

# ShelfLife

Staff Newsletter of the Metropolitan Library System

April 2007

## Another Successful Booksale!

*"Everybody needs money.  
That's why they call it  
money."*

David Mamet, "Heist"

That statement may be a little elliptical, but the fact is that everybody does need money—even public libraries, to keep the doors open and the services flowing. Some libraries are so desperate for funds, they send their Children's Librarians to the entrance of the library with a donation cup. No kidding. I read that in Library Journal.

Fortunately for the good citizens of Oklahoma County, MLS can rely on a solid tax base for most of our operating funds, and the Friends of the Library for that extra boost that makes us feel loved. And this year we can feel more loved than ever because the Annual Booksale raised **\$251,059.34**. That's over a quarter of a million dollars. Let that sink in for a moment or two.

"Numbers speak louder than words sometimes," said Joe Mc Reynolds, FOL



*Booksale customers scarfing up books in 2007.*

president, "so we hope this will make you feel as good as it did to our Booksale Committee members who design and oversee the Friends efforts at our wildly successful annual Booksale."

Our thanks to all those Friends volunteers who work so hard every year to maintain the Booksale as the largest event of its kind in America. Oklahoma may take a shot now and again for some social misdemeanor or other, but our friends in Oklahoma County sure know how to support their public library system.

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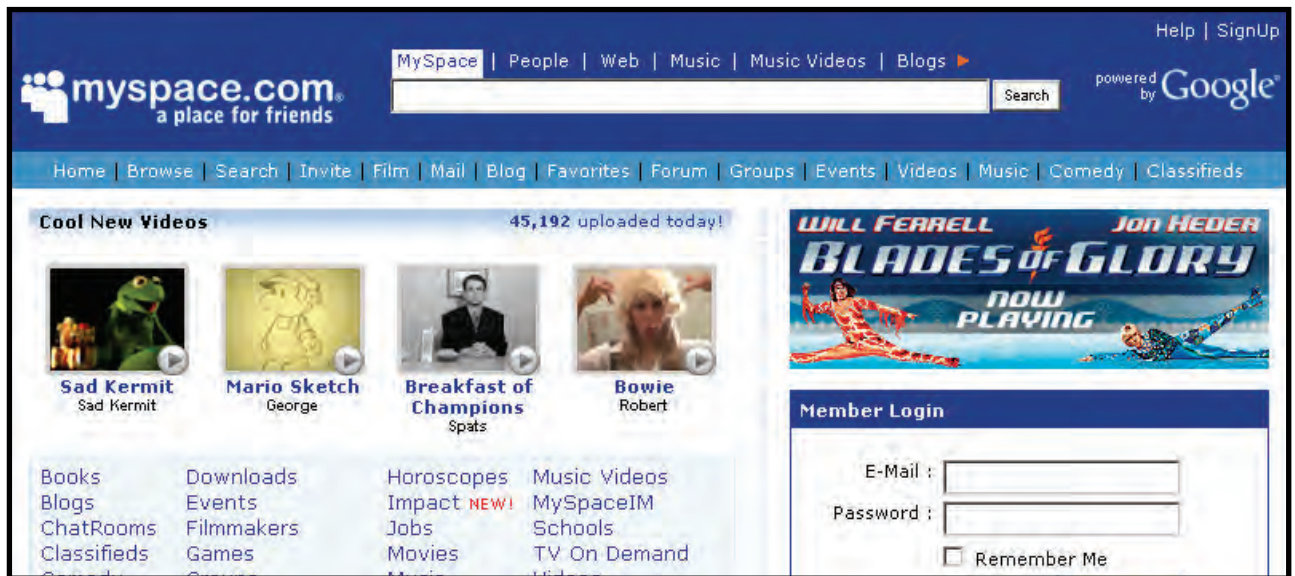
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## As Easy As Falling Off a "Blog"

Social networking websites, like MySpace and Facebook, can be used by libraries to get publicity about their programs, especially for young people, to the widest potential audience. **John Hilbert**, at SO, uses it to publish the Southern Oaks Teen Advisory's zine "Aargh!"



A recent NewsOK.com story (<http://newsok.com/article/3021199>) talked about a woman in Edmond who has a MySpace site. Her space is illustrated with photos and she invites friends to leave comments. The stuff she put on her site is harmless, but the friends sometimes leave responses laced with profanity.

Nobody else's business? Hey, it's a public site so it's everybody else's business. Parents. In-laws. Employers. Prospective employers. If you want to know how the rest of the world sees you, Google your name and take a look at what shows up. Remember those party pics you posted because you wanted absent friends

to see them? Well, they can see them—but so can your co-workers, your boss, your minister, your kids, your kids' teachers, and that creepy guy who lives across the street; the one who stares at you whenever you go outside in your cutoffs.

We think of sites like MySpace and Facebook as locations for social networking, and they are—but they're not private and we should remember that.

And also keep in mind that, according to a news story from NBC, (<http://www.nbc10.com/news-links/9332483/detail.html?taf=phi>) "A recent survey of job recruit-

ers found 77 percent of them uncovered information about job candidates using the Web, and 35 percent eliminated a candidate based on that information."

A guy they interviewed who represents companies that check out prospective employees on the net said, "If it's something you would have trouble sharing with your mom or putting on the front page of the Miami Herald, then I wouldn't put it on a Web site."







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

## Walk From the Heart 2007

Got your walking shoes in shape? Ready to join with concerned citizens of central Oklahoma in doing what you can to find cures for America's #1 and #3 killers, heart disease and stroke? And, of course, are you ready to have some fun with friends and colleagues?

If so, get ready for the 2007 Heartwalk on April 28.

"IPGI is again donating special walk shirts for all walkers including staff, family and friends," said Volunteer Coordinator **Heidi Port**, "and the sign-up deadline for walkers (because of the special shirts) is April 10th."

*To participate as a walker, just follow these three easy steps:*

1. Sign up online at [www.okcheartwalk.org](http://www.okcheartwalk.org). "Click Register Here," and then click "Join a Team." Metropolitan Library System is our Company Name, and choose your library or team captain as your

team. Fill out the information.

2. When registered, check with your team captain to receive your donation folder

may be eligible to win additional prizes based on fundraising."

Heidi and Traci Jinkens promise that the



### Start! Taking Control



### HEART WALK

& receipts and to give your team captain your t-shirt size. Library team shirts will be donated by IPGI for you and any relatives or friends who join our walking team!

3. Begin collecting pledges and donations using the envelope provided by your team captain or collect donations online!

"Our goal for the walk," said DN Team Captain **Traci Jinkens**, "is to have every team member raise at least \$100. If you do raise \$100, you will receive a Heartwalk t-shirt from AHA, and you

walk will be relaxed and fun. It's a 1 or 3 mile walk, not a race.

Plan to arrive before 9:30 a.m. on the 28th. The library team will start walking at 10 a.m. You may bring strollers. There will be a special children's area with fun activities. You may bring your dogs and there is a pet tent at the end. There will be sponsor tents, bands, and entertainment.

Anyone interested in walking, donating or both, can contact Traci at 606-3760. "I would love to have you on my team," she said, "representing Metro Library's DN Building! You can even sign up via the Web, thanks to Teresa Goggins and Heidi."

Also – for the first time - Spoticus is actually walking the Heartwalk this year!

Check out the Heartwalk website at [\\morris\gotinfo\volunteer\volunteer\\_heartwalk.htm](http://\\morris\gotinfo\volunteer\volunteer_heartwalk.htm).



*Library Heart Walkers in 2006.*



## DebbiesIdea.com

### Want to know what book to start with from a certain author?

Debbiesidea.com sounds like a website you'd go to if you needed snack cake recipes, but that's not the right idea at all.



**ShelfLife  
Pick of  
the Month**

The Debbie was Debbie Sankey, who died in 2004 at the age of 90.

Her idea was that there should be a place on the Internet readers could go to when they wanted to find out which books made the best entry points for exploring writers they'd never read before. In other words, if you want to start reading Jane Austen but you've never read anything

by her, which of her books makes the best place to start?

You click on Austen's name on the "Browse Authors" page and another page will pop up with comments by general readers—not scholars or specialists—recommending where to begin.

The experience behind the site is that often people who don't have a clue which books by an author they've never read before are the good ones, will pick a weak one. Has that happened to you?

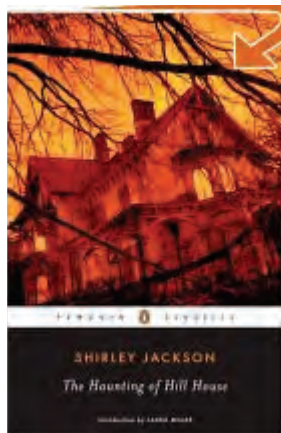
Someone tells you that you ought to try a writer, say Stephen King, so you pick up a copy of "The Tommyknockers," read 100 pages, and decide it's the worst novel you've ever attempted to read. Then, when you're so soured on King you wouldn't read him if you were paid to, your friend tells you, "Oh, that's his worst book. You should have started with [fill in the blank]."

Check out debbiesidea.com if you perform a lot of readers' advisory. You might want to recommend it to your customers.

## Long Overdue —A Record?

"Here's a tidbit for Shelflife," writes VI Manager of LO **LaVetta Dent**. "My staff thinks this is a record. I assured them it was not, but that it was a very long time."

"The Village Library had a loooooonnnnggg overdue book returned to us this month, with a due date of November 21, 1967. The book was sent Priority Mail with a hand written note saying, 'Dear Village Library--I am embarrassed to be sending this to you after so many years. I recently found this book packed away in storage boxes. I'm quite sure the fine exceeds the value of the book!' The book was Shirley Jackson's *The Haunting of Hill House*."



Does 40 years late set a record? LaVetta is right—it doesn't. A guy in Burlington, VT returned a book that was 60 years overdue. It was a children's book and the fine was cut off at \$10, but he insisted on paying the full fine of \$440.16 hoping the publicity would motivate others to use the library, which he called "a door to the rest of the world."

In 1997, a Harvard University book was returned after having been checked out in 1764. Someone found the third volume of Bishop White Kennett's *Complete History of England* in a used book store, bought it, and took it back to the university. Sure, s/he claimed to find it in a book store but my guess is it was discovered under the bed.

## Riha Reads

• Calling all electronics nerds. (If "nerds" is insulting, substitute "geeks" instead. Thank you.)

• Recently Community Information Coordinator **Kelley Riha** was featured on FOX 25.

• The station aired a 3-4 minute segment on their 9:00 pm newscast about the Read Across America program, and most of that time was Kelley reading in the Zoo auditorium with children and teen helpers watching.

• Kelley has this segment on VHS tape but would like to transfer it to CD or DVD. Is there anyone out there who can help her? If so, please give her a call at 606-3836.



Kelley Riha reading to children.



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

## Hair Apparent

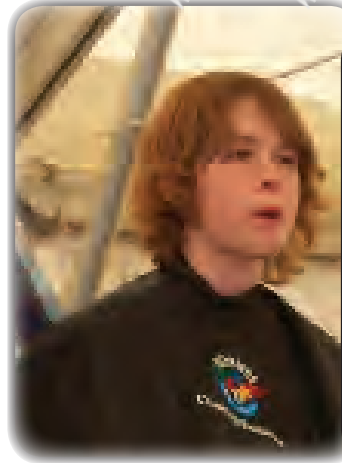


Sully Hausburg, son of cataloger **Jana Hausburg**, put his head of hair to good use and used it to raise money for childhood cancer research. He, along with about 70 others, shaved his head for St. Baldrick's Day on March 25. Sully got involved in order to remember his friend Fletcher Christian Vines, who died last year of Ewing's Sarcoma.

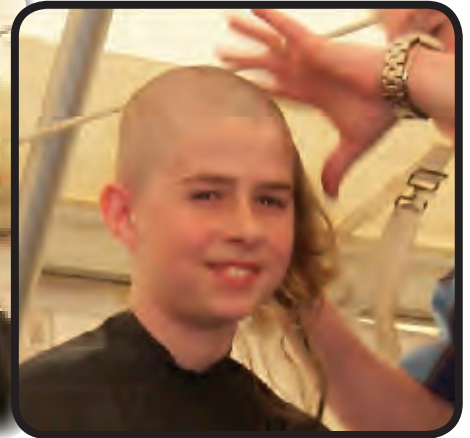
The event began in 1999, when three friends came up with an idea to celebrate their good fortune by giving to others. "How much would you donate to see me shave my head bald and find cures for childhood cancer?" became the question at the core of the St. Baldrick's\* Day all-volunteer fundraising program. Thousands of volunteers participate in

organizing the event, manning the hair clippers, and stepping up for a shave. Sully raised over \$2000 in honor of Fletcher. Jana couldn't be more proud.

\*In case you're wondering, St. Baldrick is merely a fictional character —a morphing of "St. Patrick" and "bald." The three who came up with the idea



*Sully Hausburg, before the shave.*



*Sully Hausburg, shaved for a good cause!.*

were at a St. Patrick's Day party – thus the name."



## Swan Lake Ballet —Discount Tickets Offered



Metropolitan Library System employees are being offered group pricing for the *Swan Lake Ballet* performed by the Tulsa Ballet company.

Performances will be held at the Oklahoma City Civic Center, Thelma Gaylord Theatre, 201 N. Walker Ave., Friday, April 6, at 8 p.m., and Saturday, April 7, at 2 p.m.

To receive group discount rates, call Charlotte Brown, Tulsa Ballet Associate, at 918-749-6030, x 214, identify you are a Metropolitan Library System employee and she will find the best seats available for the performance you choose. Tickets must be purchased in advance to receive the group prices.

*The most popular ballet in the world, Swan Lake, captures like no other the full range of human emotions - from hope to despair, from terror to tenderness, from melancholy to ecstasy, Swan Lake embodies the spirit of classical perfection. An enchanting fairy tale of everlasting love, Tchaikovsky's beloved classic is overflowing with lyrical romance and dramatic grandeur. No ballet company's Golden Anniversary would be complete without Swan Lake.*



*Artistic Director, Marcello Angelini*



# People

## HELLO TO

Kerry Burrows .....	Page, MC
Amanda Hogue .....	Project Spc., OUT
Tamara Leach .....	Project Spc., OUT
Logan Riggs .....	Page, MC
Robert Wright .....	Project Spc., OUT

## PROMOTION

Linda Hyams .....	From Human Res. Specialist, to Security Mgr., HR
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## REHIRE

Brittany (May) Barber .....	Page, MC
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## TRANSFER

Lisa Coker .....	From Circ Clerk, ED, to Materials Selection Tech, MSL
Rena Gibson .....	From Circ Clerk, SO, to RE
Deborah Montgomery .....	From Circ Clerk, DN, to SO

## GOODBYE TO

David Derringer .....	Graphic Designer, MAC
Marcus Dyer .....	Page, ED
Janet Engstrand .....	Librarian, SO
Jeffrey Fredericks .....	Page, ED
Nina Ginsterblum .....	Page, SO
Andrew Keepers-Phillips .....	Data Entry Tech, TP
Rebecca O'Neal .....	Page, WA
Athena Parker .....	Page, DN
Jessica Priebe .....	Page, CT

## SYMPATHY

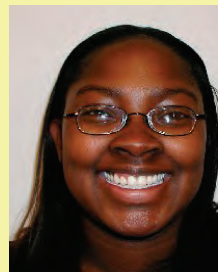
To Carol Hunter, ED, whose brother passed away March 14.



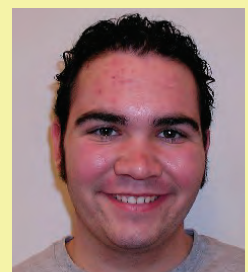
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## YOU'RE INVITED



**WHAT:** Baby Shower

**FOR:** Melissa Weathers, Del City Mgr.

**WHEN:** May 20, 2-5 p.m.

**PLACE:** Del City Community Center, Rooms 1 & 2

RSVP by May 1, to Crystal Bruner or Linda Jameson, 606-3278.

## 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
BREANNE L. FORD	4/8
KAREN J. DAVIS	4/9
KAYHAN N. YAZDANI	4/10
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
SHARON L. MAINE	4/20
MARK DANIEL VANCE	4/21
PATRICK D. WILLIAMS	4/21
JULIE A. SCHOFIELD	4/21
BRANDI E. GAY	4/22
MELISSA K. WEATHERS	4/22
DAVID L. MACK	4/24
JANET E. BOWEN	4/24
SANDRA LEA LANHAM	4/25
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
AUDREY MANRIQUEZ	4/30

## Employee's Date-of-Hire for April

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
MARYGRACE BERKOWITZ	4/13/1997
SUSAN E. HALL	4/5/1999
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
LINDA A. TEMPLE	4/25/2005
JULIANNA LOUISE LINK	4/25/2005
LANDON D. HOLMAN	4/3/2006
SANDRA LEA LANHAM	4/3/2006
BRADLEY S. McCOY	4/10/2006
CORY JACK MIZE	4/17/2006
JOANNE E. HENRICKSON	4/24/2006
DOYLE K. WILCOX	4/24/2006

## May Birthdays

SUSAN E. RYAN	5/5
JOANNE E. HENRICKSON	5/2
MICHAEL A. BAUGHMAN	5/2
SAMUEL G. WEEHUNT	5/4
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
DEBBIE E. ROBERTUS	5/6
SAMMY LOPEZ	5/8
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
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	5/15
MARY ANN JOHNSON	5/15
KEVIN D. COLWELL	5/16
SHARON G. BISH	5/16
ELIZABETH M. NEWLAND	5/16
LISA M. WOOD	5/18
SUSAN J HUTCHINS	5/18
CHERYL E. CHERRY	5/18
REGINA D. KIRKHAM	5/19
JOSHUA N. SCHELL	5/21
LINDSAY E. JONES	5/21
TRACY C. STONE	5/21
AARON G. KILLOUGH	5/22
LAURA PARKER	5/22
FREDERICK R. WILSON	5/22
REBECCA D. PRINCE	5/23
LOGAN J. RIGGS	5/29

## Employee's Date-of-Hire for May

EVELYN K. DAVIS	5/27/1980	TINDLE J. ARNOLD	5/27/1997	MARY J. SHOLLY	5/18/2003
JESSIE C. BISHOP	5/13/1981	GENE E. CHAPPELL	5/26/1998	MARY ANN HUGGINS	5/29/2003
FRANK C. RAY	5/21/1984	LISA E. MYERS	5/5/2000	RENA M. GIBSON	5/16/2005
COLLETTE HANKINS	5/6/1985	MEGAN E. SMITH	5/30/2000	KENNETH DANIEL HAGY	5/21/2005
MARILYN E. BACKUS	5/21/1987	TERESA GOGGINS	5/7/2001	DANA M. PHILLIPS	5/26/2005
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	5/29/1990	CHRISTOPHER LARWIG	5/28/2002	FELICIA ANN HAYES	5/8/2006
HELEN J SHELTON	5/12/1992	DIANNA L. RUPP	5/28/2002		
HEIDI A. PORT	5/12/1997	MARCUS J HARMAN	5/3/2003		