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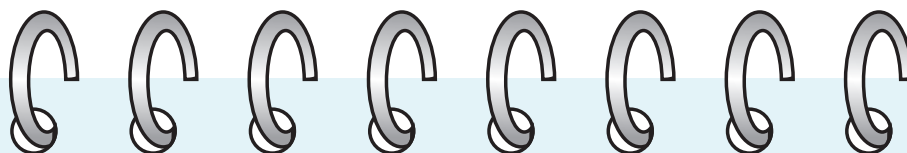


Best Read Cities in America

American Libraries recently reported on The Best Read Cities in America, according to both library circulation figures per capita and Amazon.com data on the number of books purchased (from Amazon.com) in cities of populations over 100,000. Sorry to say, Oklahoma City—or any city in Oklahoma or our region—did not make the lists.

So who did? Number one on the circulations list was Ann Arbor, Michigan, the town that also took fourth place on the Amazon list. Number one for purchases was (no surprise here) Cambridge, Mass. What? The city where Harvard exists buys more books than Norman, OK? Well, yeah.

Here are the top 10 libraries for circulation per capita. This lets us know the numbers we have to shoot for.



Library Circulation per capita

Ann Arbor (Mich.) District Library	58.94
Cuyahoga County Public Library, Parma, Ohio	33.44
Naperville (Ill.) Public Library	32.29
Multnomah County Library, Portland, Ore.	29.97
Central Rappahannock Regional Library, Fredericksburg, Va.	29.43
Douglas County Libraries, Castle Rock, Colo.	27.86
Santa Clara County Library, Los Gatos, Calif.	26.64
Arapahoe Library District, Englewood, Colo.	24.18
Howard County Library, Columbia, Md.	24.03
Saint Charles City-County (Mo.) Library District	23.18

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More Graduates. . .

Three graduates got overlooked in our annual Tip of the Mortar Board article last month. Actually, we had to wait to make sure they were going to pass all their classes. (Just kidding—we're talkin' about smart folks, here.)

Nicole Chaney, library aide at SO, completed her BA in Chemistry/Pre-Optometry at UCO. See—smart!

Cindy Revels-Nigg, library aide at BI, is pleased to announce that her son, K J Nigg, , graduated from Deer Creek High School and will be attending Avila College in Kansas City, MO on a cross country scholarship.

Edie Daniel, associate librarian at SO, finished work on her MLIS at OU. In our business, that's The Big One, so congratulations to Edie.

And finally, **Jana Hausburg**, MLO at CH, is pleased to announce that her son, Sullivan Hausburg, graduated from Putnam City High School on May 12th. Sullivan plans to enlist in the Air Force after taking a trek across England (and possibly Ireland) to visit long lost relatives and look for leprechaun treasure.

Best wishes to all!

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Every year in the spring the A&P Committee of the Library Commission takes a look at the MLS compensation and benefits package. The Administrative and Personnel Committee is made up of Hugh Rice (chair), Bose Akadiri, Ralph Bullard, Cynthia Friedemann, Helene Harpman and Mukesh Patel.

The Committee met on May 21 and Administration made the following recommendations:

Compensation:

- 1) a continuation of the performance based merit increase schedule ranging from 0-3% and
- 2) a market adjustment of 3% for all employees effective the first pay period in January, 2013.

Benefits:

- 1) Acceptance of the plan change recommendations for the self-funded Employee Benefit Plan
- 2) Acceptance of the Stop Loss coverage for the Employee Benefit Plan through Unimerica Insurance Company on a 36/12 contract basis with an increase in the Specific Deductible level to \$70,000 per individual
- 3) Acceptance of a 5.54% premium increase for the fully-insured Organ Transplant policy through Chartis
- 4) Acceptance of a \$0.85 PEPM (per employee per month) increase in the Administrative Services fee.
- 5) Acceptance of a \$1.75 PEPM fee for COBRA and HIPAA Administration
- 6) Acceptance of a \$0.15 PEPM increase in the PPO access fee for First Health PPO Network
- 7) Acceptance of the employee benefit Plan premium costs reflecting a 3.62% increase to the Library System and participants after applying a portion of the available fund balance. (No change in the current cost sharing formula.)

For a fuller discussion of this material, take a look at the May 2012 Administrative & Personnel Committee Packet at: http://my.metrolibrary.info/drupal/sites/default/files/commis-sion_packet_ap/ap_2012-05.pdf

NEW DATABASES

Before we tell you about the new databases **Susan Ryan** in Materials Selections has lined up for us, just a reminder that Luke Christensen, our rep with *Info USA*, will be in town on June 6 for an overview/update session. If you use Info USA, his presentation will be of interest. Each session will last about 45 minutes.

Here is the schedule:

1-1:45p - Northwest Library

2:30 - 3:15p - Belle Isle Library

3:45 - 4:30p - Midwest City Library

5-5:45p - Downtown Library

Register for each of these sessions via the **Metro U LMS**.

But now let's take a look at the new stuff we have on trial. Full details can now be found on the MyMetrolibrary Homepage. Just go to "Resources" then click on "Database Trials." The ones that are available for trial through June are:

- Daily Life Through History, from ACC-CLIO
- EasyBib—The Automatic Bibliography and Citation Maker, from EasyBib
- Hobbies & Crafts, from Ebsco
- Latino American Experience, from ABC-CLIO
- Oxford Islamic Studies Online, from Oxford University Press

Recently added on a permanent basis are AVOD: Access Video on Demand, and World Religions Online.

AVOD gives you access to videos in 30 main subject areas from such suppliers as major mainstream news outlets, PBS, NOVA, The Open University, BBC, and even the Royal Opera House. (In the mood for a little Verdi? Here's a full production of *Don Carlo*.)

World Religions Online, from Facts on File, is the equivalent of a multi-volume encyclopedia, and one from which customers don't have to surreptitiously cut out the photos. Whether the topic in question is Dragons in Daoism or the exact appearance of Martin Luther's writing desk (there's a photo), you can find some information here.



Lending Library: *No Shelf Required:* *E-Books in the Library*

Edited by Sue Polanka



You work in a library, right? So how do you feel about e-books? Are they threats to our library way of life, or are they just another new technology we have to get used to? Do you know how to talk about them with your customers without making them sound like serpents wriggling through the greensward?

You might want to take a look at *No Shelf Required* (and there's a second volume now, too, about managing an e-book collection). If nothing else, it always pays to find out at least a little about the hottest new topic in publishing.

And hot they are. You've probably read that e-book sales now out-muscle sales of traditionally bound books at Amazon.com. In this book, editor Sue Polanka brings together a variety of professionals to share their expertise about e-books with librarians and publishers. Providing forward-thinking ideas while remaining grounded in practical information that can be implemented in all kinds of libraries, the topics explored include

- An introduction to e-books, the different types, and an overview of their history and development
- E-book technology: general features of interfaces and e-book readers, best practices for acquisition, data standards, and how to track usage
- Why e-books are good for learning, and how librarians can market them to a wide range of users, as illustrated by case studies and examples

Even if they are eventually replaced by books in another format, e-books have changed many people's relationships to what they read.

THERE IS TRUTH TO THE RUMOR



Perhaps you've heard the rumor that MLS just opened a new library somewhere in the northwest part of the county. Dedicated journalists that we are here at ShelfLife, we put in several days of research pouring over the Internet—well, Wikipedia—and on the MLS website discovered that the rumor is true.

I guess we could have just asked executive director **Donna Morris**. She already knew about it. In fact, she sent out an e-mail thanking everyone who had a hand in the project. In case you missed it, here it is:



Mayor Mick Cornett and Patience Lattin (seated.)

"I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone for the success of the Northwest Library grand opening which was held yesterday. From the initial planning of the building several years ago to the unbelievable day we had yesterday, library staff across the system made it happen.

"Special thanks have to go out to the incredible IT staff led

by **Jimmy** and **Anne** who worked tirelessly to get all of the computers and other technology up and going; to the entire Maintenance staff who helped during the sorting process and then moved all of the books to the library and helped anytime they were asked to get the library looking ship shape; to the business office staff who helped with the purchasing and installation of the furniture, in particular - **John Rahal**; to the security staff for working to get the cameras up and running, to **Todd Olberding** for his tireless work throughout the entire project and to **JR Day** for his help throughout as well.

"To the Marketing department for the grand opening giveaways and the posters throughout the building; **Candace** for helping with the appreciation lunches and the grand opening; Library Ops; planning and training for their assistance for many months; HUM for helping to recruit and hire all of the employees; materials selection for buying books for a very long time and helping to shelve and organize them at the end; cataloging and processing for getting them ready for the shelves; outreach for all of their assistance in lining up programming, and to everyone else that I probably should mention that I did not.

"And finally to the entire Northwest Library staff led by **Julie Ballou**. They were amazing! Kudos to them for being farmed out across the system for months while we waited to get possession of the building and then to their work for the last 8 weeks, sorting the books at the sorter; packaging them and getting them ready to go to NW and then shelving all of the over 150,000 materials. And then yesterday to be deluged by over 1200 people who checked out over 1500 books in less than 5 hours. Great job to all of you.

"This project has taken many years and my heartfelt thanks go to everyone who helped to make it happen. I know I have left some names out; but I appreciate all the work that everyone has done throughout the project."



The ShelfLife Quiz:

We Don' Need No Stinkin' Heroes

Ah, summertime, when the movies remind some us of the past glories of the American newspaper comic strip and comic books. We've done this before but just can't resist the temptation to compose another quiz about the comics of old. And we ain't talkin' your plain old Batman here. Good luck.

1. This screwball comic strip introduced the word "foo," now used by UFO enthusiasts, computer hackers, and one particular rock group. What was the strip?
2. This character from Smash Comics #1 (1939) is thought by some to be an influence on Iron Man.
3. In the mid-1970s Pacific Comics was one of the first direct market comics publishers. It's first character was created by the great Jack Kirby. Who was the character?
4. This character was created by Steve Gerber to help raise money for his lawyers when he sued Marvel.
5. Created in 1968 by a University of Texas grad, these characters were described as "a bunch of establishment-hating, drug-using, draft-dodging hippies." Who are they?
6. Like The Shadow and Doc Savage, this mysterious hero debuted not in comics but in pulp magazines. Who is he?
7. This was called by The Comics Journal one of the 100 best comics of the 20th century. The Bungle Family, created in 1918, was originally known by a different title. What was it?

8. What do Kalthar the Giant Man, The White Panther, and Fantomah all have in common?
9. George McManus' most famous comic strip was Bringing Up Father, the endlessly fascinating art deco adventures of Jiggs and Maggie. This was one of his earliest strips, created in 1906.
10. This character, known only as The Little Hitchiker, was frequently heard muttering what became a national catchphrase: "Nov shmov ka pop?" What was the name of the comic strip in which he starred?

Choices:

- A. Destroyer Duck
- B. The Green Lama
- C. They were heroes who lived and worked in the jungle.
- D. Smokey Stover
- E. Nibsy the Newsboy in Funny Fairyland
- F. Bozo the Robot
- G. The Squirrel Cage
- H. The Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers
- I. Home, Sweet Home
- J. Captain Victory and the Galactic Rangers

Answers on page 7

The Think Big! Save for College! Sweepstakes

This is the annual summer contest sponsored by the College Savings Plan and ODL. It actually began in May so you might already be well aware of it, but if not here's a reminder of what it's all about.

Every summer two young library customers get the chance to win a \$2,529 college savings account. One winner each will be chosen from the Children and Teen programs. Also, the library where the winners entered will each receive \$1,000 to go toward its reading programs.

The program benefits the child and teen who win, it adds another feature to your summer program, and it

helps promote the 529 College Savings Plan to parents and guardians.

To enter, parents, grandparents or guardians of Summer Reading Program participants must complete the sweepstakes entry form available at participating Oklahoma libraries or enter online at www.ok4saving.org. Sweepstakes entry forms may be completed and returned to the library or returned by mail. Entries must be postmarked by July 31, 2012 and received by August 10, 2012 or submitted online by July 31, 2012.



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

Fave Music:	50s and 60s
Fave Book(s):	<i>Gone With the Wind</i>
Fave Sports:	Dog shows
Fave Vacation:	New Orleans
Worst Vacation:	Ann Arbor, MI
Fave TV Show:	<i>Days of Our Lives</i>
Fave Food:	Mexican
Fave Season	Spring
Fave Hobby	Too many to list
Family:	Husband, 2 dogs, 1 cat
Fave? PC or MAC	PC

What profession would you be in if you were not working at MLS? Professional genealogist or a frustrated artist

Do you have a "Bucket List" and what's at the top of it? Retirement!

Answer on page 7

Help For Our Veterans

Have you spoken with customers who saw an ad on TV telling them that they could go to their nearest public library to register for veterans' benefits? No, no one's crazy, except maybe the guy who wrote the ad copy. We don't offer this service—not directly, anyway.

Administrative Specialist **Nita Normore** looked into this for us and got some more information from Melissa Askew at ODL. Seems there is a website veterans can visit -- <https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal>—at which they can register or find out how.

She also learned that veterans who may not be computer savvy can go to the Department of Veterans Affairs Administration Office located at 920 NE 13th & Kelley to register for their benefits. These benefits will help our veterans find internal medicine physicians who are specially trained to care for veterans who have experienced war and being on the front lines.

As Nita put it so well, "Every veteran does count and not all of them can deal with these issues on their own or even know of their actions and/or inappropriate behavior because of a mental illness that may have developed as well. Some need assistance from family members and others to make certain they receive due percentage to be cared for the way they need to be."

STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Erica Rutland, WA assoc. librarian, says she is a decorating crazy lady! "I'm the crazy lady who walks around with a paint deck in her purse. I'm now learning to sew. Love it. I was made to create."

"I've worked for the MLS since 2004. Most of my background is in biological research. I moved to Oklahoma City from Los Alamos, NM where I worked in a biophysics/biochemistry lab.

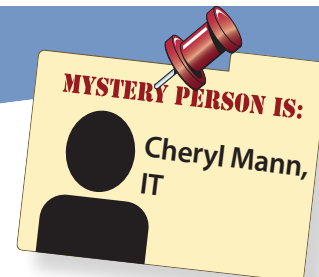
My favorite book is without a doubt the Bible. I call it my life's road map. It's where I find comfort, direction, joy and peace." And Erica loves her church. "I attend Cathedral of Praise World Outreach Center in Oklahoma

City. I volunteer at Information Services. What can I say? I love helping people.

And still plans on helping in retirement. "I've always said that when I "retire", I would love to teach on the collegiate level. After working in an archives for 12 years, I realize no one wants to be forgotten. Imparting wisdom and knowledge to the next generation is a great way to live forever.

At MLS Erica says "The people are most definitely my favorite part of the job. You meet so many people from different walks of life, some have helped to give me a broader perspective."





HELLO TO

David Schuler Delivery Driver, MTC
 Hannah Bethel Library Aide, NW
 Keith Hammack Public Comp. Spc., NW
 Cathleen Kelley Library Aide, NW
 John Blevins Librarian, RE
 Angela Wiley Library Aide, BI
 Donna Durbin Circ Clerk, BE
 David Biard Library Aide, NW
 Brea Bolton Library Aide, NW
 Devin McGhee Mgr. of Lib. Op. I, DC
 Stan Oliveras Library Aide, NW
 Paula Penrod Circ Clerk, WA
 Gatlin Sullivan Library Aide, NW
 Hien Chau (rehire) Library Aide, MC
 Gatlin Sullivan (rehire) Library Aide, NW

PROMOTION

Karin Daugherty From Library Aide to
 Circ Clerk, CT
 Stephen Go From Library Aide to
 Public Comp. Spc., NW
 Todd Podzemny From Librarian, NW, to
 to Asst. Mgr. LO, ED

TRANSFER

Jennifer Choi Circ Clerk, from LO to WA

GOODBYE

Vonetta Richardson Library Aide, NW
 Abby McGee Library Aide, DN
 Kayhan Yazdani Library Aide, CH
 Nicole Chaney Library Aide, SO
 Kelly Mixon Library Aide, DN

SYMPATHY

To Mallory Weigl, NW, whose father passed away May 17.



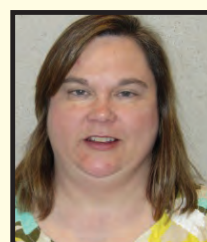
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Hannah Bethel



Keith Hammack



Cathleen Kelley



John Blevins



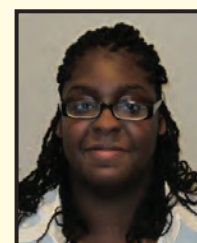
Angela Wiley



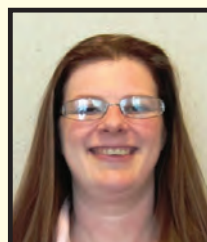
Donna Durbin



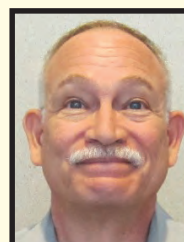
David Biard



Brea Bolton



Devin McGhee



Stan Oliveras



Paula Penrod




Gatlin Sullivan


The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

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

June Bulletin Board



Employee's June Date-of-Hire



CONRAD DOTY	6/1/1968
DONNA MORRIS	6/1/1969
CHERYL MANN	6/21/1973
LAURIE MACK-CLARK	6/9/1975
SELMA ZUHDI	6/17/1977
SUSAN STINSON	6/25/1980
ABE EJTEHADI	6/24/1982
SHEILA FIXEL	6/7/1983
DEB MONTGOMERY	6/2/1986
LANNY MYERS	6/8/1987
RANDY KNUTSON	6/25/1990
JULIE SCHOFIELD	6/24/1991
ALAN SIYAVASHI	6/27/1994
PHYLLIS A. DAVIDSON	6/27/1995
JEAN JOHNSON	6/10/1996
CHARLEEN MILLER	6/23/1997
KIMBERLY EDWARDS	6/14/1999
STACY SCHRANK	6/7/2004
DANIELLE WALKER	6/8/2004
TERI WOOLEY	6/10/2004
CRYSTAL EASLEY	6/28/2004
ANGELA SANDERS	6/15/2005
KIMBERLY TERRY	6/20/2005
CANDACE MCDANIEL	6/26/2006
SHANELLE JACKSON	6/5/2007
DESTAVIE ELLIS	6/5/2007
ANNE MOTLEY	6/18/2007
WARREN ANDERSON	6/6/2008
JON VODKA	6/1/2009
JESSICA CARTER	6/3/2009
MOLLY ALLEN	6/9/2009
CARL TIBBETS	6/16/2009
CHRIS SANZ	6/17/2009
DIANE SARANTAKOS	6/29/2009
RACHEL ALLEN	6/4/2010
KATHERINE CASEY	6/14/2010
CATHY WEBB	6/14/2010
AMY CHANEY	6/14/2010
TRACEY THOMPSON	6/29/2010
REGINA COBERLEY	6/2/2011
KARA FRIED	6/13/2011
BRANDON JOHNSTON	6/17/2011
JORGE MASCORRO	6/28/2011
NEIL PRUTHI	6/29/2011



June Birthdays



RAMINA GOLSHANI	6/2
JENNIFER ENGLAND	6/3
RISA WHITE	6/3
ELLINGTON WOODY	6/4
SALLY GRAY	6/6
PHILLIP BELT	6/6
TERRIE THOMAS	6/10
MAEGYN DOYLE	6/10
JEAN JOHNSON	6/11
GALEN KURTH	6/11
CLYDE HERROD	6/11
CINDY REVELS-NIGG	6/11
JAROD ATKINS	6/12
KIMBERLY CLARK	6/13
KATHRYN TRATTNER	6/13
MATTHEW COTTER	6/16
MARILYN BACKUS	6/17
CONRAD DOTY	6/19
DANA MORROW	6/20
SARA NORIEGA	6/21
GLORIA DELEON	6/22
KRISTEN GADLIN	6/22
PATRICIA WIDHALM	6/23
KELLY MIXON	6/23
CHRISTINE BASSETT	6/25
PAULA HANNAPEL	6/25
DARCUS SMITH	6/25
KARIN DAUGHERTY	6/25
DAVID CALHOUN	6/25
JIMMY WELCH	6/28
DIANE SHARP	6/28
TAMERAT ATLABACHEW	6/28
GALAXIA-DAWN SUBA	6/28



July Bulletin Board



July Birthdays



HIEN CHAU	7/1
JANEAL WALKER	7/3
KASANDRA DEWBRE-BURROWS	7/4
BEVERLY CUNNINGHAM	7/8
NATHAN CLYMER	7/8
IAN FULLER	7/8
DOYLE WILCOX	7/10
ELIZABETH KESSLER	7/10
SUZETTE FELTON	7/11
ALMA BROWN	7/12
LINDA WILLIAMS	7/14
LAWANA MORGAN	7/14
HEATHER KOLLIPOULOS	7/14
SHREN SYLVESTER	7/14
CARL TIBBETS	7/15
KELLEY HOFFMAN	7/15
KIM TERRY	7/16
HEIDI BOOKOUT	7/17
DENISE COURTS	7/19
JEFFREY FREDERICKS	7/20
JEANIE SOLES	7/21
HARRY HOANG	7/21
ERIKA SALINAS	7/22
SHIRLEY HENDERSON	7/23
MICHELLE HINDMAN	7/23
DIANE RICE	7/24
JANET BROOKS	7/24
TERESA HAWKINS	7/24
DENYVETTA DAVIS	7/26
GLORIA TURNER	7/26
DENESA BENNETT	7/28
LUISA MATTHYNSSENS	7/28
MEGHAN ATTALLA	7/29
JEFFERY MULLINS	7/31
KATHERINE CASEY	7/31



Employee's July Date-of-Hire



JANET BROOKS	7/1/1980
URSULA WARD	7/1/1982
RONNA DAVIS	7/19/1982
ANN ALIOTTA	7/5/1984
FRAN HARBERT	7/8/1985
ANITA ROESLER	7/28/1985
DAVID MACK	7/2/1990
ANGELA PAELTZ	7/15/1992
PAT WHISENHUNT	7/25/1994
DAGMAR PEERY	7/7/1997
CAROL MOODY	7/28/1997
PAULA HANNAPEL	7/26/1999
KIM RICKEY	7/10/2000
RUSSELL PIERCE	7/17/2000
JOHN HILBERT	7/16/2001
LISA WOOD	7/16/2001
MARIA WATKINS	7/21/2003
REAGAN KLOIBER	7/6/2004
MICHELLE HINDMAN	7/17/2006
BRYAN SMYTHE	7/3/2007
RICK GEORGE	7/30/2007
RAMINA GOLSHANI	7/30/2007
LENA KHADER	7/15/2008
KIRSTIE BROWN	7/15/2008
KELLEY CHEEK	7/1/2009
JULIE HENRY	7/27/2009
BETHANY SKOCH	7/19/2010
SHREN SYLVESTER	7/26/2010
KRISTINE CHARTER	7/26/2010
LIZ KICKHAM	7/26/2010
PAIGE WARREN	7/11/2011
EDIE DANIEL	7/26/2011