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From the Ad Team This Month:

Lloyd Lovely, Deputy Executive Director Finance & Support

The auditors are coming! The auditors are coming!

Ok, so it's not really that big of a deal. But that's good! That's even the whole point, actually. It's a good sign when we don't mind the annual financial audit, because it indicates that the Library has good accounting controls and has a good system for reporting its financial results. And while audits are not really designed to detect fraud, the auditors do keep their eyes open for any indications of that. It seems that every day there is an article in the news about some company, government entity, or non-profit organization that has suffered some loss from a trusted employee who has misused

funds, so we want to always be open to any chance to prove that we are doing what is right.

With all that high and mighty stuff said, it is a lot of work to prepare all the reports, spreadsheets, and other data that the auditors need in order to review our finances, so you may still see the accounting staff muttering to themselves when you pass them in the halls. Just give them a wide berth – they're really harmless.

The Grant and Thornton firm has already begun its preliminary work, and will start in earnest on August 16th. The firm is scheduled to present their findings to the Commission at its October meeting.

Non-Traditional Book Marketing

Penny C. Sansevieri is the founder and CEO of Author Marketing Experts, Inc. I know. I've never heard of her either, but she recently published a blog entry called *Beyond the Bookstore: Holding Book Events in Non-Traditional Venues* (http://www.huffingtonpost.com/penny-c-sansevieri/beyond-the-bookstore-hold_b_648024.html) that is packed with ideas libraries might be able to adapt for author-related programming.

Example: Are you hosting an author who writes books on handicrafts? How about calling the nearest Hobby Lobby and setting up an author event with them—that includes publicity for your library?

"Once you take your eye off of the bookstore focus," Sansevieri writes, "the opportunities for book events are endless. Consider the following: street fairs, farmers' markets, gyms, yoga studios, wineries, art stores, Starbucks, coffee shops, restaurants, grocery stores."

There's a lot more here than most libraries can find ways to use, but it's an eye-opening read that will get the programmer's juices flowing. Take a look.

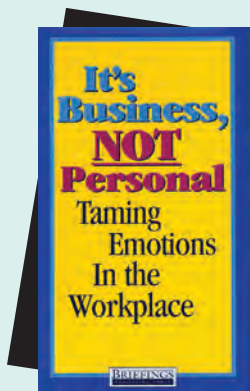


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Lending Library Review: **It's Business, NOT Personal: Taming Emotions in the Workplace**

*I don't want to fake you out
Take or shake or forsake you out
I ain't lookin' for you to feel like me
See like me or be like me
All I want to do is, baby, be friends with you.*



Video

When you get to work, it's sometimes difficult to leave your troubles in the car and you end up toting a big ol' sack of grump in the door with you. It's on days like that you can hurt the feelings of everyone around you—and you're set up for someone to hurt yours. Leaving all your emotions behind when you leave for work is impossible, but remember that what goes on at work should be work related.

Here's a brief introductory video, presented as if you were watching chatters on a TV talk show, that can help you not take it personally when disagreements spring up at work.

Halloween Parade

Several years ago we saw a book on librarianship with a cover that made us wince. It featured a photo from the 1890s of a line of lady librarians. Each one was turned half-way to the camera with her right hand on the shoulder of the woman in front of her. All had high collars, hair done up in buns, and unconvincing smiles. It looked like an Andy Warhol portrait of Lizzie Borden.



It's an image we're still trying to dismantle and some of our gutsier staff take a good whack at it every year during the Halloween Parade through Bricktown. **Emily Williams** (OUT) is putting together this year's group, and she invites everyone to take part. You get to dress up and wear your favorite Halloween horror makeup. Come on . . . it'll be fun.

"We've participated the past two years," Emily said, "with great success. This year the parade will be at 7:00p.m. on Saturday, October 23."

Emily and her team are in the preliminary stages of the planning process and she'd like to get at least a rough number of people who'd like to join in, so send her an email at ewilliams@metrolibrary.org, or call her at 606-3834. Participation is work time so you'd have to have your manager approve it.

DOOR COUNT

Say it's a really busy day and you'd be willing to bet that at least every citizen of Oklahoma County came into your library, bringing with them their summer guests. You want an exact door count. Did you know that you can get one?

Go to the MLS Intranet page and select Resources and then Reports & Statistics. On the left you'll see Library Usage Stats—click on that. Now choose Daily Door Counts. Now pick your library and the date you want to check, and whammy, there it is.

One week out of every year we had to supply a door count to ODL. With that device in the small black box you may have seen Researcher **Stuart Williamson** installing recently, keeping track of library traffic is a piece of cake and we can feed ODL as often as it gets hungry for data.

Any questions about the new Door Count capabilities can be sent to Stuart.



Building a Reading City

Wouldn't it be great to live in a city that put as much value on reading as it does the forward pass? Well, we may not be there yet, but we're trying.

Let us know what you've been reading lately and we'll mention it in a future edition of

"Building a Reading City." Send your titles to dbentin@metrolibrary.org.

Doug Bentin, Communications Specialist in MaC: *Betrayers* by Bill Pronzini, *The Girls of Murder City: Fame, Lust, and the Beautiful Killers Who Inspired "Chicago"* by Douglas Perry, *Secret Agent "X"*:



The Complete Series, Vol. 1 by Paul Chadwick, *Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage, An Issue of Neurosurgery Clinics (The Clinics: Surgery)* by Paul Nyquist MD MPH, Neeraj Naval MD, and Rafael J. Tamargo MD*

Dana Morrow, Director of Outreach Services: *The Women* by TC Boyle, *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* by Steig Larsson, *The Mysteries of Pittsburgh* by Michael Chabon, *Eaarth* by Bill McKibben.

Alicia Ruzyski, CT Library Page: *The Facebook Effect: The Inside Story of the Company That is Connecting the World* by David Kirkpatrick.

Emily Williams, Young Adult Services Coordinator in OUT: *Scott Pilgrim Vol. 1* by Bryan Lee O'Malley, *Shimmer* by Dallas Reed, *Tales of the Madman Underground* by John Barnes

Lisa Wood, Children's Services Coordinator in OUT: *The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender, *Shades of Grey* by Jasper Fforde.

*Just kidding on reading it.

The ShelfLife Quiz: Who Goes With What?

What do these things have in common: a whale, a monster, a gibbering mass of tentacles, and a book that contains everything but a yacht race? They are all the literary creations of people born in the month of August.

For our quiz this month, we'll give you one word that represents in some way a famous work by an August birthday author. You match the word with the writer. Ready? Here goes –

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. ___ Enterprise | a. Herman Melville, Aug. 1 |
| 2. ___ Roots | b. P.B. Shelley, Aug. 4 |
| 3. ___ Poetry | c. Alex Haley, Aug. 11 |
| 4. ___ Cthulhu | d. H.P. Lovecraft, Aug. 20 |
| 5. ___ Mars | e. Ray Bradbury, Aug. 22 |
| 6. ___ Prometheus | f. Leo Tolstoy, Aug. 28 |
| 7. ___ Scrivener | g. Gene Roddenberry, Aug. 19 |
| 8. ___ Adultery | h. Mary Shelley, Aug. 30 |

Answers on page 5

"I Write Like" Who?

Style—we've all got our own, right? Well, not according to Dmitry Chestnykh, a 27-year-old Russian software programmer, who has created a website you can visit to find out what famous author's writing style is most like yours.

You just cut and paste a couple of paragraphs of your prose and push the button. Voila! Instantly you find out which of the 50 or so well-known writers whose work has been downloaded into the "I Write Like" program is most like the way you write. It's all totally meaningless, but fun just the same.

"I Write Like" can be accessed at <http://iwl.me/>

Of course, we had to check it out. You might or might not be surprised to find out that this article is in the style of Cory Doctorow. We've never even read Cory Doctorow. Who knew?



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Bloodborne Pathogens

I know—"Bloodborne Pathogens"—it sounds like a series on HBO you deny you watch, but it's actually a lot more significant than that.

Every third quarter of the year (July-August-September) for MLS Safety Training we all have to brush up on bloodborne pathogens. The following are the safety materials that must be examined by all staff during this quarter.

1. Bloodborne Pathogens PowerPoint (click on link or locate in the Safety Training Library) or Bloodborne Pathogens training materials available through the Safety Training Library
2. the Exposure Control Program (click on link or locate in the *MLS Safety Manual*)

Be sure to count the exact time it takes you to complete each item, and complete the entire safety form before sending it to **Denise Courts** in Human Resources. You can go to the Intranet/Forms section to locate the 3rd Quarter Safety Report Form.

Finally, remember that each quarter we must complete 30 minutes of safety training, so if the bloodborne pathogens training doesn't take 30 minutes to complete, other training must be added to meet the 30 minute safety training requirement.



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

Fave Music:

Fave Book(s):

Fave Sport:

Fave Vacation(s):

Fave Movie:

Fave TV Show:

Fave Food:

Fave Season:

Fave Hobby:

Family:

Fave Pets:

PC or MAC:

Fave iPhone Ap:

Van Morrison

The Bootlegger's Boy

Football- OU; swimming if my kids are competing; waterskiing to participate

Anywhere with a beach

Remember the Titans

Modern Family

Wedding Cake; but I'm juicing these days

Summer

Going to swim meets

Husband, 2 daughters, 1 stepson

Holly (rest in peace)

Like them both

MusicID (this week)

Answer on page 5



STAFF PROFILE

Fingerprints

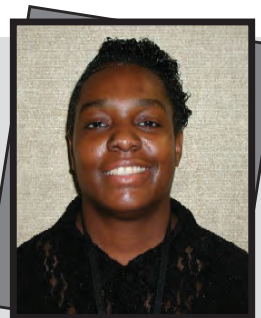
Lawana Morgan, Circ Clerk, has worked at Ralph Ellison for six years.

She plays ping pong for fun and watches OU Football and the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

Lawana recently read *Don't Block the Blessings: Revelations of a Lifetime*, by Patti LaBelle.

Singing is also a part of Lawana's life when she sings at karaoke events.

One of Lawana's favorite things to do at the library is playing Spoticus and greeting RE customers with a smile!





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HELLO TO

Christina Kim..... Page, WA
Elizabeth McCurley..... Page, ED
Jagtar Sanghera..... Page, ED
Andrew Rodriguez..... Page, ED
Tracey Thompson..... Librarian, ED

PROMOTION

Gloria deLeon..... From Circ Clerk, to
Assoc. Librarian, CH

TRANSFERS

Jana Hausburg..... From Cataloger, CAT, to
Librarian, DN

CHANGE OF HOURS

Lois Cross..... From .75 hrs., to .93 hrs.,
Ext. Spc., NP
Kasandra Dewbre..... From .75 hrs., to FT
Admin. Spc., HUM
Jerod Gerfen..... From .75 hrs., to FT,
Librarian, MC
Emmy Verdin-Crowe..... From .75 hrs., to FT,
Circ Clerk, MC

GOODBYE TO

Charla Aucone..... Librarian, DN
Anne Kirby..... Page, BI
Liana Mich..... Page, ED
Andrew Tolly..... Circ Clerk, SO
Kyndall Overstreet..... Page, BI
Jessie Bishop(death)..... Page, SO
Kelly Mixon..... Page, DN
Jacquelin Rash..... Librarian, DC
Fariba Williams..... Asst. Mgr. of LO, MC

SYMPATHY

Sadness noted at SO: Connie Bishop, page,
passed away July 8.



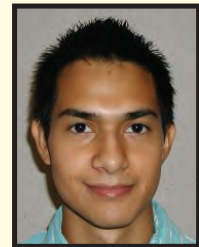
Christina Kim



Elizabeth McCurley



Jagtar Sanghera



Andrew Rodriguez



Tracey Thompson

MYSTERY PERSON IS:



**Diane
Sarantakos,
DEV**

CONGRATULATIONS

To Crystal Suppes, Circ Clerk at Midwest City, and husband, Dan. They are the proud grandparents of their second grandchild, granddaughter Haven Laurel Whitley, born July 16. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 19 inches long. She is sister to 2-year-old brother, Holt. The Whitley's live in McKinney, Texas.

Answers to ShelfLife Quiz

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



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August Bulletin Board



August Birthdays



BARBARA A. JOHNSON	8/1	GARY W. CROUCH	8/20
LYNDA G. TONEY BAHR	8/1	VAN R. BIELSTEIN	8/21
CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY	8/2	VICTORIA R. GRAY	8/21
DEB AUSTIN-MUNDEN	8/2	BRANDON M. ROSE	8/22
BRENDA STOCKTON-HISS	8/3	CRYSTAL DAWN EASLEY	8/22
CAROL L. PROVINCE	8/3	JEAN M. WILBURN	8/22
JAMES E. NIMMO, JR	8/3	NICHOLAS THOMPSON	8/22
LANDON D. HOLMAN	8/3	JESSICA Y. LITTLE	8/23
CHESTER KINZIE, JR	8/4	CYNTHIA A. MARTIN	8/24
DAGMAR M. PEERY	8/4	BRENNAN CARLAW	8/25
JILL L. VESSELS	8/4	LINDA LEE HYAMS	8/25
JONATHAN I. TOLLE	8/4	AMY LANELLE CHANEY	8/27
BRADLEY M. BRUCKER	8/5	BRITTANY MARIE BARBER	8/27
SHARON A. NOLAN	8/5	MELISSA RENEE WALKUP	8/27
KATRINA B. PRINCE	8/6	ANN G. ALIOTTA	8/28
RICK SAMUEL GEORGE	8/6	VIVIAN A. STEVENSON	8/28
ANNA N. TODD	8/7	ELIZABETH WILSON	8/29
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/7	JAMAR O'NEIL RAHMING	8/29
REGINA M. WOLFINGER	8/7	KIMBERLY P. GREEN	8/29
KATHY L. FRITSCH	8/8	LOIS F. CROSS	8/29
ANGELA L. HILL	8/9	TERESA GOGGINS	8/29
JOYCE MCCAULEY-JOHNSON	8/9	TIMOTHY D. FISHER	8/29
KATHRYN M. DUNN	8/9	JOYCE A. HELMS	8/30
LENA MUNIR KHADER	8/9	WENDY J. GABRIELSON	8/30
LINDA A. ELSTON	8/9	BETH K. STEELMAN	8/31
JONITA NORMORE	8/10	JONATHAN E. WILLIS JR	8/31
JAMES B. GORDON	8/12	KAY L. BAUMAN	8/31
ANITA F. ROESLER	8/13		
ERICA Y. RUTLAND	8/13		
FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	8/13		
LAURA MCMURTRY	8/13		
SYLVIA A. LAWSON	8/13		
LINDA J. JAMESON	8/14		
JOE HARLEY SHELTON	8/15		
CHRISTY RICHARDS	8/16		
SUSIE L. BEASLEY	8/18		
DOUGLAS P. BROWN	8/20		



Employee's August Date-of-Hire



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
KELLY M. DALRYMPLE	8/26/1991
GALEN R KURTH	8/30/1993
JULIA ANN BALLOU	8/30/1993
KAREN L. LITTERAL	8/31/1996
KATHLEEN LAUGERMAN	8/4/1997
GLENN E. WEBB JR	8/25/1997
JANET E. BOWEN	8/25/1999
STEPHANIE GERLING	8/14/2000
DAVID L. CALHOUN	8/1/2001
KIM L. COBB	8/9/2001
JOHN D. WOOD	8/27/2001
FANNIE HARSHBARGER	8/10/2002
GERALD W. HICKMAN	8/10/2002
SHARON DAVIS JORSKI	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
ANGELA L. HILL	8/2/2005
TERRIE LUCILLE THOMAS	8/8/2005
VIVIAN A. STEVENSON	8/15/2005
ELIZABETH WILSON	8/14/2006
STORMY DAWN LEE	8/28/2006
JOE HARLEY SHELTON	8/1/2007
LINDSAY JONES EGLE	8/7/2007
ERIKA M. SALINAS	8/13/2007
STANLEY A. TAUCER	8/13/2007
JAIME HACKWORTH	8/27/2007
TRAVIS REID HOWELL	8/29/2007
VANESSA ANN SPAETH	8/12/2008
CARSEN MOON	8/27/2008
EVELYN E. BROWN	8/10/2009
JOHN R. DAY	8/10/2009
RACHEL LYNN ALLEN	8/10/2009
FELICIA D. BENNETT	8/11/2009
RANDALL MYSTER	8/11/2009
KRISTEN D. GADLIN	8/12/2009
ABIGAIL GRIFFIN	8/31/2009



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MARY L. STRASNER	9/1
TERESA R. MATTHEWS	9/1
DANIELLE D. WALKER	9/2
KIM ELLEN MACARTY	9/2
AJAX S. C. DELVECKI	9/3
EKS WYE POLLOCK IV	9/3
KATHRYN A. WILLIAMS	9/4
RIKKI D. MARTIN	9/5
DARRIE J. BREATHWIT	9/6
PERRY A. WILSON	9/6
BURTON D. THURMOND	9/9
DIANE E SARANTAKOS	9/9
PATRICK OTTO HOSANG	9/10
TULIN R. LAFOLLETTE	9/10
LANNY B. MYERS	9/11
ABIGAIL ANNE MCGEE	9/12
PRISCILLA M. DOSS	9/12
CANDACE LEE MCDANIEL	9/13
COURNTEY RENEE COON	9/13
CHERYL E. PERNELL	9/14
MICHELLE WILLIAMS	9/14
KERBIE M. ADDIS	9/14
TRAVIS REID HOWELL	9/14
VINCENT D. ARMIJO	9/14
FELICIA D. BENNETT	9/15
RUBY J. SOUTIERE	9/15
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
VALERIE THERESA PEEK	9/21
LIANA C. MICH	9/22
LISA LEA HEINRICH	9/25
TINDLE J. ARNOLD	9/26
DEBRA K. JACKSON	9/27
PHILL JO	9/27
KAREN L. MARRIOTT	9/28
VANESSA ANN SPAETH	9/28
DAVID WILLIAM FRENCH	9/30



Employee's September Date-of-Hire



KAREN L. MARRIOTT	9/6/1977
SUSIE L. BEASLEY	9/18/1978
FAYE HORN	9/10/1979
JO NITA WHITE	9/25/1981
ROSEMARY A. CZARSKI	9/13/1982
ALMA LOUISE BROWN	9/16/1982
KAY L. BAUMAN	9/27/1982
RUTH M. BUTLER	9/17/1984
PAMELA S. BUCHANAN	9/10/1985
SUSAN E. RYAN	9/13/1989
SHIRLEY J. HENDERSON	9/3/1991
JACK KINZIE, JR	9/6/1994
JANA C. HAUSBURG	9/11/1995
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
D. DIANE SHARP	9/17/2001
ELIZABETH M. NEWLAND	9/10/2002
THOMAS P. GALLAGHER	9/16/2002
MATTHEW E. EVANS	9/17/2002
VAN R. BIELSTEIN	9/17/2002
STUART H. WILLIAMSON	9/19/2002
EMILY R. WILLIAMS	9/2/2003
BURTON D. THURMOND	9/16/2003
TERESA R. MATTHEWS	9/29/2003
MARY ANN JOHNSON	9/13/2004
AJAX S. C. DELVECKI	9/17/2004
C. GEORGE NIEBANK, III	9/27/2004
EMILY K. GREEN	9/19/2005
CARL CADE	9/11/2006
PENELOPE GREER BIRD	9/11/2006
NICOLE DAWN CHANEY	9/26/2006
BRITTANY MARIE BARBER	9/28/2006
DONNA CANFIELD	9/10/2007
KYNDALL W. OVERSTREET	9/11/2007
BENJAMIN D. MOUNT	9/18/2007
CAROL L. ROBERTS	9/24/2007
ROBIN C. SAGEL	9/9/2008
JENNIFER IRENE JONES	9/9/2008
KIMBERLY P. GREEN	9/10/2008
DARIN RAY SMITH	9/17/2008
KRISTIN LYNN HILL	9/22/2008
CINDY J. FRAZIER	9/23/2008
MYRA DAWN DOVER	9/25/2008
TANAZ DERAKHSHAN	9/8/2009
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