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Kindle Lending Comes to MLS

Good news, Kindle users! It has been "confirmed" that we WILL have Kindle compatible eBooks sometime. While Kindle & OverDrive, our eBook provider, have announced a launch date of later this year, we do not yet have a definite date.

Our existing collection of downloadable eBooks will be available to Kindle customers. As we add new eBooks to our collection, those titles will also be available for lending to Kindle and Kindle reading apps.

Just like our other eBooks, customers will be able to browse for titles on any desktop or mobile operating system, check out a title with a library card, and then select Kindle as the delivery destination. The borrowed title can then be enjoyed using any Kindle device and all of Amazon's free Kindle reading apps.

The Kindle eBook titles borrowed from a library will carry the same rules and policies as all our other eBooks.

Yeah!!





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At The Village: Reduxion Theatre and A Midsummer Night's Dream

you can stuff your bellies
with oysters and shrimp
you may have your ribbon and bell
for bill and me it is liberty
o wotthehell bill wotthehell

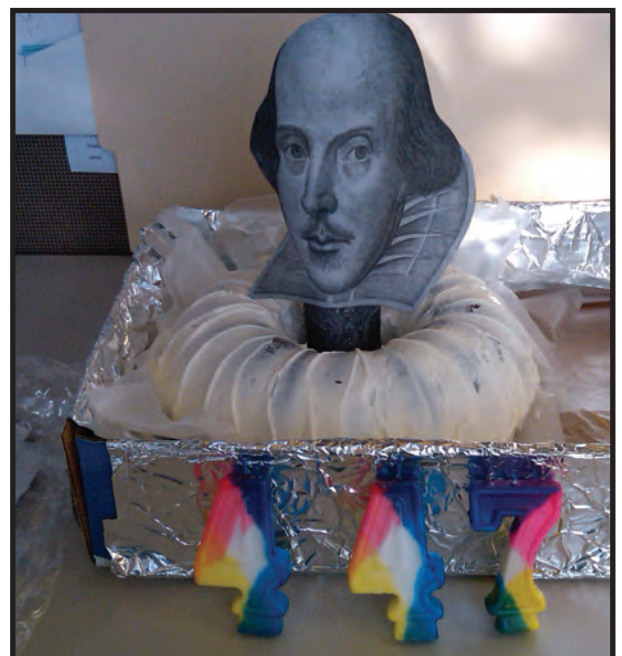
So sayeth archie the cockroach, the poetic creation of Don Marquis. Archie used to compose poems leaping from key to key on Marquis' typewriter—all his writing was in lower case because jumping on and off the shift lock was too much trouble—and one of his favorite subjects was the man he always called "bill."

Well, we're fans of bill, too and it may be too late now for even a belated birthday card, but April 23 was William Shakespeare's 447th birthday. To celebrate the occasion, as well as to welcome the Reduxion Theatre Company's traveling production of bill's great comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, **LaVetta Dent** and the merry crew at The Village Library created some banners and a nifty book display. They outdid themselves with a birthday cake, about which the theatre company's Artistic Director, Tyler Woods, said, "This is sooo cool!!! We can't wait! Thank you all so much for making this so special already!"

"Now that's what it is all about," said Director of Outreach Services **Dana Morrow**, "the marriage of programming and literature! Well done Village staff!"

Well done, indeed. I know bill is pleased.

Photos by Juliana Link.





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Downtown International Festival— A Successful Event

The annual Asian Festival at Downtown has been such a success," said librarian Sheldon Beach, "we decided to try something even more expansive."

This year The International Festival, held on April 2, featured a wide variety of performances, demonstrations, arts, and crafts celebrating cultures from around the world." Performances began at 11:00 a.m. and featured classical dance of India, country and western music by

Jim Garling and the Prairie Drifters, Mexica Explendor Aztec Dancers, mariachi music by Mariachi Ogullo de America, the Hawaiian music and dance of Ohana, and traditional blues music by Miss Blues. Anywhere between 400-500 people attended.

The activities included Chinese calligraphy, Russian stacking dolls, Mexican flower making, Hawaiian flower hair clip making, Adindra Symbol making, Native American hand games, salsa dance, country and western dance lessons with Donny Ainsworth, Brazilian Circle dance demonstrations, and food samplings.

Photos by Chris Larwig.





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Data Base Trials

We currently have a trial to another couple of databases that Materials Selector **Susan Ryan** would like for you to take a look at so you can let her know whether or not you think they would be worth a regular subscription. One is to Newsbank's product, America's Newspapers. The only subscription we currently have with Newsbank is the Oklahoman. The second trial is to Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage.

To access America's Newspapers, go to our list of databases and scroll down to Newsbank—Daily Oklahoman. Clicking on this will lead you to the first option of "America's Newspapers."

"I hope library staff will take a close look at this trial," Susan wrote. "I'd like them to look at this product in comparison with the existing newspaper database we have from Proquest called Proquest—Newspapers. Please email me with any questions, concerns, or comments."

As for NetAdvantage, Susan said, "The writing is on the wall—S&P is slowly discontinuing its print products in favor of their online product. As of now, they have discontinued the Daily Stock Record in print for the Daily Price Record on NetAdvantage. I hope the libraries that still have print subscriptions to S&P products will take a close look at this database. We can subscribe to the Daily Price Record by itself for now, but in the future it appears that access to their other products will only be through NetAdvantage. Maybe we have existing resources that cover this kind of information sufficiently now, and S&P is no longer needed? Please email me your thoughts."

Standard & Poor's says of their new database, "With NetAdvantage, you have ready access to our most popular research products including *Industry Surveys*, *Stock Reports*, *Mutual Fund/ETF Reports*, *Bond Reports*, *Corporation Records*, *The Register of Corporations, Directors and Executives*, and *The Outlook*, among others. Your trial begins immediately. To begin using the service, go to the NetAdvantage website at <http://www.netadvantage.standardandpoors.com>. Please be sure to bookmark this page for easy future access."

Take a look at this one, too, and see what you think.

Building a Reading City

When you visit someone for the first time, do you find a reason to glide over close to the bookshelf to see what kind of books the person reads? Yeah, we do, too. Once again we take a look at our colleagues' virtual bookshelves to see what's being read for fun and enlightenment. Send up your current reading lists so ShelfLife readers can check out your tastes. Send a note to dbentin@metrolibrary.org.

Elizabeth Kessler, (HUM): *The Emperor's Tomb* by AnBrian Green. *In the President's Secret Service* by Ronald Kessler and *Thriller: Stories to Keep You Up All Night*, edited by James Patterson.

Jana Hausburg, (DN): *Finders Keepers: A Tale of Archaeological Plunder and Obsession* by Craig Childs, *Poser: My Life in Twenty-Three Yoga Poses* by Claire Dederer, and *The Word Made Flesh: Literary Tattoos From Bookworms Worldwide* Edited by Eva Talmadge and Justin Taylor.

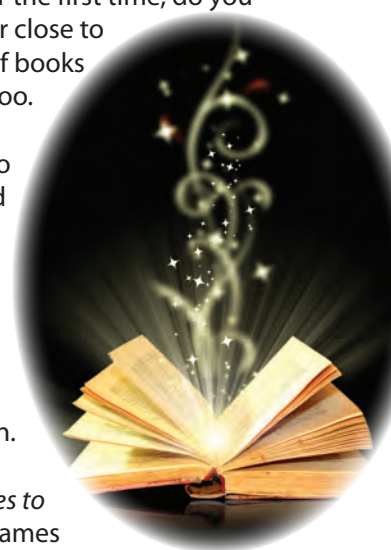
Dana Morrow, (OUT): *Hidden Reality* by Brian Green, *War* by Sebastian Junger, and *The Dressmaker of Khair Khana: Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family, and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon.

Doug Bentin, (MaC): *Seven Years* by Julia Kavanaugh, *Complete Short Stories, vol. 1* by Somerset Maugham, and *Catherine: A Story* by W.M. Thackeray.

Teresa Matthews, (ED): *Death Cloud* by Andrew Lane, *Dead Until Dark* by Charlaine Harris, and *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* by Seth Grahame-Smith.

Lindsay Egle, (DC): *The Lonely Polygamist* by Brady Udall and *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* by Douglas Adams.

Lynda Toney-Bahr, (OUT): *Glad No Matter What* by Susan Ariel Rainbow Kennedy (SARK)





College Savings Plan Awards Available Again in 2011

We've heard from Shaundra North, the Media Relations Director from Koch Communications, that The Oklahoma 529 College Savings Plan has partnered again this year with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries to offer two lucky 2011 Summer at the Library program participants the chance to win a \$2,529 college savings account. One winner each will be chosen from the Children and Teen programs across the state. Also, the library where the winners entered will each receive \$1,000 to go toward its reading programs.

To enter, parents, grandparents or guardians of Summer at the Library participants must complete the sweepstakes entry form available at any MLS library or enter online at www.ok4saving.org. Sweepstakes entry forms may be completed and returned to the library or returned by mail. Entries must be postmarked by July 31, 2011 and received by August 10, 2011 or submitted online by July 31, 2011. The Destination College Savings Sweepstakes runs May 15 to July 31. Visit www.ok4saving.org for sweepstakes official rules and prize details. MLS took advantage of this terrific deal last summer and two kiddos were made very happy by winning some cash for college. Help a couple more do the same in 2011.

More From Tim the Enchanter

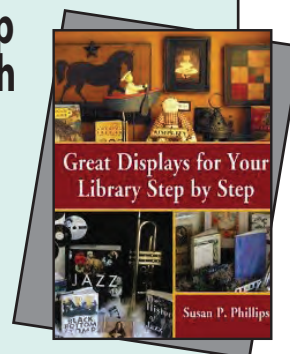
That's Tim Fisher, Downtown Assistant Manager of Library Operations. This month, he poses the question, "What do you call a Columbus Day gathering where MLS employees are taught magic tricks?"

Answer: Hocus Focus



Library Lit: Books to Help with Professional Growth Great Displays For Your Library: Step By Step

by Susan P. Phillips



Elsewhere in this issue you can see some snapshots of a display at The Village Library created in support of a program, the performance of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The Artistic Director of the theatre company presenting the play was delighted with what VI staff came up with.

Putting displays together may seem like pretty basic stuff, but eventually everyone runs out of ideas and a little creative help is appreciated. That's where a book like this one comes in handy. Here's how *Booklist* described it:

This is one book that lives up to its title. Phillips gives ideas for 123 displays, of which 46 are divided into 11 topical sections (authors, genres, holidays, etc.) and described in detail. The lively text offers sound advice on constructing inexpensive but effective displays using readily available materials. All of the 46 focus displays are treated identically. Beginning with an introduction to the subject, Phillips gives background on the genesis of the idea, the information included in the display and its source, and step-by-step instructions for creating the display and customizing it to available space. Graphics, balance, use of color, and targeted age range are also discussed. Some 77 more displays are described briefly in a section entitled "Month-by-Month Display Ideas." Appendixes include construction techniques, useful Web sites, a lengthy and detailed bibliography, and an accurate index. This has "used until dog-eared" potential for public libraries.

MLS has three copies so put it on reserve and thumb through it. You never know what you may see that sparks your imagination and earns you a pat on the back from a customer—or the boss.



From the Ad Team:

A Message from Karen Marriott on Project Gutenberg Titles



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Above are titles included in Project Gutenberg.

The ShelfLife Quiz:

The Lusty Month of May

May is the month, traditionally, for saying goodbye to the winter blues. "Tra la! It's May!" Guenevere sings in Camelot, "The lusty month of May! That lovely month when ev'ryone goes blissfully astray." Well, maybe you better save that "goes blissfully astray" part for when you get home, but while you're here take a whack at answering five Month of May trivia questions.

1. What is the origin of the name given to the fifth calendar month?
 - a. To honor "Maiesta," the Roman goddess of honor and reverence
 - b. To honor "May of Teck," a German princess who became Queen after marrying
 - c. The name comes from "maius," Swedish for "five"
2. What state was admitted to the union in May, 1858?
 - a. Wyoming
 - b. Idaho
 - c. Minnesota

3. Which of the following debuted on May 2, 1885?
 - a. The Wall Street Journal
 - b. Good Housekeeping
 - c. The Washington Post
4. Which of the following historical events occurred on May 13, 1913?
 - a. The dishwasher was invented
 - b. The first movie theater opened
 - c. The first soldier was buried at Arlington National
5. Which high-profile American court case began on May 5th, 1925, with the arrest of the defendant(s)?
 - a. The Scopes "monkey trial"
 - b. The Sacco and Vanzetti murder case
 - c. The Lindbergh kidnapping

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ROBE'D AND TASSEL'D

Okay, be honest—when you graduated from high school, what excited you most? The promise of getting on with the next part of your life, or the relief of having gotten finished with the first part of it? Personally, for two years I'd been singing along with The Animals, "We gotta get out of this place! If it's the last thing we ever do ..."

But let's leave the negative aspects out of this discussion and just wish a happy graduation and successful life to the members of our MLS family, and extended family, who are new graduates this May.

From Choctaw, Circ Clerk **Kevin Sendall's** daughter McKenna is graduating from Edmond Memorial High School this month. McKenna will be attending the University of Central Oklahoma to pursue studies in Graphic Design.

Downtown Library staff has several congratulations to send.

Rebekah Banks, daughter of Children's Librarian **Rondia Banks**, is graduating from Piedmont High School. She will be attending UCO where she will take classes in Biology/PreMedicine. She plans on transferring to OU in the future to pursue a General Dentistry degree. "Hopefully someday," Mother Banks said, "she will own her own dentist office."

From Librarian **Wendy Gabrielson**: "My daughter Sophia Gray Gabrielson is graduating the 8th grade. She is graduating from Classen School of Advanced Studies and is a vocal major. Sophia will be attending Classen SAS for high school and will continue to major in voice. She is also in the school theatre production and plays on the softball team.

Rebekah Sue Magbee, granddaughter of **Darlene Browsers**, will graduate on May 7 from high school with the Christian Fellowship Homeschool Co-Op.

Andrew Mock, son of **Julie** and **Roy Ballou**, will graduate May 7 from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelors of Architectural Engineering. He will begin graduate school at the University of Illinois in the fall.

Carsen Moon, Page, is graduating this spring from Classen School of Advanced Studies. He is planning on attending Oklahoma State University in the fall with a major in Mechanical Engineering and hopes to one day become an Aerospace Engineer.

From the Director's Office Administrative Specialist **Francie Pendleton** sends love and congratulations to her grandson Teonta Pendleton who is graduating from Centennial High School and plans to attend Langston University on a football scholarship.

Nita Normore, in Library Operations, is doing a little justified boasting about her son, Quarte' Robinson, who is graduating with honors and as Homecoming King from Putnam City North High School on May 15, 2011. Before attending Southern Nazarene University on a track scholarship this fall, Quarte' will be representing the State of Oklahoma in track & field with Down Under Sports International in Sydney, Australia and Wakiki, Hawaii this June. His college major is still pending at this time. "As a proud mother," Nita said, "I wish him all the best, many blessings and success in his future endeavors."

And out at The Village Library, Library Assistant **Carol Moody** sends best wishes to her only granddaughter, Kimberly Moody Park, who will graduate from OSU with a Doctor of Veterinarian Medicine degree.

Also from The Village Library, Associate Librarian **Mallory Weigl** is graduating from the OU School of Library and Information Studies. And if you think staying awake during Cataloging class is easy, you've never tried it.

ShelfLife, on behalf of all MLS staff members everywhere, tips it mortarboard to every one of our graduates and wishes that they all live long and prosper.

Salud!, graduates, and good for you!





Scavenging For an Answer

Downtown Librarian **Liz Kickham** had an off-the-wall request on Saturday, April 23, when a small group from Southwest Baptist Church stopped by. They were part of the church's Heartland Couples Amazing Race scavenger hunt and they needed to find a book with the word "heartland" in the title. Liz' first thought was to give them one of the classics, but surprisingly not one of *Heartland of the Seven Gables*, *Gone With the Heartland*, or *The Adventures of Huckleberry Heartland* was on the shelf. She did find a copy of *Voices from the Heartland*, a compilation of biographic narratives about women in Oklahoma, and that was perfect.

"I actually had two teams come through," Liz said. "They had to have a photo of two people from the team with the book they came up with, so when I handed the book to them they asked me to take their picture for the scavenger hunt. Fun!"

Truly is it said that when you start work at the library every morning you never know what kind of questions you're going to get.



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

Fave Music:	Musicals, ballads, old favorites
Fave Book(s):	Authors: Nevil Shute, Rumer Godden, Lillian Jackson Braun, Jan Karon-to name a few. <i>Murphy's Romance</i> , <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> , <i>You've Got mail</i> , <i>Exodus</i> , etc
Fave Movie(s):	Tennis
Fave Sports:	Any trip to Santa Fe
Fave Vacation:	<i>Modern Family</i> , <i>Castle</i> , <i>House Hunters International</i>
Fave TV Show:	Italian
Fave Food:	Daughter and son-in-law; son and daughter-in-law; granddaughter; 1 sister; 2 brothers and spouses; several nieces and nephews
Family:	Fall
Fave Season:	Needlework
Fave Hobby:	

What profession would you be in if you were not working at MLS? *an aesthetician*

Do you have a 'Bucket List' and what's at the top of it?
Attend the Wimbledon Championships

Answer on page 9

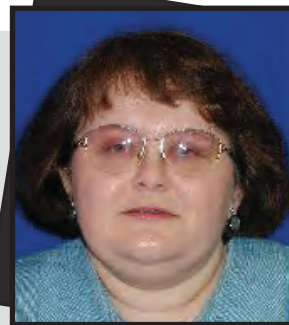
STAFF PROFILE *Fingerprints*

Jo Nita White, Harrah, said she would never have a Facebook account but, "then my 80-year-old cousin e-mailed me and said her daughter talked her into it, and would I please get on and look at her pictures?" So she's on Facebook!

She is also active in her church and is in a Bible study group. Besides supporting her church, Jo Nita enjoys and supports the Harrah Swim Team as they go to State.

Of course she reads and currently it's *The Devil's Food Cake Murder* by Joanne Fluke. Mysteries and listening to "Coast to Coast AM" during the night are her hobbies.

Working at the library, Jo Nita likes getting to know her customers—and she has had 30 years of getting to know them.





HELLO TO

Shatima Bennett	Page, RE
Linda Morales	Page, RE
Najah Hylton	Page, VI
Teresa Hawkins.....	Page, CT
Rebecca Spencer	Page, VI
Debbie Morris	Page, VI

PROMOTION

David Calhoun	BI from Page (PT) to to Circ Clerk (.75)
Katie Trattner	TP from Tech. Proc. Aide, to Tech Processor

TRANSFER

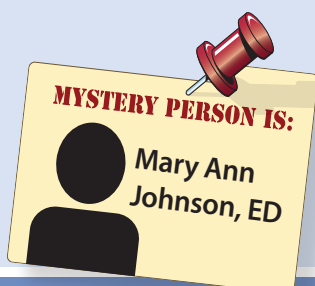
Denise Ryan.....	BO, from Acct. Payable Tech., to Acct. Tech.
Taryn Kingery	RE, from HT to FT Librarian
*Fran Harbert.....	From Librarian, DC, to LO
*Fran was going to retire but decided to stay on and work PT under Library Operations.	

GOODBYE TO

Tiffany Bonner	Page, VI
Nicholas Thompson.....	ILL Tech., ILL
JoAnn Walkup.....	Librarian, RE
Katie King	Pub. Computer, Spc., BI

RETIREMENT

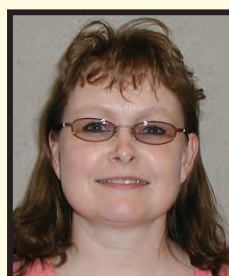
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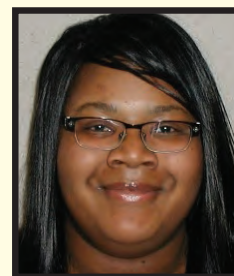
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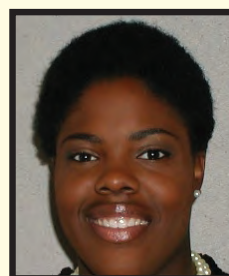
Linda Morales



Teresa Hawkins



Rebecca Spencer



Najah Hylton



Debbie Morris

SYMPATHY

- Denise Courts, Hum Res. grandfather passed away April 5.
- Sharon and Will Maine, OUT— Will Maine's 100-year-old mother died in April.
- Fran Pendleton, DIR. grandson Shane Guyton died April 23.

The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

1. A
2. C
3. B
4. C
5. A



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May Bulletin Board



May Birthdays



NANCY SLUSAR	5/1
CHRIS SANZ	5/1
SUSAN RYAN	5/1
SARA ROBINSON	5/2
MACKENZIE STEPHENS	5/3
SHARON YOUNG	5/3
TIFFANY BONNER	5/6
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
DONNA ADAMEK	5/6
DEBBIE ROBERTUS	5/6
JESSICA MORRIS	5/7
KATHRYN KING	5/8
ANNE FISCHER	5/9
CHERYL MANN	5/12
DAVID RUSHING	5/12
RICHARD REA	5/13
MELANIE LEVICK	5/14
STEPHANIE GERLING	5/15
MARY ANN JOHNSON	5/15
KEVIN COLWELL	5/16
SHARON BISH	5/16
ELIZABETH NEWLAND	5/16
LISA WOOD	5/18
SUSAN HUTCHINS	5/18
AMANDA DOWDING	5/19
ANDREW RODRIGUEZ	5/19
REGINA FIELDS	5/19
DENNIS DELANO	5/20
LINDSAY JONES EGLE	5/21
TRACY STONE	5/21
AARON KILLOUGH	5/22
JACSON MELVIN	5/23
TIM DAUBENSPECK	5/24
EMILY REYNOLDS	5/26
LIZ KICKHAM	5/27
JON ROLLMAN	5/31



Employee's May Date-of-Hire



MARILYN BACKUS	5/21/1987
REGINA WOLFINGER	5/29/1990
HEIDI PORT	5/12/1997
TINDLE ARNOLD	5/27/1997
JOSHUA WELLS	5/15/1999
LISA MYERS	5/5/2000
TERESA GOGGINS	5/7/2001
CHRIS LARWIG	5/28/2002
DIANNA RUPP	5/28/2002
MARY SHOLLY	5/18/2003
MARYL BAIRD	5/22/2003
RENA GIBSON	5/16/2005
DANA BEACH	5/26/2005
KENDRA WILLIAMS	5/2/2006
FELICIA HAYES	5/8/2006
JERRY NANCE	5/27/2006
TIM DAUBENSPECK	5/22/2007
LAURA WINTERS	5/23/2007
JERRY O'HARE	5/5/2008
SUZETTE FELTON	5/12/2008
JOYCE JACKSON	5/13/2009
DEBORAH GOSSET	5/18/2009
EMILY REYNOLDS	5/18/2009
KATHERINE BENTON	5/26/2009
COURTNEY COON	5/3/2010
KIMBERLY NELSON	5/6/2010
ASHLEY MEYER	5/17/2010



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June Bulletin Board



June Birthdays



RAMINA GOLSHANI	6/2
JENNIFER ENGLAND	6/3
ELLINGTON WOODY	6/4
PHILLIP BELT	6/6
SALLY GRAY	6/6
MAEGYN DOYLE	6/10
TERRIE THOMAS	6/10
CARSEN MOON	6/11
CLYDE HERROD	6/11
GALEN KURTH	6/11
JEAN JOHNSON	6/11
JAGTAR SANGHERA	6/12
KATIE TRATTNER	6/13
KIMBERLY CLARK	6/13
DAWN GEHLING	6/15
MATTHEW COTTER	6/16
MARILYN BACKUS	6/17
STORMY LEE	6/17
CONRAD DOTY	6/19
DANA MORROW	6/20
SARA NORIEGA	6/21
CANDACE TURNER	6/22
GLORIA DELEON	6/22
KRISTEN GADLIN	6/22
JOHN NGUYEN	6/23
PATRICIA WIDHALM	6/23
CHRISTINE BASSETT	6/25
DARCUS SMITH	6/25
DAVID CALHOUN	6/25
PAULA HANNAPEL	6/25
CHRISTINA KIM	6/26
DIANE SHARP	6/28
JIMMY WELCH	6/28
TAMERAT ATLABACHEW	6/28



Employee's June Date-of-Hire



CONRAD DOTY	6/1/1968	DESTANIE ELLIS	6/5/2007
DONNA MORRIS	6/1/1969	ANNE MOTLEY	6/18/2007
CHERYL MANN	6/21/1973	ANDREA GESELL	6/2/2008
LAURIE MACK-CLARK	6/9/1975	WARREN ANDERSON	6/6/2008
SELMA ZUHDI	6/17/1977	JON VODKA	6/1/2009
SUSAN STINSON	6/25/1980	JESSICA CARTER	6/3/2009
ABE EJTEHADI	6/24/1982	MOLLY ALLEN	6/9/2009
SHEILA FIXEL	6/7/1983	CARL TIBBETS	6/16/2009
ANN ALIOTTA	6/4/1984	CHRIS SANZ	6/17/2009
DEBORAH MONTGOMERY	6/2/1986	DIANE SARANTAKOS	6/29/2009
LANNY MYERS	6/8/1987	MELODY NEARY	6/29/2009
RANDY KNUTSON	6/25/1990	KATHERINE CASEY	6/14/2010
JULIE SCHOFIELD	6/24/1991	CATHY WEBB	6/14/2010
ALAN SIAVASHI	6/27/1994	AMY CHANEY	6/14/2010
PHYLLIS DAVIDSON	6/27/1995	CHRISTINA KIM	6/28/2010
JEAN JOHNSON	6/10/1996	ANDREW RODRIGUEZ	6/29/2010
CHARLEEN MILLER	6/23/1997	TRACEY THOMPSON	6/29/2010
KIM EDWARDS	6/14/1999		
STACY SCHRANK	6/7/2004		
DANIELLE WALKER	6/8/2004		
TERI WOOLEY	6/10/2004		
CRYSTAL EASLEY	6/28/2004		
KIM TERRY	6/20/2005		
CANDACE MCDANIEL	6/26/2006		
SHANELLE JACKSON	6/5/2007		