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# ShelfLife

STAFF NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM

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## REPORTING ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN

**W**e're now in the second half of MLS' Strategic Plan and if you want to find out how it's working out, Planning Dept. Researcher **Stuart Williamson** has prepared a report for the Library Commission that is viewable by everyone.

"This is the time of year we highlight the many activities from around the system over the past year that are related to our strategic plan," Stuart said. "A strategic plan highlights webpage was set up to allow all staff members to see and share what they and others have accomplished in this regard." [http://morris/gotinfo/general/strategic\\_plan/highlights/sp2.html](http://morris/gotinfo/general/strategic_plan/highlights/sp2.html)

Filters allow you to go directly to individu-

al locations and departments to look by month and year.

You may be surprised to discover that the good work your library or department did has not been registered. That's because someone on your end has to input the information and that somebody didn't do it. If that's the case with you, go to the online form for submitting activities. [http://morris/gotinfo/general/strategic\\_plan/highlights/feedback\\_form.html](http://morris/gotinfo/general/strategic_plan/highlights/feedback_form.html)

You do the work and you're justifiably proud of it. Take a few minutes to let the rest of the system and the Commission know about it.

## FOCUS 2010

**S**tacy Schrank here, reminding you that FOCUS! 2010 is just weeks away and this year's event is all about the benefits of wellness and a healthy lifestyle. Designed as the kick-off event for the new MLS Wellness Initiative Wellness Works!, the day is packed with events aimed at giving staff the tools to make healthier choices in nutrition, exercise, and overall lifestyle changes. As Forrest Gump may say, "Wellness is as wellness does!"

A time for camaraderie, fun and learning the day is also packed with lots of special events. During our lunch break we will be holding a benefits and partner showcase where staff will have the opportunity to visit with vari-

ous MLS partners and benefit providers to answer any questions or to provide more information on their services and/or benefits.

The highlight of the day is sure to be our keynote speaker Danny Cahill. No stranger to making hard choices, he set his sights high and broke numerous records to become the Season 8 winner of *The Biggest Loser*. He is sure to share an inspirational story, or two, along with his own original music!





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## New Databases to Explore and Recommend

It's a new school year, but that brings one of the age-old questions: do you have any information about Oklahoma? Or France? Or Africa?

We now have subscriptions to three databases that provide all the information you need in order to answer those questions, YES! Take a look at A to Z Maps Online, A to Z the USA, and Global Road Warrior.

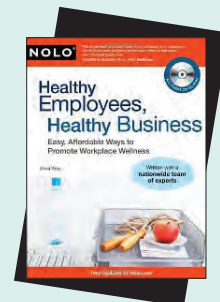
"We want to vacation in Pennsylvania next summer but I have claustrophobia and hate driving through tunnels. Will that be a problem?"

Oh yeah. Checking in A to Z the USA you'll find that Pennsylvania has 61 tunnels. Better stock up on Prozac.

We also have a trial subscription to One More Story. Here you'll find access to several picture and "Easy" books. Pick the one you want to explore and you can follow the story page by page. A gentle voice reads the book aloud. The text appears on the bottom of the screen and individual words show up in green as they are being pronounced. Take a look and let **Susan Ryan** know what you think of it.

## Lending Library Review: **Healthy Employees, Healthy Business: Easy, Affordable Ways to Promote Workplace Wellness**

by Ilona Bray



Small business owners and not-for-profits are increasingly concerned about the impact spiraling health care costs have on productivity. Employee illness, chronic poor health, low job satisfaction, and high turnover lead to lower productivity.

*Healthy Employees, Healthy Business* draws on the expertise of an advisory board of doctors, lawyers, benefits specialists, workplace wellness planners and other experts to offer the essential advice you need to implement a low-cost or even free wellness program. Clear, concise and filled with success stories from other workplaces, you'll get the tools you need to start your wellness program immediately, resulting in increased productivity and potentially lower health insurance costs. Find out how to:

- evaluate and target your workplace's main health concerns
- develop fun, effective activities to improve employee health
- boost morale through mutual support and competition
- lower workplace stress

From simply changing the snacks in the vending machines to ensuring that ill employees have access to treatment, you'll get practical advice in *Healthy Employees, Healthy Business*—plus, you'll get helpful forms and interviews with expert advisers on CD.

## Islamic Art at Midwest City



**K**udos to **Linda Temple** at the MC Library for scoring one of the biggest multicultural successes of the year with the Islamic Art Display. The Exhibit was discussed and written about on the TV news, in several newspapers, and was even mentioned in *American Libraries* magazine in an article that said "the show eloquently counters

through the peaceful reception it received from Oklahoma library visitors the bitter national debate."

### *Islamic art continued*

According to the story in *The Oklahoman*, when Linda saw the exhibit of Islamic-themed art as created by the students of Mercy School Institute last year, she wanted to bring it to the library.

"We wanted to have it Midwest City Library," Linda said, "because it's different from anything I'd ever seen, and I suspect many people in Midwest City had seen. I thought it was a great opportunity to broaden our world a little bit."

It just goes to show that if you come up with something a little out of the ordinary that the media can sink its teeth into, they'll come knocking on your door.



## Building a Reading City

Continuing our quest to find out what MLS staffers read for fun, here are a few peeks at the titles on staff night stands right now. Send the titles of the books you're reading to [dbentin@metrolibrary.org](mailto:dbentin@metrolibrary.org)

**Christine Bassett** (librarian, BI): *World Without End* by Ken Follett.

**Doug Bentin**, (communications specialist, MaC): *Knocking the Neighbors* by George Ade, *At a Winter's Fire* by Bernard Capes, *Circumstantial Evidence and Other Stories* by Edgar Wallace.

**Dana Morrow**, (director of outreach services, OUT): *Have You Found Her?* by Janice Erlbaum, *My Name Is Memory* by Ann Brashares, and *Break No Bones* by Kathy Reichs.

**Heidi Ports**, (volunteer coordinator, DEV): *The Happiness Project* by Gretchen Rubin.



**Kelley Riha**, (community information coordinator, OUT): *Stone Heart*, by Diane Glancy, *Race and the University* by George Henderson, *The Sundown Chaser* by Dusty Richards.

**Diana Rupp**, (circ clerk, BE): *The Lost Empire* by Clive Cussler, *The Bone Key* by Christine Barber.

**Emily Williams**, (young adult services coordinator, OUT): *Clockwork Angel* by Cassandra Clare, *Jumped* by Rita Williams-Garcia, *After* by Amy Efaw, *Teen-Centered Library Service: Putting Youth Participation Into Practice* by Diane P. Tuccillo.

## Book Review Podcasts for Children's and Young Adult's Books

You programmers know about this already, but it may be news for everyone else. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries has started a Children's and Young Adult Book Review Podcast. You can catch it at <http://yalitlovers.oklibshare.org/> Listen on your computer or download it through iTunes to an MP3 player or smartphone.

Twice a month, Adrienne Butler, Youth Services Consultant at ODL, posts new podcasts. Among the podcaster are Adrienne and our own **Emily Williams** (Young Adult Services Coordinator).

"This might be a good way to keep up on your children's/ YA lit reader's advisory," Emily said. "Our latest podcast is all about *Mockingjay*, the bestselling conclusion to the Hunger Games trilogy. Another recent podcast was about *One Crazy Summer*, which I think will probably win the Newbery Award (or a Newbery Honor) from ALA in January."

The podcasts are rich with spoilers. "If you're going to read the book and don't want to know what happens," Emily warned, "wait until after you read to listen. But if you just want to keep up with new books for kids and teens, this is a good place to start."

## Stay FOCUSED

This year FOCUS is starting off with something a little different. Stacy Schrank and the FOCUS team have booked one of the most promising keynote speakers ever—Danny Cahill, the man who lost over 55% of his body weight during the 8th season of the TV show *The Biggest Loser*, to become the program's biggest loser ever.

Born in Midwest City and now living in Broken Arrow, Cahill is a musician who has played with Donny Osmond, PC Quest, and other bands. He's also a motivational speaker who tours the country regularly. He has appeared on *The Today Show*, *The Jay Leno Show*, *Live with Regis & Kelly*, *The Doctors*, *The Joy Behar Show*, *Larry King Live*, *The Suze Orman Show*, *Issues with Jane Valez-Mitchell*, and numerous radios shows.

Danny firmly believes that "it is never too late to right the ship, get back on your horse and write some brand new words in your life story."



Credit: NBC

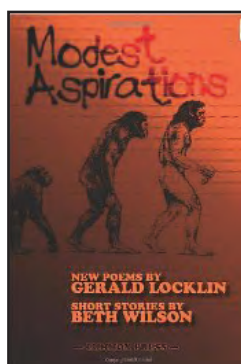




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## Another MLS Author is Published

**Beth Wilson**, librarian at MC, has published a book co-written with California poet Gerald Locklin. The book is called *Modest Aspirations*, a title cleverly nudging Charles Dickens' *Great Expectations*. Locklin wrote the first half of the volume, a



collection he calls "New Poems"—Beth wrote the second half, a collection of seven short stories called "Personal Loans."

MLS owns eight copies of the book and all of them are currently checked out. Put a copy on reserve—or, better yet, buy one—and read the stories.

And congratulations to Beth for doing what so many of us would like to do but never even attempt.



### • MYSTERY PERSON •

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

<b>Fave Music:</b>	Classic Rock
<b>Fave Book(s):</b>	The Bible
<b>Fave Sport:</b>	College Football
<b>Fave Vacation(s):</b>	Camping in the Rockies
<b>Fave Movie:</b>	<i>Real Genius</i>
<b>Fave TV Show:</b>	<i>Chuck</i>
<b>Fave Food:</b>	Rib-eye steak
<b>Fave Season:</b>	Fall
<b>Fave Hobby:</b>	Gadgets
<b>Family:</b>	Married with Children
<b>Do you Text, Facebook, Twitter, etc</b>	Yes
<b>PC or MAC:</b>	PC
<b>Fave SmartPhone App:</b>	Launcher Pro for Android
<b>Special Skills:</b>	Seeping, cooking, gaming, eating

**What profession would you be in if you were not working in the library?** Maybe a butcher so I could cut my own rib-eye.

**Do you have a Bucket List and what's at the top?** No, because then if I don't get to do all the things, I'll die with regrets.

Answer on page 6

## STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

**Regina Wolfinger**, BI circ clerk, has worked for MLS for 20 years.

She is married and has two sons, two grandsons and two cats.

After work Regina stitches quilts, works counted crosstitch, gardens and reads.

She watches football and the Pittsburgh Steelers are her favorite team.

She recently read Janet Evanovich's *Wicked Appetite*.

Regina's dream vacation is to go to Egypt. But her favorite getaway so far was The Sequoyah National Park.

Regina says one of her favorite things about working at the library "are all the interesting people I meet at circulation."





## The ShelfLife Quiz: Horrid Quotations

Yes, it is October and that means but one thing—scary stuff. Let's see how well you can do in matching up atmospheric opening lines of horror stories (and not always famous ones) with their titles and authors.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. "Adam Salton sauntered into the Empire Club, Sydney, and found awaiting him a letter from his grand-uncle."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. "The solemn tones of an old cathedral clock have announced midnight—the air is thick and heavy—a strange, death like stillness pervades all nature."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. "The story had held us, round the fire, sufficiently breathless, but except the obvious remark that it was gruesome, as, on Christmas Eve in an old house, a strange tale should essentially be, I remember no comment uttered till somebody happened to say that it was the only case he had met in which such a visitation had fallen on a child."

- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. "I breathe freely in the neighbourhood of this lake; the ground upon which I tread has been subdued from the earliest ages; the principal objects which immediately strike my eye, bring to my recollection scenes, in which man acted the hero and was the chief object of interest."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. "In Styria, we, though by no means magnificent people, inhabit a castle, or schloss."
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. "The most merciful thing in the world, I think, is the inability of the human mind to correlate all its contents."

Titles and authors:

- A. *The Vampyre*, by John William Polidori
- B. *Carmilla*, by Joseph Sheridan LeFanu
- C. *Turn of the Screw*, by Henry James
- D. *Varney, the Vampire*, by Thomas Preskett Prest
- E. *The Call of Cthulhu*, by H.P. Lovecraft
- F. *Lair of the White Worm*, by Bram Stoker

Answers on page 6

## Bobbie Sue Needs a Home

My husband and I have a cat that we need to find a good home. She was a stray that we started taking care of but doesn't get along well with our other cats. We're not sure how old she is but think she is under one year. My husband calls her Bobbie Sue. If anyone is interested I can be contacted here at BE or by email, [rfields@metrolibrary.org](mailto:rfields@metrolibrary.org).

- Regina Fields, BE



**DON'T FORGET**

**United Way**





## HELLO TO

Jake Dubberstein.....	Page, ED
Wendy Redwine.....	Page, ED
Jack Wright .....	Page, ED
Rori Buresh.....	Page, ED
Patrick Riley .....	Proj. Spc., OUT
Alex Hinton.....	Page, WA
Albert Brown.....	Mtc. Tech. I, MTC
Larinda Crossland.....	Mail Tech., DIR
Derek Davis.....	Mtc. Tech.1, MTC
Keisha Moore .....	Page, RE
John Rahhal.....	Accountant, BO
David Morand .....	Page, BE

## PROMOTION

Carl Tibbets.....	From Page to Tech. Asst., ED
Ngoc Nguyen .....	From Page to Circ Clerk, VI

## TRANSFERS

Brandon Rose.....	Page, from BE to ED
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## GOODBYE TO

Christy Richards .....	Page, ED
Evelyn Brown .....	Circ Clerk, VI
Jagtar Sanghera .....	Page, ED
Donna Canfield .....	Page, WA
Sara Outhier .....	Page, ED
Brad Gaffney.....	Recvg. Tech., TP
Jeanette Norris .....	Page, MC
Myles Younge.....	Tech. Asst., BI
Brenda Stockton-Hiss.....	Tech. Asst., BI

## SYMPATHY

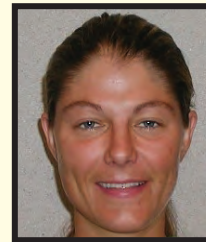
To **Becky Mason**, WA, whose mother passed away September 1.

And to **Donna Morris**, DIR, whose father died September 5.

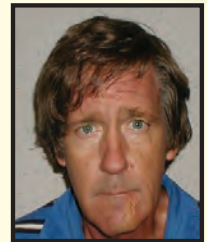
Sympathy also to **Stan Taucer**, BI, whose mother died September 6.



*Jake Dubberstein*



*Wendy Redwine*



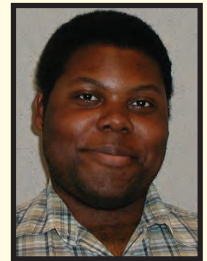
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*Rori Buresh*



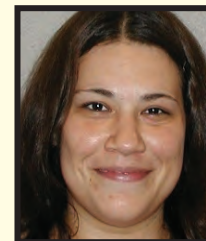
*Patrick Riley*



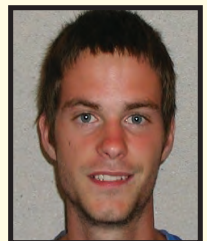
*Alex Hinton*



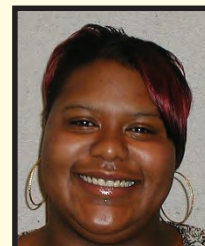
*Albert Brown*



*Larinda Crossland*



*Derek Davis*



*Keisha Moore*



*John Rahhal*



*David Morand*

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Melissa Weathers**, MSL, and husband Bruce Weathers, on the birth of their second son Gabriel, born September 9.

Congratulations also to **Mary Strasner**, DN, whose daughter Liz Heimann gave birth to son Benjamin, on September 15 in Pittsburgh.

## Answers to ShelfLife Quiz

1. F
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. E





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## October Bulletin Board



### October Birthdays



SHELDON L. BEACH	10/1
LINDA A. TEMPLE	10/1
ELIZABETH ALLEN	10/3
JEROD PAUL GERFEN	10/4
LISA MYERS	10/4
STACEY O'NEIL	10/6
TRACEY THOMPSON	10/6
BARBARA BEASLEY	10/7
KRISTIN WILLIAMSON	10/7
GEORGE MARSHALL	10/8
STANLEY TAUCER	10/8
LAVETTA DENT	10/9
AFTON MARTIN	10/9
JEAN CIAR ANTON PIERCE	10/10
CHERYL COLEMAN	10/11
MYRA DAWN DOVER	10/13
ROGER BANKER	10/14
SHARON THOMPSON	10/14
SYDNEY ASHBY	10/15
JOSHUA WELLS	10/15
FANNIE HARSHBARGER	10/16
CHRISTOPHER LARWIG	10/17
MARY PARKER	10/17
RONDIA BANKS	10/18
MARY MCELROY	10/18
MARYL BAIRD	10/19
LACI BOWERS	10/19
PAULINE RODRIGUEZ-ATKINS	10/20
WARREN ELLIOTT ANDERSON	10/21
JOHN R. DAY	10/22
MALLORY WEIGL	10/22
RUTH BUTLER	10/23
MATT LOGO-FALEPOUONO	10/23
REBECCA MASON	10/24
BRYAN SMYTHE	10/24
KELLIE DELANEY	10/25
DEBORAH GOSSET	10/29
HEIDI PORT	10/30
KARL BLANKENSHIP	10/31



### Employee's October



### Date-of-Hire

JIMMY C. WELCH	10/22/1970
FRANCIE L. PENDLETON	10/9/1972
RUBY J. SOUTIERE	10/1/1978
STEVEN B. JENKINS	10/5/1987
REGINA D. FIELDS	10/4/1993
CYNTHIA A. MARTIN	10/1/1998
LINDA J. HOLMBERG	10/22/1998
RONDIA K. BANKS	10/4/1999
LISA K. BRADLEY	10/22/1999
PATSY A. GLOVER	10/16/2000
TODD S. OLBERDING	10/1/2001
CHARLES S. ISAACS	10/1/2001
KATHRYN M. DUNN	10/18/2001
SUSAN J HUTCHINS	10/7/2002
JONATHAN I. TOLLE	10/11/2002
MELISSA K. WEATHERS	10/28/2002
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	10/4/2004
SHELDON L. BEACH	10/5/2004
JESSICA Y. LITTLE	10/12/2004
WENDY J. GABRIELSON	10/13/2004
ERICA Y. RUTLAND	10/21/2004
KRISTIN WILLIAMSON	10/25/2004
PATRICIA RIVAS	10/26/2004
KATHRYN F. HATFIELD	10/3/2005
JEROD PAUL GERFEN	10/23/2006
LI WANG	10/26/2006
BRENDA STOCKTON-HISS	10/26/2006
HARRY DUY HOANG	10/27/2006
CAROL OVERTON	10/11/2007
MACKENZIE STEPHENS	10/6/2008
KERBIE M. ADDIS	10/6/2008
MICHAEL ERIC OWENS	10/6/2008
DREA MAE-DIA GATES	10/7/2008
CANDACE C. TURNER	10/7/2008
STEVEN LEE GLOVER	10/7/2008
KATHRYN KAY SHEESLEY	10/8/2008
CHRISTOPHER KENNEDY	10/20/2008
AMANDA DOWDING	10/28/2008
PHILLIP DEWAYNE BELT	10/5/2009
MATT LOGO-FALEPOUONO	10/5/2009
BRADLEY M. BRUCKER	10/19/2009
MALLORY L. WEIGL	10/19/2009





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SELMA ZUHDI	11/1
ANGELA THORNTON	11/2
KAREN JILL STRANGE	11/2
WENDY LYNN REDWINE	11/3
PENELOPE GREER BIRD	11/4
KELLEY L. RIHA	11/4
LINDA J. HOLMBERG	11/5
CHERYLL RENEE JONES	11/7
ALEXANDER HINTON	11/7
SHARON LEIGH NELSON	11/9
LARINDA CROSSLAND	11/9
LOVINIA M. NICHOLS	11/10
BETTY SCOTT	11/11
FELICIA ANN HAYES	11/11
MATTHEW E. EVANS	11/11
MARGARET J. COLLINS	11/11
JESSICA DEANNE CARTER	11/12
SHARON DAVIS JORSKI	11/12
ROY S. BALLOU	11/13
RANDY L. KNUTSON	11/13
STACY G. SCHRANK	11/13
SHANELLE J. JACKSON	11/14
NICOLE DAWN CHANEY	11/14
DENISE D. RYAN	11/15
TERI L. REDENBAUGH	11/16
DONNA L. MORRIS	11/16
KAREN ELAINE CASEY	11/18
LISA K. BRADLEY	11/19
TARYN AIMEE KINGERY	11/21
CATHY GALE WEBB	11/22
HEIDI ELISABETH WELLS	11/25
KELLEY A. CHEEK	11/25
DESTAVIE S. ELLIS	11/25
LORI ANN MULLOOLY	11/26
PHYLLIS A. DAVIDSON	11/26
LISA DAWN COKER	11/27
SACHE D. PRIMEAUX-SHAW	11/27
DEANNA L. BIDDLE	11/29
DAN W. HOLMAN	11/30
J. PRESTON BELL	11/30



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DANA L. MORROW	11/5/1979
RANDY E. WAYLAND	11/16/1982
DENYVETTA DAVIS	11/22/1982
PERRY A. WILSON	11/16/1984
PAULINE RODRIGUEZ-ATKINS	11/4/1985
DEANNA L. BIDDLE	11/3/1986
J. PRESTON BELL	11/25/1986
SALLY K. PHILLIPS	11/21/1995
DEBRA K. JACKSON	11/4/1996
KELLEY L. RIHA	11/13/2000
DARRIE J. BREATHWIT	11/20/2000
ELIZABETH ANN KESSLER	11/20/2000
MARY L. STEPHENS	11/27/2000
DAVID WILLIAM FRENCH	11/15/2001
CHERYL ANN COLEMAN	11/4/2002
JOHN C. R. UTLEY	11/4/2002
SERINA L. GARCIA	11/26/2002
LISA DAWN COKER	11/10/2003
LINDA A. ELSTON	11/24/2003
PETER L. ROBERS ON	11/24/2003
LINDA LEE HYAMS	11/24/2003
ALICIA M. RUZYCKI	11/24/2003
STACEY MARIE O'NEIL	11/23/2004
SALLY A. GRAY	11/7/2005
TULIN R. LAFOLLETTE	11/15/2005
LOIS F. CROSS	11/28/2005
DEVON D. MCDANIEL	11/28/2005
BREANNE L. FORD	11/8/2006
KAELI M. DUNN	11/5/2007
BRANDON M. ROSE	11/5/2007
KAREN JILL STRANGE	11/3/2008
LISA LEA HEINRICH	11/3/2008
DONNA R. ADAMEK	11/5/2008
NICHOLAS R. THOMPSON	11/10/2008
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