



ShelfLife

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Building a Reading City

When we asked readers last December to let us know what books they read aloud to their kids/grandkids/nieces/nephews/visitors-from-other-planets-living-in-their-homes, etc. the response was gratifyingly enthusiastic. So much so, in fact, we are still publishing the results. Well, this is the final, and longest installment. Thanks to everyone who shared their children's favorite read-aloud books.

Pam Buchanan (IT): It has been a long time but some of our favorites were: *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*, *All the Places to Love* (beautiful illustrations by Oklahoma's own, Mike Wimmer), and *The Little Engine That Could*.

Julie Schofield (SO): My daughter, Rianna, loved *Amelia Bedelia* but just about any book would do in a pinch. She was the kid in the grocery store walking down the aisles with her nose in a book.

Najah Hylton (VI): I loved anything Dr. Seuss!

Sally Gray (VI): When my boys were young, they loved me to read the story *Ira Sleeps Over* by Bernard Waber. One of my boys even gave his teddy bear the same name as Ira's bear in the book! Another book that we checked out of the library many times was a book called *How Many Trucks Can a Tow Truck Tow?* by Charlotte Pomerantz.

Booksale is a Winner for Everyone

The Friends of the Library recently announced that Booksale 2012 raised a little over \$230,000, which, in anyone's bank account, is a considerable chunk of change. The money will go to through grants and programs covered by the Did you know over \$3 million raised by Booksale has come to MLS from Friends?

...since 1981 over \$3 million raised by Booksale...

The money will go to underwrite library projects that aren't annual budget. that since 1981

FOL wanted staff to know that they appreciate the volunteer time that you donate to make the sale the incredible success it has become—and we, in turn, want to thank Friends for their support of what we do. Booksale is Win/Win.

TO QUOTE THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS "OOPS"

Last month we passed along a good idea on how to reuse old plastic magazine holders—if you lay them on their sides, you can use them to store colored paper. The tip came to us from **Anna Todd** at BI, but idea originated with Manager **Priscilla Doss** and Assistant Manager **Debbie Robertus**.

In reporting this, ShelfLife inadvertently attributed Priscilla's and Debbie's nifty idea to Anna. Our apologies for leaving the BI management team out of the story. Kudos to Priscilla and Debbie.



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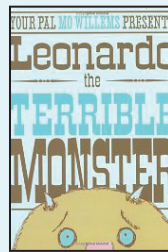
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Terrie Thomas (BI): I remember loving *A Wrinkle In Time* as a kid, and I used to read lots of biographies.

Rosemary Stafford (VI): All three of my boys liked the Oz books. We ended up getting all 14 of the books Baum did. Also Dr. Seuss, also Jane Yolen had some good books.

John Hilbert (SO): I remember my mom reading *Winnie the Pooh* to me and liked it so much I had to read it over and over. She also read to me the teachings of Jesus from the Bible. I read *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl to a class of 2nd and 3rd graders once. It's a great read-aloud.

Chris Carroll (DVS): Six-month-old Jane Carroll is already a huge fan of Mo Willems's books, especially *Leonardo the Terrible Monster*, *Let's Say Hi to Friends Who Fly*, and *Knuffle Bunny*. Judging by her responses to them, his books taste as good as they read.



Linda Temple (MC): We read aloud every night for many, many years. As the kids got older, some of the books included *Watership Down*, the *Narnian Chronicles*, *The Princess Bride*, and the *Madeline l'Engle* trilogy.

Diane Sarantakos (DVS) My girls (Shelby and Madison) particularly liked *The Monster at the End of This Book*, *The Kissing Hand* and *I Love You Forever*.

Deb Morris (VI): My children enjoyed -as a read aloud -- *Magical Moonballs* by Laura Seeley. It has lots of rhyming and cute faces of things around the house that comes to life and a little mouse to search for on each page ... My son learned his abc's from Dr. Seuss's *A B C's*.

Denesa Bennett (WA): My son Brad was particularly fond of the *Dinotopia* books written and illustrated by James Gurney. *Dinotopia* is an isolated island inhabited by shipwrecked humans and sentient dinosaurs who have learned to coexist peacefully.

Sandra Ianham (MC): My son is 28 now, but we enjoyed reading the *Narnia* books together and the Oz books. I think I read him the *Winnie the Pooh* books, and *Hurlbut's Stories of the Bible*, also.

Joey Shelton (RE): I loved reading books to my kids. I was sad when my daughter told me she was too old to have me read to her anymore. *Stand Tall, Molly Lou Melon* was one of our favorites. We liked to read about girls who were a little different but also very confident.

GRADUATION DAZE



Yes, it's that time again—time when students who have spent decades of their lives pouring their hearts and souls into gaining an education can don the robe and mortarboard, sit quietly and listen to a keynote speaker full of optimism and hot air, receive their diplomas, and ask themselves the age old question: Okay, now what?

And we oldsters can nod wisely and offer the same sage response that oldsters gave to us all those years ago: I dunno. You're on your own.

Help us all celebrate the season of graduation, which ShelfLife does every May, by sending us the names of MLS staffers and their families who are graduating this spring. We'll congratulate the lucky scholars in a special way next month.

Please send the person's name, school from which s/he graduated, and future plans (if known) to dbentin@metrolibrary.org by April 23.

Thanks. See ya around campus.

Database Trials

Through April 8 we can try out a new service from ProQuest Historical Newspapers: four Jewish newspapers. Available will be:

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: *The American Hebrew & Jewish Messenger* (1857-1922)

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: *The Jerusalem Post* (1932-1988)

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: *The Jewish Advocate* (1905-1990)

ProQuest Historical Newspapers: *The Jewish Exponent* (1887-1990)

As always, Material Selector **Susan Ryan** would like to hear from all of you who take the time to examine these databases. Let her know about ease of use and presumed usefulness to your community. You can explore the newspapers at this address:

<https://www.proquest.com/trials/trialSummary.action?view=subject&trialBean.token=3EMWXC5ZNJL0FA5QF1FV>

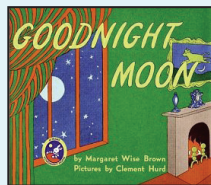


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Ronna Davis (ED) *The Story of Babar, The Little Elephant* by Jean de Brunhoff, *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak, *The Missing Piece* by Shel Silverstein, *Strega Nona* by Tomie de Paola.

Teresa Matthews (ED) When my nephews were toddlers they could not get enough of *Goodnight Moon* by Margaret Wise Brown. We could not turn a page until they had found the item every line mentioned on the page so they could point at it, and then just for fun we had to name all the other items on the picture as well so no one was left out.



Crystal Easley (DC) When I was young I loved *Brown Bear, Brown Bear* by Eric Carle. My little girl Dani, who is three, loves the book. Before I get to the next page she knows that the brown bear is going to see.

Denise Courts (HUM) I used to read to my nephew when he was little, but it didn't matter the title as long as I would read to him with character. As he and his brothers got older I kept *Where's Waldo?* books and whenever they would come over to visit they would go directly to the bookshelf and sit for hours trying to find him. I never moved those books out of place, because I knew they would be looking for them.

Beth Wilson (MC) I know this is kind of crazy, but *Evolution* by Jean-Baptiste De Panafieu is my three-year-old's favorite book right now. Most of the text isn't toddler friendly, so we read him the captions. It weighs nearly as much as he does, but it is really an amazing book. He also likes anything with monsters, dinosaurs, superheroes, sports, or Star Wars.

Cara Koszara (Tech Processing) When we were young we would spend the weekend at my Granny's. There were a few times when her power would go out, and then by flashlight and sometimes candle light she would read *Just So Stories* by Rudyard Kipling to us grandkids. We'd be all spread out in the living room under blankets. I still remember all of those stories with a smile.

The ShelfLife Quiz:

Famous Last Words

The failure of a new product is frequently blamed on the marketing that accompanied its introduction. For instance, the guy who led the marketing team for the recent Disney flop *John Carter* is probably flipping burgers at Mel's Drive-In on Highland Ave. in Hollywood even as you read this. But sometimes the advertising slogan—known in the trade as the “Tag Line”—shows at least as much imagination as the movie it publicizes. Here are some famous tag lines. See if you can match them to their movies. And when it comes to ShelfLife Quizzes, May the Odds be Ever in your Favor.

1. Coming to Your Galaxy This Summer
2. The Strangest Story Ever Conceived By Man!
3. We're Ready to Believe You
4. Man Is the Warmest Place to Hide
5. Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back in the Water
6. A Different Set of Jaws
7. This Was the Day the Earth Was Disemboweled in Terror!
8. Never Give a Saga an Even Break
9. Collide With Destiny
10. Be Afraid. Be Very Afraid



Choices:

- A. *The Fly* (1986)
- B. *Blazing Saddles*
- C. *The Lost Skeleton of Cadavra*
- D. *Ghostbusters*
- E. *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
- F. *Star Wars*
- G. *Titanic*
- H. *The Thing* (1982)
- I. *Jaws II*
- J. *King Kong*





Lending Library: Multicultural Programs for Tweens and Teens

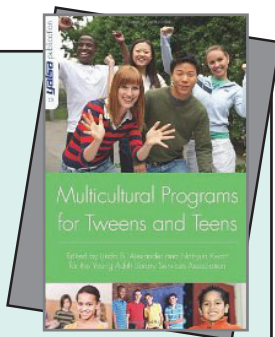
by Dr. Linda B. Alexander and
Dr. Nahyun Kwon

Among the many things MLS staff do well is programming for Teens, a potentially tough group to attract. Led by **Emily Williams** in Outreach, our teen specialists do a peachy (not a teen word—don't use it) job of coming up with innovative ideas to interest this famously difficult-to-please demographic.

If you're casting around for new ideas for teen programs, you might want to go multicultural, and this is the book that can help you get started. It's intended as a guide for public and school librarians, and it provides up to nine ideas each for African American, Latino American, Native American, and Asian cultural programs, plus four cross-cultural programs designed to raise awareness of themes shared by multiple cultural groups. Program details include age range of intended participants, expected duration, goals and relevance, activities, preparation and potential cost.

In its review, *Booklist* wrote: "This handy resource is "a compilation of library and information science graduate student inclusion and awareness assignments" from a course designed by one of the book's editors. The typical entry is presented as a detailed lesson plan specifying age level, duration of library program, introduction and background, overall goal, relevance to the community, activities, preparation, cost and materials, and bibliography or webliography (or both)."

And you might also want to take a look at: *The Hipster Librarian's Guide to Teen Craft Projects*, by Tina Coleman and Peggie.



New Database Coming to a Website Near You

It's called Access Video On Demand and it's going to knock our customers' socks off. It offers on demand viewing of over 8,800 full-length videos (they say that's nearly 5,000 hours, enough for the most dedicated couch potato). No, it's not feature films—most of the collection is documentary material—but it will provide our customers with a solid alternative to basic cable, drawing its

films from the best producers and broadcasters, including BBC, PBS, ABC News, CNBC, Biography, History Channel, National Geographic, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, Ken Burns, and hundreds more. You'll even be able to revisit some favorites from *Masterpiece Theatre*.

Another terrific feature is that any number of customers can simultaneously use the resource – there isn't a limited number of "copies" that can be "checked out" at any given time, and any current cardholder can use Access Video On Demand from home or anywhere with broadband Internet access. Since this is a browser-based internet service, the videos can be viewed on PCs, Macs, iPads and other internet-enabled mobile devices.

Among the many features and resources available in Access Video On Demand are:

- New videos added monthly – hundreds every year
- Nothing to check out, nothing to return – with no worries about overdue fees or damaged DVDs
- Unlimited access 24/7
- Closed-captioning on thousands of titles
- Citations provided for students doing research or homework
- And it's from Facts on File. As they say in Comicbookland, 'nuff said.

Keep an eye out for this one. It could be huge.





• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

Fave Music:	Third Day and Casting Crowns
Fave Movie(s):	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i>
Fave Sports:	Football especially when the Cowboys are winning (GoPokes!)
Fave Vacation:	Cruising on Royal Caribbean
Fave TV Show:	NCIS
Fave Book	Who can pick just one?
Fave Smart	
Phone App:	YNAB
Special Skills:	I type 130+ words a minute

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for MLS Programmers:

Hints for mlsEvents

Here are a few tips on entering programs into the mlsEvents calendar.

- The short title entered should have part of the long name to identify it
- In the description be sure to cover all details of the event (if known)
- Include ALL cosponsors of the event (i.e. Friends of the Library)
- Try not to repeat information in the description section (date, time, library, etc) since these already appear in the format.
- Always check the month coming up to see if previously entered programs contain out-of-date information or should be deleted all together.
- If you need to delete an entry after it's been published, (or add more information, change info, etc.) email nlytle@metrolibrary.org and she will take care of it.

More tips coming in May ShelfLife



STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Lisa Heinrich, cataloging tech, has been with MLS for 3.5 years.

"I really enjoy the people I work with and have made some life long friends here. Getting to see all the new material before others, of course, rates as my favorite thing about my job. Being at the lake on my ski boat is what I spend most of late spring, summer and fall doing. Also, watching my favorite sports team, the Texas Rangers and everyone at work knows I'm a big fan. I go to Arlington and watch them many times a year and got to see them play in the World Series. I can mark that off my bucket list.

During the winter is when I read and watch movies. I do love to travel and the most memorable (trip) has been (to) Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. Such a peaceful place even with all the tourism. Memphis was wonderful, sitting on Beale street listening to the "Blues". I just returned from Washington D.C. and really enjoyed it. My next vacation will be in Hawaii next year to celebrate my 25th wedding anniversary with my husband Ronnie. We have four children and five grandchildren. We also have four dogs (babies) Molly, Happy, Lizzie Lou, and Allie. I do have a smart

phone and my most used app is OK Lottery because I check my numbers regularly to see if I'm the big winner! Someday !hahaha When people ask me if there's a book that has any meaning to me the first one that comes to mind is *Who moved my Cheese?*. It was what I needed at the time and really helped me with some decisions I needed to make. My retirement will probably be in Oklahoma even though I would like it to be on the beach somewhere with endless Margaritas!"





HELLO TO

Jeannie Manners.....	Librarian, NW
Lori Hedin.....	Dir. of Hum. Res., HUM
Andrea Emmons	Library Events Coord., NW
Jaclyn Fulwood.....	Pub. Comp. Spc., MC
Erika Onarsee	Library Aide, WR
Mark Ramsey.....	Library Aide, WA

PROMOTION

Brandon Johnhston	From Pub. Comp. Spc., WA to ILL Tech (PT), ILL
Alex Hinton	Library Aide, WA, to ILL Tech, ILL

HELLO AGAIN

Ann Aliotta.....	Librarian (P-T), LO
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TRANSFERS

Rachel Allen.....	From Circ Clerk (.75), DN, to Circ Clerk, (FT), VI
Warren Anderson	From Circ Clerk (.75), to (F-T), RE
Charleen Miller	Library Asst., (H-T), to (.75), CT
Lori Mullooly	From Circ Clerk, (H-T), WA, to Mat. Sel. Tech, (P-T), MSL
Jon Vodka	From Del. Driver, to Mtc. Tech. 1, MTC

VOLUNTARY DEMOTION

Tera McAmis.....	From Mgr of LO I, DC, to Library Events Coord., DN
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GOODBYE

Jack Kinzie.....	Asst. Mgr. of LO, SO
Katy Jo Brown	Library Aide, ED
Karl Blankenship	Mtc Tech. II., MTC
Garry Souders	ILL Tech., ILL
Aloise McCullough.....	Library Aide, ED



Jeannie Manners



Lori Hedin



Andrea Emmons



Jaclyn Fulwood



Erika Onarsee



Mark Ramsey



The ShelfLife Quiz:

Answers

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

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




April Birthdays




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


May Bulletin Board




May Birthdays



NANCY SLUSAR	5/1
SUSAN RYAN	5/1
CHRIS SANZ	5/1
SHARON YOUNG	5/3
MACKENZIE STEPHENS	5/3
DEBBIE ROBERTUS	5/6
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
DONNA ADAMEK	5/6
JESSICA MORRIS	5/7
CAT HAGAR	5/7
PAIGE WARREN	5/7
ANNE FISCHER	5/9
CHERYL MANN	5/12
DAVID RUSHING	5/12
MELANIE LEVICK	5/14
MARY JOHNSON	5/15
STEPHANIE GERLING	5/15
SHARON BISH	5/16
KEVIN COLWELL	5/16
SUSAN HUTCHINS	5/18
LISA WOOD	5/18
DIANNE WILLIAMS	5/19
REGINA FIELDS	5/19
DENNIS DELANO	5/20
TRACY STONE	5/21
LINDSAY EGLE	5/21
JACSON MELVIN	5/23
TIM DAUBENSPECK	5/24
LIZ KICKHAM	5/27
JON ROLLMAN	5/31



Employee's May Date-of-Hire



MARILYN BACKUS	5/21/1987
REGINA WOLFINGER	5/29/1990
HEIDI PORT	5/12/1997
TINDLE ARNOLD	5/27/1997
JOSH WELLS	5/15/1999
LISA MYERS	5/5/2000
TERESA GOGGINS	5/7/2001
CHRIS LARWIG	5/28/2002
DIANNA RUPP	5/28/2002
MARY SHOLLY	5/18/2003
MARYL BAIRD	5/22/2003
RENA GIBSON	5/16/2005
DANA BEACH	5/26/2005
KENDRA WILLIAMS	5/2/2006
FELICIA HAYES	5/8/2006
JERRY NANCE	5/27/2006
TIM DAUBENSPECK	5/22/2007
LAURA WINTERS	5/23/2007
JERRY O'HARE	5/5/2008
SUZETTE FELTON	5/12/2008
JOYCE JACKSON	5/13/2009
KIMBERLY NELSON	5/6/2010
ASHLEY MEYER	5/17/2010
MENDI SUMTER	5/3/2011
DIANNE WILLIAMS	5/9/2011
DEVIN DAWSON	5/16/2011
JEFFERY MULLINS	5/16/2011
TERA MCAMIS	5/31/2011
LAURA VANWINKLE	5/31/2011
MEGHAN ATTALLA	5/31/2011