



ShelfLife



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FROM THE AD TEAM:

ANNE FISCHER, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Did you know that in addition to service calls, at least once every quarter, an IT Tech checks every computer :

- to make sure all cabling is secure and tied up neatly
- checks monitors for dimness or distortion and schedules replacement if there are problems
- relabels any equipment that is improperly labeled,
- installs updates to all common programs such as Internet Explorer plugins, etc.
- checks printers for any maintenance messages
- checks the UPS in the data closet to make sure the batteries are not in need of replacement
- asks Library Manager or person in charge if they have had any computer problems reported to them
- talks to staff in various areas to see if they have had any problems with equipment or problems reported to them
- checks the library laptop to make sure all software is up to date
- checks express computer and cabinet to make sure fans are working properly and temperature inside the cabinet is acceptable
- cleans keyboards, mice, and monitors
- replace mousepads on all public computers and on staff computers if needed

IT has also been spending time getting ready for the new replacement computers this year. These computers will have the Windows 7 operating system which will be new to some staff and customers. Windows XP is not going to

be supported too much longer so we are going to start making the switch this year. As part of this upgrade, all library software has to be updated with a new way of communicating with the NonStop system. Jimmy is currently working on this project as well as several others.

We are also spending quite a bit of time planning for the remodel of Southern Oaks and the new Northwest Library. Both libraries will have sorters in their staff work areas as well as one service desk instead of separate circulation and reference desks. Both libraries will also be implementing a new tool called a "touch-down" station. This will be two or three cabinets located throughout the building that hold computers for staff to use while assisting customers. We have been testing both the iPad and netbook for use at these stations. They can connect to the network wirelessly but are both small and light enough that staff could take it with them to the shelf when assisting the customer. Then, if the material is not on the shelf, they can place the reserve right there without having to go back to the desk to have computer access.

All in all, this is an exciting time for IT and the library and we are looking forward to continue our regular work as well as implement these new projects.



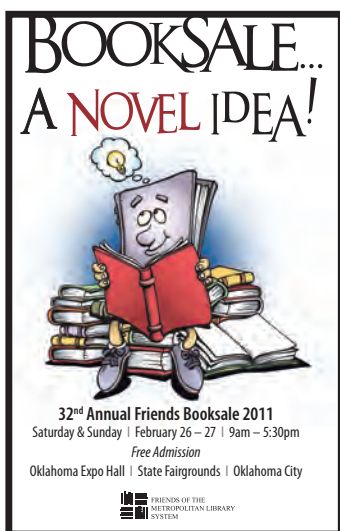
Get *Friendly*

Have you noticed that the Friends of the Library, DVS, and the Endowment Trust have re-designed pages on the MLS website? We clicked there just to check it out and were greeted by **Jill Vessels** smiling face (Jill's one of our Cataloging Techs). Go here and take a look. www.supportmls.org.

Folks can now go to the FOL part of the DVS section and renew their memberships online, a great convenience for those who mean to do it but always manage to forget. "The best part," said **Siobhan Morava** from DVS, "is that if you renew your membership online for the Friends, it will transfer directly into the database that we use in the Development Office! This has already become a huge timesaver for our office and we are very excited at how this will further streamline our work flow."

Something to keep in mind, though, is that you or customers cannot volunteer for projects through the Friends site. **Heidi Port** will continue to track volunteers with her own special method.

If you haven't seen it yet, the theme for Book-sale 2011 is: "Booksale . . . A Novel Idea!" It's not too early to order a Booksale t-shirt—short sleeved, Navy blue. Get that order ready quickly as Siobhan will send in the total order during the first week of this month.

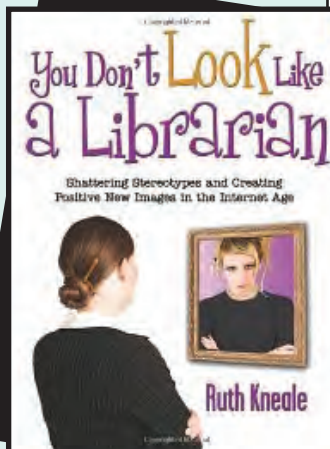


Library Lit: Books to Help with Professional Growth

You Don't Look Like a Librarian: Shattering and Creating Positive New Images in the Internet Age

by Ruth Kneale

Shelf number: 020.92/K681y



Librarians, and really all library staff members, are expected by the public to look a certain way—and it isn't like Gisele Bündchen or Michael Bergin. All professions are saddled with their own particular stereotypes, and they're rarely flattering, but many professionals seem able to improve their negative image. But it's tough for librarians, and Kneale's book looks at the nasty truth that our image has in many instances kept librarians, and by extension all libraries, from being taken seriously.

Kneale spent 10 years studying librarian stereotypes and the impact they have on libraries, our careers, and the future success of the profession. She conducted over 1,000 respondent surveys and interviews, and draws on the published literature on the subject.

The result is a unique, entertaining, and eye-opening look at librarian stereotypes and their real-world consequences in the Internet Age.



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

Doug Bentin, (communications specialist, MaC): *Diana Tempest* by Mary Cholmondeley, *A Complete Stories* by H.P. Lovecraft, *The Sign of the Spider* by Bertram Mitford.

Jennifer Jones, (associate librarian CH): *The House of Night* series by PC and Kristen Cast, and *Shattering Your Strongholds* by Liberty Savard.

Dana Morrow, (director of outreach services, OUT): *The Secret Life of Lobsters: How Fishermen and Scientists Are Unraveling the Mysteries of Our Favorite Crustacean* by Trevor Corson, *Midnight at the Dragon Cafe* by Judy Fong Bates, and *Freedom* by Jonathan Franzen.

Tracy Stone, (librarian DN): *Our Kind of Traitor* by John Le Carre, *The Girl Who Played With Fire* by Steig Larsson.



Beth Wilson, (librarian, MC): *Love is a Mix Tape*, by Rob Sheffield, *The Illustrated Man* by Ray Bradbury, *Physik* by Angie Sage, and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by J.K. Rowling

Lisa Wood, (children's services coordinator, OUT): *The Secret Life of Lobsters* by Trevor Corson, *Do It Anyway: The New Generation of Activists* by Courtney Martin, *21st Century Kids, 21st Century Librarians* by Virginia Walter, *Children's Services: Partnerships for Success* by Betsy Diamant-Cohen.

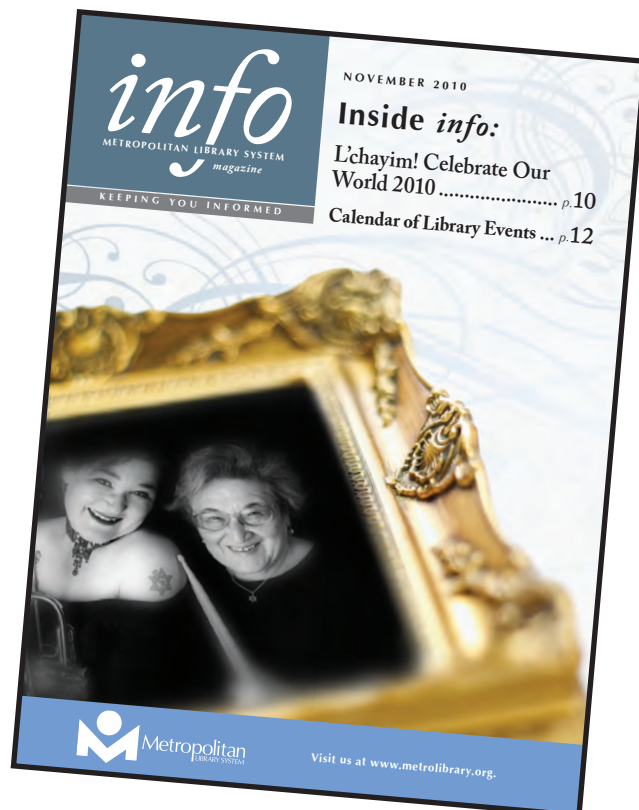
Nancy Lytle, (communications specialist, MaC) *The Forest for the Trees* revised by Betsy Lerner.

Klezmer Coming Atcha!

As you probably know by now, the Our World concerts which play between November 7 – 12 this year present a style of secular Jewish folk music called klezmer. Most people will tell you that they don't know what it is, actually, they've probably heard it but don't know what it's called.

Perhaps of the music's unfamiliarity, your customers may ask you about it. If so, take a look at the Our World cover article for this month's *info* magazine. The article defines the music and is a brief introduction to the mother/daughter team of musicians who will be the Our World performers this year.

Here's hoping this year's entry into Our World will be as popular as the concerts have been in the past.





Let's All Meet on the Intranet

Have you visited the Meetings Minutes page on the MLS Intranet lately? Probably not, but you should take a look. The Web Services Team has done some punching up and redesigning.

The information you can find there includes:

- Which committees are active
- Which minutes are the latest
- Links to all active committees and a list of ad-hoc committees
- RSS feed so you can subscribe to receive automatic notification that new minutes have been posted
- Calendar of upcoming meetings
- Lists of current committee members
- E-mail committee forms
- Digital archive of available meeting minutes

"We are working hard to improve how information is accessed and found on our Intranet and hope that these updates are helpful," the Web Services Team said. "We are excited for these updates and we look forward to the future where we can better serve your informational needs."



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

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| Fave Music: | Ragtime or Blues |
| Fave Book(s): | Tolkien's Ring Trilogy |
| Fave Movie(s): | <i>Jaws</i> |
| Fave Sport: | Dirt track auto racing |
| Fave Vacation(s): | Western slope of Colorado |
| Fave TV Show: | <i>Coupling</i> (BBC version) |
| Fave Food: | Anything smaller and slower than me |
| Fave Season: | Oregano |
| Fave Hobby: | Photography |
| Family: | Wife, brother, brother-in-law |
| Fave Pet: | Big, dumb sloppy dogs |
| Fave SmartPhone App: | I prefer my phones extremely stupid. I'd have a rotary dial cell phone if they made one |

What profession would you be in if you were not working in the library? Starving photojournalist.

Do you have a Bucket List and what's at the top? Maybe a trip to Australia. Do you know something I should know?

Answer on page 6

STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Angela Hill, CH teen programmer and associate librarian, has worked at MLS for five years.

At home she's a scrapbooker and a Mom to two teens that she says are turning her hair gray!

She has mad Just Dance skills and recently discovered and become addicted to Angry Birds that she plays on her iPad.

She says she's a "cruise junkie" and loves anything about the sea.

Angela is also a reader. She just finished the YA lit *Fade* by Lisa McMan.

Her favorite thing about working at the library is finding interesting programs for teens.





The ShelfLife Quiz: **Oklahoma Politics**

It's probably no accident that elections come so close to Halloween, especially this year. How much do you know about Oklahoma politics? Find out with this quick quiz.

1. Of Oklahoma's five congressional districts only one has a Democrat currently serving. Who is he?
2. One of Oklahoma's fringe "Third Party" parties rejects the notion of digital copyright infringement. Which party is it?
3. State Senator Nancy Riley did something unusual for a politician in 2006. What was it?
4. In 2000, then-Senator Don Nickles did something else unusual for a politician. What was it?
5. Who was the first Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives?
6. Why is Democrat Steve Burrage currently the State Auditor?
7. The Executive Branch is made up of nine (9) offices, only one of which is held by a Republican as of Nov. 1, 2010. Which office is it?
8. What percentage of the vote must a political party achieve in a gubernatorial or presidential election in order to maintain its active status in Oklahoma?

- A. Alfalfa Bill Murray
- B. 10%
- C. Appeared as himself in the movie Traffic
- D. He replaced Jeff McMahan who resigned in 2008 due to corruption charges
- E. Dan Boren
- F. Corporation Commission (Dana Murphy)
- G. The Pirate Party
- H. Switched parties from Republican to Democrat



DATABASE TRIALS

Honestly, who doesn't love databases? I see someone not holding his hand up. Uh, there it goes. That's better.

We currently have trial subscriptions to a couple of databases you might want to take a look at. If you have an opinion as to whether or not they will be of use to your customers, give **Susan Ryan** a call in Materials Selection (x 3808).

First is Learning Express Job & Career Accelerator. To participate in the trial, go to our databases page and click on Learning Express Library. Before using the trial you must login at the bottom. If you have never used this site before and don't have an existing login, please register on the new users tab. Once you've done this, click on the orange box at the top left that says "Job & Career Accelerator" to get started.

Go here to get started: <http://www.learnatest.com/LEL/index.cfm/>

This trial lasts until 12/20/10.

Next in line is Proquest's

Press Display online (<http://library.pressdisplay.com>).

This is an online service that provides many same day newspapers (national and international) in the original published format. Notice the title tab at the top right. You can search for newspapers by country, language, or alphabetically. Same day *Dallas Morning News* and *Tulsa World* are a couple of papers included. You'll need to play with it a little to get the hang of it. Notice the green slider bar on the right and click on the tool bar at the bottom in order to reveal the lower green slider bar; these are helpful navigational tools. They allow you move up and down and side to side.



MYSTERY PERSON IS:

**Galen Kurth,
SO**

HELLO TO

Dustin Chandler..... Page, BE
Sara Noriega..... Page, VI
Tom Weaver..... Proj. Spc., OUT
Cara Koszara..... Page, HR

PROMOTION

Tulin LaFollette..... From Page, HR, to
Assoc. Librarian, DC
Cindy Martin..... From Page to
Assoc. Librarian, VI

GOODBYE TO

Alicia Hester..... Page, BI
Melissa Spears..... Page, ED
Kerbie Addis..... Page, ED
Felicia Bennett..... Page, VI



Dustin Chandler



Sara Noriega



Tom Weaver



Cara Koszara

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Dana Phillips** (PLA), and **Sheldon Beach** (DN) who were married Sept. 18. The couple went on a honeymoon to Canada.

SYMPATHY

To **Lisa Coker**, MSL, whose grandmother died in October in Tulsa.

Answers to ShelfLife Quiz

Answers:

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

Grand Prize Winner

Ken Biddle, husband of **Deanna Biddle**, Belle Isle Library associate librarian, was recently selected as winner of the grand prize in this year's photo contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Literacy Coalition. The coalition is headquartered in Ponca City.

The award was announced at the 25th Annual State Literacy Conference Sept 30-Oct 1. The meeting was held at the National Center for Employee Development in Norman.

Biddle's winning photograph depicted his student, Charlie Su and Charlie's daughter, Lisa, reading to her father on a bench in front of the Edmond library. Charlie and his family have lived in America two years. Biddle has been helping Charlie with listening and pronunciation about a year at the Project Read office in Edmond.

—Deanna Biddle





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November Bulletin Board



November Birthdays



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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 |



Employee's November Date-of-Hire



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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 |
| SHARON LEIGH NELSON | 11/13/2008 |
| KARL BLANKENSHIP | 11/17/2008 |
| JOANN WALKUP | 11/17/2008 |
| DAWN L. GEHLING | 11/24/2008 |
| JEAN CIAR ANTON PIERCE | 11/9/2009 |



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| CORY NIEBANK, III | 12/1 |
| CAROL OVERTON | 12/1 |
| CHRIS CARROLL | 12/1 |
| RORI BURESH | 12/1 |
| EMILY GREEN | 12/2 |
| KIM RICKEY | 12/2 |
| ALAN SIAVASHI | 12/3 |
| MELODY NEARY | 12/3 |
| JENNIFER JONES | 12/5 |
| KIM NELSON | 12/5 |
| CHARLEEN MILLER | 12/6 |
| BETHANY SKOCH | 12/7 |
| JO NITA WHITE | 12/7 |
| DEBORAH MONTGOMERY | 12/9 |
| VICKIE DIXON | 12/10 |
| JAIME HACKWORTH | 12/11 |
| ALICIA RUZYCKI | 12/12 |
| FAYE HORN | 12/12 |
| CINDY FRAZIER | 12/13 |
| VANDA COLE | 12/14 |
| LORETTA FRANTZ | 12/15 |
| ROSEMARY CZARSKI | 12/18 |
| JULIE HENRY | 12/19 |
| SUSAN BECKETT | 12/20 |
| DUSTIN CHANDLER | 12/21 |
| REGINALD WALKER | 12/21 |
| DOUG BENTIN | 12/22 |
| JENNIFER ADKISSON | 12/22 |
| TERI WOOLEY | 12/22 |
| JON VODKA | 12/24 |
| MARY TAYLOR | 12/27 |
| KIM EDWARDS | 12/28 |
| PHIL TOLBERT | 12/28 |
| ANDREA GESELL | 12/31 |



Employee's December Date-of-Hire



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| DOUGLAS G. BENTIN | 12/26/1985 |
| ROSEMARY G. RYDEN | 12/3/1996 |
| EDWARD AHAD MARAND | 12/1/1997 |
| JOAN G. KENDALL | 12/20/1999 |
| KATHRYN UPCHURCH | 12/29/1999 |
| SHARON D. THOMPSON | 12/11/2000 |
| DIANE RICE | 12/23/2002 |
| REGINALD WALKER | 12/30/2004 |
| RICHARD ANTONISSE | 12/12/2005 |
| JOSHUA DONALD LEWIS | 12/4/2006 |
| KELLIE JEAN DELANEY | 12/4/2006 |
| ALLEGRA D. SEALS | 12/18/2006 |
| DENNIS D. DELANO | 12/3/2007 |
| GRANT E. YOKLEY | 12/5/2007 |
| SHARON L. YOUNG | 12/17/2007 |
| TIFFANY L. BONNER | 12/1/2008 |
| ELLINGTON H. WOODY SR | 12/29/2008 |
| JEAN M. LONGO | 12/7/2009 |
| LORI ANN MULLOOLY | 12/14/2009 |
| KASANDRA DEWBRE | 12/14/2009 |
| MACEY RAE HERNANDEZ | 12/28/2009 |