then, we'll take the report to the full Commission at the June meeting. We hope to be able to close on the purchase of the property located on **NE 50th Street, between Lincoln & Santa Fe**, by the end of June"

Todd suggested that from that point, we would hire an architect and that the design process would take 60-90 days.

Progress is a little slower on the new **Northwest Library** project as we're still

in search of the perfect location for a new facility. We're working in collaboration with Francis Tuttle Vo-Tech and Oklahoma City to review prospective sites. Todd is hoping we can have a site selected in 90-120 days.

Finally, improvements to the **Ralph Ellison Library** constitute the first project that is covered by the 2000 bond issue vote.

"We have some recommendations to take to the Finance Committee on this one, too," Todd said, "and with their approval we'll then go to the full Library Commission. After that, MLS in conjunction with OKC will start the architect selection process.

Proposed improvements to Ralph Ellison include enlarging the meeting room, renovation of the library space, upgrade of the restrooms and expanding the parking lot.

## Guilded in Gold

It's all too easy to slip into a routine and take for granted the people who help you the most. Think about the people you work with who always do their best when you ask, "Can you help me out with this?" Think about the people who support your library.

"I thought I would let you know what the Choctaw Library Guild has been doing recently for the **Choctaw Library** and the MLS," **Rosemary Czarski, Choctaw Manager of Library Operations**, wrote to us.

We remember the tireless support of the Guild during the days the library was housed in rented space. And after the May tornado, when CT was in a storefront because its roof was demolished. The Guild raised money to buy a plot of land for construction of a new facility, and they were busy through every step of the planning and building processes.

But what have they done for us lately? Plenty!

"They purchased and installed a lovely concrete table and bench set on the north patio on our western side," Rosemary told us, "and they purchased and planted a willow tree last winter. It survived the winter and is greening out and looks quite well."

But even more significantly, they created a scholarship for people interested in going to graduate library school.

"Two employees from the system have looked into applying for it for the 2006 year," Rosemary added.

Quilt making was a talent Guild members employed as a means of fundraising during the days the new library was still a dream. They are once again working on a quilt, with the assistance of members of the community, that will be raffled or auctioned off when completed.

"I really appreciate all they do for the Choctaw Library," Rosemary concluded.

## It's Football Time!!

### In the Summer??

Yep, you read it right! Football in the summer time.

On Saturday, June 3, the Oklahoma City YardDawgz arena football team will be playing the Rio Grande Valley, and all children with

a library card get in free! Have you been wanting to check out an arena football game? Well now is the time. The first 10,000 children who show their library card will get in free and their parents can purchase a discounted ticket for only \$8.

Take your kids, tell your customers, have fun! It's football time!







## Picture Perfect

**Lisa Walker, Business Office Purchasing Specialist,** demonstrated to Shelflife that there is no more special way to purchase movie tickets than getting them for free.

"A friend told me about this website you go to and sign up for free movie passes. They notify you by email if you have won a pass for two for a particular movie that you entered."

Lisa and her daughter are big fans of fun family films—unlike a certain grumpy, local film reviewer we know—but they find the cost of an evening at the movies a huge drawback.



"It's nice to get free passes for some family entertainment. I was surprised that on the first entry I got an email offering me a pass for two."

"Some radio stations will tell you remote sites that are giving out movie passes, also."

Lisa offered to let Shelflife readers in on two websites she visits to receive free movie passes.

<http://www.wildaboutmovies.com/screenings/index.php>

<http://www.kfor.com/global/link.asp?L=104054&function=form&method=post&targetadstag=Entertainment&nc=1>

Thanks, Lisa. Now if you hear about a way to get free popcorn...



## Idol Love

- Feeling a little empty these days, aren't you?
- Aimless? Lost?
- You know what it is? It's "American Idol" withdrawal. Even if you never watched the show something will seem amiss in your office because the people who did watch it, and have been talking about little else since January, won't have Randy, Paula and Simon to kick around anymore before it all starts over again in 2007.
- Shelflife feels your pain, and to help ease your journey away from "American Idol" and back into mainstream reality, see page five for some of Simon Cowell's most memorable put-downs. Think of it as pop TV methadone.
- Oh, and just in case you're returning from a two-week vacation in another solar system, Taylor won.

## The Age Gauge

Administrative Specialist **Francie Pendleton**, in her never-ending quest to make me feel older than dirt, sent this website along: <http://www.frontiernet.net/~cdm/age1.html>

"This will really make you laugh," she wrote, "but it will make you feel a little old, too...."

What you will find out is how old you were when specific events occurred during your lifetime. For instance, I was 46 when the Federal Building blew up, and 14 when President Kennedy was shot.

But the real kicker is finding out how your age compares with people in the public eye. I

was pleased to see that I am 32 years and two months younger than Walter Cronkite, and then I saw that he is 89 years old and, somehow, realizing that I am not yet 89 wasn't very reassuring. Yes, I'm younger than Nancy Reagan, but everybody who isn't Walter Cronkite is younger than Nancy Reagan.

Anyway, check it out. You may have some fun with it.

*Editor's Note: Hmmm, Doug, I'm 52 years and eight months younger than Walter Cronkite... kt*



Royal Blue Sportshirt/  
White MLS logo, XL,  
\$15.40

Natural Fiber Pique  
Sport Shirt/Black MLS  
logo, XL, \$18.10.

If interested, call  
Lynda Bahr in Out-  
reach,  
606-3838.





# News ... People ... News ...

## An MLS Parrothead Searches for Her ... Lost Shaker of Salt



Yes, I admit it. I'm a "Parrot Head". I have a beautiful beach scene for the wallpaper of my computer, I have a "Parrot Head" mouse pad, my favorite drink is a margarita on the rocks, next to sizzling fajitas my favorite food is a cheeseburger and I've been to about a dozen Jimmy Buffett concerts. Now you may ask, how and why does a person become a Parrot Head. First, let me describe my experience tailgating at a recent Jimmy Buffett concert in Dallas and maybe you will see how and why a person chooses to be a Parrot Head.

As we pulled into the parking lot of the Smirnoff Music Center, we were bombarded with the sounds and smells of summer. There were rows and rows of RVs, campers, trailers from all over the south: Louisiana, Arkansas, and Florida! Each was decked out with tiki bars, tiki torches, swimming pools, sand, palm trees, and hibachis. And even though it was pouring down rain, everywhere you looked you saw loud Hawaiian shirts, shorts, flip flops, coconut bras, straw hats and other island attire. The hibachis had a variety of food on them, but there was a major preference for cheeseburgers. The beverage of choice was of course the margarita, which came in an assortment of containers ranging from the cheap red plastic cups to the double fish-bowl (a large glass with two winding straws attached).

When we finally got parked, we found ourselves next to a group from Lubbock, TX who gladly welcomed us under their tarp. All we had to do was provide the boom box for the

Jimmy Buffett tunes. Soon, a father and son from Galveston showed up with layer after layer of leis that they gave away to anyone who asked, or who were willing to share a drink with them. Across the row from us there was an older couple (about 75 years old!) wearing plastic bag/ponchos from New Orleans' French Quarter.

About 5 p.m. we made our way to the gates, wanting to be the first in line to stake out the prime real estate, which was front and center on the lawn. While in line we made more friends and shared more stories with the people around us. Even when someone tried to jump the line and sneak in under the rope, the crowd was jolly and in good humor shaming the claim jumpers back in line.

When we were finally allowed in to the pavilion, we found the perfect spot and claimed it by spreading out our tarp and blankets. Then the beach balls came out. Hundreds started floating around, hit from here to there, never stopping through the whole concert. Once the music started, not one person sat down. Everyone danced and jumped and sang at the tops of their lungs. (When you go to a Jimmy Buffett concert, you have to sing!) Unfortunately, after nearly 3 hours, the time came for the concert to end. But Jimmy had not sung the crowd's favorite. Thousands upon thousands of hands reached for the sky to form sharks' fins chanting "Fins! Fins! Fins!", prompting Jimmy to lead us in a near cult experience as we all sang "Fins to the left, fins to the right...."

The evening ended as the day had begun, with friends gathering beside their RVs, tents and cars, talking about when Jimmy Buffett would be coming this way again, or where could we go next to see him, and bidding each other farewell and safe driving.

I think for me being a Parrot Head means being in a world where it's always summer vacation and there are no strangers or enemies. Parrot Heads are people from all walks of life: lawyers, doctors, retired auto-workers, beverage

distributors, teenagers, children, grandparents, and even librarians, who have one goal in common—to kickback, forget the worries of the world and have a great time!

As Jimmy Buffett says in his song *Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes*:

*"It's these changes in latitudes,  
changes in attitudes  
Nothing remains quite the same.*

*With all of our running and all of our cunning,  
If we couldn't laugh we would all go insane."*

So laugh people.

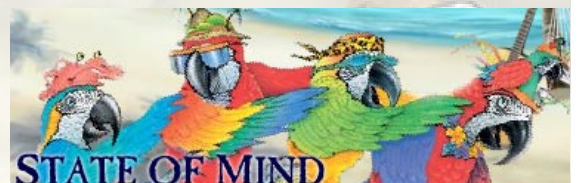
—Janet Brooks, Materials Selection



Janet and her sister at the concert.



Janet and fellow Parrothead,  
Kim Terry, MaC.





# People

## HELLO TO & RE-HIRES

Cory Mize..... Page, DN  
 Joanne Henrickson ..... Page, ED  
 Michelle Porter ..... Page, ED  
 Joanne Wilcox..... Page, ED  
*No photo available for Joanne*  
 Paul Conley ..... Page, CH  
 Felicia Hayes ..... Tech Asst., RE  
 Robert Shelton ..... Page, RE  
 Robert Jackson ..... TechAsst., MC  
 Kenneth Hagy ..... Page, ED



Cory Mize



Joanne  
Hendrickson



Felicia Hayes



Michelle Porter



Paul Conley



Robert Shelton

## PROMOTION

Kevin Colwell.....From Page, CH, to Rcvg. Tech, TP  
 Stuart Williamson ..... From Associate Librarian, DN,  
 to Researcher, PLA

## TRANSFER

Susan Hutchins..... From Associate Librarian, WA,  
 to DC

## GOODBYE TO

Megan Barnett .....Page, ED  
 Brenda Hamrick .....Page, ED  
 Linda Armstead ..... Circ Clerk, MC  
 Robin McDowell .....Page, MC  
 Rachel Brown .....Page, ED  
 Marian Locrine ..... Friends of MLS Coordinator, DEV  
 Wendy Taylor.....Page, CT



## Simon Says:

(See page 3)

"My advice would be if you want to pursue a career in the music business, don't."

"If you would be singing like this two thousand years ago, people would have stoned you."

"Why are you having a normal conversation with him? This is a dairy farmer dressed as a woman."

"I met someone the other night who's 28 years old, and he hasn't worked a day since he left college because he's pursuing a dream he'll never, ever realize."



## SYMPATHY

To Sharon Maine, BBM, whose father passed away April 13 in Texas.

Sympathy also to Candy Nunez, BE, whose grandmother passed away May 3.

And sympathy to Jean Wilburn, BI, whose father passed away May 18.

## June Birthdays

NINA M. GINSTERBLUM 6/2  
 ROBIN LYLE MCDOWELL 6/4  
 SALLY A. GRAY 6/6  
 TERRIE LUCILLE THOMAS 6/10  
 GALEN R KURTH 6/11  
 CLYDE D. HERROD 6/11  
 JEAN E. JOHNSON 6/11  
 SHARON GAYE MAY 6/13  
 JESSICA HEITMAN 6/14  
 LOUISA M. SMITH 6/14  
 LAURIE ANN MEHRWEIN 6/15  
 MARILYN E. BACKUS 6/17  
 CONRAD J. DOTY 6/19  
 DANA L. MORROW 6/20  
 JENNIFER M. HUNTER 6/21  
 WIMFORD MARTIN 6/23  
 CANDELARIA NUNEZ 6/23  
 KENNETH J. BROWN 6/24  
 PAULA A. HANNAPEL 6/25  
 DAVID L. CALHOUN 6/25  
 CHRISTINE R. BASSETT 6/25  
 DARCUS D. SMITH 6/25  
 MANDANA ROSHAN 6/25  
 MARCUS J HARMAN 6/28  
 TAMERAT ATLABACHEW 6/28  
 JIMMY C. WELCH 6/28  
 D. DIANE SHARP 6/28  
 CINDY S. FINNEGAN 6/29  
 ELIZABETH D. HICKEY 6/29



## June Anniversaries

CONRAD J. DOTY 6/1/1968  
 DONNA L. MORRIS 6/1/1969  
 CHERYL A. MANN 6/21/1973  
 BARBARA J. WILLIAMS 6/3/1974  
 LAURIE F. MACK-CLARK 6/9/1975  
 SELMA ZUHDI 6/17/1977  
 SUSAN A. STINSON 6/25/1980  
 EBRAHIM EJTEHADI 6/24/1982  
 SHEILA D. FIXEL 6/7/1983  
 ANN G. ALIOTTA 6/4/1984  
 DEBORAH MONTGOMERY 6/2/1986  
 LANNY B. MYERS 6/8/1987  
 RANDY L. KNUTSON 6/25/1990  
 JULIE A. SCHOFIELD 6/24/1991  
 ABOLGHASEM SIAVASHI 6/27/1994  
 PHYLLIS A. DAVIDSON 6/27/1995  
 JEAN E. JOHNSON 6/10/1996  
 CHARLEEN K. MILLER 6/23/1997  
 JOSHUA H. WELLS 6/30/1998  
 KIMBERLY A. EDWARDS 6/14/1999  
 RAMON LIRA 6/14/2000  
 DEREK J. CASH 6/4/2001  
 TREVOR L. DAILEY 6/3/2002  
 STACY G. SCHRANK 6/7/2004  
 DANIELLE D. WALKER 6/8/2004  
 TERI LYNN WOOLEY 6/10/2004  
 CHARLA RENE LUCERO 6/21/2004  
 CRYSTAL DAWN ROPER 6/28/2004  
 MARILYN CONLEY 6/6/2005  
 JONNITA BUFORD 6/20/2005  
 KIMBERLY ANN TERRY 6/20/2005  
 BRANDI E. GAY 6/27/2005

## July Anniversaries

JANET E. BROOKS 7/1/80  
 URSULA A. WARD 7/1/82  
 RONNA C. DAVIS 7/19/82  
 FRANCES V. HARBERT 7/8/85  
 ANITA F. ROESLER 7/28/85  
 KAREN R. BRAY 7/7/86  
 DAVID L. MACK 7/2/90  
 ANGELA M. PAELTZ 7/15/92  
 PATRICIA E. WHISENHUNT 7/25/94  
 MARY L. DAUGHERITY 7/28/94  
 DAGMAR M. PEERY 7/7/97  
 CAROL MOODY 7/28/97  
 PAULA A. HANNAPEL 7/26/99  
 KIMBERLY A. RICKEY 7/10/00  
 RUSSELL L. PIERCE 7/17/00  
 MANDANA ROSHAN 7/27/00  
 JOHN LEROY HILBERT 7/16/01  
 LISA M. WOOD 7/16/01  
 VIRGIL K. KOSKIE 7/14/03  
 MARIA E. WATKINS 7/21/03  
 KELLY E. WOLF 6-Jul-04  
 REAGAN KLOIBER 6-Jul-04  
 JOYCELYN KAY CARINDER 7/20/04  
 JANET ENGSTRAND 7/31/04  
 HOLLIE A. HIRE 7/5/05  
 TARA M. MCDANIEL 7/5/05  
 REBECCA D. PRINCE 7/17/05  
 AARON G. KILLOUGH 7/18/05



## July Birthdays

BROOK ELIZABETH WELCH 7/1  
 SAISRI MCCORMICK 7/1  
 NICOLE E. CAMPBELL 7/1  
 LOIS W. MCKENNA 7/2  
 PRIYA M. DESAI 7/3  
 DEBORAH MARTINEZ-THOMPSON 7/5  
 SIMONA LONG 7/7  
 ELIZABETH ALICE KENYON 7/7  
 GAIL GARLOCH 7/9  
 REBECCA JANE O'NEAL 7/9  
 DOYLE K. WILCOX 7/10  
 ELIZABETH ANN KESSLER 7/10

WENDY ELIZABETH TAYLOR 7/11  
 ALMA LOUISE BROWN 7/12  
 AARON J. STEWART 7/13  
 LAWANA DENISE MORGAN 7/14  
 SEAN K. MCCANN 7/14  
 KELLEY E. HOFFMAN 7/15  
 KIMBERLY ANN TERRY 7/16  
 DENISE A. COURTS 7/19  
 ERIC C. ROSENQUIST 7/20  
 S. COLLETTE HANKINS 7/20  
 CORY JACK MIZE 7/22  
 LENA C. LOPER 7/23

SHIRLEY J. HENDERSON 7/23  
 RHONDA J. TURLEY 7/23  
 DIANE RICE 7/24  
 JANET E. BROOKS 7/24  
 GLORIA J. TURNER 7/26  
 DENYVETTA DAVIS 7/26  
 VERONICA P. MOORE 7/27  
 DENESA C. YOST 7/28

