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Educational Opportunity— But You've Got to Hurry!

We didn't hear about this earlier or we would have brought it to everyone's attention sooner. This is a valuable education opportunity but you have to respond to it by May 3.

The word comes from ODL Executive Director Susan McVey concerning librarians who want to work with customers who are active, older adults. We can't refer to them as "Baby Boomers"—that strikes way too close to home.

The California State Library, Idaho Commission for Libraries, Oregon State Library, and Washington State Library have partnered to offer this year-long Fellowship that will provide continuing education scholarships (full tuition, hotel and travel expenses covered) for selected public library staff and professionals. Funded by a grant from the U.S. Institute for Museum and Library Services, Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, up to **100 qualified applicants** will be selected to participate. Fellows will be introduced to a new framework for serving and engaging adults ages 50 and older that both promotes productive aging and establishes libraries as centers of lifelong learning and civic engagement.

Let's repeat something: **Full scholarships** will be awarded to **all** successful applicants.

For more information about this Fellowship and a link to the online

application, go to:

<http://www.transforminglifeafter50.org/innovators/imls-fellowship>.

The Fellowship will run from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. **Deadline for submission, including a Letter of Library Commitment, is May 3, 2010.** Selection of Fellows will be announced June 1, 2010.

If you have additional questions, please contact either Suzanne Flint, CA State Library [sflint@library.ca.gov; 916-651-9796] OR Stephen Ristau, Fellowship Coordinator [stephenristau@gmail.com; 503-281-4305]

This is a unique opportunity to take classes that will inspire your thinking about how to transform the ways in which libraries connect with their older customers and the generations of older adults yet to come.



GAUDEAMUS, 2010

"Let us rejoice" says the first line of the old German drinking song once so popular among students, and rejoicing is what ShelfLife does every spring when colleagues and loved ones graduate and move on to further their educations or enter the work force. So here's all the best to the graduates of spring, 2010.

Kay Bauman (LO) is proud to announce that "[my] kids, Kelsey and Travis Bauman, are graduating on May 21 from Southmoore High School in Moore. They have both been accepted at UCO in Edmond and plan on living on campus."

Darlene Browsers (DN) sends her love and congratulations to her high school graduating granddaughter: Michelle Erwin of Floyds Knobs, Indiana.

Regina Fields (BE) sends shout-outs to her nephew, Jonathan Archer, who will be graduating from Broken Bow High School and who then will be off to UCO, and to her niece Jennifer Archer, who will be graduating with High Honors from Lee University in Cleveland,

TN, with a BA in History—after that, it's law school.

Dawn Gehling (BE) has two kids graduating from high school. ("Yay!" she says.) John Gehling will be attending Southwestern Christian University on academic and basketball scholarships, and Apryl Gehling will be going to Redlands Community College on a President's scholarship. Congratulations to both John and Apryl.

Andrew Gray, son of VI librarian **Sally Gray**, will be graduating from Putnam City High School this month and is planning to attend OSU to major in Public Relations with the ultimate goal of becoming a motivational speaker.

Elizabeth Kessler (HUM) is a December grad from OU. A Liberal Studies major with a concentration in Administrative Leadership, Elizabeth is using her newly acquired free time to finish crocheting an afghan she started four years ago.

Joyce McCauley Johnson sends her love to granddaughter Karlisha McCauley for her induction into the National Honor Society. Karlisha has a 4.0 GPA at Del City High School.

Julie (Mock) Ballou (DN) and **Roy Ballou** (HUM) send their congrats to Philip Mock who earned a Master of Science in Accounting degree from OSU and is now working for PricewaterhouseCoopers in Tulsa.

Cheryl Pernell's (DN) daughter Kamisha (Pernell) Busby graduates with a B.A. from the College of Education and Professional Health Studies at UCO on May 7. Then she's after an MBA at SNU and would someday like to own her own medical clinic.

Dana Phillips (PLA) is graduating this semester with her MLIS. Her fiancée, DN librarian **Sheldon Beach**, wants her to know how proud of her he is.

A.J. Stewart (DN) graduated April 30 from Oklahoma Christian University with a BA in Political Science.

Lindsey Thompson, daughter of **Sharon Thompson** (DN), is graduating from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater on May 7 with an Ed.S. (Educational Specialist) Degree from the School of Psychology.

The ShelfLife Quiz

Okay, so it's May again. "Big deal," you may be thinking, but how many uses of the word "May": —with or without the cap—can you come up with? Here is a smorgasbord of Mays. See how many you know by matching the definition to the correct use of the word.

1. ___ TV beatnik for whom "work" was a four-letter word.
2. ___ German author of adventure stories (primarily westerns) for boys.
3. ___ Bad joke name for which the editor of ShelfLife is embarrassed.
4. ___ Author of *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*.
5. ___ Spider-Man's nearest living relative.
6. ___ Rod Stewart song I absolutely hate with a passion.

7. ___ The real Amy.
8. ___ You done started back doin' the things you used to do.
9. ___ Yes, my darling daughter.
10. ___ Where Juanita works at the Bluebird Diner.

- A. Maggie May
- B. Bessie May Mucho
- C. Mayberry, N.C.
- D. Maynard G. Krebs
- E. Abigail May Alcott
- F. Aunt May
- G. Mother, may I go out dancing?
Mother, may I try romancing?
- H. Karl May
- I. Maya Angelou
- J. Maybellene

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Lending Library Review:

Visionary Leadership in Volunteer Programs

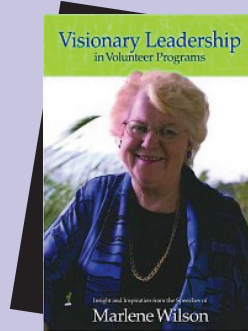
by Marlene Wilson

MLS is blessed with one of the best volunteer programs of any Oklahoma library. **Heidi Port** and the gang in the DVS office (frequently with the help of **Emily Williams, Lisa Wood** and the Outreach Crew) recruit, train and encourage thousands of volunteers every year.

But every member of the extended MLS team may work with volunteers at some time or other and an understanding of volunteers will be a great advantage.

And that's where Marlene Wilson enters the picture. She has been called "one of the true pioneers of volunteer management," and she's been in the business for over 40 years. Her first book on the subject, *The Effective Management of Volunteer Programs*, was published in 1976, and she's still finding new things to say, new advice to offer.

Her latest book is a collection of excerpts from her speeches and comes highly recommended for its clarity and insight.



Winter ReadFest's Successful Conclusion

You may have noticed the press release we recently sent out announcing the name of the winner of the new Dell Laptop. Customers who entered the drawing were participants in the 2010 edition of the Winter ReadFest reading program for seniors.

Anita Roesler (OUT) conceived the program and began it in 2004 and it's been growing larger every year. Which just proves that every good idea for library events and programs hasn't been thought of yet—there's still room for success in MLS.

Anita sends out a big THANK YOU to all MLS staff who do what they do so well, and helped make this year's ReadFest the best yet.

And here's the announcement of the contest winner:

For most people, reading is its own reward but recently a lucky reader who had signed up for the Metropolitan Library System's Winter ReadFest program parlayed her love of reading into a new laptop computer.

"Winter ReadFest," said MLS Senior Services Coordinator Anita Roesler, "is a two-month long event for readers aged 55 and over that takes place in February and March every year. We began it in 2004 with a few small prizes but by our seventh year the prize list had grown considerably and our grand prize was a laptop computer generously donated by Dell Computers."

The lucky winner is Elvonda Presley who uses the Choctaw Library.

"Elvonda was so excited with her new laptop, everyone at the Choctaw Library couldn't help but be excited with her," Roesler added. "Now, none of us can wait to start the program up again in 2011."



Elvonda Presley and Anita Roesler

Nobody's Perfect!

Maybe you saw this story in the news lately. It seems that the Father of Our Country didn't return all his library books on time. Or ever.

That's right—George Washington, we've recently discovered, still has out some library books from the oldest library in New York. According to a ledger, then President Washington borrowed two books that were due back on Nov. 2, 1789, and never returned them. One of the books was the Law of Nations, which deals with international

relations. The other was a volume of debates from Britain's House of Commons.

The fines have been determined and at today's prices, adjusted for inflation, the Prez owes the New York Society Library right at \$300,000. Head librarian Mark Bartlett says the institution doesn't expect to collect the money, but it would like for the items to be returned. (Good thing Washington didn't borrow any DVDs—the fines really add up on those.)

Our Animal Friends & History Way Out West

Kids are always going to be interested in animals and there will be times when no library has enough primary books on animals to satisfy customers' needs. That's when you might want a dependable database, written on the child's reading level, to take up some of the slack.



If you see that this circumstance might be real, take a look at a database called PebbleGo. MLS has a month-long trial period to examine it, play with it, and do some research on it. Here's the address:

<https://www.pebblego.com/Trial.aspx?confirm=16633a0c-0588-431b-91a7-f375771cc145>

Here's what PebbleGo has to say about itself:
"Now your K-2 students can research their favorite animals using a database created just for them! **PebbleGo™**, the latest innovation from Capstone Press, is designed specifically for emergent readers. Featuring hundreds of animals, expertly leveled text, reading supports, and audio & video resources, **PebbleGo** is the ideal K-2 resource." Take a look at PebbleGo and send your thoughts to **Susan Ryan** in Materials Selection.



We also have a trial subscription to "American West," from Adam Matthew Digital. Here's a PDF scan Susan asked the company for. It's documents of special interest to anyone looking into Oklahoma history.



www.americanwest.amdigital.co.uk

Susan also sent along some other databases from Adam Matthew Digital that she thought some of our history buff employees might like to look at. They're probably too specialized for addition in our library system, but they are interesting. *Everyday Life and Women in America, c.1800-1920, Medieval Travel Writing, Slavery, Abolition and Social Justice, 1490-2007, Travel Writing, Spectacle and World History, Victorian Popular Culture, Virginia Company Archives and Women in the National Archives.*

www.everydaylife.amdigital.co.uk

www.medievaltravel.amdigital.co.uk

www.slavery.amdigital.co.uk

www.travelwriting.amdigital.co.uk

www.victorianpopularculture.amdigital.co.uk

www.virginiacompanyarchives.amdigital.co.uk

www.archivesdirect.amdigital.co.uk



Building a Reading City, One Person at a Time

Downtown librarian **Sheldon Beach** frequently attaches a wonderful quote from author Daniel Handler to the end of his emails: "Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them."

A lot of us feel that way. Since I received a SONY eReader for my birthday, I'm able to easily bring with me five or six dozen books, something to read for all occasions.

Here are some of the titles MLS employees are currently enjoying:

Doug Bentin (MaC) – *Tales of Soldiers and Civilians* by Ambrose Bierce, and *The*

Good Samaritan and Other Stories by John O'Hara

Lisa Bradley (DN) -- *The Heart of Power* by David Blumenthal, and *Echo House* by Ward S. Just

Suzette V. Felton (MC) -- *Six Cultures within Academic Librarianship*

Dana Morrow (OUT) -- *Solo: My Adventures in the Air* by Clyde Edgerton, and *Shadow Tag* by Louise Erdrich, and *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro

Heidi Port (DVS) -- *Brain Rules* by John Medina, and *From the Top Down* by Susan J. Ellis

Kim Terry (MaC) – *Bright Lights, Big Ass: A Self-Indulgent, Surly, Ex-Sorority Girl's Guide to Why it Often Sucks in the City, or Who are These Idiots and Why Do They All Live Next Door to Me?* by Jen Lancaster

Lisa Wood (OUT) -- *For the Win* by Cory Doctorow, and *Literature for Today's Young Adults* by Alleen Pace Nilsen

Send the titles of what you're reading to dbentin@metrolibrary.org

"No Mr. Bond. We Expect You to Survive."

We hope you James Bond purists will forgive our misquotation above from the movie *Goldfinger*. You see, while the sinister Mr. Goldfinger wanted to split 007 in half with a laser (turning him into two 003.5s), we want MLS employees to get through Oklahoma tornado season in one piece.

To that end, our buds in Human Resources sent along a web address you might want to check out. It's FEMA's "Are You Ready?" and it tells you how to assemble a home, a work, and a car Disasters Supplies Kit. You'll need water, food and medical supplies, not to mention a working portable DVD player and lots of spy movies. Okay, FEMA doesn't suggest the movies, but the government can't think of everything.

No kidding, though, you might want to take a look at what FEMA recommends. Here's the address:

http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/assemble_disaster_supplies_kit.shtm



• MYSTERY PERSON •

Here are the clues to this month's mystery person.

Fave Music: Rock N' Roll
Fave Book(s): *The Stand*
Fave Sports: Boxing
Fave Vacation(s): California (Late night visits to Hollywood grocery stores guarantee washed-up celebrity sightings!)
Fave Movie: *Christmas Vacation*
Fave TV Show: Intervention
Fave Food: Pizza
Fave Season: Summer
Fave Hobby: Playing guitar
Pets: Dog- Daisy
Family: Wife Dana, a daughter and 2 sons
Do you:
Text, Facebook, Twitter: Facebook
Cellphone ringtone: On vibrate (I work in a library)
Fave Food: Pizza

What profession would you be in if you were not working in the library? A lab technician for the USDA

Do you have a 'Bucket List' And what's at the top of it?
No bucket list. I think I'm done.

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STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Jennifer Jones, an associate librarian at the Capitol Hill, has worked at MLS since 2008.

Jennifer has two kids, Shelby and Sophie who are 12 and seven respectively, and a Great Dane puppy.

Her faves include live music, everything about the library and all things Disney and Pixar (she's a native Californian.) For entertainment Jennifer plays volleyball and watches basketball.

She loves Tahoe as a vacation spot, and would like to see Greece some day.

Jennifer just finished reading *Dear John*, by Nicholas Sparks and saw *How to Train Your Dragon* at the theater.

She loves working at the library and "being able to reach out to people in the community."



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MYSTERY PERSON IS:

**Rick George,
MAC**

HELLO TO

Valerie Peek Page, DN
Brad Gaffney..... Rcvg. Tech., TP
Taryn Kingery..... Assoc. Librarian, RE
Afton Martin..... Conf. Svcs. Tech., LO

PROMOTION

Katie Hatfield From Page to Circ Clerk, MC
Drea Gates..... From Page, DC; to Circ Clerk, MC

RETIREMENT

Richard Mullins..... Security Officer, DN
Karen Bray Admin. Spc., CON

GOODBYE TO

Rosa Rubio Ext. Spc., LO
Joanie Porter Assoc. Librarian, RE
Linda Morphis..... Circ Clerk, MC

SYMPATHY

Sad news from Human Resources about Kerry Hubbs, former MLS Maintenance employee, who died April 27.

Sympathy to Denesa Bennett, WA, and Greg Bennett, DN. Denesa's mom, Donna Johnston, died April 29.

Answers to ShelfLife Quiz

1. D 6. A
2. H 7. E
3. B 8. J
4. I 9. G
5. F 10. C



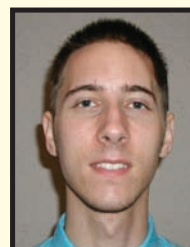
Valerie Peek



Brad Gaffney



Taryn Kingery



Afton Martin

Read About It



Author Carolyn Hart was a guest on the March 31st Read About It show.

From left to right: **BJ Williams**, Carolyn Hart and **Kelley Riha**. (Kelley supplied the pic.)

With BJ Williams' retirement on April 30, the Read About It TV show will end it's 18 year run on June 30.

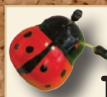
Doug Bentin (MAC) and Kelley Riha (OUT) will continue Read About It to June 30th.

May Bulletin Board



May Birthdays

NANCY JEAN SLUSAR	5/1
SUSAN E. RYAN	5/1
WILLIAM CHRIS SANZ	5/1
MACKENZIE STEPHENS	5/3
SHARON L. YOUNG	5/3
DEBBIE E. ROBERTUS	5/6
DONNA R. ADAMEK	5/6
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
TIFFANY L. BONNER	5/6
JESSICA C. MORRIS	5/7
ANNE G. FISCHER	5/9
JEANETTE NORRIS	5/9
AMANDA JO SAWYER	5/10
CHERYL A. MANN	5/12
DAVID WAYNE RUSHING	5/12
LINDA J. MORPHIS	5/13
RIC REA	5/13
MELANIE DIANE LEVICK	5/14
MARY ANN JOHNSON	5/15
STEPHANIE D. GERLING	5/15
ELIZABETH M. NEWLAND	5/16
KEVIN D. COLWELL	5/16
SHARON G. BISH	5/16
LISA M. WOOD	5/18
SUSAN J HUTCHINS	5/18
AMANDA DOWDING	5/19
REGINA D. FIELDS	5/19
DENNIS D. DELANO	5/20
LINDSAY JONES EGLE	5/21
TRACY C. STONE	5/21
AARON G. KILLOUGH	5/22
JACQUILYN LYNN RASH	5/24
TIMOTHY DAUBENSPECK	5/24
EMILY PEARL REYNOLDS	5/26



Employee's May Date-of-Hire



JESSIE C. BISHOP	5/13/1981
FRANK C. RAY	5/21/1984
MARILYN E. BACKUS	5/21/1987
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	5/29/1990
HEIDI A. PORT	5/12/1997
TINDLE J. ARNOLD	5/27/1997
JOSHUA H. WELLS	5/15/1999
LISA E. MYERS	5/5/2000
TERESA GOGGINS	5/7/2001
CHRIS LARWIG	5/28/2002
DIANNA L. RUPP	5/28/2002
MARY J. SHOLLY	5/18/2003
MARYL BAIRD	5/22/2003
RENA M. GIBSON	5/16/2005
DANA M. PHILLIPS	5/26/2005
KENDRA WILLIAMS	5/2/2006
FELICIA ANN HAYES	5/8/2006
JERRY C. NANCE	5/27/2006
TIMOTHY DAUBENSPECK	5/22/2007
JERRY LEO O'HARE	5/5/2008
SUZETTE FELTON	5/12/2008
RACHAEL RAMSEY	5/11/2009
DOUGLAS P. BROWN	5/13/2009
JOYCE A. JACKSON	5/13/2009
DEBORAH ANN GOSSET	5/18/2009
EKS WYE POLLOCK IV	5/18/2009
EMILY PEARL REYNOLDS	5/18/2009

June Bulletin Board



June Birthdays

RAMINA GOLSHANI	6/2
RISA M. WHITE	6/3
ELLINGTON WOODY SR	6/4
PHILLIP DEWAYNE BELT	6/6
SALLY A. GRAY	6/6
MAEGYN DOYLE	6/10
TERRIE LUCILLE THOMAS	6/10
CARSEN KENNETH MOON	6/11
CLYDE D. HERROD	6/11
GALEN R KURTH	6/11
JEAN E. JOHNSON	6/11
KIMBERLY ANN CLARK	6/13
DAWN L. GEHLING	6/15
MATTHEW G. COTTER	6/16
NAVIN KARIM GAZI	6/16
MARILYN E. BACKUS	6/17
STORMY DAWN LEE	6/17
CONRAD J. DOTY	6/19
DANA L. MORROW	6/20
SHAYLA ARIELLE LAW	6/21
CANDACE C. TURNER	6/22
GLORIA B. DELEON	6/22
KRISTEN D. GADLIN	6/22
KELLY KRISTINE MIXON	6/23
PATRICIA A. WIDHALM	6/23
CHRISTINE R. BASSETT	6/25
DARCUS D. SMITH	6/25
DAVID L. CALHOUN	6/25
HANNAH SAYRE RUDEK	6/25
PAULA A. HANNAPEL	6/25
D. DIANE SHARP	6/28
JIMMY C. WELCH	6/28
TAMERAT ATLABACHEW	6/28



Employee's June Date-of-Hire



CONRAD J. DOTY	6/1/1968	CRYSTAL DAWN EASLEY	6/28/2004
DONNA L. MORRIS	6/1/1969	KIMBERLY ANN TERRY	6/20/2005
CHERYL A. MANN	6/21/1973	BRANDI E. ORTIZ	6/27/2005
BJ WILLIAMS	6/3/1974	CANDACE LEE MCDANIEL	6/26/2006
LAURIE F. MACK-CLARK	6/9/1975	SHANELLE J. JACKSON	6/5/2007
SELMA ZUHDI	6/17/1977	DESTAVIE S. ELLIS	6/5/2007
SUSAN A. STINSON	6/25/1980	GAIL S. SLOOP	6/11/2007
EBRAHIM EJTEHADI	6/24/1982	ANNE OLIVIA MOTLEY	6/18/2007
SHEILA D. FIXEL	6/7/1983	ANDREA GESELL	6/2/2008
ANN G. ALIOTTA	6/4/1984	HIEN SI CHAU	6/4/2008
DEBORAH MONTGOMERY	6/2/1986	WARREN ANDERSON	6/6/2008
LANNY B. MYERS	6/8/1987	AMY LAMINSKY	6/16/2008
RANDY L. KNUTSON	6/25/1990	JON LUCAS VODKA	6/1/2009
JULIE A. SCHOFIELD	6/24/1991	JESSICA CARTER	6/3/2009
ABOLGHASEM SIAVASHI	6/27/1994	MOLLY ALLEN	6/9/2009
KATHRYN A. WILLIAMS	6/30/1994	CARL TIBBETS	6/16/2009
PHYLLIS A. DAVIDSON	6/27/1995	WILLIAM CHRIS SANZ	6/17/2009
JEAN E. JOHNSON	6/10/1996	DIANE SARANTAKOS	6/29/2009
CHARLEEN K. MILLER	6/23/1997	MELODY P. NEARY	6/29/2009
KIMBERLY A. EDWARDS	6/14/1999	SARA DIANE OUTHIER	6/30/2009
STACY G. SCHRANK	6/7/2004		
DANIELLE D. WALKER	6/8/2004		
TERI LYNN WOOLEY	6/10/2004		
CHARLA RENE AUCONE	6/21/2004		