

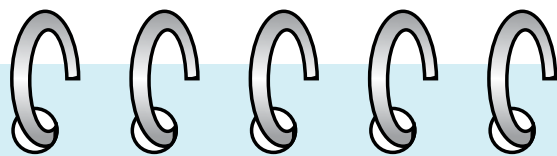


March 2012

# ShelfLife

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## Building a Reading City

You may remember that we sent out a system-wide email soliciting the titles of books that staff read to their kids when the kinder were young, or even those books that staff members liked having read aloud to them back in the day. We got so many replies we weren't able to print them all in January, so here we go with part two of your responses.

**Dee McDaniel (Harrah):** I have four children.... Alexis age 11 is a big fan of I Spy books and Dr. Seuss; Lorenzo age 10 loves any and all Fly Guy books; Olivia age 8 likes Junie B Jones, Judy Moody, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*; Isaac age 4 likes any and all non-fiction books that have pictures of animals. Among the Mercer Mayer books, all time favorite is *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?*

**Anita Roesler (OUT):** Amanda loved *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey and Kacie was (and still is) addicted to the *Berenstain Bears* books by Stan and Jan Berenstain.

**Liz Kickham (DN):** My children loved nightly installments from longer works including *Taylor/Roll of Thunder*, *Hear My Cry*, *Adams/Watership Down*, and my favorite from my own childhood, Enid Blyton/*The Enchanted Wood* and the *Faraway Tree* stories.

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## It's Not Your Grandma's Intranet

Have you checked out all of the new features of the Intranet? There's a whole lot more to our world now! Not only is it easier to use, but it has some great new features. A few of my faves?

- 1 **The Need Assistance? Quick Link:** A handy short list of general information internal phone numbers.
- 2 **Staff Brag Sheet** under, hmmm, Staff. It's a little short on brags right now, and we know there are more of you that should be bragging, so why not click on the "Contribute to Brag Sheet"?
- 3 **Internal Press Releases** under News & Media: These are NOT what MaC sends out to local media, but stuff that YOU need to know.
- 4 **And my all time fave??? The Forums!** Want to sell that old comic book collection or maybe want to buy some Scentsy from Kim Terry (shameless plug). You can find it on the Forums. It also has good general library and non-library topics for us all to talk about.
- 5 **Oh, and some really cool new stuff available on Marketing Resources (another shameless plug).** Downloads (posters, logos & more), program templates... AND the very cool, MaC Projects Catalog. Check out the fabulous creations that we have done. Are you doing a program about Dr. Seuss? Search Seuss and see if we've done something cool to promote it to give you some ideas or request us to revise it.

## The New Face of Human Resources

Lori Hedin began what we hope will be a long tenure as Director of Human Resources, replacing long-time HUM Director Ric Rea. Lori's last position was Director of Human Resources at McBride Clinic here in Oklahoma City, a comparably-sized organization to our own. She began working with us on Feb. 20, but is already starting to feel right at home.

Home? "I was born in Canada (Edmonton, Alberta) and my parents moved us to OK for warmer weather and greater opportunities when I was 10," Lori reports. "I have lived here ever since as I am no fan of the cold!"





## Building a Reading City

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**Alicia Ruzycki (CT):** I absolutely loved reading *The Berenstain Bear* books as a kid. They were my fave!

**Heidi Port (DVS):** My dad used to read a chapter of the *Chronicles of Narnia* to us every night - that made bedtime such a magical event! Fond memories!

**Tim Fisher (DN):** *If I Ran the Circus* by Dr. Seuss

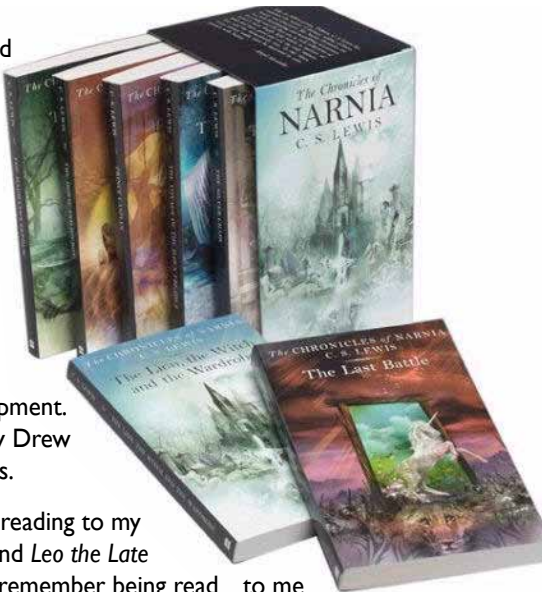
**Vinci Barron (BI):** My boys liked *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, all the Mercer Mayer books and anything with large machinery/equipment. I enjoyed the Boxcar stories, Nancy Drew and the Encyclopedia Brown stories.

**Mary Baird (RE):** I remember reading to my kids *Marvin K. Moony* by Dr. Seuss and *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Kraus. Books I remember being read to me by my mother included the Oz books, traditional fairy tales and *The Water Babies*.

**Sally McCurry (DC):** My oldest daughter was a sucker for *Winnie the Pooh*. She now has read *Where the Red Fern Grows* 28 times! Her favorite books to this day are the *Chronicles of Narnia* series. My three youngest loved the *Berenstain Bears* books; these were the early ones where Papa was more often than not, a lovable buffoon. These are good memories.

**Angie Paeltz (LU):** Last weekend I read to my Gransdon Conner, 2, *Truck Stop* by Bonnie Dobkin, *Carl and the Puppies* by Alexandra Day, *Machines at Work: Police Cars* by Cynthia Roberts, *Machines at work Fire Trucks* by Cynthia Roberts, and many others!

**Shanelle Jackson (DN):** My daughter enjoys: *The Cat in the Hat* by Dr. Seuss, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Bill Martin Jr., *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* also by Bill Martin Jr., *Stellaluna* by Janell Cannon, *Llama Llama* series by Anna Dewdney.



## Hats What I'm Talking' About



LO Manager Chris Kennedy and State Senator Connie Johnson

Recently MC sponsored a Sunday afternoon tea at which ladies could show off their Sunday hats. Eye-catching hats worn to church are an African American ladies' tradition. In the book *Crowns: Portraits*

## Hattitude

of Black Women in Church Hats it's called "hattitude...there's a little more strut in your carriage when you wear a nice hat. There's something special about you."

That was at the root of MC's "Crowns Tea" on Feb. 5. We heard this from MC Manager **Chris Kennedy**: "We were pleased to have Commission member Carolyn Leslie, Opera Singer Erica Thomas, and Senator Connie Johnson participate. The event was very successful and we've already gotten requests for next year!"

## Always Thinking...



**Anna Todd**, from BI, had a great idea on what to do with old plastic magazine holders: use them to organize all of the reams colored paper stored on the back shelves.

Creative thinking—seeing how something can be made to serve a purpose for which it wasn't originally designed. Very cool.

## The ShelfLife Quiz:

### Famous Last Words

Not so long ago, someone snickered at my affinity for using song lyrics in my writing, as if there were something wrong with that. Of course I denied it while wondering: how can my writing, how can anything survive when these little minds tear you in two?

But for all of you who still respond to the lyrics of aged rock 'n' roll songs, here's the ShelfLife Quiz for March. Match the words with the song title and singer. We old rockers, with our trouser cuffs too tight, won't have any trouble with this one.

1. You just put on your coat and hat  
And walk yourself to the laundromat  
And when you finish doin' that  
Bring in the dog and put out the cat
  2. Spider Murphy played the tenor saxophone  
Little Joe was blowin' on the slide trombone  
The drummer boy from Illinois went crash, boom, bang  
The whole rhythm section was a purple gang
  3. You're my baby, you're my pet  
We fell in love on the night we met.  
You touched my hand, my heart went pop  
Ooh when we kissed, we could not stop.
  4. Look out, look out  
Look out, look out
  5. Want some lovin', baby, that ain't all.  
I wanna kiss her but the gal's too tall.
  6. I chew my nails and and I twiddle my thumbs  
I'm real nervous, but it sure is fun
  7. A-wop-bop-a-loo-bop-a-lop-bop-boom
  8. Bum bum bum bum... now you  
Bum bum bum bum...  
You're getting good  
Bum bum bum bum...
  9. Doo, doo, doo down doo be do down, down  
Come on come on  
Down doo be do down, down  
Come on come on
- And perhaps the greatest lyric of all time:
10. Sha na na na, sha na na na na,  
Yip yip yip yip yip yip yip yip  
Mum mum mum mum mum mum

## Children's Summer Science Programs

Once again, the Oklahoma Sam Noble Museum of Natural History is offering two Science Field Programs for students during Summer 2012, and the museum would like our help in getting the word out to eligible students.

"The programs make science exciting and relevant to Oklahoma youth by engaging them in authentic science experiences. Plus, the programs are FREE to the students who are accepted, so help us get the word out!"

**Deadline for applications is March 23.** Space is limited and applications are competitive.

**Oklahoma Science Adventure** is for Middle Schoolers (students in grades 6, 7 and 8). It will be held July 7-14, 2012. More information:  
<http://explorology.snomnh.ou.edu/osa>

Application:  
<http://explorology.snomnh.ou.edu/osa-apply>

**Paleo Expedition** is for High Schoolers (students in grades 9, 10, and 11). It will be held June 16-30, 2012.

More information: <http://explorology.snomnh.ou.edu/paleo-expedition>

Application:  
<http://explorology.snomnh.ou.edu/pe-apply>



Expenses for accepted participants are paid for by the Whitten-Newman Foundation, sponsor of the Museum's ExplorOlogy Program. For more information on ExplorOlogy, Oklahoma Science Adventure and Paleo Expedition, visit <http://explorology.snomnh.ou.edu/>

### Quiz Choices:

- A. *Breaking Up Is Hard to Do*, Neil Sedaka
- B. *Get a Job*, The Silhouettes
- C. *Great Balls of Fire*, Jerry Lee Lewis
- D. *Jailhouse Rock*, Elvis Presley
- E. *Leader of the Pack*, The Shangri-Las
- F. *Mr. Bass Man* Johnny Cymbal
- G. *Rockin' Pneumonia and the Boogie Woogie Flu*, Huey "Piano" Smith and The Clowns
- H. *Tutti Frutti*, Little Richard
- I. *Yakety Yak*, The Coasters
- J. *You're Sixteen*, Johnny Burnette





## Lending Library: Napoleon CEO

by Alan Axelrod

According to author Alan Axelrod, who has written other books in which he's presented the leadership qualities he's gleaned from examining the careers of famous figures from history, Napoleon excelled in six areas: Audacity, Vision, Empathy, Strategy, Logistics, and Tactics. He believes that anyone could learn leadership lessons from Napoleon, especially any library staff members who planned to improve their position in the organization by invading Russia during the winter.

Seriously, Axelrod realizes that human nature is pretty much the same in all arenas of life and that what works for generals and statesmen can work for you, too. History, when carefully read, can be as instructive as business courses at Harder.



## • MYSTERY PERSON •

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

- Fave Music:** All music except most modern jazz, 80's & 90's country, most hardcore gangster rap, & some operas.
- Fave Movie(s):** *O'Brother Where Art Thou*
- Fave Sports:** Watching college football and love to watch curling during the winter Olympics.
- Fave Vacation:** Germany and China
- Worst Vacation:** Waukesha, Wisconsin
- Fave TV Show:** Justified
- Fave Book:** *Gone to Texas*, by Forest Carter. Although I do read a lot of books by Dean Koontz & Christopher Moore.
- Fave Food:** Mexican
- Fave Season:** Fall/Autumn
- Fave Hobby:** Fishing and shooting when I get the chance
- Family:** Wife and two dogs
- Fave Pets:** I have a boxer named Mojo
- Fave Social Network:** Google+, only because it has the least amount of creepers on it right now.

**Current repeat song on iPod:** Weird Al, Beastie Boys, and next week, Radio Head

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

**Do you have a bucket list and what's at the top of it?**  
*No bucket list, but I've always wanted to learn how to surf.*

*Answer on page 6*

## STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Katie Hatfield has been with MLS for 6.5 years and is a Circ Clerk at MC. "I work with many people who share my views," she is pleased to say, "and because my manager encourages suggestions and new ideas from all level of staff, I recently discovered that I'm creative."

That creativity shows itself in Katie's hobbies. "Everyone will surely be shocked to discover that I love to read. Recently I've been devoting much more time to costuming, mostly historical costuming and Steampunk. I'm a nerd. My goal has always been to travel in Europe, with my dream being a multi-year stay to study languages and cultures. I loved the two weeks I finally got to spend in Germany a few years ago,

and I can't wait to go back ... eventually.

"I love a variety of music, but most of my favorite songs/artists are humorous in some way; Voltaire (the singer, not the philosopher, although he's cool too), Gilbert and Sullivan, Tom Lehrer, Wizard Rock, Dresden Dolls, etc. Right now I'm kind of diggin' Cinnamon Girl by Dunkelbunt with Boban I Marko Marcovic Orkestar; seriously, look it up on YouTube, and you won't be able to stop dancing."





## HELLO TO

Ann Marie Raia .....	Librarian, DN
Ian Fuller .....	Proj. Spc., OUT
Jesus Lugo.....	Library Aide, SO
Daniel Weaver .....	Library Aide, SO
Megan Dorame .....	Library Aide, RE
Julie Mills .....	Library Aide, RE
Joshua Russell.....	Library Aide, ED

## RETIREMENT

Ann Aliotta..... Asst. Mgr. of LO, ED

## GOODBYE

Emily Hatheway .....	Library Aide, DN
Brad Brucker .....	Mtc. Tech I, MTC
Steven Glover.....	Library Aide, SO
Linda Morales .....	Library Aide, RE
Armando Celayo .....	Mat. Svcs. Tech., MSL
Debbie Gossett.....	Library Aide, VI



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# Snow? What's Snow??

Okay, this snowman constructed by a CH customer may not be robust enough to sing with the voice of Burl Ives, and he looks as if he tried to dance and play he'd collapse in a heap of asthmatic hacking, but it's the thought that counts. If you're going to have a rotund snowman welcoming library customers like a frosty Walmart greeter, you have to have more snow than we've gotten in 2012. Not that we're complaining, mind you.

Anyway, CH Manager **Jana Hausburg** sent this photo of a jolly happy soul along to us.





## March Bulletin Board



### March Birthdays



GRANT YOKLEY	3/1
REAGAN KLOIBER	3/2
SHEILAH WISER	3/5
AHAD MARAND	3/5
KIRSTIE BROWN	3/5
SARAH KELLUM	3/6
DANIEL MARTIN	3/6
PATSY GLOVER	3/8
DARIN SMITH	3/8
EMMY VERDIN-CROWE	3/8
NANCY LYTLE	3/9
VICKIE ROSS	3/9
JULIE BALLOU	3/9
STEVEN ISAACS	3/12
SALLY MCCURRY	3/14
SERINA GARCIA FREEMAN	3/14
VINCI BARRON	3/15
TIM ROEMER	3/15
BARB PARR	3/17
ROBIN SAGEL	3/17
CHRIS CADE	3/17
DIANNA RUPP	3/19
AMY UPCHURCH	3/19
RUSSELL PIERCE	3/22
MARY SHOLLY	3/22
KATIE HATFIELD	3/22
ABE EJTEHADI	3/23
SHATIMA BENNETT	3/23
SHAHIN ASGHARI	3/25
GLORIA MELCHOR	3/25
NEIL PRUTHI	3/25
KIM COBB	3/26
PAM BUCHANAN	3/27
PATRICIA ORTIZ	3/30
TODD PODZEMNY	3/30
JANA HAUSBURG	3/31
SHEILA FIXEL	3/31



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



DARCUS SMITH	3/28/1986
DENISE COURTS	3/16/1987
JILL VESSELS	3/19/1987
JOE POE	3/21/1987
TRACY STONE	3/17/1988
MARY STRASNER	3/6/1989
BEVERLY PHILLIPS	3/22/1993
LEE MATA	3/15/1994
MARGARET COLLINS	3/27/2000
VINCENT ARMIJO	3/26/2001
KATHY MARQUIS	3/27/2001
JESSICA MINTER	3/23/2005
JULIET ALAVICHEH	3/28/2005
JEFFREY FREDERICKS	3/13/2007
BEVERLY CUNNINGHAM	3/26/2007
DENISE RYAN	3/26/2007
REBECCA MASON	3/27/2007
ROBYN ICKS	3/17/2008
WANDA LITTLE	3/9/2009
GLORIA MELCHOR	3/23/2009
EMMY VERDIN-CROWE	3/23/2009
PHILL JO	3/1/2010
RUTH HARDER	3/8/2010
TARYN KINGERY	3/22/2010
JACSON MELVIN	3/8/2011
LINDA MORALES	3/21/2011
SHATIMA BENNETT	3/21/2011

### The ShelfLife Quiz:

#### Answers

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

# April Bulletin Board



## Employee's April



### Date-of-Hire

LAVETTA KINSEY DENT	4/27/1979
HEIDI JOHNSON	4/30/1979
ANNE FISCHER	4/3/1981
CLYDE HERROD	4/13/1982
JEAN WILBURN	4/6/1992
DANIEL FIELDS	4/2/2001
MARY MCELROY	4/5/2001
KERI CLOUD	4/29/2002
MELANIE LEVICK	4/26/2004
LINDA TEMPLE	4/25/2005
JULIANNA LINK	4/25/2005
LANDON HOLMAN	4/3/2006
SANDRA LANHAM	4/3/2006
DOYLE WILCOX	4/24/2006
KEVIN SENDALL	4/9/2007
JEANETTE MIRLL	4/23/2007
JESSICA MORRIS	4/7/2008
JUSTIN HERWIG	4/7/2008
NANCY SLUSAR	4/14/2008
VICKIE ROSS	4/28/2008
JULIA MCCONNELL	4/6/2009
MAEGYN DOYLE	4/20/2009
ROGER BANKER	4/20/2009
HEIDI WELLS	4/19/2010
JENNIFER ENGLAND	4/19/2010
NAJAH HYLTON	4/4/2011
TERESA HAWKINS	4/5/2011
REBECCA SPENCER	4/5/2011
DEBORAH MORRIS	4/6/2011
ALOISE MCCULLOUGH	4/18/2011
JEANIE SOLES	4/19/2011
LORIA HARRIS HOLLEMAN	4/19/2011
CASEY LOWRY	4/19/2011
LATASHA TIMBERLAKE	4/22/2011



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JULIE MILLS	4/1
KEVIN SENDALL	4/1
JEANETTE MIRLL	4/2
DARLENE BROWERS	4/3
TERA MCAMIS	4/3
JOHN WOOD	4/4
FARRAH BUTLER	4/5
CRYSTAL SUPPES	4/7
EMILY WILLIAMS	4/7
SIOBHAN MORAVA	4/9
FRAN HARBERT	4/10
KAYHAN YAZDANI	4/10
MARGO ELLIS	4/11
CASEY LOWRY	4/14
LISA WALKER	4/14
MACEY HERNANDEZ	4/15
ADA MADISON	4/16
GERALD HICKMAN	4/17
GREG BENNETT	4/18
KERI CLOUD	4/18
HEIDI JOHNSON	4/19
JOHN UTLEY	4/19
SHARON MAINE	4/20
JULIE SCHOFIELD	4/21
MARK VANCE	4/21
PATRICK WILLIAMS	4/21
MELISSA WEATHERS	4/22
DAVID MACK	4/24
JANET BOWEN	4/24
SANDRA LANHAM	4/25
DREA GATES	4/26
PAIGE NIFONG	4/26
SUSAN STINSON	4/26
JULIET ALAVICHEH	4/27
MICHAEL OWENS	4/27
MARIA WATKINS	4/28
TIM HANNA	4/28
RACHEL ALLEN	4/29
TOM GALLAGHER	4/30