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On the Safe Side

Have you heard about the announcement from Director of Human Resources **Lori Piccolo** regarding the new approach to MLS Safety Training?

We still need to complete Safety Training on a quarterly basis, same as always. That's a rule put in place by the Oklahoma Department of Labor, Public Employees Occupation Safety and Health (PEOSH) Division. It's nice to know that someone is looking out for us, sort of like a big brother.

But a nice change has been put in place to help us with the kind of training we need. Here's Lori:

"I have some great news! The days of searching for topics and tracking your time are over! Starting this quarter, employees will complete all safety training by utilizing the library's LMS system. At the beginning of each quarter, you will receive an e-mail notifying you of the required course that is to be completed.

"The training requirements for this quarter will be Tornado Safety & Emergency/Disaster Preparedness. In the next few weeks, you will receive an email notifying you when the course is available and ready for you to complete.

"For more details, check out the revised Safety Training Procedures http://my.metrolibrary.info/drupal/policy_procedures/sh/sh_640.1 or contact Human Resources."

Training is still due two weeks before the end of each quarter. The quarterly topics will be:

- 1st Quarter: Hazard Communications
- 2nd Quarter: Tornado Safety and Emergency/Disaster Preparedness
- 3rd Quarter: Bloodborne Pathogens
- 4th Quarter: Fire Safety and other topics as determined necessary by Human Resources and/or the MLS Safety Committee



Homework Help at Capitol Hill

Jana Hausburg, Capitol Hill Library manager, sent in these pics of their popular Homework Help program which is available every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the school year from 3:30-5pm. As Jana said "Homework Help is Hoppin'!"



Homework Help Volunteers are Alondra Martinex and Mehgan Sheikh.



Homework Help: Shown is volunteer Teresa Flores.

The ShelfLife Quiz:

Brush Up Your Shakespeare

Or so advise Lippy and Slug, two thugs in the musical *Kiss Me, Kate* (a title Cole Porter borrowed from a line in Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew*). The boys sing "Brush Up Your Shakespeare" because dames like that kind of poetry stuff. "Unless you know Shelley and Keats and Pope, Dainty Debbies will call you a dope." And really, how can you argue with advice like "If she says your behavior is heinous, Kick her right in the Coriolanus"?

Here are some literary works with titles taken from lines in Shakespeare. See if you can match the title with the play (or in one case, sonnet) it came from. Number 4 contains two titles and two authors, but both titles come from the same play.

The Works:

1. "2BR02B" by Kurt Vonnegut
2. *Band of Brothers* by Stephen Ambrose
3. *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley

4. *By the Pricking of My Thumbs / Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Agatha Christie and Ray Bradbury
5. "*Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came*" by Robert Browning
6. *The Dogs of War* by Frederick Forsythe
7. *Nothing Like the Sun* by Anthony Burgess
8. *Present Laughter* by Noel Coward
9. *Under the Greenwood Tree* by Thomas Hardy
10. *The Winter of Our Discontent* by John Steinbeck

Shakespearean Sources

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|-------------------|------------------|
| a. As You Like It | f. Macbeth |
| b. Hamlet | g. Richard III |
| c. Henry V | h. Sonnet #130 |
| d. Julius Caesar | i. The Tempest |
| e. King Lear | j. Twelfth Night |

Answers on page 8



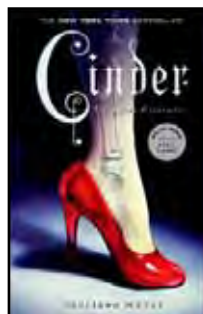
Building a Reading City:

SF and Fantasy Rule the Day

This month let's take a stroll around the system to see who's reading what. When our staff is exploring speculative fiction and fantasy, you never know what you'll find.

Kimberley Ann Edwards, DN. Kim will be beaming west again this summer for Comic-Con in San Diego so it's really no surprise that she's reading the first volume in the Magic Ex Libris series, *Libriomancer* by Jim C. Hines. Libriomancers are magicians who can pull things and people out of books, but in the premiere volume vampires have begun leaking out on their own. Bad news. The book has been called "geek porn for the urban fantasy set," which in this case is a good thing.

Sally McCurry, DC. Sally is a new reviewer for *info*, and we're glad to welcome her onboard. She writes: "I always have 4-5 books going at once and right now is no different. I'm reading *Pinterist for Dummies*, but it hasn't helped with my biggest problem, which is my inability to stay on topic and not wander. The book has helped me organize my interests and shown me how to use it as a library tool. I'm also reading *Cold Plague* by Daniel Kalla, a 2008 medical mystery about a pandemic started by



mad cow disease and spread through prions. It is well-written (more so than Crichton's books). Next to my bed is *Inside of a Dog* by Alexandra Horowitz, which is giving me some insight into my Chihuahua's ongoing feud with my cat. I've almost finished *Orleans* by Sherri L. Smith, a young adult dystopian novel. It's the best kind of sc-fi; it takes the plausible what-if of how the U.S. would handle the Gulf area if the hurricane and storm surge losses are ongoing and increasingly destructive.

Emily Williams, OUT. Emily is preparing for Summer at the Library with a twisted version of an old fantasy favorite. The book is *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer, a fractured fairy tale take which has been described this way: "Singing mice and glass slippers are replaced with snarky androids and mechanical feet in this darkly subversive retelling of 'Cinderella.'" Set in the city of New Beijing China, 123 years after World War IV, this imaginative YA phantasmagoria is the first volume in The Lunar Chronicles, the next volume of which, *Scarlet*, introduces Cinder to an updated Red Riding Hood. Check it out.



HEART WALK 2013



Photos of staff are too numerous to identify. Photos by **Galen Kurth**, SO. More pics are located at http://my.metrolibrary.info/drupal/staff_volunteers/photos



More photos on page 5.



Graduation Announcements

At this ceremonious time of year, proud parents think of school graduation and how glad they are that their kids finally made it—and tuition, fees, and text book costs will go away. But not just family members feel a sense of pride in the academic accomplishments of the near and dear; friends and co-workers are also happy for the new graduate.

This is why we at ShelfLife like to take a break every spring to relay the congratulations of MLS staff to those in the family who are passing from one part of life to another. Here are the May, 2012, graduates we know about.

Julie Ballou, NW, tells us that her son Andrew Mock graduated last December from the University of Illinois with an M.S. in Civil Engineering.

On the NW staff, **Casey Pattillo** is graduating from Deer Creek High School on May 19, and **David Baird's** daughter Arden is graduating this spring with a B.S. in Apparel Merchandising from OSU.

Downtown librarian **Lisa Bradley** sends her congrats to her daughter Meg, who is graduating from Norman High School. "Her plans," Lisa writes, "are to attend OU majoring in Public Administration." Best of luck to Meg.

Finally, **Parry Ortiz**, from SO, says, "My daughter Mireya Rivas will graduate from U.S. Grant High School on May 30." A tip of the hat to Mireya, who will start attending OCCC in the fall.

If you want to announce a graduation or send your regards to a once and future grad, let us know for the June issue.



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

Fave Music:	Rock, indie, alternative
Fave Book:	<i>The Night Circus</i> by Erin Morgenstern
Fave Movie:	<i>Clue</i>
Fave Sports:	Basketball
Fave Vacation:	One week in Germany
Fave TV Show:	<i>Dr. Who</i>
Fave Food:	Pizza
Fave Season:	Spring
Fave Hobby:	Reading
Fave: PC or MAC	Mac!
Fave Pets:	Cats
Fave Social Network:	Facebook
Fave Smart PhoneApp:	The Room
Current Repeat song on iPod: <i>Belt</i> , by Say Anything	

What chore do you absolutely hate doing? *Emptying the dishwasher.*

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be? *I would love to go watch the Olympics.*

Answer on page 8

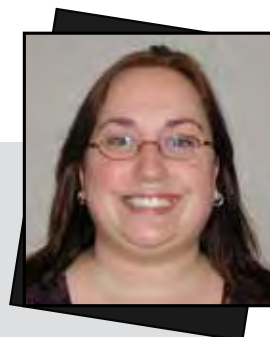
STAFF PROFILE **Fingerprints**

Heidi Wells, who works in ILL, has been at MLS since 2010.

"Prior to working here, I lived in Bellevue, Nebraska and worked at the Bellevue Public Library for 5 years. I enjoy many things about working at MLS. It's been quite a change from the small library in which I used to work. Going from one branch to several was a little intimidating at first, but I love the technological advancements in the service center. I really enjoy working in ILL. I like that we are able to find books our customers need when we don't carry them in our collection.

At home Heidi said, "I have 2 cats, and an absolutely wonderful boyfriend. My favorite series of books would have to be Stephen King's Dark Tower books."

Looking into Heidi's past she said, "I was born in Germany and moved to America at the age of 6 when my parents divorced. English is technically my second language, although I don't speak German fluently any more. My mother, sister and that side of my family still live in Germany, so when I visit, there is always a place to go and plenty to do."





HEART WALK 2013

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Lending Library: *The First White House Library: A Historical and Annotated Catalogue*

By Catherine M. Parisian



George Washington, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson were all great readers but their tastes in books added nothing to the book collection at the White House. Why? Because there wasn't one.

Not a permanent collection, that is. Yes, the early presidents had books at hand when they had time to read, but the books they had were the ones they owned themselves, and when they left the White House for non-governmental retirement at Mt. Vernon, Peacefield and Monticello, they took their books with them. (Note to purists: we know that Washington didn't live in the White House. Adams was the first to enjoy that honor.)

So who was the first president to realize that the establishment of a permanent White House Library would be a good thing? The forgotten man of the pre-Civil War presidency, Millard Fillmore, with the help of his wife, Abigail.

This catalogue of the library that they assembled not only reveals much about their own preoccupations and interests and those of the age they lived in, but also provides insight into American library history, reading history, and book trade and distribution networks.



Midwest Madness

If someone were to ask you, "What's the most creative area of the OKC metro?" if you judged by library staff alone, you'd have to say Midwest City. It's this way—either the staff there is creative and fun-loving, or they're just nuts.

"That," library manager **Chris Kennedy** exclaimed, "is how we roll in MC!"

Proof can be found in two displays of MC wackiness in April.

First was a celebration of April Fool's Day with Crazy Socks. Just look at that photo. Argyle. Polka dots. Even a single Betty Boop. (Actually, the Betty Boop is kinda hot.)

We asked Chris to identify the socker-wearers and he told us they are Besty Brown, Ajax Delvecki, Chris Kennedy, Tracey Thompson, Kristin Williamson, Katie Hatfield, and Crystal Suppes, but we're not sure that the order of the names matches the order of the socks. To be honest, nothing matches some of those socks, and we're not sure if we even want to know which name goes with which foot covering. Some secrets human beings are just not meant to know.

Then, not content to have unrolled the sock horror on MC customers, Chris wrote, "In an effort to promote creativity and in celebration of Poetry Month, I asked our circulation clerks to write poems. I've attached the ones which were voluntarily submitted to me. So much fun!"

Here they are, in no particular order:

Library Poem

By **Shirley Henderson**

April showers – April showers
Bring customers to the
Library for books, audio books
DVDs, music and programs
April, April - What a month!

Library Poem

By **Sandra Lanham**

Like walking into home
The smell of books
Rows and rows of new experiences
Excitement and anticipation
The smiling faces,
Waiting to help me
I pick an armful of new friends
And leave the Library
To return another day.

Library Poem

by **Crystal Suppes**

(sung to the tune of Ring Around the Mulberry Bush)

Cruising thru the Library stacks
Looking for a good book
There's so much to choose from,
Wow! This is great fun!

Library Poem

By **Chris Kennedy**

Laughter
Imagination
Books
Ready to Dogs
Arts
Ready for anything
Young turtle fans

Bravo to Midwest City staff!



Midwest City socker-wearers, not in order, are: **Besty Brown, Ajax Delvecki, Chris Kennedy, Tracey Thompson, Kristin Williamson, Katie Hatfield, and Crystal Suppes.**

HELLO TO

Chris Bauer	Library Aide, WA
Christa Muller.....	Library Aide, NW
Andrew Patton	Library Aide, ED
Kha Nghi	Library Aide, BI
Susan Urban	Librarian, HT, DN
Gabriela Gonzalez	Library Aide, DN
Marlene Smith	Library Aide, DN
Daren Anderson.....	Library Aide, AL
Clovis Conley	Library Aide, AL
Dakota Hindman	Library Aide, CT
Taylor Lee	Library Aide, CT

PROMOTION

Jeremy Carey.....	From Public Comp. Spc, ht, to Assoc. Librarian, NW
Sam Garcia	From PT Library Aide, to HT Circ Clerk, CH
Jeremy Carey.....	From, to PT Library Aide to PT Public Comp. Spc, AL

TRANSFER

Karin Daugherty	From HT Circ Clerk, CT, to PT Mat. Svcs. Tech, CAT
Kari Fox.....	From HT Assoc. Librarian, NW, to FT Assoc. Librarian, ED

GOODBYE

Sharon Nelson	Circ Clerk, WA
Jorge Mascorro.....	Circ Clerk, CH
Phill Jo	Librarian, VI
Stan Oliveras	Library Aide, NW
Jennifer England.....	Librarian, DN
Bob Flores.....	Library Aide, NW

RETIRED

Randy Knutson	Mtc. Tech II, Mtc.
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The ShelfLife Quiz:

Answers

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



Chris Bauer



Christa Muller



Andrew Patton



Kha Nghi



Susan Urban



Gabriela Gonzalez



Marlene Smith



Daren Anderson



Clovis Conley



Dakota Hindman



Taylor Lee

MYSTERY PERSON IS:



SYMPATHY

Pam Buchanan, IT, whose father Charles McGuffee passed away in March.

Julie Ballou, NW, whose father passed away April 9.

Joanne Schneider, ED, whose father died April 24 after a long illness.



May Bulletin Board

May Birthdays

NANCY SLUSAR	5/1
SUSAN RYAN	5/1
CHAD ALLEN	5/3
SHARON YOUNG	5/3
DEBBIE ROBERTUS	5/6
DONNA ADAMEK	5/6
MACKENZIE COBB	5/6
ROSEMARY STAFFORD	5/6
CATHERINE TABER	5/7
JESSICA MORRIS	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
KEVIN COLWELL	5/16
SHARON BISH	5/16
LISA WOOD	5/18
REBECCA HALL	5/18
SUSAN HUTCHINS	5/18
DIANNE WILLIAMS	5/19
REGINA FIELDS	5/19
BARBARA CALHOUN	5/20
LINDSAY EGLE	5/21
TRACY STONE	5/21
JACSON MELVIN	5/23
TIMOTHY DAUBENSPECK	5/24
MICHAEL PIPPIN	5/25
LIZ KICKHAM	5/27
SABRINA LITTLEAXE	5/27
ERIC ROTHWELL	5/28
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
JOSHUA WELLS	5/15/1999
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
TIMOTHY 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
CARSEN MOON	5/21/2009
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
LAURA VANWINKLE	5/31/2011
MEGHAN ATTALLA	5/31/2011
ANGELA WILEY	5/3/2012
JOHN BLEVINS	5/3/2012
DONNA DURBIN	5/7/2012
BREANNA BOLTON	5/14/2012
DEVIN MCGHEE	5/14/2012
GATLIN SULLIVAN	5/14/2012
PAULA PENROD	5/14/2012
DAVID BIARD	5/14/2012
MICHAEL PIPPIN	5/17/2012
RACHAEL KNIGHT	5/21/2012
ROBERTO SOTO	5/29/2012
ANDREW SOLIVEN	5/29/2012
JEREMY CAREY	5/29/2012
KARI FOX	5/29/2012

June Bulletin Board

Employee's June Date-of-Hire

CONRAD DOTY	6/1/1968	WARREN ANDERSON	6/6/2008
DONNA MORRIS	6/1/1969	JON VODKA	6/1/2009
CHERYL MANN	6/21/1973	CARL TIBBETS	6/16/2009
LAURIE MACK-CLARK	6/9/1975	DIANE SARANTAKOS	6/29/2009
SELMA ZUHDI	6/17/1977	KATHERINE CASEY	6/14/2010
SUSAN STINSON	6/25/1980	CATHY WEBB	6/14/2010
ABE EJTEHADI	6/24/1982	TRACEY THOMPSON	6/29/2010
SHEILA FIXEL	6/7/1983	REGINA COBERLEY	6/2/2011
DEB MONTGOMERY	6/2/1986	KARA FRIED	6/13/2011
LANNY MYERS	6/8/1987	BRANDON JOHNSTON	6/17/2011
JULIE SCHOFIELD	6/24/1991	NEIL PRUTHI	6/29/2011
ALAN SIAVASHI	6/27/1994	FELIX LINDEN	6/4/2012
PHYLLIS DAVIDSON	6/27/1995	BETSY DAVIDSON	6/4/2012
JEAN JOHNSON	6/10/1996	SHAINA WELLS	6/11/2012
CHARLEEN MILLER	6/23/1997	HOPE MEAD	6/18/2012
KIMBERLY EDWARDS	6/14/1999	STEPHANIE SELLS	6/25/2012
STACY SCHRANK	6/7/2004	LACI WALLACH	6/25/2012
DANIELLE WALKER	6/8/2004	ANTHONY EDWARDS	6/25/2012
TERI WOOLEY	6/10/2004	REBECCA HALL	6/25/2012
CRYSTAL EASLEY	6/28/2004	ANGELA SUHRSTEDT	6/25/2012
KIMBERLY TERRY	6/20/2005	CHELSEI HOUSE	6/25/2012
AJAX DELVECKI	6/16/2006	ANNE HALL	6/26/2012
CANDACE MCDANIEL	6/26/2006	CORY PERSCHBACHER	6/26/2012
SHANELLE JACKSON	6/5/2007	BIANCA MARIN	6/29/2012
DESTAVIE ELLIS	6/5/2007		
ANNE MOTLEY	6/18/2007		

June Birthdays

RAMINA GOLSHANI	6/2
RISA WHITE	6/3
SALLY GRAY	6/6
PHILLIP BELT	6/6
MEAGHAN	
HUNT-WILSON	6/9
TERRIE THOMAS	6/10
KATHERINE ETZKORN	6/10
JEAN JOHNSON	6/11
GALEN KURTH	6/11
CLYDE HERROD	6/11
CINDY REVELS-NIGG	6/11
CARSEN MOON	6/11
SAMUEL GARCIA	6/12
REISHA GRAVES	6/12
KIMBERLY CLARK	6/13
KATHRYN TRATTNER	6/13
DAWN GEHLING	6/15
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
MARCELLA LEE	6/24
CHRISTINE BASSETT	6/25
PAULA HANNAPEL	6/25
DARCUS SMITH	6/25
KARIN DAUGHERTY	6/25
DAVID CALHOUN	6/25
ANNE HALL	6/26
JIMMY WELCH	6/28
DIANE SHARP	6/28
TAMERAT	
ATLABACHEW	6/28
AARON BLUITT	6/30