

# ShelfLife

Staff Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

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## Gown'd and Tassel'd

### MLS Staffers Celebrate Graduation of Family Members

"Yippee! One down, one to go!"

So said (rejoiced, celebrated, shouted with triumphant joy) **Kelly Dalrymple** of **WA**, and that sentiment is a common thread running through the thoughts of many MLS staff members who saw their children graduate this spring.

But the one emotion that everyone feels is pride in accomplishment. To recognize that pride, ShelfLife wants to tip its hat to all members of MLS' extended family who completed one chapter of their education this spring.

**Roy and Julie Ballou, Human Resources and Materials Selection:** Julie's son, Andrew Mock, graduated from Edmond Santa Fe High School and is going to OSU in the fall to major in architectural engineering.

**Casey Beach,** page at the **Midwest City Library:** Graduated from Midwest City High

School in Midwest City, May 2006. She will be attending UCO in the Fall.

**Susan Beckett,** a page at **Warr Acres Library:** her daughter, Michelle Bennette, graduated in December last year from OU as Summa Cum Laude. Susan's comment is: She did a great job and her dad and I are VERY proud of her!

**Doug Bentin, Marketing and Communications:** my son Nick graduated from Putnam City North as a member of the



Honor Society. He's going to start at OCCC in the Fall. He's a good kid, and a smart one (takes after his old man), and Alice and I love him very much.

**Kelly Dalrymple,** from **Warr Acres Library,** congratulates her daughter Amanda Dalrymple on her graduation from the Edmond Home Educated Association.

**Tim Fisher,** from **Downtown** writes: "My son Christopher Fisher graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Pittsburgh on April 30th. He majored in Film Studies in the Honors College and minored in the Classics. His cumulative GPA was 3.95. Christopher hopes to become a fight choreographer in the movies or on stage. My wife Cheryl and I are proud of our son's achievement, but are prouder still for his integrity and character as a young man and as a friend."

**Rena Gibson,** Technology Assistant at **Southern Oaks** graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from UCO.



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## Gown'd and Tassel'd<sub>continued</sub>

**Fran Harbert's (DC)** grandson, Wyatt Park, graduated from Del City Elementary School's Kindergarten. The ceremony was on May 22. Fran is a librarian at DC. Her comment is an enthusiastic "Yes!"

**Katie Hatfield**, a page at the **Midwest City Library**, graduated from Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, May 2006. She will be attending UCO in the Fall.

**Angela Hill**, a Circulation Clerk at **Southern Oaks**, graduated with a Bachelor's Degree from UCO.

**Jennifer Hunter**, a part-time library page at **Southern Oaks**, graduated with a Master's Degree from OU.

**Karen Lehr**, librarian from **Edmond**, writes: My son and daughter both graduated! I have been running back and forth to the east coast which is quite expensive but worth it! Quincy Lehr-- PhD in history from Columbia University in NYC, and Amy Lehr--Law Degree from Harvard Law School (International Law.)

**Laurie Mack-Clark**, from the Business Office, congratulates Maurice (Marty) Clark II, on his graduation from Northeast High School Academy.

**Angie Paeltz**, from the **Luther Library**, announces the graduation of her daughter Vi Ann Neal from Cameron University with a Bachelor of Science Criminal Justice degree. Angie writes, "She finally made it at 34 Ha! I knew she would but she sure had some doubts along the way."

"This is **Frank Ray**, YFNPO, in the **Business Office**. Jennifer E. Ray graduated

from Home School High School at the end of May, 2006. She home schooled all 12 years. Darra was her teacher. Jennifer had lots of field trips with her grandparents. Actually they were tours, but she did get lots of learning experiences out of them. I forget where all she has been, but

I do know that she liked Russia really well. Anyway, she is out of it now. Got herself married and will

soon be living in Nevada with her husband, who is in the Air Force out by Las Vegas."

**Betty Scott**, also from the **Business Office**, is

proud of her daughter Rhiannon Wyrick, who graduated from the French Culinary Institute of NYC, June 2006 Rhiannon will be sailing to Hawaii on a cruise ship working as a chef beginning in July. Betty is also proud of her stepdaughter, Laura Scott, who graduated from Midwest City High School May 2006. Laura will be attending OSU in the fall with a music scholarship. "Look for her in the marching band!"

**Sharon Thompson, DN:**

"My daughter, Lindsey Thompson, graduated from OSU with a BA in Psychology. Only two more years to go for the next degree! (or so I'm told!)"

**Andrew Tolly**, part-time Library Page at **Southern Oaks**, graduated from Westmoore High School.

The son of **Fariba Williams, Midwest City**, and her husband Jim--Sean C. Williams-- graduated from Norman North High School in Norman Oklahoma, May 2006. He will be attending OU in the Fall.





## Good Ideas Always Welcome

Earlier in this issue of ShelfLife you read announcements of staff and staff-related graduates, and let us say again how proud we are of them and pleased for their families and friends.

But let us tell you how we came to honor them. We like to say that every good idea comes from us, but it just isn't so.

**Fran Pendleton**, Administrative Specialist, sent us a note suggesting we tip our hat to graduates, and then we received a note from **Christopher Carroll**, who works Circulation at **Capitol Hill**. This is what Chris had to say:

"We at the Capitol Hill Library have a proud announcement to make. One of our pages, **Isabel Orozco**, graduated this past weekend from Santa Fe South High School and was her senior class's

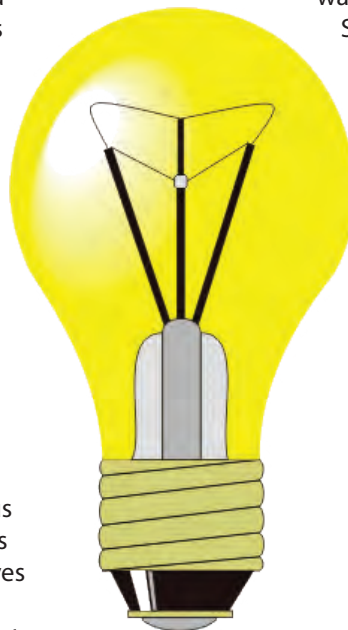
valedictorian. She gave a great valedictory address and sang a song she had composed herself for the occasion.

"Everybody at Capitol Hill is very proud of Isabel, so I just wanted to make sure this announcement made it into an issue of ShelfLife before she heads off to college at the end of the summer."

From this it occurred to us that lots of staff members have someone in their lives of whom they are proud. Maybe they talk about it at work, maybe not. But if you

want to shout it out loud, ShelfLife is a darn good roof top to shout from.

And thanks to Christopher for bringing this to our attention, and to Fran for originally suggesting that all MLS grads deserve a piece of the limelight.



## Better Safe ...

We know it's July, and we know that Safety Training was due by the last day of June. But we also know that some of you haven't completed it yet for the second quarter. Don't pick up a pen and try to look busy. You're not fooling anybody.

If you're one of the few who remains unsafe going into the third quarter, or if you want to get a jump on Safety Training for July-August-September, here is a reprint of a note sent via



email from **Denise Courts** in **Human Resources**:

"The Human Resources offices just recently added more DVDs to the Safety Collections. Just email me in Human Resources or reply to this notice if you would like to check out any of the titles listed.

### Latest Safety DVDs

<b>Human Aspects of Safety</b>	<b>10 min</b>
<b>Loading and Unloading Trailers</b>	<b>12 min</b>
<b>Office Safety</b>	<b>22 min</b>
<b>Office Safety - Humorous Version</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<b>Preventing Workplace Violence</b>	<b>19 min</b>
<b>Safe Operation of Motor Vehicles</b>	<b>17 min</b>
<b>Safety and the Supervisor</b>	<b>25 min</b>
<b>Security Awareness for Management</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<b>Security Awareness for the Employee</b>	<b>20 min</b>
<b>Slips, Trips &amp; Falls</b>	<b>14 min</b>





## Summer is No Bummer

Summer at the Library is the one program in which every MLS staff member has a hand. All of us, whether we plan an event, clean up after it, or produce the check to pay for it, find ourselves invested in MLS' big annual party for kids and teens.

It's a lot of work, and if you're feeling particularly worn out by it this summer, there's a good reason for that. Enrollments in both parts of the program are unusually high for this early in the program.

"Yes, sign-ups do seem to be up," said Children's Services Coordinator **Kristin Smith**, "but I think it has a lot more to do with our great librarians and marketing department than (Young Adult Services Coordinator) **Emily (Williams)** and me!"

After only two weeks of Summer at the Library, enrollment for the children's program is 9,433, which is 74 percent of the total number of kids participating in 2005. Enrollment for teens is currently 2,090, which is 76 percent of last year's total. Those

numbers put 2006 on track to shatter old records. "Many libraries," Kristin continued, "are already very close to their totals from last year!"

No wonder we're all looking forward to August so we can take a deep breath and relax a little.



*Lucky Penny Player performers Kelley Riha and Toby Tobin perform Three Billy Goats Gruff.*



**COPY CAT!** Spoticus seen here at Edmond. He greeted many young readers at the beginning of Summer at the Library.

## Spam, Spam, Spam, Spam

A few days ago some staff members received this email via Calypso:

*"Subject: getting to know you*

*Do not ignore me please, I found your email somewhere and now decided to write to you. I am coming to your place in a few weeks and thought we can meet each other. Let me know if you do not mind. I am a nice pretty girl. Don't reply to this email. Email me directly at ..."*



We sent it on to **Anne Fischer**, Director of Information Technology, who hastened to assure us—and you too, if you received it—that it is just some spam that snuck through the cracks and it's being taken care of and there's nothing

to worry about in the meantime.

But just look at the pitifulness of it. Who is it supposed to be from? Some kind of eastern European hillbilly? Are we supposed to be intrigued by a "nice pretty girl" who is more spelling-challenged than your average newsletter editor? A monkey with a broken keyboard could tap out a better looking note than that. Sheesh.

Anyway, if you receive junk emails like this at work, they won't do anything worse than waste the amount of time it takes you to delete them, but know that IT is working to eliminate them entirely.



## Loyalty Oath

According to state law, all library employees will be required to sign a loyalty oath.

MLS Deputy Executive Director **Lloyd Lovely** tells ShelfLife that "No public institution under Oklahoma state law may pay any person who has not signed the loyalty oath. This law is not new, but the Library has only recently determined that it is required to comply with this law. The Library is neither promoting nor discounting the law, only abiding by it."

**Human Resources** will be collecting oaths as they are signed by current employees, hoping to have everyone's oath by the end of 2006. The signed document will then be maintained as part of the personnel files.

The signatures have to be notarized, so Lloyd and a notary will be visiting each library twice during the next few months.

"The Library's official position," Lloyd added, "is to follow this law, and all laws, to the best of its ability."

This is the oath to which new MLS employees will attest:

### LOYALTY OATH (51 O.S. §36.2A)

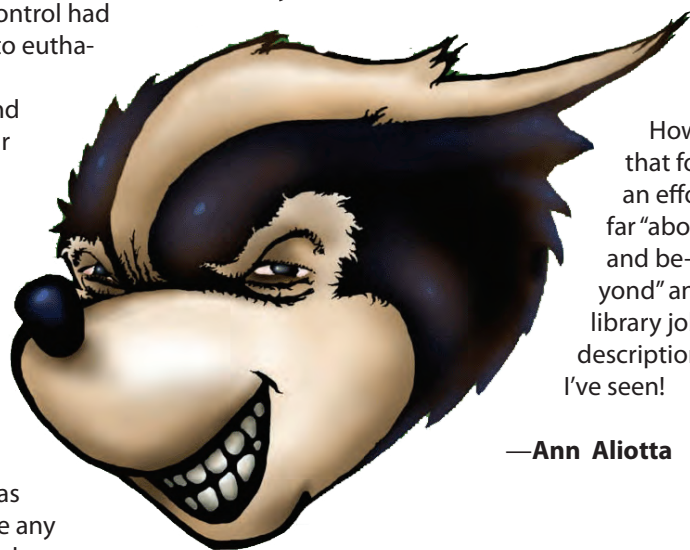
*I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Oklahoma, and that I will faithfully discharge, according to the best of my ability, the duties of my office or employment during such time as I am an Employee of the Metropolitan Library System, 300 Park Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 in accordance with 51 O.S. § 36.2.*

## Skunked—the rest of the story

**Joan Kendall** and **Doyle Wilcox**, **Edmond Library** staff members, are the brave heroes who rescued eight young skunks nesting under the front sidewalk entrance to the **Edmond Library**. **Saisri McCormick** supervised their efforts from a very safe far distance. After closing on Friday night, June 23, the two poured water into the skunk holes. It took at least 6 trips of a 10 gallon bucket to flush out the 8 young skunks. Yes, baby skunks do spray as Joan and I had discovered earlier. Never-the-less, our heroes continued flushing out the kittens, trapping them under buckets and then transferring them into a very tall garbage can.

When all were trapped, Doyle transported the litter to an unnamed Edmond park with a natural water supply.

(Edmond Animal Control had previously offered to euthanize them—a solution unthinkable and unacceptable to our manager of library operations.) Doyle said, "Most of the young skunks scattered quickly into their new environment". He left some dried cat food for them and returned the next day. He was delighted not to see any of them. Hopefully, they are learning to adapt and living happily "ever after" in their new home.



How's that for an effort far "above and beyond" any library job description, I've seen!

—Ann Aliotta

# People

## HELLO TO & RE-HIRES

Athena Parker ..... Page, DN  
 Denise "Deni" Reyes ..... Page, WA  
 Rosa Cantu ..... Circ Clerk, WA  
 Audrey Manriquez ..... Page, ED  
 Matthew Pickle..... Page, WA  
 Kristen Keyser ..... Page, ED



*Athena Parker*



*Deni Reyes*



*Rosa Cantu*



*Audrey Manriquez*



*Matthew Pickle*



*Kristen Keyser*

## PROMOTION

Mary Patton ..... From Manager of Library Operation I, WA,  
 to Manager of Library Operation II, DN  
 Crystal Roper .....From Page, to Circ Clerk, DC  
 Samuel Weehunt ..... From Associate Librarian,  
 to Librarian, DC

## TRANSFER

Barbara Beasley ..... From Mgr. of Library Operation I, BE, to WA  
 Katrina Prince.....From Mgr. of Library Operation I, DC, to BE  
 Michelle Porter ..... From Page, ED, to Circ Clerk, LO

## GOODBYE TO

Valerie Manriquez .....Page, ED  
 Paul Conley ..... Page, CH  
 Erin Rachels ..... Circ Clerk, MC  
 Virgil "Keith" Koskie .....Page, ED  
 Mary Harrison .....Page, CT  
 Elizabeth Kenyon.....Tech Asst., WA  
 Sean McCann .....Page, CT

## QUOTES

The richest person in the world - in fact  
 all the riches in the world - couldn't  
 provide you with anything like the end-  
 less, incredible loot available at your  
 local library.

—Malcolm Forbes

I have always imagined that Paradise  
 will be a kind of library.

—Jorge Luis Borges

A truly great library contains some-  
 thing in it to offend everyone.

—Jo Godwin

## SYMPATHY

To Del City Library Manager Melissa  
 Weathers, whose grandfather passed  
 away in June.



## 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	•

## 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	7/6/04	•
REAGAN KLOIBER	7/6/04	•
JOYCELIN 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	•

## August Anniversaries

PRISCILLA M. DOSS	8/1/72	•
CHERYL E. PERNELL	8/1/79	•
MARILYN R. BARNETT	8/20/81	•
PHILLIP E. TOLBERT	8/9/82	•
SHARON L. MAINE	8/17/82	•
BARBARA K. BEASLEY	8/1/84	•
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/29/89	•
KARMEN QUEITA HARVEY	8/21/91	•
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/26/91	•
GALEN R KURTH	8/30/93	•
JULIA ANN BALLOU	8/30/93	•
EVA F. PETEET	8/23/94	•
JACQULYN J. TAYLOR	8/29/94	•
DEBORAH J. WILLIS	8/31/96	•
KAREN L. LITTERAL	8/31/96	•
KATHLEEN LAUGERMAN	8/4/97	•
GLENN E. WEBB JR	8/25/97	•
FREDERICK R. WILSON	8/10/98	•
JANET E. BOWEN	8/25/99	•
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	8/14/00	•
SAISRI MCCORMICK	8/21/00	•
DAVID L. CALHOUN	8/1/01	•
KIM L. COBB	8/9/01	•
JOHN D. WOOD	8/27/01	•
FANNIE HARSHBARGER	8/10/02	•
SHARON DAVIS JORSKI	8/10/02	•
GERALD W. HICKMAN	8/10/02	•
YVONNE M. DYESS	8/12/02	•
BARBARA A. JOHNSON	8/19/02	•
NGOC KIM NGUYEN	8/3/04	•
JENA MULHOLLEN	8/6/04	•
WIMFORD MARTIN	8/16/04	•
KEVIN D. COLWELL	8/30/04	•
TERRI PAULINE FROST	8/31/04	•
JULIA C. ENGEL	8/31/04	•
BARBARA M. PARR	8/1/05	•
SAM G. HALE III	8/1/05	•
KELLIE J. BRADFORD	8/1/05	•
ANGELA L. HILL	8/2/05	•
TERRIE LUCILLE THOMAS	8/8/05	•
VIVIAN A. STEVENSON	8/15/05	•
SARAH JO LITRELL	8/22/05	•

## August Birthdays

BARBARA JOHNSON	8/1	•	KATHY L. FRITSCH	8/8	•	LINDA J. JAMESON	8/14	•	LOIS F. CROSS	8/29	•
LYNDA BAHR	8/1	•	LINDA A. ELSTON	8/9	•	BOBBIE KAY BREWER	8/15	•	TERESA GOGGINS	8/29	•
CAROL L. PROVINE	8/3	•	KATHRYN M. DUNN	8/9	•	SUSIE L. BEASLEY	8/18	•	JOHN W. ELLIS-ETCHISON	8/30	•
LANDON D. HOLMAN	8/3	•	ANGELA L. HILL	8/9	•	VAN R. BIELSTEIN	8/21	•	JOYCE A. HELMS	8/30	•
CAROLYN ABERNATHY	8/3	•	JOYCE MC-JOHNSON	8/9	•	EDWARD N. TERRY	8/21	•	WENDY J. GABRIELSON	8/30	•
JAMES E. NIMMO, JR	8/3	•	JOSHUA H. GERNER	8/9	•	CRYSTAL DAWN ROPER	8/22	•	KAY L. BAUMAN	8/31	•
DAGMAR M. PEERY	8/4	•	JONITA NORMORE	8/10	•	JEAN M. WILBURN	8/22	•	BETH K. STEELMAN	8/31	•
JILL L. VESSELS	8/4	•	KAREN A. LEHR	8/11	•	JESSICA Y. LITTLE	8/23	•	JONATHAN E. WILLIS JR.	8/31	•
CHESTER KINZIE, JR.	8/4	•	JAMES B. GORDON	8/12	•	LINDA LEE HYAMS	8/25	•	BRENDA ANN HAMMONS	8/31	•
RACHEL B. SMOOT	8/5	•	SYLVIA A. LAWSON	8/13	•	PAMELA K. KOSTED	8/25	•			
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/5	•	JESSICA LEIGH MICHAEL	8/13	•	QUEITA HARVEY	8/25	•			
KATRINA B. PRINCE	8/6	•	ANITA F. ROESLER	8/13	•	REAGAN D. BOCKHOLD	8/27	•			
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	8/7	•	FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	8/13	•	ANN G. ALIOTTA	8/28	•			
ANNA N. TODD	8/7	•	LAURA MCMURTRY	8/13	•	VIVIAN A. STEVENSON	8/28	•			
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/7	•	MARYANN M. HEARD	8/14	•	TIMOTHY D. FISHER	8/29	•			