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# ShelfLife

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## Building a Reading City: Reaching Out For the Best

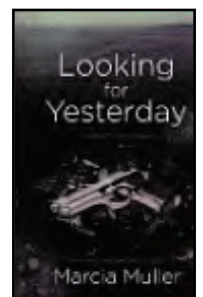
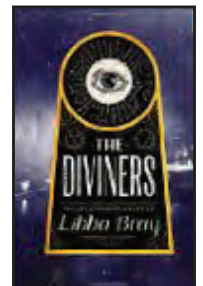
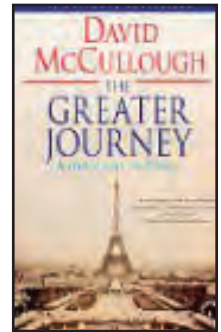
*Our pals in the Outreach Department share their current reading with us this month, when suspense and mystery seem to be on most minds. Take a look:*

Outreach Director **Dana Morrow** can always be found reading the best in nonfiction. "I just finished David McCullough's *The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris*. This is the story of the intellectual legacy that France imprinted on its 19th-century visitors from America. They were overwhelmed by the great, awe-inspiring beauty of Paris and the education to be received there. McCullough tells us that any doctor hoping to be the best went to study there."

**Kelley Riha** is currently reading *The Diviners* by Libba Bray, which is the first book in what could become a series of YA thrillers. "It's set in the 1920s. There's a serial killer on the loose in Manhattan and it's up to thoroughly modern Evie and her crew to 'divine' who is responsible. Is your curiosity killing you? Read *The Diviners*; it just may scare you to death."

Opting for a gentler if no less tough style of mystery, **Anita Roesler** is reading Marcia Mueller's *Looking For Yesterday*, the latest in the long line of Sharon McCone mysteries. "Sharon once again takes on a seemingly impossible task to solve a cold case. It promises to be typical Mueller--very exciting and a fun read. I'm also reading *Call Me Mrs. Miracle* by Debbie Macomber--a fluffy Christmas story which I'm enjoying immensely!"

And **Emily Williams**, Young Adult Services Coordinator, is staying true to her YAishness by reading *Ashes* by Ilsa Bick, the first volume of a trilogy. "A dying girl goes hiking in the woods when a mysterious electro-magnetic pulse kills most of the adults and turns the kids into zombies."





## A Midwinter Night's Tweet: Shakespeare in 140 Characters or Less

One of my reading resolutions for 2013 is, again, To Read the Shakespeare Plays I Haven't Gotten Around To Yet. I know, it's shameful that there are still a few that remain unread by me, especially given the fact that I have read Titus Andronicus, but maybe if the ones still on my To Read List become, like the ones below, re-written as tweets I'll finish 'em off in 2013. In the mean time, here are some samples of Shakespeare-plot-tweets by Kim Askew & Amy Helmes, authors of the YA "Twisted Lit" series (not owned by MLS).

### *Hamlet:*

Murdered ghost dad convinces Morrissey-type to stage play & bust widow mom for hooking up w/ uncle. Everyone dies, including #emogirlfriend.

### *Macbeth:*

Whipped by wife, Scottish dude starts killing spree after getting too stoked about psychic reading by 3 witches. #beingkingisoverrated

### *Romeo and Juliet:*

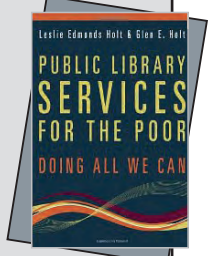
Rebound relationship + family feud + busybody priest + chemically-induced slumber = tragedy. #blameRosaline

### *Othello:*

Scoundrel talks Moor into believing his wife's a slut. Dude, it was only a handkerchief. Did you have to KILL her? #facepalm.



## Lending Library: *Public Library Services For the Poor: Doing All We Can*



By Leslie Edmonds Holt and Glen E. Holt

It's the holiday season, that time of year when we're inundated with reminders that too many people have gotten a raw deal from nature and/or their fellow men, and need all the help we can give them. But maybe as library staff we see the results of these tough deals all the time when we work with the jobless and working poor on a daily basis.

Instead of simply tolerating this population, we have the chance to empower these individuals and form connections that will make the library an essential part of their lives. This book, by authors who have worked over 30 years at the St. Louis Public Library, will provide inspiration as well as practical tools and suggestions for librarians or administrators who want to do all they can to provide services to the poor.

It's divided into three parts—"Think and Plan," "Act," and "Big Challenges"—and covers such topics as understanding professional attitudes about poverty, overcoming barriers that keep the poor from using the library, developing programs and services from which the poor can benefit, and collaborating with other agencies. Special concerns such as homelessness are also addressed. Now that the holidays are drawing to a close, don't forget that there are things we can do to help even those who don't know how to ask for it.



## MC Tacky Sweater Dept.

**Chris Kennedy**, Midwest City Manager, sent in this pic of tacky sweaters! (Chris' words!)



Standing, L-R: **Jaime Hackworth, Robin Sagel, Emmy Verdin-Crowe, Shirley Henderson, and Beth Wilson**  
Kneeling, L-R: **Serina Freeman, Kristin Williamson, and Chris Kennedy**



### • MYSTERY PERSON •

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

**Fave Music:** The XX  
**Fave Book:** *The Catcher in the Rye*  
**Fave Movie:** *The Family Stone*  
**Fave Sports:** Love to watch baseball  
**Fave Vacation:** Grand Cayman  
**Fave TV Show:** *Chopped*  
**Fave Food:** passionberry Kombucha (drink)  
**Fave Season:** Autumn  
**Fave Hobby:** Practicing Yoga  
**Fave Social Network:** Facebook  
**Fave PC or Mac:** PC  
**Fave Smart PhoneApp:** Instagram  
**Repeat Song:** *Breathe* by Urban Myth Club

**What profession would you be in if you were not working at MLS?** Full time Yoga instructor

**Do you have a 'Bucket List' and what's at the top of it?**  
Opening an organic juice bar and hot yoga studio.  
Traveling and studying in India...I could go on...

*Answer on page 5*

## STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

**Edie Daniel** is a librarian at Almonte. "I started at MLS (Southern Oaks) in July 2011 and loved it. I worked at OCU library as a library Assistant/Tech for almost 20 years. I also work part-time at Moore Youth and Family Services coordinating the First Time Offender Program for juveniles.

Edie is definitely a fan of books and libraries: "Well, not to sound too cliché but I really love the people I work with and the customers. I find working in public libraries to be a wonderful blend for my interests in libraries and social work."

As far as vacation stories go, Edie's is memorable: "I was traveling in Paris with a friend and we arrived at the train

station around two in the morning and couldn't find anyone who spoke English, or so they said. We missed our first train to Paris because we boarded the wrong train in Germany and had to jump off a moving train with luggage in hand, I don't recommend it. So we were quite frazzled by the time we arrived in Paris.

We finally found an older man who was vacationing in Paris (Pete) who spoke English as well as some French. Pete said he would get us a Taxi and help us find a hotel.

Well, long story short we ended up driving around in the taxi for about 45 minutes and then ended up sharing a room with Pete even after he tried to convince us we would be better off pushing the two beds together for sleeping arrangements. He slept on the floor and we paid for the room."





## The ShelfLife Quiz:

### The Words Are Familiar. . .

In the lavishly appointed suite of ShelfLife offices, we had recently a discussion centering on the relative importance of music and lyrics in popular songs. Now, I'm not at all fond of sappy lyrics so I was inspired to remember some of the lyrics that are my favorites, and here they are from mainstream and not so mainstream musicians and groups. See if you can match them to the originating band or singer.

#### Lyrics:

- A. \_\_\_\_ Don't need reason, don't need rime  
Ain't nothing I would rather do  
Going down, for a time  
My friends are gonna be there too
- B. \_\_\_\_ Rubber little lady, slicker than a weasel,  
Grimy as an alley / Loves me like no other lover.
- C. \_\_\_\_ And its 1,2,3 what are we fightin' for?  
Don't ask me, I don't give a damn, the next stop  
is Vietnam,  
And its 5,6,7 open up the pearly gates.  
Well there ain't no time to wonder why... we're  
all gunna die.
- D. \_\_\_\_ Now life is short and it's filled with stuff  
So let me know baby when you've had enough
- E. \_\_\_\_ Little Miss Muffett on a squat by me / Took a  
turn around, I said: can y'all see?  
The little strings on the giant spider? / The zip-  
per from the black lagoon?
- F. \_\_\_\_ Tell Automatic Slim, tell Razor Totin' Jim  
Tell Butcher Knife Totin' Annie, tell Fast Talking  
Fanny A we gonna pitch a ball, a down to that  
union hall.
- G. \_\_\_\_ Well I'm not the world's most physical guy  
But when she squeezed me tight she nearly broke  
my spine
- H. \_\_\_\_ Your dad don't like me but your mama thinks I'm  
swell. I'd stop for dinner but your house has a  
funny smell.
- I. \_\_\_\_ If I could stick my pen in my heart / I'd spill it all  
over the stage  
Would it satisfy ya or would slide on by ya?  
Or would you think this boy is strange?
- J. \_\_\_\_ Spied a little thing and I followed her all night  
In a funky fine levis and her sweater's kind of tight  
She had a west coast strut that was as sweet as  
molasses But what really knocked me out was her  
-----.

#### Singers/Bands:

1. Howlin Wolf *Wang Dang Doodle*
2. ZZ Top *Cheap Sunglasses*
3. Country Joe and the Fish *The Vietnam Song*
4. R. Crumb & His Cheap Suit Serenaders *Shopping Mall*
5. The Cramps *Surfin' Dead*
6. Frank Zappa *Cheepness*
7. Rolling Stones *It's Only Rock 'n' Roll*
8. The Kinks *Lola*
9. Alice Cooper *Billion Dollar Baby*
10. AC/DC *Highway to Hell*





## HELLO TO

Saraa Kami ..... Library Events Coord., DN  
 Lessa Keller-Kenton ..... Mat. Sel. Tech., MSL  
 Alice Murphy ..... Circ Clerk, DN  
 Sandra Powell ..... Library Aide, CT  
 Chad Allen ..... Public Comp. Spc., SO  
 Alexis Whitney ..... Librarian, AL

## PROMOTION

Wendy Gabrielson ..... From .75 to FT Librarian, DN  
 Edie Daniel ..... From HT Librarian, VI, to FT, AL

## GOODBYE

Laura Moody ..... Library Aide, CH

## RETIREMENT

Linda Temple ..... Librarian, MC

### The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

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



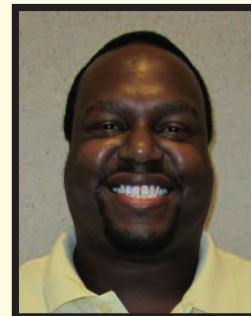
*Saraa Kami*



*Lessa Keller-Kenton*



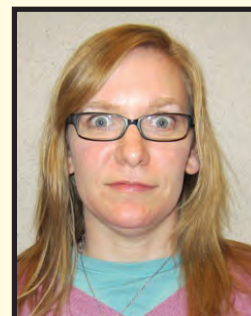
*Sandra Powell*



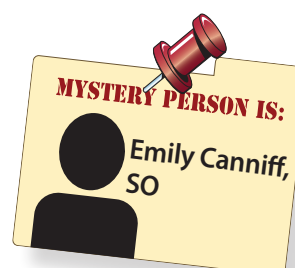
*Chad Allen*



*Alice Murphy*



*Alexis Whitney*



# January Bulletin Board

## January Birthdays

BETSY DAVIDSON	1/2
CHELSEI HOUSE	1/2
LAURIE MACK-CLARK	1/2
ASHLEY MEYER	1/3
JERRY NANCE	1/3
GARY STOTLER	1/3
BLACEY TURK	1/3
RANDY WAYLAND	1/4
URSULA WARD	1/5
RENA GIBSON	1/6
MICHAEL LEE	1/6
JULIA MCCONNELL	1/6
PATRICIA JONES	1/7
DENISE LUKES	1/7
SALLY PHILLIPS	1/7
REBECCA SPENCER	1/7
CAROL MOODY	1/8
WANDA LITTLE	1/9
JEVON DOOLIN	1/10
LILY WANG	1/10
PATRICIA WHISENHUNT	1/10
PETER ROBERSON	1/12
RICHARD ANTONISSE	1/14
STEVEN JENKINS	1/14
MARGARET MANNERS	1/14
JUSTIN HERWIG	1/15
ANNE MOTLEY	1/15
JESSICA BENNETT	1/16
ALEISHA PHILLIPS	1/16
DAVID SCHULER	1/17
PRISCELLA SEEDS	1/17
TODD OLBERDING	1/18
BEVERLY PHILLIPS	1/18
MENDI SUMTER	1/18
JOYCE JACKSON	1/19
JOE POE	1/19
GLENN WEBB	1/19
RANDALL MYSTER	1/20
DANA BEACH	1/21
JOHN HILBERT	1/21
WILLIAM HAMMACK	1/22
KATHY MARQUIS	1/22
JOSHUA LEWIS	1/24
JESSICA MINTER	1/24
NGOC NGUYEN	1/24
STANLEY OLIVERAS	1/24
LAURA WINTERS	1/24
JOAN KENDALL	1/26
ROBYN ICKS	1/29
ALEXANDRA MCLELLAN	1/29
SUSAN MONROE	1/30
JENNIFER CHOI	1/31
ALICE FIELDING	1/31
LLOYD LOVELY	1/31

## Employee's January Date-of-Hire

CAROL PROVINCE	1/6/1975
KATRINA PRINCE	1/6/1985
NANCY LYTLE	1/22/1985
SYLVIA LAWSON	1/24/1989
ERIC KING	1/9/1990
JAMES NIMMO	1/18/1993
MARIE NICHOLS	1/5/1994
GREGORY BENNETT	1/21/1997
DENISE LUKES	1/5/1998
TIMOTHY FISHER	1/26/1998
BUDDY JOHNSON	1/26/1998
LISA WALKER	1/26/1998
VICTORIA DIXON	1/26/1998
KATHY FRITSCH	1/27/1998
CHRISTINE BASSETT	1/25/1999
TIMOTHY HANNA	1/16/2001
JENNIFER ADKISSON	1/7/2002
SHARON BISH	1/7/2002
LAURA MCMURTRY	1/23/2002
KELLEY HOFFMAN	1/21/2003
LLOYD LOVELY	1/12/2004
PATRICK WILLIAMS	1/20/2004
BETH STEELMAN	1/18/2005
JONATHAN WILLIS	1/4/2006
JONITA NORMORE	1/4/2006
LYNDA BAHR	1/4/2006
MARK VANCE	1/30/2006
ANNA TODD	1/31/2006
MATTHEW COTTER	1/2/2007
PAIGE NIFONG	1/12/2007
NATHAN CLYMER	1/29/2007
GERALDINE ADAMS	1/2/2008
DEBORAH AUSTIN-MUNDIN	1/14/2008
ADELAIDA HERERIAS	1/28/2008
KIMBERLY CLARK	1/12/2009
DEBORAH MCPHERSON	1/26/2009
MICHAEL LEE	1/29/2009
SIOBHAN MORAVA	1/11/2010
MELISSA WALKUP	1/11/2010
NANCY DRIVER	1/3/2011
RISA WHITE	1/26/2011
DAVID GROW	1/27/2011
IAN FULLER	1/26/2012

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## Employee's February Date-of-Hire

DENESA BENNETT	2/28/1986
LINDA JAMESON	2/26/1990
SARAH KELLUM	2/14/1994
SUSAN MONROE	2/12/1996
DARLENE BROWERS	2/12/1996
JOANNE SCHNEIDER	2/19/1996
MARK MARSHALL	2/15/1999
SHAHIN ASGHARI	2/16/1999
SUSAN BECKETT	2/7/2000
TERI REDENBAUGH	2/16/2001
CAROL HUNTER	2/19/2001
CHERYLL JONES	2/3/2003
GLORIA TURNER	2/2/2004
TAMERAT ATLABACHEW	2/2/2004
CHRIS CARROLL	2/17/2004
LAWANA MORGAN	2/23/2004
JAMES GORDON	2/2/2005
DAVID RUSHING	2/4/2008
GLORIA DELEON	2/23/2009
VANDA COLE	2/1/2010
ANGELA THORNTON	2/8/2010
KAREN CASEY	2/8/2010
PATRICIA WIDHALM	2/23/2010
MARGO ELLIS	2/7/2011
DANIEL WEAVER	2/6/2012
JOSHUA RUSSELL	2/9/2012
LORI PICCOLO	2/20/2012
ANDREA EMMONS	2/20/2012
ERIKA ONARSEE	2/21/2012

## February Birthdays

KAELI DUNN	2/1
JOANNE SCHNEIDER	2/3
JORGE MASCORRO	2/4
LEE MATA	2/6
ANGELA SUHRSTEDT	2/6
OSCARA KOSZARA	2/6
DEBORAH MCPHERSON	2/7
DONNA DURBIN	2/7
KAREN LITTERAL	2/9
CAROL ROBERTS	2/9
ANN MEEKS	2/9
DEVON MCDANIEL	2/10
KRISTINE CHARTER	2/10
RUTH HARDER	2/11
PHYLLIS EAGLE	2/12
DEVIN MCGHEE	2/14
MATTHEW KILGORE	2/14
KRISTIN HILL	2/17
PAULA TRAN	2/17
CAROL HUNTER	2/18
ERIC KING	2/18
DAVID R. MORAND	2/18
BIANCA MARIN	2/18
KATHRYN SHEESLEY	2/19
STEPHANIE SELLS	2/20
DANIEL FIELDS	2/20
SANDRA POWELL	2/20
LACI WALLACH	2/20
GARRETT YOUNG	2/22
JULIANNA LINK	2/23
HOPE MEAD	2/23
JERRY O'HARE	2/24
BUDDY JOHNSON	2/24