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Stuff Happens

Some good advice came our way recently in the form of a reminder from the good people in Human Resources. The topic? What do to in case of an emergency.

First, try to avoid the poetic response—"When you're frightened, or in doubt / Run in circles, scream and shout."

Stay calm. Take in the situation and, if possible, send for help. Cell phones are good for two things—playing Tetris while you're waiting for the movie to start, and calling 911 in an emergency. If you can actively help before trained assistance arrives, carefully do so.

Take your time. Be careful. Don't end up in the trouble the people you see are in. Prioritize your actions based on real need and not on appearance.

"Sending for help means more than just calling 911," said Director of Human Resources **Ric Rea**. "While waiting for the first responders to arrive, you may need the help of someone else. CPR is more easily given if there are two individuals who can, if neces-

sary spell each other off. Someone else may be needed to direct or guide the trained responders to you and the injured individual."

Of course, personal assistance will be impossible if you don't know even a little basic first aid.

"It's really easy for someone else to say 'don't panic,'" Ric added, "but each individual will react differently to the same and different situations. Stopping, looking, sending for help and finally acting will help overcome some amount of the panic attack that instantly hits.

"In the few seconds that it takes to follow the four steps, the individual begins developing a plan of action which, in turn, will help him/her overcome the panic."

Statistics show that one-third of all accidents occur within a mile of one's home, so the person you help might well be a friend, neighbor, or family member.

Just be careful.



Bloodborne Pathogens

I'm no fool, no siree. I'm gonna live to be a hundred and three.

I play safe for you and me, 'cause I'm no fool.

-Jiminy Cricket

You aging Mouseketeers may remember that ditty sung by JC as he introduced safety segments on the original "Mickey Mouse Club." Or not.

But you do remember that all MLS employees are required to complete 30 minutes of safety training every quarter. It's a state mandate, and the occasional reminder to watch what we're doing at work can't hurt.

Usually, we select our own topics for safety review, but for the third quarter of the year the subject is Bloodborne Pathogens. This training is required by OSHA annually for all employees and the MLS goal is to have every employee complete this training during the 3rd quarter. If you've already completed Bloodborne Pathogens training in 2008, it is not necessary to repeat this training now.

Qualified Bloodborne Pathogens training includes the Bloodborne Pathogens Training PowerPoint or other Bloodborne Pathogens materials found in the Safety Training Library, plus review of the Exposure Control Plan found in the MLS Safety Manual.

And be sure to fill out the Quarterly Safety Training Report, get your supervisor's signature, and submit the form to Human Resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any member of the Safety Committee: **Candace McDaniel, Kay Bauman, Janet Brooks, Ann Aliotta, Patrick Williams, and Ric Rea**.

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Ralph Ellison Library to *Move*

Progressive organizations and institutions like to describe themselves as being “on the move.” Well, that isn’t just a clichéd description of the Ralph Ellison Library. Manager of Library Operations, **Joanie Porter** and her team are, in the words of the Muppets,

“Movin’ right along.

Footloose and fancy-free.

Getting there is half the fun; come share it with me.

Movin’ right along.

We’ll learn to share the load.

We don’t need a map to keep this show on the road.”

You must know by now that RE is closing on August 4, the day everything has to be moved to the library’s temporary location, the former Hollywood Video Store at 1918 NE 23rd. The big move will take place through August 17, and RE in its temp home will open to the public on Monday, August 18. The major renovation project on the “real” RE begins on the 18th and is scheduled to take 300 days—hopefully the renovation will be

finished by June, 2009—and then the RE collection will have to move back again.

Okay, that’s the good news. The tough news is that RE is going to need some help with the move. Those of us who have pitched in with these material/equipment moving exercises before—was the last one for Choctaw?—know that they are labor intensive and the RE team is going to be appreciative of all the help they can get.

Director of Library Operations/MLS, **Denyveta Davis**, has sounded the SOS. “If you are an experienced shelver, please

volunteer to help with the RE move, August 4 - August 18, 7:30 - 4:30pm, 8:00 - 5:00pm or anytime you are available. Shelves will assist at both the existing location and the Hollywood Video site.”

If you want to lend a hand (and a strong back), check with your supervisor. If your schedule will allow it, call Denvyvetta at 606-3729 or Joanie at 424-1437, ext. 22.

Rendering of the future expanded and remodeled Ralph Ellison Library (Allen Brown of FSB Architects).



News From the Construction Guy

It is a time for great change within the Metropolitan Library System and the department of Construction Management seems to be in the forefront with two major projects finishing up the bidding process and preparing for construction, and one more project in the planning stages.

Service Center, 300 NE 50th Street, OKC

The Metropolitan Library Commission awarded the construction contract for the new MLS Service Center at their July 17th meeting to Atlas General

Contractors. With an anticipated completion date of October, 2009, the new Service Center building will house Maintenance, Outreach Books-by-Mail and Book Centers, Technical Processing, Cataloging and the Friends of the Library.

Ralph Ellison Library

An anticipated renovation expansion of Ralph Ellison Library has been in the planning stage for many months. The bids for the renovation were opened by the City of Oklahoma City on June 15th and it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded on August 12th. The completion date is tentatively set for the summer of 2009.

Northwest Library, 5600 NW 122nd Street, OKC

In June, a week-long series of intensive design workshops, complete with brainstorming sessions and lively discussions, was conducted at the Downtown Library by LWPB Architecture and Richard+Bauer of Phoenix. It culminated in an innovative preliminary design for the new Northwest Library, which will be located at N.W. 122nd and MacArthur.



Don't Turn Off

Stop trying to save money by turning off your computer when you leave work at the end of the day.

Does it make a difference? You bet it does.

IT likes to do as much of the updating and fixing of our computer software as possible at night when the fewest number of staff are working. Makes sense. But in order for changes in software to take place, the computer must be turned on while the software is shut down.

"Recently," said **Anne**

Fischer, Director of Information Technology, "we tried an

update and at least 16 computers were either off or had the software still up. This requires us to re-try if the software is still up by forcing the update. If the computer is off, we have to watch manually for it to be turned back on then try to push out the update."

Maybe the change or update is on a small scale, but chances are a major fix is in the works and if your computer doesn't get the message your version of the software may work incorrectly, or not at all.

So what do you need to do? It's pretty simple.

1. Please do not turn off any library computers at night.
2. Please close all library software before you leave each night.

That's all there is to it.



Here are the clues of this person's favorites:

Fave Music:	All kinds, from Bach to Chris Bodi, to Sinatra, to The Beatles, to Hiroshima
Fave Sports:	Watching football & basketball Participating-golf
Fave Vacation(s):	Octavia, OK; Victoria, Canada; Nova Scotia; Paris; Mackinac Island <i>Casablanca</i>
Fave Movie:	Law and Order, Cartoon-Jetsons
Fave TV Show:	salmon, okra, beets, all berries
Fave Food:	Spring
Fave Season:	Interior decorating
Fave Hobby:	Mission Impossible
Cell Phone ring:	Pet Rock
Fave Pets:	Sing and dance in the shower
Special Skills:	

Answer on page 5.



Fingerprints STAFF PROFILE

Charla Aucone—Charla Aucone librarian at Downtown since 2004. Charla is married and has a dog, six turtles and three snakes for pets.

She's an avid Roller Derby League member. Her team, the Valkyrie Vixens, is in the Tornado Alley Roller Girls' league.

Her life sounds like a comic book character. "Librarian by day, derby Demon Doll (Charla's Derby name) by night. I sweat, I skate, and I scuffle," Charla says.

"bruises and rink rash are common and worn with pride." She's been derby-ing for four years.

Charla also rides a scooter- to work – "I have a 150cc mint-green Stella scooter." She's been riding for four years and is a member of a scooter club.

Books on her bedside table are *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *Dexter in the Dark*, and *Beam Me Up, Jesus*.

About working for the library, Charla



says, "I love the combination of books and technology. Where else can you find something entertaining and educational that can be either low tech or high tech all in one location for free!"

If you'd like to catch Charla's roller derby team, they play a 'bout' once a month at the Farmer's Market at 311 S. Klein.



Lending Library Review:

Please Understand Me: Character and Temperament Types

by David Keirse and Marilyn Bates

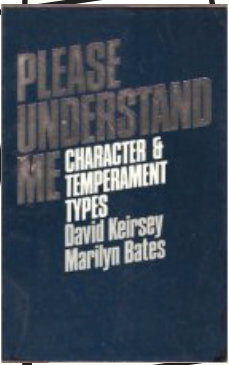
Here's what we all want to know: Why can't the people I have the hardest time getting along with be more like me? I'm good. I'm smart. And dog-gone it, other people like me.

The answer's easy to say but not always so easy to grasp—we're all different. If you don't believe it, maybe it's time to dust off your Myers-Briggs or True Colors information.

Please Understand Me expands on the Myers-Briggs test to suggest 16 possible personality types and presents four "easy to remember" temperament types as well: Dionysian (freedom first), Epimethean (wants to be useful), Promethean (desires power), and Apollonian (searches for self). Okay, "Epimethean" isn't all that easy to remember, but the information is solid even if it is sometimes expressed in terms that are a tad pretentious.

One reviewer wrote, "If you have one of the more unusual personality types you probably have the life-long experience of the more common personality types telling you that you need to be more like them. This book told me it's okay to be the way I am. Different personality types are just part of the wonderful diversity that makes the world an interesting place. This book made me more tolerant of other people and I hope it helps everyone who reads it in just that way."

Understanding others is almost as hard as understanding ourselves. This book gives you a place to start.



A Q & A With Donna!

From Executive Director **Donna Morris**



Q: How was ALA this year? What did the MLS team do while in Anaheim?

Donna: ALA was informative, very interesting and fun as well.

We had a small contingent from MLS in attendance this time. **Kay Bauman, Kim Terry, Stacy Schrank, Karen Marriott, Denyveta Davis, Pauline R. Atkins** and myself.

On Friday afternoon several of us except for Stacy (who was in a pre-conference) and Pauline traveled about 17 miles from Anaheim to visit the Cerritos Public Library. Cerritos has received much publicity since it opened a couple of years ago. It has somewhat of a "theme park" feel and is publicized as a destination library. We took a number of pictures which we hope to be able to show or mount on the website in the future. We liked some of the areas in the library; but did not like some of the things they did.

I attended several interesting meetings related to building projects and interior design. Generally those meetings always provide slides and information about new libraries. Each of us tries to go to programs that relate to what we do; or to get information that we need to help us do our jobs better.

I also attended an Urban Libraries Council committee meeting and their membership breakfast, and the ALA public awareness committee meeting and the PLA 2010 program committee meeting.

Stacy is president of the continuing education roundtable of ALA and was involved in their training showcase and other CE activities.

Denyvetta is a member of the Coretta Scott King Award panel and spent time with that group as they awarded their prizes and also attended some interesting programs about organization and management.

Kay and Karen went to different programs related to management, collections, library staff etc.

Karen and I attended the ALA/Interior Design award reception and were pleased to see that our library interior design firm for the Northwest Library won 3 awards for interior design projects. We all visited the exhibits and looked at new products and materials and talked to vendors that we do business with.

And on Saturday night, with the exception of Denyveta and Pauline, the rest of us went to the ALA Scholarship Bash at Disneyland. We rode several things uneventfully; however, the Star Tours ride did Stacy in and so he was done for the night. We saw a grand laser light show and fireworks and ended the evening by riding the Big Thunder Mountain roller coaster at about midnight. It was great fun!



MYSTERY PERSON IS:
Denyveta
Davis,
Manager of
Library
Operations

HELLO TO

Amy Laminsky Librarian, ED
Setareh Panah Page, MC
Karen Miller Page, ED

GOODBYE TO

Kellie Bradford Planning Svc. Spc., PLA
Joshua Schell Assoc. Librarian, VI
Margaret Angeles Mat. Sel. Div Tech., CAT
Simona Long Librarian, DC
Janet Engstrand Librarian, RE
Jennifer Keller Page, SO
Darren Cook Mtc. Tech. II, MTC

PROMOTION

Alexis Austin From Technical Proc., to
Data Entry Tech., TP

TRANSFER

Rondia Banks From Librarian, WA, to DN

CONGRATULATIONS

To Regina Kirkham, BE, who is engaged to
Danny Fields (no, not **that** Daniel Fields, Bethany
Librarian.) Regina's wedding date is Oct. 16.

SYMPATHY

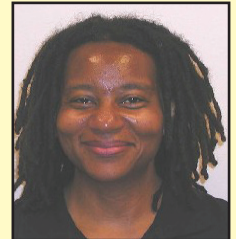
To Kerry Hubbs, MTC, whose sister died July 10.
Sympathy also to Ahad Marand, ED, whose
mother passed away June 30,
Sympathy to Dana Morrow, OUT, whose father
passed away July 13 in Anadarko.
Also to Barbara O'Dell, DN, whose father passed
away July 14.
Sympathy to Beth Wilson, MC, whose grandfa-
ther passed away July 23.



Amy Laminsky



Setareh Panah



Karen Miller



Bottoms Up

As much as we love working for MLS, there are times when many of us dream of having another job, something more suited to our personality and interests. You know—like cigar taster or Zen Master.

We would suggest mattress tester, but a Mr. Butterfield in Barnoldswick, England, has that position wrapped up. So good is he at his job, reports the BBC, his buttocks are insured for one million pounds because his bottom is "more responsive than the norm."

Mr. Butterfield, 54, said: "It may sound ridiculous but my bottom really isn't like any other."

Bosses said his hypersensitive rear was so reliable in recognizing the different fillings in their mattresses that product developers began to consult him on new products. His duties involve bouncing on the beds and giving feedback on the softness, textures and fillings.

Insurance company Zurich has provided the cover, which means a payout of up to £1m in the event of Mr. Butterfield's buttocks being damaged in an accident.

"I'm sure I'm the butt of everyone's jokes," Butterfield said, "but I'm very proud to be the owner of a £1m backside."



Employee's Date-of-Hire for August

PRISCILLA M. DOSS	8/1/1972
CHERYL E. PERNELL	8/1/1979
PHILLIP E. TOLBERT	8/9/1982
SHARON L. MAINE	8/17/1982
BARBARA K. BEASLEY	8/1/1984
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/29/1989
QUEITA HARVEY	8/21/1991
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/26/1991
GALEN R KURTH	8/30/1993
JULIA ANN BALLOU	8/30/1993
DEBORAH J. WILLIS	8/31/1996
KAREN L. LITTERAL	8/31/1996
KATHLEEN LAUGERMAN	8/4/1997
GLENN E. WEBB JR	8/25/1997
FREDERICK R. WILSON	8/10/1998
JANET E. BOWEN	8/25/1999
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	8/14/2000
SAISRI MCCORMICK	8/21/2000
DAVID L. CALHOUN	8/1/2001
KIM L. COBB	8/9/2001
JOHN D. WOOD	8/27/2001
FANNIE HARSHBARGER	8/10/2002
SHARON DAVIS JORSKI	8/10/2002
GERALD W. HICKMAN	8/10/2002
BARBARA A. JOHNSON	8/19/2002
NGOC KIM NGUYEN	8/3/2004
KEVIN D. COLWELL	8/30/2004
BARBARA M. PARR	8/1/2005
KELLIE J. BRADFORD	8/1/2005
ANGELA L. HILL	8/2/2005
TERRIE THOMAS	8/8/2005
VIVIAN STEVENSON	8/15/2005
ELIZABETH WILSON	8/14/2006
STORMY DAWN LEE	8/28/2006
JOE HARLEY SHELTON	8/1/2007
STANLEY A. TAUCER	8/13/2007
ERIKA M. SALINAS	8/13/2007
KELLY D. ARGO	8/13/2007
JAIME HACKWORTH	8/27/2007
JENNIFER NGUYEN	8/27/2007
CLAUDIA WAGNER	8/29/2007
TRAVIS REID HOWELL	8/29/2007

August Birthdays

BARBARA A. JOHNSON	8/1	CRYSTAL DAWN ROPER	8/22
LYNDA G. TONEY BAHR	8/1	BRANDON M. ROSE	8/22
DEBORAH AUSTIN-MUNDEN	8/2	JESSICA Y. LITTLE	8/23
BRENDA STOCKTON-HISS	8/3	EVELYN CAROL GILBERT	8/24
JAMES E. NIMMO, JR	8/3	KARMEN QUEITA HARVEY	8/25
CAROL L. PROVINE	8/3	LINDA LEE HYAMS	8/25
LANDON D. HOLMAN	8/3	THUY THI MAI NGUYEN	8/25
CHESTER KINZIE, JR	8/4	STEVEN J. STREETMAN	8/26
DAGMAR M. PEERY	8/4	BRITTANY MARIE BARBER	8/27
JILL L. VESSELS	8/4	GABRIELA EILINE ACOSTA	8/27
JONATHAN I. TOLLE	8/4	ANN G. ALIOTTA	8/28
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/5	VIVIAN A. STEVENSON	8/28
RACHEL B. SMOOT	8/5	LOIS F. CROSS	8/29
KATRINA B. PRINCE	8/6	TIMOTHY D. FISHER	8/29
RICK SAMUEL GEORGE	8/6	DARREN D. COOK	8/29
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	8/7	TERESA GOGGINS	8/29
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/7	ELIZABETH WILSON	8/29
SAMUEL V. RICHARDS	8/7	JOYCE A. HELMS	8/30
ANNA N. TODD	8/7	WENDY J. GABRIELSON	8/30
KATHY L. FRITSCH	8/8	BETH K. STEELMAN	8/31
JOYCE MCCAULEY-JOHNSON	8/9	BRENDA ANN HAMMONS	8/31
LINDA A. ELSTON	8/9	KAY L. BAUMAN	8/31
ANGELA L. HILL	8/9	JONATHAN E. WILLIS JR	8/31
KATHRYN M. DUNN	8/9		
JOSHUA H. GERNER	8/9		
JONATHAN SHIRLEY	8/9		
JONITA NORMORE	8/10		
JAMES B. GORDON	8/12		
FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	8/13		
SYLVIA A. LAWSON	8/13		
ANITA F. ROESLER	8/13		
ERICA Y. RUTLAND	8/13		
LAURA MCMURTRY	8/13		
LINDA J. JAMESON	8/14		
JOE HARLEY SHELTON	8/15		
SUSIE L. BEASLEY	8/18		
GARY W. CROUCH	8/20		
VAN R. BIELSTEIN	8/21		
JEAN M. WILBURN	8/22		



September Birthdays

MARY L. STRASNER	9/1
TERESA R. MATTHEWS	9/1
KIM ELLEN MACARTY	9/2
DANIELLE D. WALKER	9/2
AJAX S. C. DELVECKI	9/3
RIKKI D. MARTIN	9/5
PERRY A. WILSON	9/6
DARRIE J. BREATHWIT	9/6
BURTON D. THURMOND	9/9
LANNY B. MYERS	9/11
JENNIFER L. PEERY	9/11
PRISCILLA M. DOSS	9/12
BARBARA JEAN O'DELL	9/13
CANDACE LEE MCDANIEL	9/13
CHERYL E. PERNELL	9/14
VINCENT D. ARMIJO	9/14
KENDRA WILLIAMS	9/14
TRAVIS REID HOWELL	9/14
RUBY J. SOUTIERE	9/15
PARKER DALE MULLINS	9/15
RICHARD H. MULLINS	9/16
KIMBERLY L. WADE	9/17
ANGELA M. PAELTZ	9/19
DONNA CANFIELD	9/19
ROSEMARY G. RYDEN	9/19
GERALDINE E. ADAMS	9/21
SHIRLEY ANN WOLF	9/21
LIANA C. MICH	9/22
TINDLE J. ARNOLD	9/26
KAREN R. BRAY	9/27
DEBRA K. JACKSON	9/27
KAREN L. MARRIOTT	9/28
DAVID WILLIAM FRENCH	9/30

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DEBBIE E. ROBERTUS	9/11/1995
ANN L. MEEKS	9/11/1995
CRYSTAL L. SUPPES	9/25/1995
JOYCE A. HELMS	9/24/1996
MARY E. TAYLOR	9/16/1999
LINDA M. WILLIAMS	9/7/2000
LINDA A. FELTON	9/18/2000
ANGELA K. SANDERS	9/5/2001
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ELIZABETH M. NEWLAND	9/10/2002
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MATTHEW E. EVANS	9/17/2002
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STUART H. WILLIAMSON	9/19/2002
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EMILY K. GREEN	9/19/2005
JANET ENGSTRAND	9/25/2005
CHRISTOPHER CADE	9/11/2006
PENELOPE GREER BIRD	9/11/2006
JAMES R. SANDERS	9/11/2006
MATILDE ISABEL OLIVERA	9/18/2006
NICOLE DAWN CHANEY	9/26/2006
BRITTANY MARIE BARBER	9/28/2006
DONNA CANFIELD	9/10/2007
KYNDALL OVERSTREET	9/11/2007
CAROL L. ROBERTS	9/24/2007