



# ShelfLife

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## FOOD DRIVE FACTS

How many times have you missed lunch because you were just too busy to stop to eat, and then when supper time rolled around you said, "I'm starving."

And how many times have you actually been starving?

Some people say it, and mean it, a lot, and ShelfLife is proud to announce that MLS staff did a super job during the recent Food Drive to ease the hunger of our neighbors by donating 1,407 pounds of food in 2011. That's up 666 pounds over last year—an increase of 53 percent.

Below are the final totals for the Staff Association Feeding Hope Community Food Drive challenge for the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank! Congratulations to Choctaw Library with a total of 12.86 items donated per person! For their generosity, the Choctaw Library will be presented with a \$50 gift card courtesy of the Staff Association. Way to go, Choctaw and thank you, Staff Association!

This is how they stacked up:

BI - 3.71 items per person  
BE - 8.78 items per person  
BUS - 1.29 items per person  
CH - 5.25 items per person  
CAT - 4.36 items per person  
**CT - 12.86 items per person**  
DC - 5.75 items per person  
DVS - 1.8 items per person  
DN - 1.57 items per person  
ED - 3.56 items per person  
HUM - 1.8 items per person  
LO - 0.31 items per person  
MSL - .55 items per person  
MC - 5.22 items per person  
OUT - 1.52 items per person  
RE - 3.58 items per person  
SO - 3.5 items per person  
TP - 2.36 items per person  
VI - 2.79 items per person  
WA - 7.52 items per person  
WR - 10.5 items per person





## REPORTS & STATS

One of the most under-visited sections on our Intranet is located under the Resources tab. It's Reports & Stats, and it makes fascinating reading. Okay, statistics probably shouldn't be described as "fascinating," but the fact remains that a lot of questions can be answered here. At least, you can find the numbers to help inform an answer.

For instance, have you ever wondered how much business we do on Sundays? Go to Library Usage Stats and click on Daily Circ Activity. Pick a Sunday to check up on—say May 1—and look up the number of circs recorded on that date at each of the libraries that have Sunday hours—BI, DN, ED, MC and SO. You can look up each library on that date or you can simply check out All Libraries on that date and see that the five agencies

combined had a circ figure of 6,976.

Have you ever wondered what time of day is the most busy? Now you can find out by checking the door counts. On June 29, the average for all libraries was about 10:30am and again at 1:30pm.

How about knowing the total population in a 3-mile radius of your library? Check out the Demographic data from 2010.

Curious about past Annual Statistical reports or Library Service Plans? Look into the Annual Reports section.

Only you can tell how the information you can find at Reports & Stats will be of use to you, so drop by and take a look.

### The ShelfLife Quiz:

## The Boys and Girls of Summer

Hollywood is providing us with a surfeit of comic book related movies this year, so, cheerfully jumping on the bandwagon, the theme of July's quiz is Heroes From the Comics. If you get all of these right, you are beyond nerdy.

1. According to comics historian Trina Robbins, who was the first female superhero?
2. A great mystery was solved on July 24, 1931, in the comic strip Thimble Theatre when something about Popeye was revealed for the first time. What was it?
3. In the April 1938 issue of Detective Comics a character entered Batman's life who has been credited with turning the series into a classic. Who was it?
4. Green Lantern was created in 1940 by Martin Nodell. Who was the first Green Lantern?
5. In the first issue of Captain America, Cap and his sidekick Bucky meet their great arch nemesis, The Red Skull, who was promoted by Hitler to his sinister rank. What had he been before becoming an Axis super villain?
6. Spider-Man had many other girlfriends other than Mary Jane Watson. One of them was killed by the Green Goblin in 1973. Who was she?
7. What does the "X" in X-Men stand for?
8. William Moulton Marston, the psychiatrist who invented the lie detector machine, created the most popular distaff superhero. Who is she?
9. What satiric superhero was created when an average guy read 5,000 comic books in a single sitting?
10. This animal superhero was a mild-mannered accountant who was frequently fired by his boss, Grouchy Rat, for no reason. Who is he? (Good luck with this one.)

Answers on page 8



## Looking Ahead to August *info*

You may have noticed that every issue of *info*, the monthly MLS magazine and calendar of events, spotlights a different database for the MLS collection. In August we'll be looking at *A to Z Maps Online*. What's the database for July? The first three people to email [kterry@metrolibrary.org](mailto:kterry@metrolibrary.org) the answer on Saturday, July 2 could win something really cool. In August, we'll also give everyone a chance to meet our own Captain History, Down-town's **Buddy Johnson**, author of our monthly Oklahoma Images essays.

Look, too, for book reviews from **Marilyn Backus**, **Phyllis Davidson**, **Lloyd Lovely**, **Kelley Riha**, **Kim Terry**, and even a kids' CD from **Melissa Weathers**. If you've got a hankerin' to review books, CDs or DVDs for *info*, drop an email to co-editor **Doug Bentin** and he'll get all sloppy and grateful because new voices are always welcome. The magazine wins an award or two almost every year, so your words will be read by a lot of people.

## 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. Let us know what you're reading and we'll publish it next month in ShelfLife. We all love to know what people are reading!

**Daniel Fields** (BE): *This Little Light of Mine: The Life of Fannie Lou Hamer* by Kay Mills.

**Cindy Martin** (VI): *A Red Herring without Mustard* by Alan Bradley; and *World War Z* by Max Brooks.

**Tindle Arnold**, (CT): *Game of Thrones* by George R. R. Martin.

**Julie Henry**, (LO-Ext Spec): *Vaclav & Lena* by Haley Tanner

**Rick George**, (MaC): *Does the Noise in My Head Bother You* by Steven Tyler



## What's Not to Like?

Admit it, there's nothing more fun for a book lover than seeing what one author had to say about another, especially when it wasn't complimentary. When you pick up a book and read Writer A writing something laudatory about Writer B in a blurb, don't you always wonder if the guy who has the nice things to say is being paid to say them?

Just for the pure, adulterated, tail-pulling meanness of it, here are five famous writers unloading on five other famous writers. Don't stand too close—you may get scorched.

**Truman Capote on Jack Kerouac**

"That's not writing, that's typing."

**Gore Vidal on Truman Capote**

"He's a full-fledged housewife from Kansas with all the prejudices."

**Harold Bloom on J.K. Rowling**

"How to read 'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone'?

Why, very quickly, to begin with, and perhaps also to make an end. Why read it? Presumably, if you cannot be persuaded to read anything better, Rowling will have to do."

**Mary McCarthy on Lillian Hellman:**

"Every word she writes is a lie, including "and" and "the."

**Mark Twain on Jane Austen**

"I haven't any right to criticize books, and I don't do it except when I hate them. I often want to criticize Jane Austen, but her books madden me so that I can't conceal my frenzy from the reader; and therefore I have to stop every time I begin. Every time I read '*Pride and Prejudice*,' I want to dig her up and hit her over the skull with her own shin-bone."





## At the Desk

**C**hristine Bassett, BI librarian, sent us a note recently telling us about a couple of unusual happenings at the BI reference Desk.

One day, one of the regular customers approached the desk and handed Christine a small box shaped like a pyramid. She told us how excited she got. "Ooh, chocolates, think I!"

The customer then appears to be approaching Alice in Wonderland by saying, "Release it, please."

"I look inside the box," Christine continued, "and there are live butterflies from The Butterfly Celebration.\* Our tech Stan takes them outside to release them. How peculiar is that!"

Later that day, another customer stepped up to the desk and handed Christine a pink lei and a clown nose with the instructions that wearing them at home will make Mr. Bassett laugh.

"We handle all kinds of things at the reference desk!" Christine said.

ShelfLife doesn't have much to add but, "Uh, yeah."

Send your stories to us. We love 'em.

\*The Butterfly Celebration is a company that provides live butterflies for special occasions, like weddings, outdoor parties, cheerful public executions, etc.



## Library Lit: Books to Help with Professional Growth

### Libraries Create Success

Libraries  
Create  
Success

**D**o you ever find yourself in the position of having to defend public libraries in hard economic times? Here's a short (20min.) DVD you can take a look at that will give you some ammunition. It gives a positive message about not only the social, educational and entertainment advantages a library brings to a community, but also the economic ones. Political and library leaders from Chicago, Baltimore County and St. Mary's County (also in Maryland) talk to viewers about the ways public libraries have made a positive difference in their communities.

You never know when someone with a political or religious ax to grind will come on strong, so every bit of information we can have on hand will come in useful. This DVD is held at Downtown Library only so you'll have to put it on reserve. The shelf number is: 021.7/VIDEO/DISC.



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## A Summer Reminder

If you've been active this summer signing kids up for Summer at the Library you won't need to have this pointed out to you, but many of us only do a short time at the registration desk and might not think about this.

Not long ago a parent came in to MC and insisted that her kids, who were 10 and 11 years old and had already registered as children and received prizes for Goals 1 and 2, should now be registered as teens so they could start over again. Her story was that they had been allowed to do this at a different library, thereby compounding the offence.

"My concern," said DN's **Kimberly Ann Edwards**, "is that this family is registering at several different libraries in hopes of getting additional White Water passes."

If you know that someone is trying to scam the system be as polite as you can and, if need be, call your Manager or person in charge.

Most of our customers are as honest and nice as we are, but not all. As Henry Fielding reminded us in his novel *Tom Jones*, "All of us are as God made us, and many of us are even worse."



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

- Fave Movie(s):** *Rushmore*- best movie ever  
**Fave Vacation:** San Francisco and Sitges, Spain
- Worst Vacation:** Having the van break down at 4am in Corsicana, TX. Avoid this place at all costs.
- Fave Food:** Definitely crab legs  
**Family:** My wonderful wife\_\_\_\_  
**Fave Season:** Fall
- Fave Pets:** Muddy (the dog) is my favorite. Simon (the cat) and I mostly tolerate each other.
- Do you:**  
**Facebook,**  
**Twitter, etc? :** No. Not in a million years

**What profession would you be in if you were not working at MLS?** *I'd be a has-been drummer playing local open-mic nights for meals and a place to stay. (Thank you MLS)*

**Do you have a 'Bucket List' and what's at the top of it?** *Well, in high school it was to learn Van Halen's Eruption on guitar. I did and am now at peace.*

Answer on page 6

## STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

As a decorator **Geraldine Adams**, librarian at SO, says her favorite store is Hobby Lobby. "I love to create outdoor rooms. I have remodeled and redecorated the high school library where my kids went to school."

Geraldine is also an avid gardener and received an award from Oklahoma Beautiful for creating a sensory garden for the visually impaired at the Oklahoma Library for the Blind.

She is a member of several groups at her church, which relates to her responsibility for the 200s (religion and spirituality) at SO.

Geraldine is a former New Yorker and received her MLIS at Long Island University. She and her husband moved to Oklahoma for his job. They have two grown sons.

And she loves her job. "I love meeting our customers and serving people of all ages and interests. While helping others I get to learn as well. At Southern Oaks we have such a great team of employees they make it fun to come to work each day."





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## HELLO TO

Devin Dawson .....	Tech. Proc. Aide, TP
Jeffrey Mullins.....	Accts. Payable Tech., BO
Meghan Attalla.....	Librarian, RE
Laura Louderback.....	Page, DC
Tera McAmis .....	Mgr. of Lib. Oper., DC
Regina Coberley.....	Proj. Spc., OUT
Ty Jackson .....	Youth Asst., OUT
Brantly Sheffield .....	Youth Asst., OUT
Kara Fried.....	Circ Clerk, SO
Leigh Hibbard .....	Page, BI
Alex LeMay.....	Pub. Comp. Spc., BI
Brenda Negrete (rehire).....	Youth Asst., OUT

## PROMOTION

JR Day .....	From Admin. Rcp., DIR to Admin. Spc., CON
Heidi Wells.....	From Mat. Sel. Tech, CAT to ILL Tech., ILL

## TRANSFER

Ruth Harder .....	From Circ Clerk, BI, to CT
Tulin LaFollette .....	From HT Assoc. Librarian, DC, to FT

## GOODBYE TO

Cynthia Cope.....	Page, BI
Tim Rankin .....	Page, MC

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Chris Carroll, DEV, and wife on the birth of their daughter, Jane Eleanor Carroll, born June 11th!

## SYMPATHY

Marie Nichols, WR, husband Moses passed away in June.



Devin Dawson



Jeffrey Mullins



Meghan Attalla



Laura Louderback



Tera McAmis



Regina Coberley



Ty Jackson



Brantly Sheffield



Kara Fried



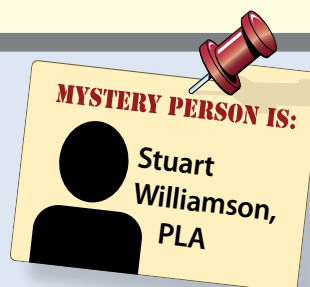
Leigh Hibbard



Alex LeMay



Brenda Negrete






## July Bulletin Board




### July Birthdays



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



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





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### Employee's August Date-of-Hire

PRISCILLA DOSS 8/1/1972	ERIKA SALINAS 8/13/2007
CHERYL PERNELL 8/1/1979	JAIME HACKWORTH 8/27/2007
PHIL TOLBERT 8/9/1982	TRAVIS HOWELL 8/29/2007
SHARON MAINE 8/17/1982	VANESSA SPAETH 8/12/2008
BARBARA BEASLEY 8/1/1984	CARSEN MOON 8/27/2008
SHARON NOLAN 8/29/1989	JR DAY 8/10/2009
KELLY DALRYMPLE 8/26/1991	RANDY MYSTER 8/11/2009
GALEN KURTH 8/30/1993	KRISTEN GADLIN 8/12/2009
JULIA BALLOU 8/30/1993	ABIGAIL GRIFFIN 8/31/2009
KAREN LITTERAL 8/31/1996	ALMA DUNN 8/2/2010
KATHY LAUGERMAN 8/4/1997	JON ROLLMAN 8/2/2010
GLENN WEBB JR 8/25/1997	LUISA MATTHYNSSENS 8/2/2010
JANET BOWEN 8/25/1999	MARY PARKER 8/9/2010
STEPHANIE GERLING 8/14/2000	JAKE DUBBERSTEIN 8/23/2010
DAVID CALHOUN 8/1/2001	JACK WRIGHT 8/23/2010
KIM COBB 8/9/2001	RORI BURESH 8/26/2010
JOHN WOOD 8/27/2001	PATRICK RILEY 8/27/2010
FANNIE HARSHBARGER 8/10/2002	ALEX HINTON 8/30/2010
SHARON JORSKI 8/10/2002	
GERALD HICKMAN 8/10/2002	
BARBARA JOHNSON 8/19/2002	
NGOC NGUYEN 8/3/2004	
KEVIN COLWELL 8/30/2004	
BARBARA PARR 8/1/2005	
ANGELA HILL 8/2/2005	
TERRIE THOMAS 8/8/2005	
BETH WILSON 8/14/2006	
STORMY LEE 8/28/2006	
JOEY SHELTON 8/1/2007	
LINDSAY EGGLE 8/7/2007	
STANLEY TAUCER 8/13/2007	

### August Birthdays

BARBARA JOHNSON 8/1	ANITA ROESLER 8/13
LYNDA BAHR 8/1	ERICA RUTLAND 8/13
NAJAH HYLTON 8/1	LAURA MCMURTRY 8/13
DEBORAH AUSTIN-MUNDEN 8/2	LINDA JAMESON 8/14
CHRIS KENNEDY 8/2	JOEY SHELTON 8/15
JAMES NIMMO, JR 8/3	SUSIE BEASLEY 8/18
CAROL PROVINE 8/3	DOUG BROWN 8/20
LONDON HOLMAN 8/3	VAN BIELSTEIN 8/21
JACK KINZIE, JR 8/4	TORY GRAY 8/21
DAGMAR PEERY 8/4	JEAN WILBURN 8/22
JILL VESSELS 8/4	CRYSTAL EASLEY 8/22
JONATHAN TOLLE 8/4	BRANDON ROSE 8/22
SHARON NOLAN 8/5	JESSICA LITTLE 8/23
BRAD BRUCKER 8/5	CINDY MARTIN 8/24
KATRINA PRINCE 8/6	LINDA HYAMS 8/25
RICK GEORGE 8/6	AMY CHANEY 8/27
REGINA WOLFINGER 8/7	MELISSA WALKUP 8/27
KELLY DALRYMPLE 8/7	BRITTANY BARBER 8/27
ANNA TODD 8/7	ANN ALIOTTA 8/28
KATHY FRITSCH 8/8	LOIS CROSS 8/29
LINDA ELSTON 8/9	TIM FISHER 8/29
ANGELA HILL 8/9	TERESA GOGGINS 8/29
LENA KHADER 8/9	BETH WILSON 8/29
NITA NORMORE 8/10	JOYCE HELMS 8/30
ALMA DUNN 8/10	WENDY GABRIELSON 8/30
JAMES GORDON 8/12	BETH STEELMAN 8/31
ALEX LEMAY 8/12	KAY BAUMAN 8/31
FRANCIE PENDLETON 8/13	JONATHAN WILLIS, JR 8/31
SYLVIA LAWSON 8/13	ALBERT BROWN, JR 8/31

#### The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

1. The Woman in Red, 1940.
2. That his strength came from eating spinach.
3. Dick Grayson, aka Robin, the Boy Wonder
4. Alan Scott
5. A hotel bellhop.
6. Gwen Stacy
7. "Extra powers"
8. Wonder Woman
9. Flaming Carrot
10. Wiggles the Wonderworm