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At the Desk

We at ShelfLife love it when something nice happens to a member of the MLS staff. (We especially love it when something nice happens to us, but we won't go into that.)

Something great happened recently to a pair of our Associate Librarians—they finished their MLIS degrees and are now full Librarians. The happy two are **Mallory Weigl** at VI and **Angela Hill** at CH.

A bonus for Angela came in the form of an award she received in addition to the degree. We'll let her tell it:

"I was nominated and am the recipient of Outstanding Alumni 2010/2011 at Oklahoma City Community College where my journey to become a librarian started with my first class towards my general education 10 years ago. I received my Associate's degree and several other honors at OCCC during my time there before transferring to a university. I will be inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame at a dinner hosted in my honor in November."

Congratulations to Mallory and Angela for everything they've achieved.

And we heard about this bit of good cheer from CH as well.

Jana Hausburg, provisional manager at CH, was called over by associate librarian **Gloria De Leon** to meet with a customer who wanted to pay the library and staff a big compliment. In a nutshell, this customer is working hard to improve

his English skills and has asked that staff speak to him only in English. "Your library is inviting for Latinos in this community," he told them. He liked the friendly staff and that fact that many are available to communicate in both Spanish and English. He went on to say that the level of communication he'd observed fits the diverse needs of the community. He appreciated their patience, allowing him to communicate in English and to revert to Spanish only when necessary, as well as the resources offered to him so that he can reach his literacy goals.

Now that's the best reward for customer service.





Building a Reading City

This month we checked in with our MLS programmers to see what they're reading in October. Here's what we found out:

Jennifer Jones, associate librarian from CH, is reading:

Virals by Kathy Reichs, a thriller for teens in which the niece of Temperance Brennan (the forensic scientist from the TV series "Bones" and the books on which the series is based) gets into the family business. Jennifer is

also looking at *Beauty Queens* by Libba Bray, a dark comedy about a plane loaded with beauty contestants that crashes and the survivors turn into Ladies of the Flies, and *Choosing Civility* by P.M. Forni, a writer who still thinks that common decency is achievable.



Taryn Kingery librarian from RE: *Radical* by David Platt, nonfiction that explores the way of Christian living in the 21st Century, *Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling, *Instructions for a Broken Heart* by Kim Culbertson, with a story that has been described as a balance between teen angst and a nice Italian travelogue. Taryn is also reading the *Bible*.

Anita Roesler, Adult Services Coordinator in OUT: "I'm reading by listening to *Kiss the Girls* by James Patterson. Not the usual for a cozy reader like me, but I'm pretty hooked on Patterson these days. I'm also reading *Bones of a Feather* by Carolyn Haines (see?—cozy)."

Emily Williams Young Adult Services Coordinator, OUT: *City of Fallen Angels* by Cassandra Clare, the fourth volume in a YA series; *The Knife of Never Letting Go* by Patrick Ness is the first volume in a YA science fiction series set on a planet where all the women have been killed and the thoughts of all the males are broadcast out loud. Emily is also reading *The Night Circus* by Erin Morgenstern, a first novel set in "a circus that arrives without warning, simply appearing when yesterday it was not there," and *A Clash of Kings* by George R. R. Martin.

Northwest Library



Entrance to the Northwest Library (facing Glenhurst) and parking. Photo was taken Aug. 22.

Northwest Library off N. MacArthur at N.W. 122nd and Glenhurst Blvd.
Photo was taken at the end of July.



Time to Get Your Halloween On

Hello kiddies. It's your old pal MOM (The Mul-lah of Marketing), disinterring himself once again to invite all you perverse page-turners to participate with your ghoul-cool colleagues in the 5th annual "Ghouls Gone Wild" Halloween parade. It's a groovy-gravey train we know you'll dig.

MLS has entered a contingent every year—like a vampire's fangs, it's in our blood—and **Emily "Does It Hurt When I Do This" Williams** is once more making a list and checking it twice (if you're nice, forget it), so if you want to a) put on a costume, or b) dress like MOM does every day, please send Emily an email requesting active duty. Remember to talk to your supervisor first—and we have ways of making you talk. The time commitment (you remember what being committed is like, don't you?) is Saturday, October 29th from 5-9pm.

You must be at least 18 years old, with no time added for bad behavior, and you have to supply your own costume. One of the parade rules states that "no weapons or anything resembling a weapon may be carried, wielded, brandished or otherwise used," but you may be able to have a good time anyway.

You have to be able to walk the distance, so you won't be able to tarry—although a few of you might want to semi-tarry. Heh, heh, heh.



Lending Library

Healthy Employees, Healthy Business: Easy, Affordable Ways to Promote Workplace Wellness

By Ilona Bray



As health care costs skyrocket, small business owners are increasingly concerned about the impact they're likely to have on company profits. Employee illness, chronic poor health, low job satisfaction, and high turnover lead to lower productivity and contribute heavily to lost company earnings. *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 struggling small business owners and managers like you the essential advice you need to implement a low-cost or even free wellness program for your employees.

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
- leverage community resources for minimal financial investment

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* that will help even the smallest business save money and enjoy a dynamic, energized and productive workforce. Plus, you'll get helpful forms and interviews with expert advisers on CD.

Here's A "Wonder" For You

As you probably know, every issue of the MLS monthly magazine—*info*—contains six reviews of books, CDs, or DVDs. The recommendations are all home-grown, supplied by staff who have read, listened to or watched something that they enjoyed enough to want to share with our readers.

It doesn't happen often, but every once in awhile two reviewers read the same book and we print the first of the review that gets sent in. This recently happened with Ann Patchett's new novel, *State of Wonder*. You may remember that Patchett was the Literary Voices™ speaker a couple of years ago.

The second review came from DN librarian **Tracy Stone** (BI's **Christine Bassett** beat her to the punch) and it is so good I didn't want it to go to waste, so here it is. I think you'll enjoy it.

And if you're interested in joining the *info* reviewing team, drop an email to magazine editor **Doug Bentin** and he'll tell you everything he knows (which should take about four minutes).

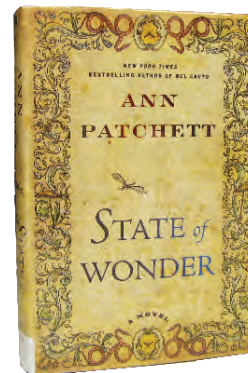
State of Wonder
by Ann Patchett
reviewed by Tracy Stone

In an interview, Ann Patchett said she enjoys writing about people who are cut off from normal society. During her 2009 Literary Voices™ visit to Oklahoma City, she described how, in her 2001 PEN/Faulkner award-

winning *Bel Canto*, her characters are held hostage at length with no outside communication or access to technology. In *State of Wonder*, she again deprives her characters of their techno toys, although this time she sends them down the Amazon into remote Brazilian jungles.

In her quest to discover the fate of fellow scientist, Anders Eckman, and to check up on the progress of the revolutionary fertility drug being developed in the remote jungle for their employer, Minnesota-based Vogel Pharmaceutical, the hapless heroine, Marina Singh, manages to lose not one, but two satellite phones which might have kept her connected to civilization. Nightmares, anacondas, cannibals, and giant insects are just a few of the challenges she must face.

Shades of Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, Coppola's *Apocalypse Now*, and even Stanley and Livingston are in this story. The first half of the book unfolds slowly as Marina stumbles along, but the plot soon takes more twists and turns than the Amazon. This is a thought provoking and very entertaining novel with interesting, dynamic characters, exotic settings, and a page-turning plot.



The ShelfLife Quiz: Music For Maniacs

See if you can match the music to the movie in which it was featured.

The Music:

1. AC/DC: "Highway to Hell"
2. The Cramps: "Surfin' Dead"
3. Echo & the Bunnymen: "People Are Strange"
4. Alice Cooper: "He's Back"
5. Devo: "Let's Talk"
6. Lynrd Skynrd: "Firebird"
7. Adriana Kohutova and Denisa Slepkovska: "Flower Duet" from *Lakme*
8. Marilyn Manson: "Sweet Dreams"
9. The Class of '99 (really some guys from Alice In Chains, Rage Against The Machine, Jane's Addiction and Porno For Pyros): "Another Brick in the Wall, part 2"
10. Rob Zombie: "Living Dead Girl"

The Movies

- a. *The Lost Boys*
- b. *The Faculty*
- c. *Piranha 3-D*
- d. *Bride of Chucky*
- e. *Fright Night* (1985)
- f. *House on Haunted Hill* (1999)
- g. *Return of the Living Dead*
- h. *Final Destination 2*
- i. *Friday the 13th, Part VI*
- j. *The Devil's Rejects*

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Southern Oaks Scores \$1,000 Award!



For the last few years, as part of our Summer at the Library Program, the Oklahoma College Savings Plan has been sponsoring a contest for young people, the first prize of which is a cash award going toward the cost of a college education. This year's winning student received \$2,529, and the library which the student uses most frequently got a check for \$1,000.

The library was Southern Oaks and the student was Dejaneyh Colbert. Take a look at the photos to see a collection of smiling faces topping a pair of oversized checks. Congratulations to Dejaneyh and **Randy Wayland, Cheryll Jones, and John Hilbert**, representing SO.

From left to right, a representative from Oklahoma College Savings Plan, John Hilbert, Randy Wayland, and Cheryll Jones.

The Three Little Pigs Were Not Afraid to be at the Libraries in June



During Summer at the Library, members of The Cimmaron Circuit Opera Company presented *The Three Little Pigs* to 14 libraries.

A LITTLE HELP FOR CAPITOL HILL

ShelfLife received a call for help from CH associate librarian **Gloria de Leon**. Capitol Hill is planning a special Veteran's Day Appreciation event for November 11. The staff is constructing a Wall of Honor on which they will display photos of MLS staff who have served in the military. They want to put up pictures of staff in uniform or, if not in uniform, from the time you were in the service. Also, Gloria added, "we want to let everyone know if you received a ribbon or award, and if so which one is most dear to you."

Going one step beyond MLS staff, if you have a photo of a parent, son or daughter in uniform, please send that, too, along with name, rank, branch of service, and time served.

Remember, the event will be on Nov. 11 so send what you have to Gloria de Leon at CH as soon as you can. She will make sure that everything is returned.

Thanks. For everything.



STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

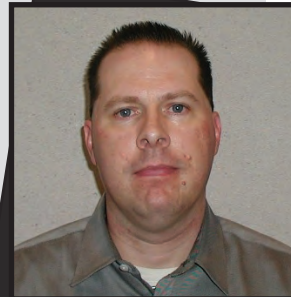
Glenn Webb, a librarian at CH, is a 14-year veteran of MLS. Previous to CH, he worked at VI and BI.

Glenn collects figurines in the shape of boats, lighthouses and libraries. Another hobby is restoring antique clocks.

Among his favorite movies is *It's a Wonderful Life* and favorite books include *Our Town*, *Tale of Two Cities* and *The Giving Tree*.

As a sports fan, Glenn watches boxing and plays basketball and tennis. He would someday like to retire to Lake Tahoe.

His favorite part in working for the library? Glenn says "The wonderful co-workers that I've had the privilege of working with over the years and being able to help customers find the information they need."



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

- Fave Music:** The Ramones
- Fave Movie(s):** *Citizen Kane*
- Fave Vacation:** Honeymoon train trip from Niagara Falls to Montreal
- Fave TV Show:** *Mad Men, Big Bang Theory, Trailer Park Boys, Bones, Castle, Psych, Law and Order, 30 Rock, Parks and Recreation, Bored to Death, Wonder Falls, Pushing Daisies...* I watch way too much TV
- Fave Book** *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* by Michael Chabon (I have a signed copy)
- Fave Food:** Poutine
- Fave Sports:** Basketball and college football
- Fave Season:** Basketball Season
- Fave Hobby:** Brewing beer with my twin
- Family:** My lovely, talented, and charming wife and my dogs Dewey and Dash
- Fave Pets:** Dewey
- Fave Smart phoneApp:** I'm a smart person so I don't feel like I need a smart phone
- Special Skills:** None (see bucket list)

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

I suppose I'd be unemployed.

Do you have a bucket list and what's at the top of it? *After completing this, I suppose acquiring a special skill would have to top the list.*

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HELLO TO

Alice Feilding..... Cataloger, CAT
Jenny Rempel Cataloger, CAT
Cindy Revels-Nig..... Page, BI
Betsy Brown..... Public Comp. Spc., MC

PROMOTION

Mary Sholly From Circ Clerk, DN,
to Conf. Serv. Tech., LO
Warren Anderson From Page to Circ Clerk,
RE
Kristine Charter From Page to Circ Clerk,
ED
Mallory Weigl From Assoc. Librarian
to Librarian, VI

TRANSFER/PROMOTION

Adrienne Nolan From .75 circ clerk, to FT,
DN
Cyndi Selinger..... From HT Librarian, to .75,
CT
Katie Hatfield From HT circ clerk, to FT,
VI

GOODBYE TO

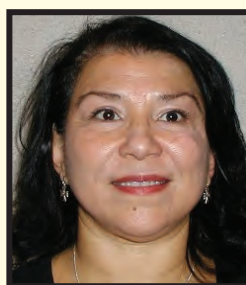
Breanne Ford..... Page, BE
Jack Wright Page, ED
Breck McGough..... Assoc. Librarian, ED
Tanaz Derakshan..... Date Entry Tech., TP



Alice Feilding



Jenny Rempel



Cindy Revels-Nigg



Betsy Brown

The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

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

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October Bulletin Board



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FRANCIE PENDLETON	10/9/1972	CARA KOSZARA	10/6/2010
RUBY SOUTIERE	10/1/1978	JAGTAR SANGHERA	10/15/2010
STEVEN JENKINS	10/5/1987	SAM JOHNSON	10/18/2010
REGINA FIELDS	10/4/1993	JANET SCROGGINS	10/18/2010
CYNTHIA MARTIN	10/1/1998	MARY JANE HALL	10/18/2010
LINDA HOLMBERG	10/22/1998		
RONDIA BANKS	10/4/1999		
LISA BRADLEY	10/22/1999		
PATSY GLOVER	10/16/2000		
TODD OLBERDING	10/1/2001		
STEVEN ISAACS	10/1/2001		
SUSAN HUTCHINS	10/7/2002		
JONATHAN TOLLE	10/11/2002		
MELISSA WEATHERS	10/28/2002		
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	10/4/2004		
SHELDON BEACH	10/5/2004		
JESSICA LITTLE	10/12/2004		
WENDY GABRIELSON	10/13/2004		
ERICA RUTLAND	10/21/2004		
KRISTIN WILLIAMSON	10/25/2004		
PATRICIA ORTIZ	10/26/2004		
KATIE HATFIELD	10/3/2005		
JEROD GERFEN	10/23/2006		
LILY WANG	10/26/2006		
HARRY HOANG	10/27/2006		
CAROL OVERTON	10/11/2007		
MACKENZIE STEPHENS	10/6/2008		
MICHAEL OWENS	10/6/2008		
DREA GATES	10/7/2008		
CANDACE TURNER	10/7/2008		
STEVEN GLOVER	10/7/2008		
KATHRYN SHEESLEY	10/8/2008		
CHRIS KENNEDY	10/20/2008		
AMANDA DOWDING	10/28/2008		
PHILLIP BELT	10/5/2009		
MAT LOGO-FALEPOUONO	10/5/2009		
BRAD BRUCKER	10/19/2009		



October Birthdays



LINDA TEMPLE	10/1
SHELDON BEACH	10/1
MOLLY ALLEN	10/3
LISA MYERS	10/4
JEROD GERFEN	10/4
TRACEY THOMPSON	10/6
STACEY O'NEIL	10/6
BARBARA BEASLEY	10/7
KRISTIN WILLIAMSON	10/7
MARK MARSHALL	10/8
STAN TAUCER	10/8
LAVETTA DENT	10/9
CHERYL COLEMAN	10/11
DEBBIE MORRIS	10/11
MYRA DOVER	10/13
SHARON THOMPSON	10/14
ROGER BANKER	10/14
JOSH WELLS	10/15
MAY HARSHBARGER	10/16
CHRIS LARWIG	10/17
MARY PARKER	10/17
JACOB DUBBERSTEIN	10/17
MARY MCELROY	10/18
RONDIA BANKS	10/18
MARYL BAIRD	10/19
PAULINE RODRIGUEZ-ATKINS	10/20
WARREN ANDERSON	10/21
GARRY SOUDERS	10/22
J.R. DAY	10/22
MALLORY WEIGL	10/22
MATT LOGO-FALEPOUONO	10/23
BRYAN SMYTHE	10/24
BECKY MASON	10/24
KELLIE DELANEY	10/25
DEBBIE GOSSET	10/29
HEIDI PORT	10/30
KARL BLANKENSHIP	10/31
LORIA HOLLEMAN	10/31

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November Birthdays



SELMA ZUHDI	11/1
ANGELA THORNTON	11/2
KAREN STRANGE	11/2
KELLEY RIHA	11/4
PENNY BIRD	11/4
EDITH DANIEL	11/5
LINDA HOLMBERG	11/5
ALEXANDER HINTON	11/7
CHERYLL JONES	11/7
LARINDA CROSSLAND	11/9
SHARON NELSON	11/9
MARIE NICHOLS	11/10
FELICIA HAYES	11/11
MARGARET COLLINS	11/11
MATTHEW EVANS	11/11
JESSICA CARTER	11/12
MARY JANE HALL	11/12
SHARON JORSKI	11/12
RANDY KNUTSON	11/13
ROY BALLOU	11/13
STACY SCHRANK	11/13
NICOLE CHANEY	11/14
SHANELLE JACKSON	11/14
DENISE RYAN	11/15
ADRIENNE NOLAN	11/16
DONNA MORRIS	11/16
TERI REDENBAUGH	11/16
KAREN CASEY	11/18
LISA BRADLEY	11/19
TARYN KINGERY	11/21
CATHY WEBB	11/22
CAITLIN WALKER	11/24
NANCY DRIVER	11/24
DESTANIE ELLIS	11/25
HEIDI WELLS	11/25
KELLEY CHEEK	11/25
LORI MULLOOLY	11/26
PHYLLIS DAVIDSON	11/26
SANDRA BOOKER	11/26
LISA COKER	11/27
DAN HOLMAN	11/30
PRESTON BELL	11/30



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RANDY WAYLAND	11/16/1982
DENYVETTA DAVIS	11/22/1982
PERRY WILSON	11/16/1984
PAULINE RODRIGUEZ-ATKINS	11/4/1985
PRESTON BELL	11/25/1986
SALLY PHILLIPS	11/21/1995
DEBRA JACKSON	11/4/1996
KELLEY RIHA	11/13/2000
DARRIE BREATHWIT	11/20/2000
ELIZABETH KESSLER	11/20/2000
DAVID FRENCH	11/15/2001
CHERYL COLEMAN	11/4/2002
JOHN UTLEY	11/4/2002
SERINA GARCIA FREEMAN	11/26/2002
LISA COKER	11/10/2003
LINDA ELSTON	11/24/2003
PETER ROBERSON	11/24/2003
LINDA HYAMS	11/24/2003
ALICIA RUZYCKI	11/24/2003
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LISA HEINRICH	11/3/2008
DONNA ADAMEK	11/5/2008
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