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The *Wind* and the Rain

MLS Staff:

Many of you have asked how you can help MLS staff affected by the recent tornadoes. We have identified two coworkers who lost their homes in the tornadoes and have determined the best way to assist them would be through monetary donations. If you would like to make a voluntary donation, please send it to the Business Office (marked as a tornado donation), attention **Jeffery Mullins**. All donations received will go directly to these individuals.

Thanks, Lori (Piccolo)

Several MLS staff members were affected, in big ways and small, by last month's tornado outbreak, but you don't have to have been physically assaulted by the storms to be shaken up by them. Director of Human Resources **Lori Piccolo** reminded us that "Trauma affects people in different ways and there are common reactions that you may experience immediately, or even after a few days or weeks. It is important to remember that given the circumstances, it is quite common for people to experience emotional 'aftershocks.'"

If you or a member of your family is still disturbed by the events of May and would like to talk to a professional, HUM recommends that you contact someone through our Employee Assistance Program. These include:

- Integris Corporate Assistance Program
Phone: (405) 947-2688
Email: cap@integris-health.com
Website: integrisEAP.com

The line is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week. EAP professional counselors have experience in dealing with disaster and challenging events, and may be able to recommend resources or assist family members and individuals in recovery from any potential storm related trauma.

- The toll-free Disaster Distress Helpline, 1-800-985-5990, can provide immediate counseling to anyone who needs it. It's confidential and multilingual, and available 24/7. You can also text *TalkWithUs* to 66746.

Don't hesitate to call for help if you need it. And thanks to Lori and **Kelley Hoffman** for reminding us of the services available through our Employee Assistance Program.

The Written Word is Alive at NW

Julie Ballou, Northwest Manager, informed us that a member of the NW staff, Circ Clerk **Erin Young**, won an award from the Evangelical Press Association for a humorous article she wrote called "Three World-Changing Things You Can Do Before Breakfast." The article appeared in *Today's Christian Woman*. Find it here: <http://www.todayschristianwoman.com/articles/2012/septemberoctober-issue/three-world-changer.html>

Julie tells us that Erin has also written a book and has an agent!

If you want to follow her career, check out her website: www.erintayloryoung.com



Looks like Spoticus likes the new bus bench on SW 52nd!

The ShelfLife Quiz:

My Wife's Cousin's Husband's Barber Said...

There's only one thing that breaks up the day more amusingly than receiving a gob-smacking bit of trivia in an email, and that's writing back to the sender to tell him/her that s/he's been taken in by an urban legend. Here are five fairly well known possible urban legends—but some of them are true. Honest. See if you can separate the facts from the pasture pastries.

Facts or Fiction?:

1. A female vacationer decides to tan in the all-together on the roof of her hotel. She's lying on her tummy but when she hears the assistant manager come out onto the roof, she spreads a towel over her derriere to defend her modesty. He then points out to her that she is lying on the skylight over the restaurant.
2. New gang members drive around with their car headlights

off at night. If you flash your lights to remind them to turn theirs on, they will force you off the road and kill you.

3. Is this a real letter to the editor of the Times in Munster, Indiana? "A lot of deer get hit by cars west of Crown Point on U.S. 231. There are too many cars to have the deer crossing here. The deer crossing sign needs to be moved to a road with less traffic."
4. One of the actresses billed as "girl by pool" in the James Bond movie *For Your Eyes Only* is a transsexual who was born male.
5. Mark Zuckerberg said that because running the site had become too stressful, Facebook would be shutting down on May 15, 2013.

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Building a Reading City: What's Being Read at Our Newest Library

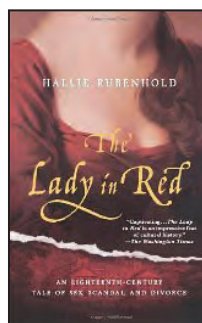
We asked the staff at Almonte Library what they're reading and their responses indicate a wide variety of reading interests. Take a look.

LaVetta Dent, Manager. I am currently reading David Baldacci's *The Hit*, the second Will Robie novel by this author. The first Will Robie novel, *The Innocent* captured my attention when Baldacci introduced this character as a freelancing hit man working for the government, taking out "bad guys"... or are they? In this second novel the lines between the good guys and the bad guys are blurred even more as the plot unravels.

Clovis Conley, Library Aide. I'm not currently reading any books but I do read over 35 DC comic titles a month. I have always loved comics and last year DC comics reset their comics to #1 and restarted all their stories. It was a great way for me to get back into comics without having to try to relearn 60 years of back story. Now is a great time to jump into comics and read some great stories all year long!

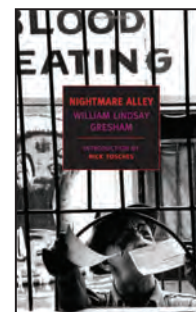
Najah A. Hylton, Library Aide. I just finished *Stone of Tears*, book two in Terry Goodkind's *Sword of Truth* series. Yes, it's SciFi which may not be everyone's cup of tea. The main character, Richard, didn't believe in magic nor want anything to do with magic, until he could not escape it! I think that makes it easier to relate to. I've previously read the first six books in the 13-volume series. I'm starting over and hoping to finish this time. It's that good!

Gwyn Weathers, Library Aide. Currently I'm reading *The Mark of Athena* by Rick Riordan because I really like Greek and Roman mythology, and this series mixes the two!



Alexis Whitney, Librarian. I'm currently reading *Nightmare Alley* by William Lindsay Gresham. It's about Stan, an ambitious con man with some serious issues. He's from an upper class background and he ran off to be a magician in a traveling carnival. He learns all the tricks he can there, marries a dancing girl, and together they start conning rich people out of their money by doing séances and emotionally manipulating them. It doesn't seem like it's going to end well for him, but I'm only about halfway through it so we'll see. (MLS only has the movie.)

I'm also reading *The Lady in Red* by Hallie Rubenhold. It's about one of the most scandalous divorces of the 18th century, between Lord Richard Worsley and Lady Seymour Worsley. Lady W was a partier, and Lord W was an indifferent husband who actually encouraged her to cheat on him, which came back to haunt him later. She had an affair and a baby with one of his best friends, which caused so much damage to his reputation, he sued his friend for property damages! It was a huge tabloid sensation --very scandalous for everyone involved.





The Secret Library

In every issue of ShelfLife we spotlight a different book held in the MLS Lending Library. But, I hear you cry, isn't being a "lending library" what we're all about? Of course, but this is a special Lending Library, just for MLS staffers.

"Did you know there is a hidden collection of titles located within the confines of the DN Library building?" asked



Spoticus at the Lending Library.

Employee Development Assistant

Andrew Soliven. "Did you know that only MLS Staff are able to check out these materials? Did you know these materials are not available on the shelf in our libraries?"

If you didn't, you have been missing out on some great resources!"

Welcome to the Lending Library.

"Planning maintains this collection of nearly 700 titles, with topics that range from leadership and management to creativity in the workplace. There are also quite a few library specific titles that might interest you. Also, if there are titles you think might benefit our staff, please send us some ideas."

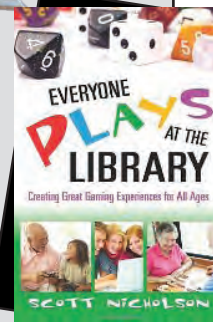
Maybe you already knew about the Lending Library but haven't used it because it's housed Downtown and didn't know how to access it. We can take care of that. Here's Andrew again:

"So how do you check out these items? It's quite simple. Go to the MyMetrolibrary homepage. Hover your cursor over 'Staff' and click MetroUniversity from the dropdown menu. You will then be taken to a page with a few icons. Click on the 'Lending Library' icon. The Lending Library Catalog will appear. From there you will be able to search or browse for titles and make check out requests. You will want to make sure you're signed into MyMetrolibrary to reserve the title for check out. Simply click the 'Reserve' link to request a book for check out. An e-mail notification is sent to PLA and the title requested is sent your way!"

If you have any questions about the Lending Library, please call Andrew in PLA at 606-3822.



Lending Library: *Everyone Plays at the Library: Creating Great Gaming Experiences For All*



By Scott Nicholson

Games? In the library? Welcome to the 21st Century.

Gaming has entered the mainstream of public library programming, but there's a right way and a wrong way to develop gaming events. Author Nicholson (creator of the Syracuse Library Game Lab, founder of the ALA Connect Games and Gaming Group, and general gaming guru) discusses the latter while presenting a comprehensive guide and reasons that justify this type of programming. "You'll learn," he writes, "how to determine user needs, achieve library goals, gain stakeholder approval, reach out to users, build an affordable collection of great games, assess program effectiveness, bring all ages together, and create the type of memorable experience that gets users talking and keeps them coming back for more."

A reviewer for Booklist wrote that, "the book offers field-tested tips on selecting, facilitating, marketing, and monitoring library gaming."

Real-world scenarios flesh out advice on expanded offerings (think beyond video games!), funding sources, physical setups, roles for staff and volunteers, assessment tools, reviews, sites, and additional considerations intended to maximize a positive experience for all participants."

"Nicholson," wrote Sari Feldman, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Public Library, "has given us the roadmap for developing top-notch gaming programs as well as the background, models of gaming experiences, and evaluation tools that promise best practice programs and great learning outcomes."

LIVE LONG AND PROSPER

Whenever you visit the Downtown Library do you feel a little spacey? Imagine how those of us who work here feel.

Now we have an explanation to that light headedness, thanks to DN Manager **Angela Thornton**. Take a look at these two photos. One is of a structure in downtown Oklahoma City. The other is Starfleet Academy as seen in the new movie *Star Trek: Into Darkness*. Can you tell them apart? Hint: only one of them has James T. Kirk standing at the lectern.

Thanks, Angela.



Read Across OK at the Zoo on OETA News



MLS' own **Spoticus** and **Kelley Riha** were on hand to meet and entertain kids at the Read Across Oklahoma event at the OKC Zoo in April.



Belle Isle: New Carpet Installed

Debbie Robertus, Assistant Manager at BI, sent in this photo of the new carpet that was installed at BI recently. Looks great.



STAFF PROFILE Fingerprints

Amy Thomas, a librarian at Edmond, has worked at MLS since 2008. "I used to work for the Tulsa County Library System, but I defected."

Away from work, Amy likes "Finding good food...eating is my favorite thing to do, but hanging out with my hubby, family, or friends would be a close second."

More 'likes' in her life is the movie *Waiting for Guffman*, "and anything that has to do with Jane Austen; ...The books that I go back to repeatedly are *Blue Like Jazz* by Donald Miller and *Me Talk Pretty One Day* by David Sedaris."

Amy's household includes her husband and "My chocolate lab, Elvis, (who) is the love of my life (please don't tell my hus-

band!) and I have two goofy, loveable cats."

Her favorite vacation was located in the Pacific, "I went to Bali by myself a few years ago, and it was one of the most beautiful, amazing experiences of my life. While there, I met a German girl who had been a foreign exchange student in Chickasha. It's a really small world."

Amy says a skill she has acquired is avoiding confrontation, "I avoid confrontation like a ninja. Is that a skill? Because I'm really good at it."

But working at the library is fulfilling for Amy. "I love helping people, especially children and their parents, (to) develop a love for literacy and the library."



• MYSTERY PERSON •

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

Fave Music:	Songs from musicals, and anything Elvis Presley
Fave Book:	<i>The Great Gatsby</i> and any Dick Francis
Fave Movie:	<i>Tombstone</i>
Fave Sports:	I like bicycling
Fave Vacation:	The beach, especially Hawaii
Fave TV Show:	<i>The Amazing Race</i> , original <i>Hawaii 5-0</i>
Fave Food:	Bacon and/or Chipotle Chicken
Fave Season:	Summer
Fave Hobby:	Reading and trying new recipes
Family:	Husband & 3 dogs, 1 is a Chihuahua
Fave: PC or MAC	Mac
Fave Pets:	Dogs, especially Chihuahuas
Fave Social Network:	Facebook
Special Skills:	Facebook
Repeat song on iPod:	<i>Welcome to My World</i> Elvis Presley

Special skills? *Baking*

What chore do you absolutely hate doing? *Cleaning Toilets*

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be? *To see Chaco Canyon when it was new and inhabited.*

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HELLO TO

Alisa Baez	Dev. Assoc., DEV
Sue Baney-Stull	Circ Clerk, CT
Taylor Embrey	Data Entry Tech., TP
Susan Florer	Ext. Spc., LO
Megan Huggins.....	Circ Clerk, CT
Paul Travis	Circ Clerk, LO
Ashley Cain	Library Aide, AL
Krystle Pierce.....	Library Aide, AL

PROMOTION

Katie Hatfield	From Circ Clerk to Assoc. Librarian, MC
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TRANSFER

Ruth Harder	From HT Circ Clerk, CT, to PT Ext. Spc., LU
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GOODBYE

Lisa Heinrich.....	Cat. Tech., CAT
Carl Tibbets.....	Public Comp. Spc., ED
Phill Jo	Librarian, VI
Patrick Williams	Dir. of Facilities Mtc., MTC



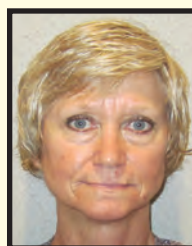
Alisa Baez



Sue Baney-Stull



Taylor Embrey



Susan Florer



Megan Huggins



Paul Travis



Ashley Cain



Krystle Pierce

MYSTERY PERSON IS:

**Ruby
Soutiere,
Mat.Sel.**

The ShelfLife Quiz: Answers

1. Did I getcha? This whopper began life as a joke in Playboy in 1961.
2. Really? No way. This one has been traced back to a false report in Montana.
3. Oh yeah, it's true. But the writer claims it was a joke.
4. Very true. And she's a knockout. (I would include a web address so you can see for yourself, but I chose to keep my job instead.)
5. Absolutely true. No, wait a minute . . . Oh, never mind.

Another Graduate

Devin McGhee, Manager of DC, wrote in to tell us that Library Aide **Kendra Williams** graduated in May from both Metro Technology Center in Radiologic Technology and OSU-OKC with an Associates Degree in Radiologic Sciences.

Congratulations to Kendra for a job well done.



June Postings

Employee's June Date-of-Hire

June Birthdays

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
JULIE SCHOFIELD	6/24/1991
ALAN SIAVASHI	6/27/1994
PHYLLIS 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
KIMBERLY TERRY	6/20/2005
AJAX DELVECKI	6/16/2006
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
CARL TIBBETS	6/16/2009
DIANE SARANTAKOS	6/29/2009
KATHERINE CASEY	6/14/2010
CATHY WEBB	6/14/2010
TRACEY THOMPSON	6/29/2010
REGINA COBERLEY	6/2/2011
KARA FRIED	6/13/2011
BRANDON JOHNSTON	6/17/2011
NEIL PRUTHI	6/29/2011
FELIX LINDEN	6/4/2012
BETSY DAVIDSON	6/4/2012
SHAINA WELLS	6/11/2012
HOPE MEAD	6/18/2012
STEPHANIE SELLS	6/25/2012
LACI WALLACH	6/25/2012
ANTHONY EDWARDS	6/25/2012
REBECCA HALL	6/25/2012
ANGELA SUHRSTEDT	6/25/2012
CHELSEI HOUSE	6/25/2012
ANNE HALL	6/26/2012
CORY PERSCHBACHER	6/26/2012
BIANCA MARIN	6/29/2012

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



July Postings

July Birthdays

HIEN CHAU	7/1
JANEAL WALKER	7/3
KASANDRA DEWBRE-BURROWS	7/4
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
LISA EARLS	7/14
SHREN SYLVESTER	7/14
KELLEY HOFFMAN	7/15
KIMBERLY TERRY	7/16
HEIDI BOOKOUT	7/17
ELISABETH WRIGHT	7/18
DENISE COURTS	7/19
JEFFREY FREDERICKS	7/20
JEANIE SOLES	7/21
DAVID BIARD	7/21
HARRY HOANG	7/21
PAUL TRAVIS	7/21
FELIX LINDEN	7/22
ERIKA SALINAS	7/22
SHIRLEY HENDERSON	7/23
DIANE RICE	7/24
JANET BROOKS	7/24
TERESA HAWKINS	7/24
DENYVETTA DAVIS	7/26
GLORIA TURNER	7/26
SADIE WOODY	7/26
SARAA KAMI	7/26
DENESA BENNETT	7/28
KEVIN COOK	7/28
LUISA MATTHYNSSENS	7/28
ELIZABETH GOULD	7/29
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
ANN ALIOTTA	7/5/1984
FRANCES HARBERT	7/8/1985
ANITA ROESLER	7/28/1985
DAVID MACK	7/2/1990
ANGELA PAELTZ	7/15/1992
PATRICIA WHISENHUNT	7/25/1994
DAGMAR PEERY	7/7/1997
CAROL MOODY	7/28/1997
PAULA HANNAPEL	7/26/1999
KIMBERLY 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
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
SHREN SYLVESTER	7/26/2010
KRISTINE CHARTER	7/26/2010
ELIZABETH KICKHAM	7/26/2010
EDITH DANIEL	7/26/2011
JESSICA MOAD	7/9/2012
TAABISH NOORALI	7/9/2012
EMILY CANNIFF	7/23/2012
KEVIN COOK	7/23/2012
ELISABETH WRIGHT	7/23/2012
VICKEY SCRIVNER	7/24/2012
SAMUEL GARCIA	7/27/2012