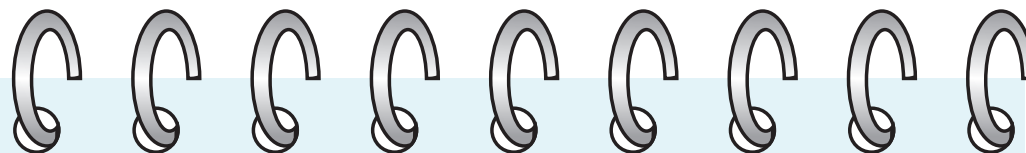




# ShelfLife

STAFF NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM



## Building a Reading City

Who among us has the best opportunity to lay hands on the most interesting material as it enters the system? The gang in Cataloging, of course. That said, we thought we'd call on them to fill up this month's installment of Building a Reading City. We invited the smartest and best-looking among them to let us know what they're reading and got these responses.

**Pauline Rodriguez-Atkins (CAT,Mgr):** Pauline is currently reading *Spring Fever* by Mary Kay Andrews, a book Amazon describes as a "delicious escapist novel about small towns, old flames, and deep secrets," and *A Golden Voice* by Ted Williams, the fella who went from homeless panhandler to insta-celebrity. She's also reading *Frommer's Santa Fe, Taos, & Albuquerque*, 13th ed. (She's planning a trip to Santa Fe around Labor Day).

**Margo Ellis (CAT, Tech):** "I hear you're looking for the smartest, best looking people in Cataloging," Margo wrote in response to my request. "They all had dates, so they sent me instead." The very best thing Margo's read recently is *My Friend Dahmer* by Derf Backderf. The book is a graphic novel by a guy who went to high school with Jeffrey Dahmer and is still trying to figure out how the troubled teen went from being a goofy oddball to a world class gourmand. Margo is currently "plowing through" *What Comes Next* by John Katzenbach. A couple kidnaps a young woman and lets Internet viewers watch what they do to her.

**Alice Fielding (CAT, cataloger):** Alice is reading *The Invisible Line: Three American Families and the Secret Journey from Black to White*, by Daniel J. Sharfstein. (The New York Times Book Review called it "An astonishingly detailed rendering of the variety and complexity of racial experience in an evolving national culture.") And Alice added: "Thanks for noticing how smart and good-looking I am!"

**Jill Vessels (CAT, Tech):** Jill is reading *The Serial Killer Whisperer*, a true crime doozy by Pete Early, *Behind the Palace Doors: Five Centuries of Sex, Adventure, Treachery, and Folly from Royal Britain*, and *1,000 Easy Recipes: Super Fun Food For Every Day*. Because nothing says summer like serial killers, Royalty, and Bacon fried dogs.

**Ursula Ward (CAT, Govn't Doc's cataloger):** Ursula is currently reading a mystery by Tamar Myers called *Poison Ivory*. It's the latest title in Myers' "Den of Antiquity" series with a mystery set before a backdrop of illegal ivory trafficking. Last book finished? Amanda Quick's *Crystal Gardens*, a mystery with overtones of romance and the occult.

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## Emily Is Ready For Her Close-Up

In case you missed it, **Emily Williams**, our Teen Services Coordinator, made an appearance on the FOX25 Morning News on June 19. Emily chatted with host Jeff George and “Metro Family” publisher Sarah Taylor about the Summer Reading Games, and did a fine job of hitting the highlights in a limited amount of time. Congrats to Emily for spreading the word about MLS.

You can take a look at the tape on the FOX25 website:  
[http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/morning\\_news/vid-eos/vid\\_1299.shtml](http://www.okcfox.com/newsroom/morning_news/vid-eos/vid_1299.shtml)



## HELLO MAXCARE HELLO

We've switched our prescriptions benefits supplier from CareMark to MaxCare (let's offer a virtual pat on the back to the Human Resources team for helping to make this possible).

Of course, there are new ways of doing things we'll have to learn, but you can do something to make that process a little easier. Take a look at the MLS Intranet for a short video that tells a little about MaxCare.

And remember that you recently received your new medical coverage ID card and you need to start carrying it with you. And get rid of the old CareMark one, while you're at it.

Here's hoping that none of us will ever have to use the new card, but if you need it it's best to have it handy.

## Food Drive Complete! 942 lbs Given!



That's a few hundred pounds less than last year, but still an outstanding amount! Way to go, Staff Volunteers!

Next Staff Volunteer Event is... United Way All Stars!  
More information coming in September!





## STAY AS TWEET AS YOU ARE



Well, the Tweets are in and the word floating around social media is that the new NW Library is a hit with the fans. Ladies and gentlemen, I think we have a winner. We thought you might like to see a sampling of what our customers are Tweeting.

MC\_Wiens: Toured MetroLibraryOK's beautiful new soon-to-be Leed certified North-west Library this morning.

Djurney: Love the new NW MetroLibraryOK. It's very cool!

OKRoserock: The new NW MetroLibraryOK is gorgeous!

Allographics: Wow! The new Patience S. Latting library in NW OKC looks amazing!

Karlaneese: So excited! This library is gonna be my new branch – very close to my new job!

Jennyheinrichs: Thank you MetroLibraryOK. That's really close to me, my family and I will be visiting!

Spygirlmo: Coolest library close to home!

Shaunaburr: I'm in love with the new NW library! So happy to have it in the neighborhood!

Vivajosiah: Man, oh man, this Northwest Library is beautiful!! Can you make the Warr Acres Library look like this? LOL.

Shylot: I'm packed and ready to move into the new Northwest library. It's very cool.

Speechpath08: The new library is AWESOME!! Love it!



## Lending Library: *Read This Next: 500 of the Best Books You'll Ever Read*

by Howard Mittelmark and Sandra Newman  
(bib 0794/1214)



Here's a bitter truth that a lot of old school readers (i.e., former English teachers) don't want to admit—not everyone wants to settle down comfortably at the end of a hard day to get lost in *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*. There. I said it.

Truth is, people just want a good book, and “good book” can be defined as many ways as there are readers, so if all you do to sharpen your Reader Guidance skills is skim over those Great Books of the Western Canon lists you find all over the Internet, you're not going to be able to cover all the bases.

“No, I haven't read Tolstoy lately, thanks for the suggestion. Now, can you point me toward the mysteries?”

*Read This Next* doesn't necessarily recommend the tackiest titles on the shelves, but it doesn't linger on the recognized Great Books or Recent Best Sellers, either. Mittelmark and Newman know that there are a gazillion entertaining reads out there to which book sellers have given generic labels (it makes their job easier)—Romance, Sci Fi, Western, etc.—that more than repay the effort it takes to get to know them. Plus, their writing style is amusing. You'll enjoy reading them as much as your customers will enjoy reading the books you recommend.

## The ShelfLife Quiz:

### Born In July

A whole passel of popular authors were born during July in the 19th century. We'll give you a list of their birthdates in chronological order (by year), earliest to latest. See if you can match the right name with the right date.

#### The Dates:

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. July 4, 1804  | 6. July 28, 1866  |
| 2. July 30, 1818 | 7. July 3, 1883   |
| 3. July 24, 1842 | 8. July 23, 1888  |
| 4. July 26, 1856 | 9. July 17, 1889  |
| 5. July 14, 1860 | 10. July 26, 1894 |

#### The Writers

- Ambrose Bierce, author of macabre short stories
- Emily Bronte, author of *Wuthering Heights*
- Raymond Chandler, creator of detective Philip Marlowe
- Erle Stanley Gardner, creator of fictional uber-lawyer Perry Mason
- Nathaniel Hawthorne, author of *The Scarlet Letter*
- Aldous Huxley, author of *Brave New World*
- Franz Kafka, modernist author of *The Trial*
- Beatrix Potter, creator of *Peter Rabbit*
- Bernard Shaw, playwright and theatrical agent provocateur
- Owen Wister, author of the western classic *The Virginian*

Answers on page 5

## Ah, The Joys of Working in a Library

Most of us enjoy swapping war stories of the This-Really-Weird-Guy-Came-In-The-Other-Day variety. An article appeared on the website *Buzzfeed* not long ago written by a former library employee that chronicled some of her adventures in the business. It starts off this way:

"I worked at a big-city library for four years. The creepiest time I ever got hit on there was when a guy asked if we had any movies about morgues. He looked like a member of the Leatherface family from *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. I asked if he was looking for a feature film, or maybe a documen-

tary? He said, 'Anything.' While I was searching in our database, he said, 'Heh heh, you're pretty.' I said thank you and that I couldn't find any movies about morgues for him. I never saw him again."

She concludes the piece with this profession-affirming thought: "I still think libraries are fantastic and librarians are amazing. But there's nothing library school could truly do to prepare you for all the surprises that happen during a normal day at the library."

Be sure to read the responses that follow the article. You'll especially appreciate this one: "I was a bartender for eight years before becoming a librarian and I swear that prepared me more than anything taught in school!"

Now that's a winning career combo. The web address is: <http://www.buzzfeed.com/buzzfeed-shift/career-confidential-a-librarian-deals-with-creeps>





## The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

The Answers:

1. July 4, 1804 – Nathaniel Hawthorne
2. July 30, 1818 – Emily Bronte
3. July 24, 1842 – Ambrose Bierce
4. July 26, 1856 – Bernard Shaw
5. July 14, 1860 – Owen Wister
6. July 28, 1866 – Beatrix Potter
7. July 3, 1883 – Franz Kafka
8. July 23, 1888 – Raymond Chandler
9. July 17, 1889 – Erle Stanley Gardner
10. July 26, 1894 – Aldous Huxley



## • MYSTERY PERSON •

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

<b>Fave Music:</b>	Bach to Beatles
<b>Fave Book(s):</b>	Non-fiction & <i>Gone With the Wind</i>
<b>Fave Movie:</b>	<i>Gone With the Wind</i>
<b>Fave Sports:</b>	College football & swimming
<b>Fave Vacation:</b>	Colorado & New Mexico
<b>Worst Vacation:</b>	Going to Mississippi
<b>Fave TV Show:</b>	<i>Jeopardy</i>
<b>Fave Food:</b>	Chocolate (is there anything else?)
<b>Fave Season</b>	Summer
<b>Fave Hobby</b>	Genealogy
<b>Family:</b>	2 sons, 4 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren (they are very smart & beautiful)
<b>Fave Social Network</b>	Facebook
<b>Special Skills</b>	Trivia
<b>What profession would you be in if you were not working at MLS?</b> A professional grandmother	
<b>Do you have a "Bucket List" and what's at the top of it?</b> Going to Sweden (my grandparents were from there!)	
Answer on page 7	

## STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Julie Schofield, born in Liverpool, England, did not jam with the Beatles, but did move to and lived all over the US as a United States Air Force "brat."

"I moved to Oklahoma as a teen and met my husband Mike a few weeks later. We have been married for thirty-six years and have two sons, Ryan and Jeremy and a daughter, Rianna, all in their thirties. We have also been blessed with the sweetest granddaughter, Alyssa, who is eight years old. I also have a beloved Boston Terrier named Jake."

I've worked for MLS for twenty-one years and knowing what we do as a service to our community is very gratifying. (Julie is a circ clerk at SO.)

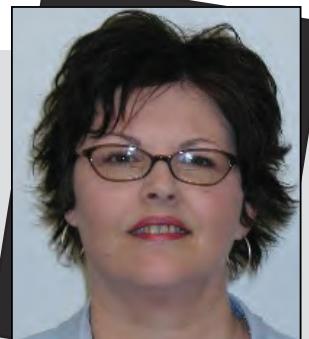
I am very active in my church, including the prison ministry. I go to Mabel Bassett each week to tell those ladies about God's love for them.

My hobbies are reading, gardening, and sewing. I am currently working on a queen size patchwork quilt.

My favorite vacation ever was our 30th anniversary trip to San Francisco but my dream is to go to Alaska.

I love the OKC Thunder and miss basketball season already.

I plan to do a lot of volunteering in my free time after retirement but I also want to travel as much as possible."





## Summer Reading Game's A Winner

### WEEK 3 STATS

LEVEL -sign up		2010	2011	2012
Early Childhood				3,643
Children		13,083	12,557	11,387
Teens		2,910	3,170	2,937
GRAND TOTAL		15,993	15,727	17,967
GOAL ONE				
E. Childhood				999
Children		3,322	2,938	3,690
Teens		664	837	1,017
GRAND TOTAL		3,986	3,775	5,706
GOAL TWO				
E. Childhood				233
Children		1,710	1,122	927
Teens		364	515	445
GRAND TOTAL		2,074	1,637	1,605

In case you're going home exhausted every evening, do the words "Summer Reading" have any meaning for you?

The stats for Sign Up and Goals 1 & 2 are in and looking good. If the numbers for the Children's category look a little down, remember that they are being split with Early Childhood, a new category this year.

Take a deep breath and get ready for July!

## Northwest A Grand Success

Northwest Library zipped out of the starting block like a pistol shot and the pace hasn't lessened for a minute.

Since opening day, NW has received 3,260 applications for new cards. Their reserves run at 340 a day on average, and average daily circulation is around 2,800 items.

"The most we circulated in one day was 3,992 items," said manager **Julie Ballou**. "I wish I'd known at the time. I would have checked out eight more things on my way home."

## Wedding Bells in Cataloging

Don't ever let anyone tell you that no one appreciates a cataloger. Dean Long does. So much so, in fact, he married one. Congratulations to **Mary Parker** who married Mr. Long on June 16.

Hmmm. Which would she rather be—a cataloger or a June bride?

Hey, no contest.



## HELLO TO

Michael Pippin.....	Public Comp. Spc., RE
Rachael Knight .....	Library Aide, ED
Jeremy Carey.....	Public Comp. Spc., NW
Matthew Edmond .....	Public Comp. Spc., NW
Kari Fox.....	Assoc. Librarian, NW
Andrew Soliven.....	Employee Dev. Asst., PLA
Roberto Soto.....	Maint. Tech. II, MTC
Jermaine Down.....	Public Comp. Spc., CT
Brian Buckley.....	Circ Clerk, NW
Felisha Daniels.....	Youth Asst., OUT
Betsy Davidson.....	Proj. Spc., OUT
Matthew Davis.....	Youth Asst., OUT
Felix Linden .....	Proj. Spc., OUT
Guadalupe Montelongo .....	Youth Asst., OUT
Samantha Murdock .....	Youth Asst., OUT
Shanna Shadoan.....	Youth Asst., OUT
Shaina Wells.....	Circ Clerk, VI
Sequoyah Moore .....	Library Aide, ED

## PROMOTION

Gloria Melchor.....	From Circ Clerk to Assoc. Librarian, CH
Phill Jo .....	From Circ Clerk to Assoc. Librarian, VI

## TRANSFER

Cory Niebank .....	Library Aide, from WA to ED
Christine Bassett .....	Librarian, from BI to BE
Jeffery Campbell.....	Library Aide, from BI to SO
Beverly Williams .....	Circ Clerk, from LO to VI

## GOODBYE

Jake Dubberstien.....	Library Aide, ED
Joyce Helms.....	Ext. Spc., LO
Jesus Lugo.....	Library Aide, SO
Macey Hernandez .....	Circ Clerk, BE
Veronica Pipestem .....	Assoc. Librarian, NW

## SYMPATHY

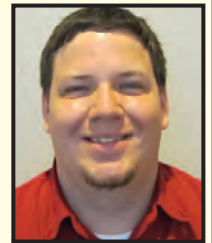
To Anita Roesler, OUT, whose husband Richard, passed away June 21.



Michael Pippin



Rachael Knight



Jeremy Carey



Matthew Edmond



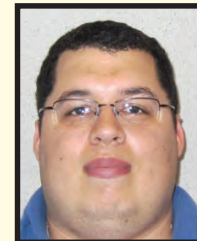
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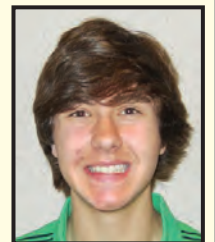
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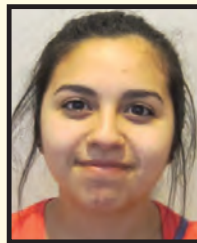
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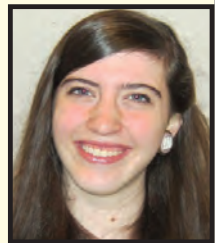
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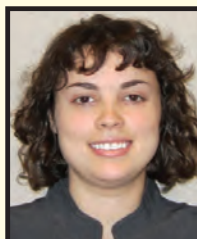
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Samantha Murdock



Shanna Shadoan



Shaina Wells



Sequoyah Moore



## 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



# August Bulletin Board



## Employee's August



### Date-of-Hire

PRISCILLA DOSS	8/1/1972
CHERYL PERNELL	8/1/1979
PHIL TOLBERT	8/9/1982
SHARON MAINE	8/17/1982
BARBARA BEASLEY	8/1/1984
SHARON NOLAN	8/29/1989
KELLY DALRYMPLE	8/26/1991
GALEN KURTH	8/30/1993
JULIE BALLOU	8/30/1993
KAREN LITTERAL	8/31/1996
GLENN WEBB JR	8/25/1997
JANET BOWEN	8/25/1999
STEPHANIE GERLING	8/14/2000
DAVID CALHOUN	8/1/2001
KIM COBB	8/9/2001
JOHN WOOD	8/27/2001
FANNIE HARSHBARGER	8/10/2002
SHARON JORSKI	8/10/2002
GERALD HICKMAN	8/10/2002
BARBARA JOHNSON	8/19/2002
NGOC NGUYEN	8/3/2004
KEVIN COLWELL	8/30/2004
BARBARA PARR	8/1/2005
ANGELA HILL	8/2/2005
TERRIE THOMAS	8/8/2005
BETH WILSON	8/14/2006
JOEY SHELTON	8/1/2007
LINDSAY EGLE	8/7/2007
STAN TAUCER	8/13/2007
ERIKA SALINAS	8/13/2007
TRAVIS HOWELL	8/29/2007
VANESSA SPAETH	8/12/2008
JR DAY	8/10/2009
RANDY MYSTER	8/11/2009
KRISTEN GADLIN	8/12/2009
ALMA DUNN	8/2/2010
JON ROLLMAN	8/2/2010
LUISA MATTHYNSSENS	8/2/2010
MARY PARKER	8/9/2010
PATRICK RILEY	8/27/2010
ALEXANDER HINTON	8/30/2010
LAURA MOODY	8/8/2011
JENNY BODENHAMER	8/22/2011
ALICE FIELDING	8/22/2011
CINDY REVELS-NIGG	8/22/2011
BETSY BROWN	8/25/2011



## August Birthdays



ANDREA EMMONS	8/1	JOEY SHELTON	8/15
BARBARA JOHNSON	8/1	DANIEL WEAVER	8/16
LYNDA BAHR	8/1	SHAINA WELLS	8/17
NAJAH HYLTON	8/1	SUSIE BEASLEY	8/18
CHRIS KENNEDY	8/2	JACLYN FULWOOD	8/21
DEBORAH		VAN BIELSTEIN	8/21
AUSTIN-MUNDEN	8/2	BRANDON ROSE	8/22
CAROL PROVINE	8/3	CRYSTAL EASLEY	8/22
JIM NIMMO, JR	8/3	JEAN WILBURN	8/22
LONDON HOLMAN	8/3	JESSICA LITTLE	8/23
DAGMAR PEERY	8/4	CYNTHIA MARTIN	8/24
JILL VESSELS	8/4	GUADALUPE	
JONATHAN TOLLE	8/4	MONTELONGO	8/24
SHARON NOLAN	8/5	LINDA HYAMS	8/25
ERIKA ONARSEE	8/6	AMY CHANEY	8/27
KATRINA PRINCE	8/6	BRITTANY BARBER	8/27
RICK GEORGE	8/6	MELISSA WALKUP	8/27
ANNA TODD	8/7	ANN ALIOTTA	8/28
KELLY DALRYMPLE	8/7	BETH WILSON	8/29
REGINA WOLFINGER	8/7	LOIS CROSS	8/29
KATHY FRITSCH	8/8	SAM MURDOCK	8/29
ANGELA HILL	8/9	TERESA GOGGINS	8/29
LENA KHADER	8/9	TIM FISHER	8/29
LINDA ELSTON	8/9	WENDY GABRIELSON	8/30
ALMA DUNN	8/10	ALBERT BROWN JR	8/31
NITA NORMORE	8/10	BETH STEELMAN	8/31
JAMES GORDON	8/12	JONATHAN WILLIS JR	8/31
ANITA ROESLER	8/13	KAY BAUMAN	8/31
ERICA RUTLAND	8/13		
FRAN PENDLETON	8/13		
LAURA MCMURTRY	8/13		
PATTI MORGAN	8/13		
SYLVIA LAWSON	8/13		
JEFFERY CAMPBELL	8/14		
LINDA JAMESON	8/14		