



# ShelfLife

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## United We Stood



The United Way Committee, pictured frolicking at FOCUS (back row: **Denise Ryan, Candace McDaniel, Heidi Port, and J.R. Day**; front row: **Mary Sholly, Lisa Bradley, and Angela Hill**, looking frighteningly like Charles Nelson Reilly)—**Francie Pendleton** was also on the

Heidi Port (DVS) explains it all: "Thank you for your participation in this year's Staff Volunteer United Way Campaign for United Way of Central Oklahoma! In addition to exceeding our goal by \$820.28, there were 23 bountiful baskets overflowing with creative genius, unique and imaginative crafts as well as delectable baked goods donated by multiple individuals, departments and vendors. The raffle at FOCUS alone raised \$2,047.00! Thanks also to the Staff Association for their awesome raffle in support of United Way, and especially to the United Way Team for all their hard work!"

The last Staff Volunteer Opportunity for 2011 is Warm Hearts. "This year," Heidi reports, "instead of donating to the Salvation Army, we will be collecting baby items for Infant Crisis Center. They assist an average of 1,400 babies per month with lifesaving formula, food and diapers."



committee but missed the photo shoot--send their thanks and congratulations to MLS staff for exceeding the MLS initial goal of \$20,011 by \$820.28.



# 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:

**Kelley Riha, OUT:** *Empire of the Summer Moon* by S.C. Gwynne. The Comanches were the most feared Native American tribe in Texas and on the plains. This book, which chronicles the life of their great chief Quanah Parker, explains why. *Territorians to Boomers* by Peter Pierce. The World Series is finished, but if you haven't gotten enough of baseball this book relates the story of professional baseball in Ardmore. Sounds crazy? Read it and see.

**Dana Morrow OUT:** *Under A Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894* by Daniel James Brown. Hinckley, Minn. was besieged by not one but two forest fires that joined to create a firestorm of Old Testament proportions. Here is the story of the fire and its aftermath. *The Buddha in the Attic* by Julie Otsuka. A novel about the lives of Japanese women who came to San Francisco as "picture brides"—who hadn't met their new husbands before their weddings. *Van Morrison:*

*No Surrender* by Johnny Rogan. A serious biography of the Irish singer who became an international star, written by the author who has been called "pops' most eccentric biographer."

**Kimberley Ann Edwards, DN:** *Assassin's Apprentice* by Robin Hobb. This is the first volume in a fantasy trilogy. It's a coming-of-age story, a political novel, and a magical adventure all wrapped up in one package.

**Doug Bentin, MAC:** *The Dating Game Killer: The True Story of a TV Dating Show, a Violent Sociopath, and a Series of Brutal Murders* by Stella Sands. His name was Rodney Alcala and in addition to being the winning bachelor on the once-popular TV game show, he was also a rapist, child molester, sadist and serial killer. The gal who won a date with him on the show later refused to go out with him because she thought he was "creepy." No duh. *The Engines of God* by Jack McDevitt. 24th

Century archaeologists are sent to explore alien ruins on another planet—and are in for a series of surprises.



# Downtown Library After Dark

Downtown teen librarian **Kimberly Ann Edwards** recently hosted the library's 6th annual Teen Lock-In. Here's what she had to say about it:

"I will go on record as saying it was the best Lock-in we've had in the six years we've been doing them. The kids (15 in all) had a great time and Eileen Castle from the Science Museum of Oklahoma was wonderful. The kids had a great time learning how forensics helped to solve

crimes. Linda Hyams created a great scavenger hunt for the kids that they had a great time completing. The best thing about the evening was it flowed nicely from one activity to the other. Pictures were taken and one day, we might see them. I would like to give a special thank you to my fellow co-workers who helped me with the 6th Annual Downtown Library After Dark:

**Chris Larwig**  
**Mary Sholly**  
**Wendy Gabrielson**  
**Angela Thornton**  
**Linda Hyams**

Security guard **Chelsea** (yeah I suck, I can't remember her last name!)"

Kim admits that she is considering having another lock-in next spring. "I was also thinking about jabbing a fork in my eye...both are interesting, but will probably be a detriment to my sanity."

If you've been thinking about holding a teen lock-in party at your library and would like some advice, give Kim a call at 606-3876.





## Lending Library

### Revolting Librarians Redux: Radical Librarians Speak Out

On the Shelf: 020/R4547r

Ed. by Katia Roberto and Jessamyn West; introd. by Celeste West

Most library literature deals with the nuts and bolts of day-to-day librarianship; this book is different as it deals much more with philosophy. "Revolting librarians aren't defined by what they are, they are defined by what they do," say authors Roberto and West in the book's Preface. "In fact, it's not even what they do, but how they do it."

Topics in the book range from library education and librarianship as a profession to the more political and spiritual aspects of librarianship. The contributions include critiques of library and information science programs,



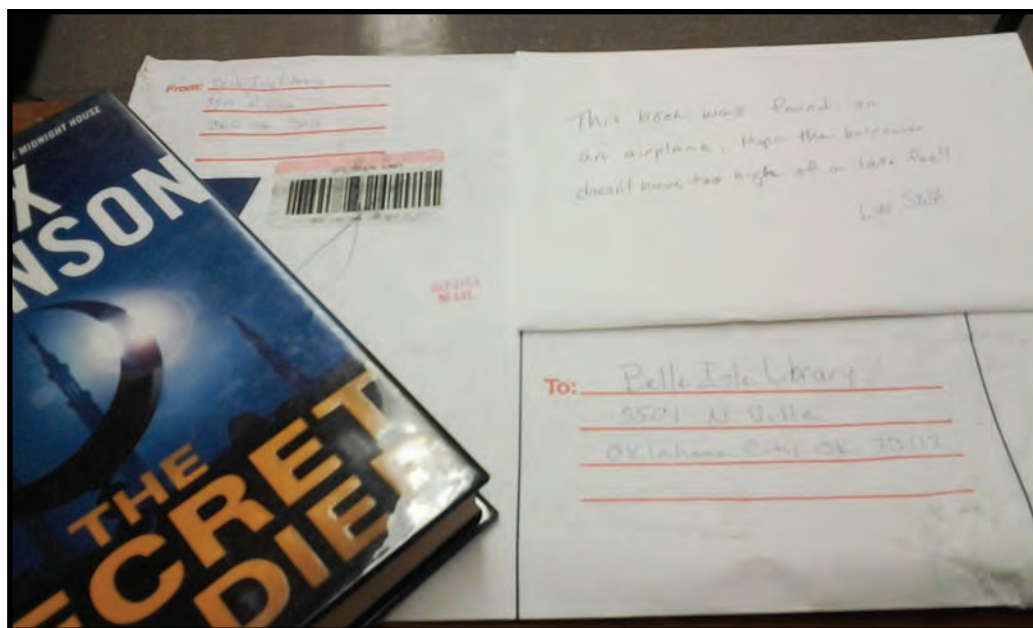
firsthand accounts of work experiences, and original fiction, poetry and art. There are also informative sections on jobs, career and other librarianship issues, and on individual librarians and their experiences.

One reviewer on Amazon.com wrote: "I have to admit that if I'd read Redux before I'd applied to library school, I might have not been so gung-ho about applying (or attending). But that's the beauty of this book. You need to know what you're getting into, and this book provides that. There's an essay on 'What Library Schools Still Aren't Teaching Us' (a lot), and there's a list (sarcastic, of course) of 'What I Really Learned in Library School.'"

Another wrote: "After I began my first job ever in a library I [read this book and] discovered that many other librarians and library staff had exactly the same feelings I did."

This may be just the book you need if you're currently in a mid-job crisis.

## Book & Special Note Sent to Belle Isle



This photo was sent in by **Debbie Robertus, BI.**

The book is *Secret Soldier* by Alex Berenson and was sent to BI by snail mail, with the note inside.

It said: This book was found on an airplane. Hope the borrower doesn't have too high of a late fee!!

LW SWA

Thanks to Southwest Airlines for returning the item to us. They had to do a little research to figure out where to send it. We received this in the mail today. (Oct. 26) Just couldn't resist sharing.

Debbie Robertus, BI





## The ShelfLife Quiz: Born in November

Perhaps the Victorian poet Thomas Hood summed up the 11th month best:

*No sun - no moon!*

*No morn - no noon -*

*No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day.*

*No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,*

*No comfortable feel in any member -*

*No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,*

*No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds! -*

*November!*

But let's take a look at some of November's more positive aspects—the birthdays that fall within the month. See if you can figure out the Birthday Boys and Girls from the clues below (no Googling!).

1. Five American presidents were born in November, only one of whom is thought to be in the first rank, and a couple of them are pretty close to the bottom. Of the five November presidents, which ones were ranked highest and lowest in a Wall Street Journal poll in 2000?

A. James A. Garfield    D. James K. Polk  
B. Warren G. Harding    E. Zachary Taylor  
C. Franklin Pierce

2. Here are five women from the list. Which one was born first?

A. Louisa May Alcott  
B. Marie Antoinette  
C. Marie Curie  
D. George Eliot

3. All five of these Americans (one was born in Scotland, but so what?) are credited as having authored at least one book. Which one probably used a ghost writer?

A. Daniel Boone    D. John Philip Sousa  
B. Andrew Carnegie    E. Mark Twain  
C. Will Rogers

4. All of these November authors either wrote plays or plays were adapted from their work. In one case, an actor playing a lead role was suspected of being

Jack the Ripper due to his convincing performance. Which writer produced the work that was adapted?

A. Albert Camus    D. Robert Louis Stevenson  
B. Fyodor Dostoevsky    E. Ivan Turgenev  
C. William S. Gilbert

5. Here are four 18th Century writers. Which one created a word that is now the name of a popular Internet search engine?

A. William Blake  
B. Jonathan Swift  
C. Laurence Sterne  
D. Voltaire

6. Two famous man-made waterways opened in November. Which one came first?

A. The Erie Canal  
B. The Suez Canal

7. Here are four political/historical figures. One had a big nose, one a pointed beard, one a big cigar, and one big ears. Which is which?

A. Prince Charles  
B. Edward VII  
C. Winston Churchill  
D. Charles de Gaulle

8. May we present three famous French artists, all born in November? Which one was the shortest?

A. Claude Monet  
B. Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec  
C. Auguste Rodin

9. Here are two people and a state of the Union (ahem) all born in November. All have things named for them—an astronomical wonder, a religious denomination, and something I can't remember right off hand. Match 'em up.

A. Martin Luther  
B. Oklahoma  
C. Edmond Halley

Answers on page 5

## The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

1. James K. Polk ranked highest at #9; Warren G. Harding ranked lowest at #39.
2. Marie Antoinette, November 2, 1755. She cut out in 1879.
3. Boone's *The Adventures of Daniel Boone* was likely written by publisher John Filson.
4. A dramatic version of Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* almost landed American actor Richard Mansfield in the slammer.
5. In *Gulliver's Travels*, Swift created creatures known as Yahoos—"vile and savage creatures, filthy and with un pleasant habits."
6. The Erie Canal open in 1825; the Suez Canal followed 44 years later.
7. Nose = Charles de Gaulle; Beard = Edward VII; Cigar = Churchill; Ears=Prince Charles
8. Due to childhood injuries and incredible bad luck, Toulouse-Lautrec was only 5' 1".
9. Halley has a comet named after him; Luther has a religious denomination; *Oklahoma*? Oh yeah, a musical play.



## • MYSTERY PERSON •

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

**Fave Music:** Eclectic -I know it when I hear it  
**Fave Movie(s):** *Amazing Grace*  
**Fave Vacation:** 2008 trip to Gibraltar, Spain, and Morocco  
**Worst Vacation:** Spending the last Spring Break doing ridiculous amounts of homework  
**Fave TV Show:** *Dr. Who*  
**Fave Book:** Nonfiction-especially history, 19th Century British literature)  
**Fave Food:** Spanakopita  
**Fave Season:** Spring  
**Fave Hobby:** Arts and crafts  
**Family:** Parents, sister, brother-in-law, nephew  
**Fave Pets:** Kiki, my Dachshund/Rat Terrier Mix  
**Fave Social Network:** Facebook  
**Fave PC or MAC:** PC  
**Fave smart phone app:** I'm perfectly happy with my "dumb" phone

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

*I would love to have a tea and pastry shop.*

**Do you have a bucket list and what's at the top of it?** *Travel abroad-especially London, the British Isles and Italy*

*Answer on page 7*



## STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

**T**errie Thomas, has been a librarian at MLS for six years and at BI for the last three and a half years. Camping is her favorite vacation time, "I have many happy memories of sitting beside a fire while camping outside of Santa Fe...Hiking in the morning, green chile stew for lunch, then contemplating the Universe by the fire at night. Aahhh...." While hiking, and at other times, the repeat mode on her iPod is Israel the Hawaiian dude's *Somehow Over the Rainbow/What a Wonderful World*.

Terrie's hobbies are journaling, knitting, camping,

and herding cats. The cats are included in her family along with a husband and two siblings.

As a child *A Wrinkle in Time* was her favorite book and her favorite movie is *American Beauty*.

She has been told she writes well (Doug - another prospective *info* reviewer?) and that people appreciate her sense of humor.

Terrie's wishful retirement is "Cruising around the country in our RV and stopping for a week or two at a time to do volunteer work and bike ride along rail-trails."





## Happy Holidays

Just a reminder from your friends in Marketing and Communications that if you want some of the Holiday Greeting cards designed by **Rick George** but you haven't ordered them yet, please do so. We'd like to have a final count by November 10 so the printer will have plenty of time to make them happen, we can route them to you, and you can send them to those

special friends of your library. The text is non-religious and the same as last year:

"Wishing the Best of the Holiday Season to You and Yours"

Orders should be sent via email to **dbentin@metrolibrary.org**. You can also use carrier pigeons, but don't expect them to return. Hey, we get hungry.

## Seven Sages: Advice for the Ages

In these times of, as Tom Lehrer once put it, "universal brouhaha," we all need the encouragement of good and wise words, and from whence are they more likely to come than from the writings of comics, humorists, or satirists? So in the ancient tradition of the court jester, here are seven cheerful notes.

**Will Rogers**

"A fool and his money are soon elected."

**Mark Twain**

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself."

**Josh Billings**

"There is only one good substitute for the endearments of a sister, and that is the endearments of some other fellow's sister."

**W.C. Fields**

"Always carry a flagon of whiskey in case of snakebite and furthermore always carry a small snake."

**Hunter S. Thompson**

"I hate to advocate drugs, alcohol, violence, or insanity to anyone, but they've always worked for me."

**H.L. Mencken**

"Unsuccessful candidates for the Presidency should be quietly hanged as a matter of public sanitation."

**Dorothy Parker**

"If you want to know what God thinks of money, just look at the people he gave it to."

## HELLO TO

Carla Cormack.....	Library Aide, ED
Karin Daugherty .....	Library Aide, CT
Brette Holly .....	Library Aide, ED
Chris Stevenson .....	Library Aide, ED
Shannon Winters .....	Library Aide, ED
Ligela Champion .....	Library Aide, CT
Farrah Butler .....	Library Aide, RE
Sheilah Wiser .....	Library Aide, RE
Melody Kellogg .....	Mgr. of Lib. Op. II, ED
Roni Anderson .....	Pub. Comp. Spc., BI
Kelly Mixon .....	Library Aide, DN

## PROMOTION

Phill Jo .....	From Library Aide to Circ Clerk, VI
Ashley Meyer.....	From Library Aide to Circ Clerk, ED
Bethany Skoch.....	From Library Aide to Pub. Comp. Spc., ED
Amy Chaney .....	From PT Mat. Sel. Tech, to FT, MSL
Julia McConnell .....	From Mat. Sel. Tech, MSL to Librarian, NW
Jon Rollman.....	From Library Aide, DN, to Analyst, PLA

## TRANSFER/PROMOTION

Brandon Johnston.....	From HT Circ Clerk, BI, to PT, Pub. Comp, Spc. WA
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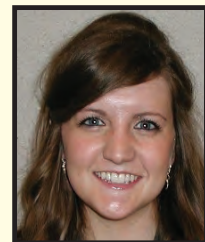
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Jagtar Sanghera .....	Library Aide, ED
Andrea Owen.....	Library Aide, MC



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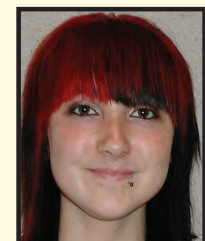
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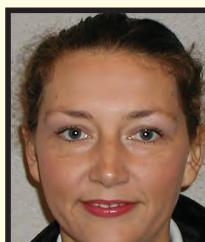
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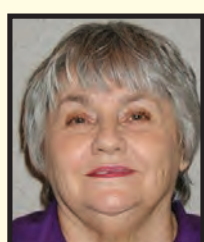
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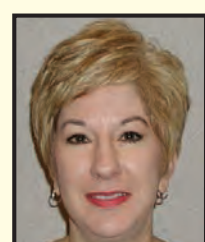
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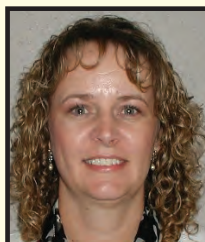
Farrah Butler



Sheilah Wiser



Melody Kellogg



Roni Anderson



Kelly Mixon

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# November Bulletin Board



## 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



## Employee's Nov.Date-of-Hire



DANA MORROW	11/5/1979
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
STACEY O'NEIL	11/23/2004
SALLY GRAY	11/7/2005
TULIN LAFOLLETTE	11/15/2005
LOIS CROSS	11/28/2005
DEVON MCDANIEL	11/28/2005
KAELI DUNN	11/5/2007
BRANDON ROSE	11/5/2007
KAREN STRANGE	11/3/2008
LISA HEINRICH	11/3/2008
DONNA ADAMEK	11/5/2008
SHARON NELSON	11/13/2008
KARL BLANKENSHIP	11/17/2008
CAITLIN WALKER	11/1/2010
HEIDI BOOKOUT	11/29/2010



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## Employee's December Date-of-Hire



DOUG BENTIN	12/26/1985
ROSEMARY RYDEN	12/3/1996
AHAD MARAND	12/1/1997
JOAN KENDALL	12/20/1999
AMY UPCHURCH	12/29/1999
SHARON THOMPSON	12/11/2000
DIANE RICE	12/23/2002
REGINALD WALKER	12/30/2004
RICHARD ANTONISSE	12/12/2005
JOSHUA LEWIS	12/4/2006
KELLIE DELANEY	12/4/2006
DENNIS DELANO	12/3/2007
GRANT YOKLEY	12/5/2007
SHARON YOUNG	12/17/2007
ELLINGTON WOODY	12/29/2008
AMY LAMINSKY	12/8/2009
LORI MULLOOLY	12/14/2009
KASANDRA DEWBRE-BURROWS	12/14/2009
MACEY HERNANDEZ	12/28/2009
ADRIENNE NOLAN	12/6/2010
LENARD WARD	12/13/2010
KATHRYN TRATTNER	12/13/2010



## December Birthdays



CORY NIEBANK	12/1
CAROL OVERTON	12/1
CHRIS CARROLL	12/1
EMILY GREEN	12/2
KIM RICKEY	12/2
ALAN SIAVASHI	12/3
JENNIFER JONES	12/5
KIMBERLY NELSON	12/5
LINDA MORALES	12/5
AMY LAMINSKY	12/6
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
ROSEMARY CZARSKI	12/18
JULIE HENRY	12/19
SUSAN BECKETT	12/20
DUSTIN CHANDLER	12/21
REGINALD WALKER	12/21
ANGELA SANDERS	12/22
DOUG BENTIN	12/22
JENNIFER ADKISSON	12/22
REGINA COBERLEY	12/22
TERI WOOLEY	12/22
BRETTE HOLLY	12/24
DEVIN DAWSON	12/24
JON VODKA	12/24
MARY TAYLOR	12/27
KIM EDWARDS	12/28
PHIL TOLBERT	12/28
LINDSAY DEARINGER	12/29