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Stuffin'

As you know, one of the things we need to get Summer at the Library started encompasses more than just a few items—more like 60,000+.

We're talking about the packets of information about the program and the events that are handed to each child, teen or parent who signs up. Imagine this, but note that for anyone working the public floor during registration for SATL, this may cause a severe case of the galloping willies: It's Saturday morning, June 4, the first Saturday of Summer Reading. A hundred eager kiddos want to fill out the forms and get started. You have to sign 'em up and give them all the things they get at registration and every piece of information is on a separate sheet of paper that you have to grab up and stuff into an envelope.

About now you're wishing that someone had taken the time to stuff those envelopes in advance.

Okay, stop hyperventilating. It's been done.

"About 60 volunteers from Community

Action Missions, Retired Senior Volunteer Professionals, and Friends of the Library joined other library volunteers to stuff 60,600 packets with summer at the library materials," said Volunteer Coordinator **Heidi Port**. "The volunteers were fully supported



Outreach's Lisa Wood and Ben Mount stuff packets for Summer at the Library.



More Outreachers - Emily Williams and Dana Morrow stuffed SATL packets.

by the entire Maintenance Department, and **Lanny Myers** in particular was extremely helpful. The volunteers were supervised by **Lisa Wood** and **Emily Williams**, and the Outreach Services Department all came out to lend a hand as well. **Candace McDaniel** delivered the lunches each day to keep the energy and momentum up. It was a great cooperation of library staff for a fabulous final product!"

The first days of sign up for Summer at the Library are always hectic, but these volunteers and library staff make it a lot easier than it could be.

Photos by Heidi Port.



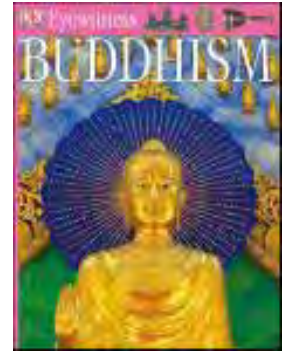
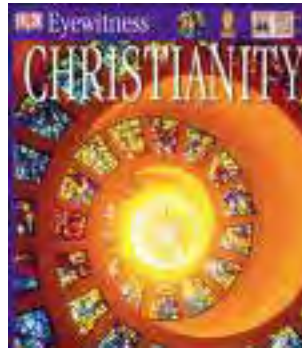
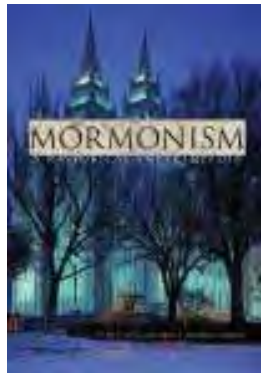
Religion on Trial in Oklahoma!

We know, that's a *New York Post* kind of headline—our favorite is their classic “Headless Body Found in Topless Bar”—but unlike some familiar news outlets, there is a grain of truth in it.

Materials Selector **Susan Ryan** wants everyone to know that Gale has selected a collection of ebooks on the subject of religion, along with their Religion and Philosophy Database for us to try. Please take a look and let Susan know what you think of it.

Gale tells us that “there is a bookshelf in the middle where you can click on individual ebook titles. On the right hand side you can do a PowerSearch which will search both the ebooks and the database. Here is a description of the Religion and Philosophy collection:

This custom collection provides coverage of different religions, philosophies and how they impact our daily lives.



Two hundred and fifty subject-appropriate full-text periodicals are included.”

Could be useful, especially for students writing papers on comparative religion.

The URL for the trial is:

http://galesites.com/pub/oka_trial

Password: Swordfish

In case you missed his email, Employee Development Coordinator **Stacy Schrank** has been flooded with calls regarding signing into the Metro U LMS.

He explained that the user name is the first part of your MLS e-mail address prior to the @metrolibrary.org part and your password should be eight characters and include a capital letter and a numerical character (i.e. Training1). If you have not changed your password from the initial password you were assigned it should be Abcd123! (note the capital A and the explanation mark).



Metro U LMS

You can have the LMS send you your password if you have forgotten it, but if you enter in the incorrect one more than a couple of times it will lock you out, at which point Planning will have to re-set your password.

We have changed the parameters on the password, so you can now have it the same as your MLSHRPay if you wish. Just pick something you can remember.

And always remember that if all else fails . . . Sorry, but we have no appropriate ending for this cliché.



Building a Reading City

Once again we're sneaking a peek over the shoulders of MLS staff to see what they're currently reading. As usual the MLS Reading List runs the gamut from thrillers to classics and from poetry to history. We do cover the waterfront.

Chris Carroll, (DVS): *Badd* by Tim Tharp, *To End All Wars* by Adam Hochschild.

Phyllis Davidson (DN): *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell, *Lady in the Mist* by Laurie Alice Eakes.

Buddy Johnson, (DN): *How Cities Won the West: Four Centuries of Urban Change in Western North America* by Carl Abbott

Beth Wilson, (MC): *The Ask and the Answer* by Patrick Ness, *Bambi* by Felix Salten, *The Dark and Hollow Places* by Carrie Ryan, *Heidi* by Johanna Spyri, *Horoscopes for the Dead: Poems* by Billy Collins

Lisa Wood, (OUT): *Irresistible Henry House* by Lisa Grunwald.

Jennifer Jones (CH): *Night Season* by Chelsea Cain

Kelly Riha (OUT): *Peter and the Shadow Thieves* by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson

Ursula Ward
(CAT): *Left at the Altar: How Democrats Lost the Catholics and How Catholics Can Save the Democrats* by Michael Sean Winters

Doug Bentin,
(MaC): *The Stories of Erskine Caldwell* by Erskine Caldwell, *Watch and Ward* by

Henry James, *When God Laughs and Other Stories* by Jack London.



Tramp, Tramp, Tramp-HeartWalk 2011

HeartWalk 2011 went off without missing a beat so thanks and congratulations to MLS staff, families and friends who participated and helped raise \$5,681.69. BE Page Tim Daubenspeck was single handedly (or double footedly) responsible for \$780 of that total, making him this year's biggest money maker.

"We had 196 walkers on our team and some great team captains," said Volunteer Coordinator Heidi Port. "Linda Hyams was a terrific Spoticus for us. Special Heart-walker Team Shirts were donated by myIPGI and Rick George did awesome artwork for them. I have about 300 pics as well - you can find them on the Staff volunteer pages of the intranet!"



Team Captains for the event included:

BI: **Terrie Thomas**

BE: **Tim Daubenspeck**

CH: **Jennifer Jones**

CT: **Kevin Sendall**

DC: **Lindsay Egle and Ada Madison**

DN: **Mary Sholly and Linda Hyams**

ED: **Teresa Matthews and Breck McGough**

MC: **Kristin Williamson and Sandra Lanham**

RE: **LaWana Morgan**

SO: **John Hilbert**

VI: **Van Bieistein**

WA: **Jessica Minter**

DN 3rd Floor: **Kasandra Dewbrie**

DN Admin: **Francie Pendleton**

Finance: **Denise Ryan**

Development: **Heidi Port**

Service Center: **Lisa Heinrich**

And while we're still on our feet, let's give one more tip of the hat to BI librarian Terrie Thomas who, with her husband Steve Musch, recently completed the 11th annual Oklahoma City Memorial Half-Marathon on May 1.

"It took us four hours and 28 minutes to walk the 13.1 mile course," Terrie wrote. "We were among approximately 25,000 participants who braved 44 degree temperatures, driving wind, heavy rain, and even a few moments of pea-sized hail. It's taken all of my excuses for not walking away from me!"

Terrie walked in memory of Social Security Administration bombing victim Sandy Avery, formerly of Danville, Arkansas, Terrie's home town.



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Recommended Database to Enjoy

by Kim Terry

Once again, Materials Selection has done it. Another fantastic database has been added. This one is super cool. It's called Same Day Global News. Tons and tons of newspapers are available the same day (hence the title) that they are published. And I'm not just talking Oklahoma newspapers. Did you know that in Greece, civil servants will have to start working 40 hours a week by the end of the month, instead of their 37.5 now?? I found this out the same day the city of Athens did from the English edition of the Kathimerini newspaper.

Over 90 newspapers, and not just "full text"... it shows what the actual paper looks like. It even carries five newspapers from Slovakia (not to be confused with the four newspapers from Slovenia). Look at the ones just in the United States. Haven't you always wanted to know what's going on in Cedartown, GA? You can even get the low down on Kate's dress. Check out the April 30 edition of the "Royal Wedding," a special section of "The Guardian". It's just one of their new titles that were recently added.

... I am still shocked that Greek workers only work 37.5 hours a week. Although, I just read that the Brits think that they are "the only country whose people work harder than they did in the 80s".. Whoah... They work a whopping 35 hours a week. Yeah, I read that in May 4's issue of the "Daily Mail".



Library Lit: Books to Help with Professional Growth

Fang-tastic Fiction: Twenty-First-Century Paranormal Reads

by Patricia O'Brien Mathews

Many librarians consider the times they've connected readers with just the right book to be among their most rewarding work experiences, but a problem can arise when the customer wants to know about books on a current topic of interest or titles from a hot genre and you don't know much about it. That's when a good reader's guide can be a life saver.

Perhaps the hottest of current genres is the paranormal romance and if you need some help boning up on it take a look at *Fang-tastic Fiction: Twenty-First-Century Paranormal Reads*.

Here's what Amazon.com has to say about it:

Answer frequently asked questions with the help of Mathews engaging tour through today's spooky lit. Readers will be able to search "read-alike" lists for series featuring their favorite "creatures" with up-to-date, chronological lists of series titles and summaries. Librarians will be able to suggest a multitude of adventures starring angst-ridden heartthrobs, superheroes, and champions. Focused exclusively on the best of the best, this lively readers advisory

- Rates each series on a scale of 1 - 5 for levels of violence, sensuality, and humor
- Contains more than 200 annotated entries
- Enables book selection by type, character, series, and author
- Lists all the volumes in a favorite series together and offers numerous read-alikes

The author is a reference librarian from Ohio and the book was published by The American Library Association. MLS owns three copies, call number: 028.9/M4296f

You can cuddle up in bed and read a few pages before closing the coffin and going to sleep.





THE MAINTENANCE CONNECTION

Make it easy on yourself when you need help from Maintenance. Take advantage of the Maintenance Connection. It's a new way to turn in Maintenance requests, quickly online.

To check it out and get acquainted with how it works, here's what you do:

1. In your Internet Explorer web browser, navigate to <http://www.maintenanceconnection.com/mcv18/>.
2. Click on the "Sign Up for the First Time" or "Want to Sign Up?" link at the bottom of the page.
3. Specify "I am not a member of Maintenance Connection." and then click the OK button.
4. When prompted for a connection key, you should enter: METROL

5. Fill out the member profile information page, and click the OK button.

6. Once you finish the signup process, you will receive an email stating that you need approval.

7. You will receive an email when your new account is approved and you can then begin submitting maintenance requests electronically.

Director of Facilities Manager **Patrick Williams** asks that you direct questions about this new program to him at either 606-3536 or 606-3535

The ShelfLife Quiz:

FAMOUS BOOKS AND FAMOUS READERS

When you visit someone's house for the first time, and you're a book person, you can't help but scan the book shelf to see what's there. Here's a peek at the book shelves of 10 famous men, along with the titles of 10 novels. See if you can match the person to the book each fella claims is his favorite. Some won't be any surprise at all and some will make you mumble, "Well, that explains a lot."

Books:

- A. *The Silver Chalice* by Thomas B. Costain
- B. *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoevsky
- C. *The Mill on the Floss* by George Eliot
- D. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald
- E. *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller
- F. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee
- G. *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- H. *1984* by George Orwell
- I. *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck
- J. *Don't Stop the Carnival* by Herman Wouk

Readers:

1. Alec Baldwin
2. Dave Barry
3. Pierce Brosnan
4. Jimmy Buffett
5. Jim Carrey
6. Bill Clinton
7. Bill Gates
8. Mel Gibson
9. Christopher Hitchens
10. Ted Nugent

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Libraries Matter!

We received a note from **Debbie Robertus**, Asst. Manager of LO at BI, the kind of note we love to get from librarians in the field.

"We had a father just come into Priscilla's office," Debbie wrote, "where **Barb Johnson** and I were talking with **Priscilla**. He wanted to show us his son's Certificate of Achievement for completion of the eighth grade and say 'Thank you.'"

"He stated that we (Belle Isle Library) made the difference and helped his son graduate (17 days early) and achieve the #2 spot in class. Dad brings Joshua in three or four times a week, and he felt that helped his son reach this achievement and wanted us to know what part we played in it. He also said the boy who held #1 spot in class ranking went to a library twice a day proving Libraries do matter!"

Yeah. We really do.



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

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| Fave Music: | Van Morrison, David Bowie, U2 and several 80s alternative bands |
| Fave Book(s): | <i>Time's Arrow</i> , Shelby Foote's Civil War Trilogy and <i>Fever Pitch</i> |
| Fave Movie(s): | <i>Hedwig & The Angry Inch</i> |
| Fave Sports: | Soccer, basketball, tennis |
| Fave Vacation: | Greece |
| Worst Vacation: | Fishing in the White River in Arkansas for 3 days and catching zero fish |
| Fave TV Show: | <i>Dexter</i> |
| Fave Food: | Italian, or Indian or sushi, or . . . |
| Family: | A wife who is about 17 months pregnant with our first kid |
| Fave Season: | Fall |
| Fave Hobby: | Following Holland's national soccer team and Arsenal F.C. in the English Premier League |
| Fave Pets: | Larry the wonder dog |
| Special Skills: | Pretty good handwriting that I'd like to someday turn into an officially recognized font |

What profession would you be in if you were not working at MLS? *Globe museum owner, operator, and tour guide*

Do you have a 'Bucket List' and what's at the top of it? *Spending a week or two in New York City*

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STAFF PROFILE **Fingerprints**

Macey Hernandez, circ clerk at Bethany, moved over Memorial Day weekend into the house she and her family, husband Eric, sons Antonio and Nicolas, bought and remodeled. Their dog Pippin is moving too, of course.

While working full time and moving she has a little time left to read. *Maurice* and *Dead Reckoning* are her current reads.

Macey says she's pretty skilled at cooking now after studying cook books, watching the *Food Network* and trying out recipes for three years.

Before that, she says she couldn't cook a thing! But her friends and co-workers are happy to sample food from her newly learned cooking skills.

After working a year and a half at MLS, Macey says "My favorite part about working at the library is the people. I love being around people, and discussing books and random bits of trivia. I am always learning something new."





HELLO TO

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| Aloise McCullough..... | Page, ED |
| Loria Holloman..... | Page, ED |
| Jeanie Soles..... | Page, DC |
| Casey Lowry..... | Page, ED |
| LaTasha Timberlake..... | Proj. Spc., OUT |
| Mendi Sumter..... | Librarian, ED |
| Dianne Williams..... | Proj. Spc., OUT |
| Angela Sanders..... | Proj. Spc., OUT |

RECLASSIFICATION

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| Glenn Webb..... | From Assoc. Librarian, to to Librarian, CH |
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TRANSFER

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|-------------------|--|
| Joey Shelton..... | From HT Librarian, ED to FT Librarian, RE |
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GOODBYE TO

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| Ruth Butler..... | Ext. Spc., LO |
| Shayla Law..... | Page, DC |
| Shanae Fouts..... | Page, CH |

The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

Answers:

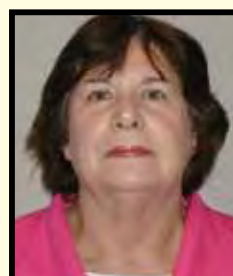
A = 6 B = 5 C = 9 D = 7
E = 2 F = 1 G = 10 H = 8
I = 3 J = 4



Aloise McCullough



Loria Holloman



Jeanie Soles



Casey Lowry



LaTasha Timberlake



Mendi Sumter



Dianne Williams



Angela Sanders





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June Bulletin Board




June Birthdays



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| 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



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|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| 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 | | |



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July Birthdays



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| BRECK MCGOUGH | 7/2 |
| TOM WEAVER | 7/3 |
| KASANDRA | |
| DEWBRE-BURROWS | 7/4 |
| BEV CUNNINGHAM | 7/8 |
| NATHAN CLYMER | 7/8 |
| CYNDI SELINGER | 7/9 |
| DOYLE WILCOX | 7/10 |
| ELIZABETH KESSLER | 7/10 |
| SUZETTE FELTON | 7/11 |
| ALMA BROWN | 7/12 |
| NATASHA IRONS | 7/13 |
| LAWANA MORGAN | 7/14 |
| LINDA WILLIAMS | 7/14 |
| SHREN SYLVESTER | 7/14 |
| CARL TIBBETS | 7/15 |
| KELLEY HOFFMAN | 7/15 |
| KIM TERRY | 7/16 |
| CYNTHIA COPE | 7/17 |
| HEIDI BOOKOUT | 7/17 |
| DENISE COURTS | 7/19 |
| JEF FREDERICKS | 7/20 |
| HARRY HOANG | 7/21 |
| JACK WRIGHT | 7/21 |
| JEANIE SOLES | 7/21 |
| ERIKA SALINAS | 7/22 |
| MICHELLE HINDMAN | 7/23 |
| SHIRLEY HENDERSON | 7/23 |
| DIANE RICE | 7/24 |
| JANET BROOKS | 7/24 |
| TERESA HAWKINS | 7/24 |
| DENYVETTA DAVIS | 7/26 |
| GLORIA TURNER | 7/26 |
| QUINCY BEAN | 7/27 |
| ALOISE MCCULLOUGH | 7/28 |
| DENESA BENNETT | 7/28 |
| LUISA MATTHYNSSENS | 7/28 |
| KATHERINE CASEY | 7/31 |



Employee's July Date-of-Hire



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|---------------------|-----------|
| JANET E. BROOKS | 7/1/1980 |
| URSULA A. WARD | 7/1/1982 |
| RONNA C. DAVIS | 7/19/1982 |
| FRANCES V. HARBERT | 7/8/1985 |
| ANITA F. ROESLER | 7/28/1985 |
| DAVID L. MACK | 7/2/1990 |
| ANGELA M. PAELTZ | 7/15/1992 |
| PAT WHISENHUNT | 7/25/1994 |
| DAGMAR M. PEERY | 7/7/1997 |
| CAROL F. MOODY | 7/28/1997 |
| PAULA A. HANNAPEL | 7/26/1999 |
| KIMBERLY A. RICKEY | 7/10/2000 |
| RUSSELL L. PIERCE | 7/17/2000 |
| JOHN LEROY HILBERT | 7/16/2001 |
| LISA M. WOOD | 7/16/2001 |
| MARIA E. WATKINS | 7/21/2003 |
| REAGAN KLOIBER | 7/6/2004 |
| AARON G. KILLOUGH | 7/18/2005 |
| KAYHAN N. YAZDANI | 7/17/2006 |
| MICHELLE HINDMAN | 7/17/2006 |
| SHIRLEY ANN WOLF | 7/18/2006 |
| BRYAN SMYTHE | 7/3/2007 |
| RICK SAMUEL GEORGE | 7/30/2007 |
| RAMINA GOLSHANI | 7/30/2007 |
| LENA MUNIR KHADER | 7/15/2008 |
| KIRSTIE ANN BROWN | 7/15/2008 |
| KELLEY A. CHEEK | 7/1/2009 |
| BRECK ALAN MCGOUGH | 7/14/2009 |
| JULIE ANNA HENRY | 7/27/2009 |
| BETHANY LANE SKOCH | 7/19/2010 |
| JOHN LY MINH NGUYEN | 7/19/2010 |
| CYNTHIA A. COPE | 7/19/2010 |
| SHREN A. SYLVESTER | 7/26/2010 |
| KRISTINE CHARTER | 7/26/2010 |
| ELIZABETH KICKHAM | 7/26/2010 |