

# Oak Leaves

Happy  
New  
Year

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I hope that each and every one of you experienced a joyous holiday season. The hustle and bustle of the season has brought us to another new year—2004. Some find this a good time to make resolutions that often end in frustration. Just remember that each day also starts anew and opportunity for good deeds can present itself when you least expect it.

Happy New Year to you and your families.

*Janet Orzech, Editor*

## New Patron Services Department Head

On December 16th Mary Lynn Mysz, former Reader Services Librarian, was promoted to the position of Patron Services Department Head. Since her start here in 1988 she has enjoyed her work and attributes her success to much support and encouragement from mentors, co-workers and people she has supervised.

I asked her what she felt would be the biggest challenge in her new position. Without hesitation she said it would be the smooth transition into the new addition. Not only will the materials be moved but staff and patrons will need to adjust to a new environment.

Aside from planning for the move to the new addition, Mary Lynn is paving the way for the introduction of the DVD format to the audiovisual collection. The new DVDs will debut right after Christmas and will consist of a variety of subjects—feature films, opera, PBS programming, biographies, documentaries and more. Mary Lynn would be happy to consider suggestions from staff for additions to this new collection.

*Congratulations Mary Lynn, we wish you the best!*

## “Ask A Librarian” Goes Nation Wide and Even Global

**Iowa:** Is the book *Living in My Skin* written for professionals or parents? (Only 20 copies worldwide are listed in World Cat.)

**Texas:** I need information on the architect D.D. Hill who designed the Oak Lawn Methodist Church. (The Oak Lawn Methodist Church that Hill designed is in Dallas, Texas on Oak Lawn Avenue.)

**Australia:** Can you help me obtain an Oak Lawn police patch?

**England:** Will you send a copy of an obituary that I found on your obituary index?

**Northwestern University:**

Do you have any material on Mitchell Miller who died in a December 1932 Oak Lawn Shooting? (In the '32 Economist we read about road rage, robbery and hit and runs, but never did locate any information on Mr. Miller.)

Thanks to all the staff that helped me research these requests!

*Verlyn Biere, Reference Department*

## Staff Holiday Party

“This was the best library Christmas party I’ve ever been to!” Comments



like this were plentiful, and much appreciated by those who put so much work into making the party a success. But a party is always as good as the

participants, and there was a jolly crowd of merrymakers gathered on the second floor of the library on the evening of December 5<sup>th</sup>! The theme of the party, Hollywood Holidays, was reflected in the beautiful decorations, the games we played, the haute cuisine food we enjoyed, and in the overwhelming beauty of the party goesers themselves! Several people came in

character, while many others were characters in themselves! The ever-aggravating Scrooge Game was played with sensitivity and trust, while the Scavenger Hunt uncovered

the detective in all of us! By the end of the evening, everyone had a full stomach, a light heart, a clear head and her \$10 back! A perfect party!

*Cindy Kelly, Periodicals*

*“A book burrows into  
your life in a very  
profound way because  
the experience of  
reading is not passive.”*

*Erica Jong*



### Terri Oliver, ILL

My daughter Chris and her husband Joe are the proud parents of twins born October 14th, 2003 (Jacob Christopher—5 lbs. 14 oz. And Jeremy Joseph—7 lbs.). Nana and Papa are thrilled!

### April Wren—Tech Services

On December 2nd April was given a surprise baby shower by the ladies in Technical Services. She received many lovely gifts for the baby. The party was enjoyed by all. The Staff Association had a going away party on December 10th (view pictures on local history, pictures—search—“party for April”). Although we will miss her, we wish Chris, April and Anthony much happiness with their new baby.



### Louise Pfeiffer—Periodicals

In September of 2003, my husband and I traveled to Texas to be present as my youngest son received his pilot wings. David is a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force and a graduate of the University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana. He will be flying the C130 transport carriers and will be based at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina after he finishes his training in Little Rock, Arkansas.

## Old Fashioned Split Pea Soup

(Carol Krueger—Admin.)

1 lb. (2 1/3 c) dried split peas	2 celery ribs, diced
5 c chicken broth	2 carrots, peeled and sliced
2 1/2 c water	2 garlic cloves, cut in half
1 meaty ham hock (or ham bone w/pieces of ham)	2 bay leaves
1 medium onion stuffed with 12 whole cloves	1/2 t salt
(optional) Additional cooked julienned carrots	1/2 c heavy cream

Soak peas in chicken broth and water overnight. Place peas and soaking liquid, ham hock, onion, celery, carrot, garlic, bay leaves and salt in slow cooker. Cook on low (200°) for 9 to 12 hours. Remove onion and bay leaves, discard. Remove ham hock and dice meat. Put vegetables and peas through a food mill, or place in blender and blend until smooth. Return soup and diced ham to slow cooker. Add cream and heat to serving temperature. Garnish with julienned carrots, if desired. \*Carol suggests topping with homemade croutons.

## Sharon's Potato Soup

(Joanne Neff—Admin.)

5-10 lbs. Potatoes (white)  
6-8 cans of chicken broth  
1/2 lb. Bacon  
2 large onions (chopped)  
1/2 c carrots (diced)  
1 stalk celery (diced)  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Shredded cheddar cheese



Peel and cut potatoes, enough to fill a 5 quart sauce pan 2/3 of the way full. Pour chicken broth over potatoes until covered. Bring to a boil and simmer until cooked. Do not drain. Fry bacon slices (save grease), crumble and set aside. Sauté onions, carrots and celery in bacon grease until tender. Mash potatoes until soft, add salt and pepper to taste. Add onions, carrots and celery mixture to the potatoes, mix well (add mil to thin if needed). Pour into serving bowl and top with crumbled bacon and shredded cheddar cheese.

\*For cheese lovers—add bag or two of shredded cheddar to entire soup.

## Broccoli/Cauliflower Soup

(Michèle Freese— Youth Serv.)

1 8 oz. Pkg. frozen cauliflower	1 10 oz. Pkg. frozen chopped broccoli
1 14 oz. *Can vegetable broth or stock (stock is richer and more flavorful)	
1/2 t mustard seed	1/2 t dried dillweed
1/2 t ground mace	1/3 c finely chopped onion
1/4 c butter or margarine (not vegetable spread)	
2 T all-purpose flour	3 1/2 c milk (whole milk best)
1/2 t salt	1 c (4 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese

In a 3 quart sauce pan cook the cauliflower, covered in half the broth for 5 to 8 minutes or until just tender. In a medium saucepan combine the remaining broth, broccoli, mustard seed, and dillweed; cover and cook for 5 to 8 minutes or until the broccoli is just tender. Remove from heat, cover to keep warm. Place cauliflower mixture and mace in a blender, blend until smooth. Sauté onion in butter until almost tender (not browned) in 3 qt. saucepan. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper to taste. Add milk all at once; cook until the mixture is a thick and bubbly sauce—stirring constantly. Mix in cauliflower, then broccoli, then add cheese. Heat until cheese is melted. \*Use extra broth if you use fresh broccoli and cauliflower.

# — Soup Day— Jan. 5th - 12:00-2:00

## Oxtail Soup

(Judy McMahon— Youth Serv.)

1 lb. Oxtails  
1/2 c chopped onions  
1/2 c chopped celery  
1/2 c cut up potatoes  
1/2 c cut up carrots  
1/2 c rice, barley, or noodles

2 c tomatoes  
2 t salt  
1/2 t pepper  
1 bay leaf



Boil oxtails in 2 quarts water until scum comes to the top. Remove the scum and add onions and celery. Simmer 2 hours. Add potatoes, carrots, seasonings, and tomatoes. Simmer an additional 2-3 hours. Add rice, barley or noodles and cook about 1/2 hour.

Let soup cool overnight in the refrigerator and skim off the fat from the top. Then remove the oxtails and remove the meat from the bone, discarding the fat and bone and returning the meat to the soup.

This recipe is easily doubled or tripled in a large stock pot. For additional flavor, add a packet of Knorr's beef and vegetable dry soup concentrate.

## Mom's Spinach Soup

(Dawn Koegel—Patron Serv.)

8 slices bacon  
2 T olive oil  
1 large chopped onion  
1 bunch cut up carrots  
3 large cut up potatoes

34 oz. Can chicken broth  
1 bunch fresh spinach  
2 heaping T oatmeal  
Salt and pepper to taste

In a frying pan fry the bacon until it is crispy. Chop the bacon into bite size pieces, set aside. In a large stockpot sauté the onions in olive oil over medium heat until transparent, then add the bacon to the pot. Cut the carrots and potatoes in bite size pieces and add to the stockpot. Slowly add the chicken broth to the pot and stir the mixture together. Cook over medium heat until soup is a slow boil. Cover and simmer on low heat until the vegetables are soft. The spinach should be cleaned, large stems removed and cut in smaller pieces. At the end, add the spinach and oatmeal. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve with crusty bread and butter.

## Down Home Vegetable Chowder

(Mary Donovan— Technical Serv.)

2 T margarine or butter  
1/2 c chopped celery  
1/4 c sliced green onions  
1 c frozen whole corn  
1 can Campbell's cream of potato soup  
1 soup can of milk  
1/8 t pepper



In 2 quart saucepan over medium heat, melt margarine, then cook celery and green onions until tender, stirring occasionally. Add soup, milk, corn and pepper. Heat through, stirring often.

Tip—For added flavor sprinkle cooked crumbled bacon, chopped green onion tops or chopped sweet red pepper on each serving.

*“Education is what you get  
from reading the fine  
print. Experience is  
what you get from  
not reading it.”*



### Elaine McClure—Tech Services

Elaine and her husband Morris vacationed in Riviera Maya (about 1 1/2 hours from Cancun) December 7th through the 12th. They stayed at the Aventura Spa Palace. They had plenty of time to relax, stroll the beaches and soak up the sun.

### Janet Orzech—Admin.

My son, Anthony Palumbo, graduated October 25th from DeVry Institute of Technology with a BS in CIS (Computer Information Systems). He attended Northern Illinois University for two years before transferring to DeVry. He is co-founder and President of O.G.R.E. (Organization of Gaming and Recreation Enthusiasts) a student club at DeVry.



### Janet Goetz—Tech Services

Jan's daughter, Emily Goetz, will be graduating from Oak Lawn Community High School in June. Emily has been accepted at U of I (Champaign-Urbana)! That is her first choice, but she has also been accepted at Loyola, her second choice. Emily is involved in many clubs as well as tennis, badminton and National Honor Society. She has a GPA of 4.0 and both Jan and Bill (as well as her brothers and their wives and all the rest of the family) are so proud of Emily! Good job, Emily!

Love, Mom



**Dorothy J. Zmich—  
Reference Services**

Dorothy recently concluded a tremendously successful two week-end performance in “The Gazebo,” a two act play by Alec Coppel. She portrayed Mrs. Chandler, a provocative, indomitable real estate persona. The experience was an especially rewarding and exhilarating one, meeting so many different professional people, all intent in believing “The Play’s the Thing”.



**Jessica Miller,  
Admin.**

If you’re near the Moraine Valley campus, stop by the new Student Art Gallery on the first floor of the College Center. I have two pieces on display in their current “Portraits” show, which will be exhibited through January. Both of my contributions were created in the past year while working toward my Associate in Fine Arts at Moraine.

**STAFF ASSOCIATION**

Rose and I would like to thank everyone who voted in the recent Staff Association election. We are looking forward to serving as officers of the association during the coming year. Hopefully we will be able to offer a variety of events and functions that will draw more participation from all members and departments. We would also like to congratulate and thank the 2003 officers (Kathy O’Leary— President, Cindy Kelly—Vice President and Kathy Szott—Treasurer) for the great job they did during the past year.

*John Mitchell, President  
Rosemarie Lozanski, Vice President*

**Armed Forces Holidays**

I would like to thank all of the staff members who have contributed goodies, Christmas decorations, puzzle books, pens, shampoo, money for postage, etc.etc. etc. for the troops in Iraq. Your generosity and caring has been quite overwhelming and is definitely greatly appreciated especially at this time of year as they struggled to get through the holidays so far from home. Now that the holidays are over I’ll be back to shipping out paperback books again so save your current news magazines so that the guys can read a little bit about what is going on back here. Unfortunately the fight is not over yet so please keep them and their families in your prayers.

*Fiona Lindenbusch, ILL*

**Staffing News**

**Welcome**

- Allison Arnold, PT Page, Youth Services Department, 12/1/03.
- Cynthia Waisanen, Substitute Library Assistant I, Patron Services, 12/8/03.
- Donna Buckley, Substitute Library Assistant I, Patron Services, 12/10/03.
- Mary Clare Hogan, Substitute Library Assistant I, Patron Services, 12/18/03.

**On the Move**

- Lorraine Grivakis will be working in Technical Services as FT Senior Library Assistant effective 12/1/03.
- Kaye Barham will be taking a PT Library Assistant I position in Periodicals effective 12/1/03.



Patron: “I am looking for a globe of the earth.”  
 Librarian: “We have a table-top model over here.”  
 Patron: “No, that’s not good enough. Don’t you have a life size model?”  
 Librarian: (pause)  
 “Yes, but it’s in use right now.”



**Author Anagrams**

Best Selling Authors

- He’s pink gent \_\_\_\_\_
- On zonk date \_\_\_\_\_
- Arid raving swine \_\_\_\_\_
- Clinical jokes \_\_\_\_\_
- Horns jag him \_\_\_\_\_

What did one math book say to the other math book?  
*Would you like to hear my problems?*



**Survey Says . . .**

Are you a cat person or a dog person?

- 27 Cat people (54 cats)
- 38 Dog people (34.5\* dogs)
- 8 Neither
- 12 people chose both.

\*Joanne Neff (Admin.) shares custody of her daughter’s dog!



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## 25 Years of Service

On July 11, 1978, I started working at the Oak Lawn Public Library. I was hired as a 20 hour library assistant for the circulation desk. My responsibilities included waiting on patrons, answering the phone, ILL, placing holds and other duties.



I have experienced many changes through the years that include working for seven different supervisors as well as the leadership of four directors. The first computer system was CLSi. Since then we've had Geac and we are now using III System. Over the years I have said good-bye to many co-workers. Some went to other libraries as department heads or directors.

My first experience with remodeling here was during the fall of 1984. The inside of the library went through a major renovation and a whole new look. Stairways came down and the middle staircase went up. The circulation desk got relocated and we acquired a reception booth. Youth Services came to the first floor and Reference went to the second floor. Fine Arts became Audio Visual, and ILL and Fiction became Patron Services.

After working 11 years at the circulation desk I went to work in the Technical Service Department. From 2002 to the present the library has taken on another construction project. Hopefully, by mid-March we will see the results, and I hope the new additional space and improvements will meet our expectations.

*Elaine McClure, Technical Services*

*Congratulations and thank you for all your efforts throughout the years.*

## Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy

This past January I attended the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy in Salt Lake City, Utah. The course was entitled Migration Patterns in the United States. It was a great learning experience but at the same time humbling. There's so much to learn about the history of our country. It was also interesting to be around people whose ancestors arrived in the U.S. in the late 1600's to the late 1700's. My earliest ancestor was born here in 1825 and moved to Canada in 1841. The participant's family stories were quite fascinating.

If anyone on staff is interested in genealogy be aware that we have a great collection of books on the 2nd floor. The Reference Department also subscribes to *Ancestry Plus* and *Heritage Quest*. Those two databases include all the U.S. Censuses from 1790-1930, not just the indexes but the actual censuses themselves. We also have a good collection of genealogy CD-ROMs.

If anyone wants a tour of the collection please let me know. I'm always happy to discuss one of my favorite hobbies.

*Kathy O'Leary, Reference Department*

## STAFF ASSOCIATION

The last bowling party was a great success. We had lots of bowlers, lots of treats and even had some spectators. The next party will be March 21st; just in time to provide some "relief" after the move.

Be sure to set that Sunday evening aside and come down to Bleekers for the fun... even if you don't want to bowl. Everyone is welcome.



This year's annual meeting of the Staff Association will take place during the week of the move. The idea is to have the staff meeting and the service awards meeting together. Right now it looks like Thursday afternoon (March 18<sup>th</sup>) will be the day. Watch the info board for more information.



Also, how about a salad luncheon during the move? If you're interested let John, Rose or Kathy know. If enough people are interested we'll plan it for the beginning of the week.

*John Mitchell, President*

Oak Leaves Editor: Janet Orzech

*“Trying to determine what is going on in the world by reading newspapers is like trying to tell the time by watching the second hand of a clock.”*

Ben Hecht

## Page Numbers

Our 8 reference pages last year:

- ▶ Reshelfed 105,000 returned books, plus another 15,000 that were found strewn about
- ▶ Made over 250 trips to storage
- ▶ Spent over 700 hours shelf reading to keep books in better order
- ▶ Measured over 9,000 feet of books in preparation for the new shelving (twice for accuracy)
- ▶ Finished putting security labels in over 40,000 books
- ▶ And . . . Provided directions countless times to the bathrooms, stairs, elevator, quiet study area, and the “C” section.

Many thanks to Beth Walsh, Diana Zink, Hilary Sifling, Jill Kempczynski, Laura Dee, Laura Trotta, Jenny Lechert and Jennifer Rolniak for all their work!

*Verlyn Biere, Reference Department*



## Recommended Movies based on Books

*Girl with a Pearl Earring,*  
book by Tracy Chevalier

This is like viewing many masterpiece paintings that come to life.

*Seabiscuit,*  
book by Laura Hillenbrand

Never before have I been so involved in following a horse race without actually being at the track.

*Mary Clare Sabio, Reference Dept.*



## Janet Orzech, Administration (4)

When I passed out the surveys for this issue I really wasn't expecting to have such interesting results. According to the survey we, at the library, have 126 brothers and 134 sisters total. That puts us at 3.4 children on average per family. As far as I know we have two “twin” employees and just 12 from “only child” families. I did find it incredible that the Reference Department had an overwhelming 17 out of 26 employees that were either “only” or “first born” children. I won't dare to speculate just what that means— you can discuss that over lunch.

On a personal note one of my fondest memories as a child was the birth of my little sister. I was ten at the time and thought taking care of this tiny baby (about 5 pounds) was the coolest thing. I realize now how grateful my mom must have been to have me wake up in the middle of the night to feed her. I thought it was fun!

## Mary Dunneback, Reference Services (9)

Growing up in a large family was not as unusual in the '50's and '60's as it is now. They don't call it the “baby boom” for nothing. What I always thought was unusual was that we had only two cousins.

I think my family would probably share their own versions of our vacations, starting with loading up the station wagon, with the luggage rack on top. Those cars really were “built like Mack Trucks”. We had great trips...Niagara Falls, Washington DC, Colorado, California

(Iowa, Indiana Michigan, and Kentucky didn't count...they were so close to Chicago). And there were some pretty crazy side-lights to those trips... leaving my sister at a gas station after a pit stop...head counts are not to be underestimated; watching my brother lean over the brink of Niagara Falls



to fish coins out of the water; running up the stairs to the top of the Washington Monument (which is no longer allowed) and my dad looking straight ahead while we crossed the bridge over the Royal Gorge in Colorado. He hated heights.

Actually this Christmas I gave my “sibs” pictures of our dad with his family and this spring “the girls” are headed to San Francisco to celebrate with my oldest sister for her birthday.

## Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals (7)

I was the flower girl at the tender age of five, for the weddings of my two oldest sisters. Women don't like people to mention their age but my two oldest sisters are both on Medicare and one has retired to Mesa, AZ. I think I saw her face in the crowd on television, at the Greg Maddox signing. My youngest sister, who is going to be 46 this year, is actually younger than our oldest nephew; Michael who turns 47 in April.

Being one of the younger siblings, I can vouch for the fact that when it comes to discipline, parents do “mellow” with age.

# Life

## Jamesine Akin, Building Services (7)

I remember every summer we would go to the forest preserves and fish and have a picnic. It was fun because we already had 9 people to have fun with, we played baseball and all kinds of things. We used to take the fish home and watch my father cut them up and cook them. They tasted pretty good.



We were rather poor, so my mom would buy us one bottle of pop a month, and I used to save it until everyone drank theirs, then I would bring mine out. Everyone had already drank theirs, so I would drink it in front of them. I was a little stinker. We only had ice cream on birthdays, and in our stockings we got an orange, an apple and some nuts in one of our father's socks.

We actually had an outhouse for a bathroom for a while until we got indoor plumbing. I lived in Oak Lawn all my life



until recently. I remember going to the beach with my sisters, taking the bus, and walking home bare foot. Boy those streets were hot! Kind of stupid of us, but that's kids for ya. It was tough walking to school on those cold days from 87th Street to Oak Lawn High School. I remember my sisters and brothers chasing me with snakes and throwing them at me. I still hate snakes to this day. Boy, those were the days. I learned to appreciate a lot of things, being raised the way I was.

## Staffing News

### Welcome

Miguel Pacheco, PT Sr. Maintenance Assistant, was hired 1/12/04 and he enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing, camping, hiking and hunting.



### On the Move

As of 1/16/04 Kristy Ozminkowski will be working as a Sr. Library Assistant, in Circulation. She thought this would be a challenge and wanted to learn more about the AV Department. It was also a good opportunity to move out of her "comfort zone."



Jillian Kempczynski, PT Page, Reference Services, was hired 1/14/04 and is a student at Mother McAuley. She is planning to take pathology classes in college.



## Staff Longevity Awards



25 Years

Elaine McClure

15 Years

Mary Lynn Mysz

Deborah Cocanig

Kay Gibson

Jamesine Akin



10 Years

Fiona Lindenbusch

Verlyn Biere

Pedro Robledo

Mary Donovan

5 Years

Dorothy Heisler

Lana Magnavite

## March is Open Enrollment Month

for all major medical insurance packages at the Library.

During March, all full-time employees should review their medical, dental, and vision plans and make any necessary changes to their coverage. Open enrollment is the only time each year that an employee can make changes, such as adding or deleting a dependent, or switching from PPO coverage to HMO coverage, without the existence of a life event (i.e. birth, death, marriage, divorce).

All full-time staff are strongly encouraged to analyze their insurance need and current coverages during the open enrollment period. Please note that part-time employees regularly scheduled to work 30 or more hours per week may purchase health insurance coverage under the Library's plans. To further inquire about coverage options, or to make any changes to your health coverage, please see Kathy Szott, Coordinator of Business and Personnel Services, before open enrollment closes on March 31, 2004.

# Health Insurance Package for 2004



At the February Board meeting, the existing health insurance package was reviewed and renewed by the Board of Trustees. There were no rate increases for the MetLife Dental and the Vision Service Plan coverage. Rate increases for the Blue Cross Blue Shield medical plan are effective on April 1, 2004, thus those full-time employees with dependent coverage will experience the rate increases on their April 15<sup>th</sup> paycheck. The current monthly rates to carry dependent coverage and the renewal rates for April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005 are as follows:

	E+Child 2003	E+Child Renewal	E+Spouse 2003	E+Spouse Renewal	Family 2003	Family Renewal
<b>Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO</b>	\$67.38	\$73.82	\$95.32	\$111.92	\$162.72	\$185.76
<b>Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO</b>	\$45.96	\$47.80	\$65.00	\$72.48	\$110.96	\$120.28
<b>MetLife Dental</b>	\$5.78	\$5.78	\$5.78	\$5.78	\$15.65	\$15.65
<b>Vision Service Plan</b>	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$1.38	\$1.38

Upon renewal, all coverage benefits will remain the same with the exception of mail order (also referred to as home delivery) prescriptions under the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO program. Effective with the renewal, the co-payment for mail order prescription drug coverage will increase from 1 to 2 co-payments per prescription order. Presently, using the mail order program makes maintenance medications available for up to a 90-day supply subject to 1 co-payment per prescription order. Thus, employees were receiving a 3 month supply of medication at the cost of 1 month's co-payment. Upon renewal, the cost for the same 3 month supply will increase to the equivalent of 2 co-payments. (i.e. If your 3 month supply was costing you \$35.00, it will increase to \$70.) If you have any questions regarding the insurance package renewal, feel free to contact me.



*Kathy Szott, Administration*



George, Helen, and Steve are drinking coffee. Bert, Karen, and Dave are drinking soda.

Using logic, is Elizabeth drinking coffee or soda?

## Riddles



Can you name three consecutive days without using the words Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, or Sunday?

Hi! Ma and Pa told me I'd better say that all the two-letter words in this paragraph have something in common ..... or else! What's the common factor here?

## Survey Says . . .

(108 responses)



First (and only) Child—52  
Middle Children— 30  
Last Child — 26

# of Children — # of Families

1 — 13	5 — 15	9 — 1
2 — 26	6 — 3	10 — 2
3 — 29	7 — 2	11 — 1
4 — 14	8 — 1	12 — 1



## The Art of Storytelling



As a child, Michèle Freese (Youth Services), would share stories only with her closest friends but these days she tells stories to the preschoolers three times a week when programs are scheduled. Since 1977 children have been captivated by her voice and actions as well as the book's illustrations.

Michèle has a Bachelor's degree in Theatre and Television Production which enabled her to direct a children's community theatre group, ages 4-17, for five years. In addition to her award winning performances in schools, parks, and county fairs she makes special effort to include sign language for the hearing impaired.



Among her favorite stories to tell is "A Japanese Fairy Tale" by Jane Hori Ike. The basis for this story, the ugliest man married to the most beautiful woman, was taken from an old Jewish folk tale. Michèle says that the art of storytelling is in the "heart" or emotion of the storyline, not just the words and sounds. Some stories rely on the listener's background, age and knowledge to bring them to life.

In an effort to continue the storytelling tradition, Michèle spent time two years ago during the Summer Reading Program teaching students (grades 4-10) how to convey a story and share the joy of reading.

Staffing News continued . . .

With the advent of the new Computer Lab, John Mitchell has recruited some fine employees: Jennifer Lechert as Senior Library Assistant; with Janet Czaplewski, Jamie Quintavalle and Brenda Fitzgerald as Library Assistants.

Jenny likes to work with computers and enjoys helping people with computer problems. Now she will have an opportunity to do both. Janet feels that the lab will offer new and interesting opportunities. Jamie wanted to be a part of something totally new in the library. Brenda was the last to join the computer lab team.

## Staffing News

### Welcome

Jennifer Webster will be working as a PT Receptionist effective 3/3/04.

Ramona Garcia will be working as a Page in Reference Services effective 4/20/04. She is the proud parent of a daughter and a son; enjoys reading; has a green thumb; and is a long time member of New Hope Baptist Church.



### On the Move

As of 2/1/04 Russ DeYoung will work full-time at the Circ. Desk. He enjoys working full-time because of the new challenges every day and the added benefits. His hobbies include sports, playing poker and working out.

As of 2/9/04 Dena Duslak will work as a Library Asst. in Circulation. She left the library for a short time to work elsewhere but it didn't work out. She heard about the 20 hour position and was grateful to come back. She loves working at the library because everybody here is awesome!



Jamie Quintavalle, Brenda Fitzgerald  
Janet Czaplewski, John Mitchell, Jennifer Lechert

Computer management software named SAMS will be added soon to make reservations, collect money and help with internet filtering.

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*"Fear less, hope more;  
Whine less, breathe more;  
Talk less, say more;  
Hate less, love more;  
And all good things are yours."*

-Swedish Proverb

My news  
is all about the  
return of my son,

Sergeant First Class Michael J. Lindenbusch, 3rd Armored Cavalry, U.S. Army, from Iraq on April 1 – no fooling! The entire family both here and in the U.K. is elated and relieved to have him home. A reunion and celebration is planned for the end of April in Colorado.

Thanks for all your support during what was a very long year. Now let's just hope we can soon bring them all home and celebrate as a country.

*Fiona Lindenbusch, PS/ILL Department*

My daughter, Sarah Palumbo, will graduate from Carl Sandburg High School in May. She sang with the Madrigal Singers for three years, specialized in art classes such as jewelry and sculpture, and pursued wood working and cabinetry courses as well. She intends on continuing her education in furniture design at the Center for Furniture Craftmanship in Rockport, Maine.

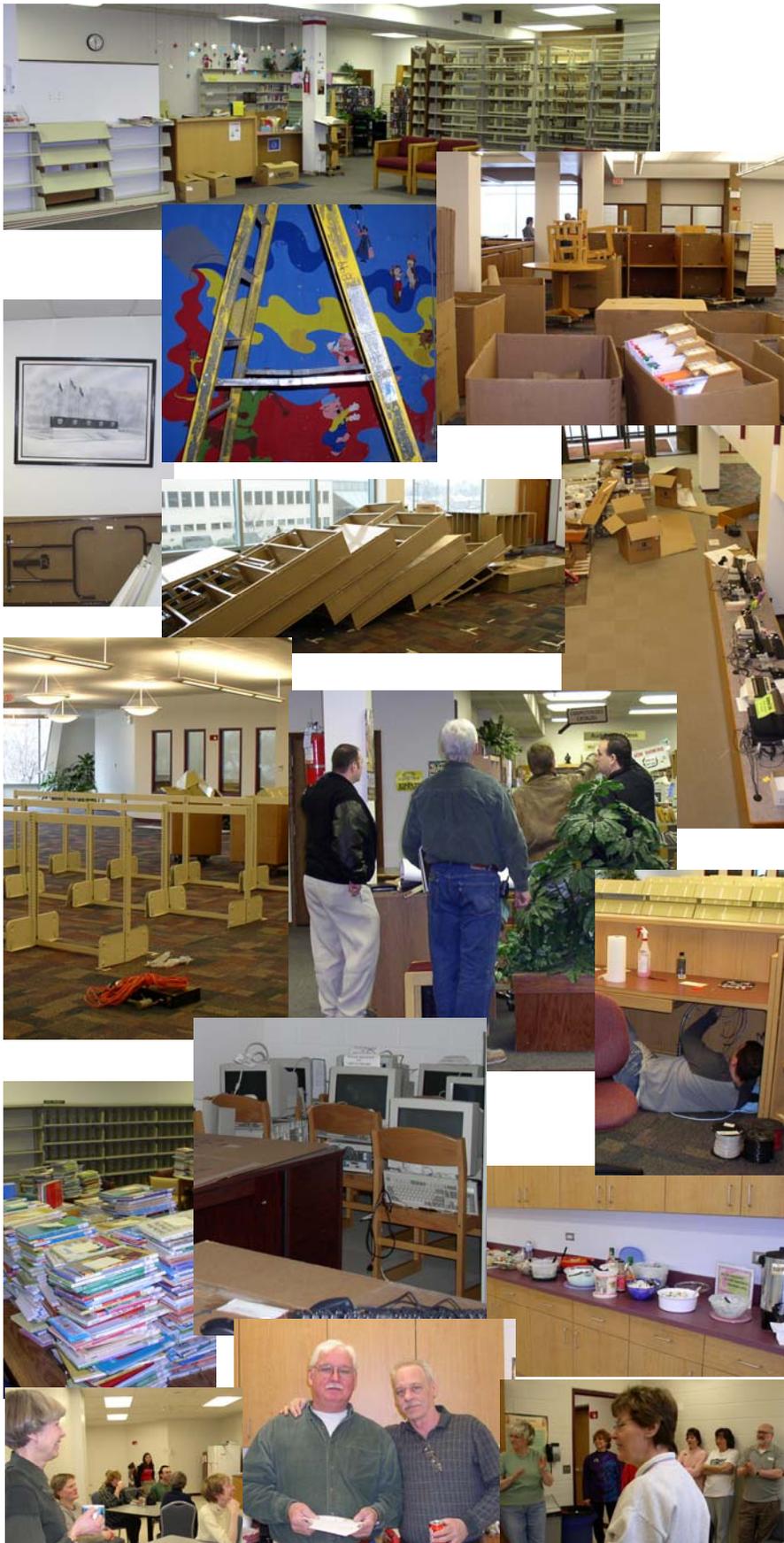
*Janet Orzech, Administration Department*

One of our 12 hour pages, Katie Hudson, a outstanding senior at Richards High School, was accepted at Northwestern University. She has a tough decision to make by May 1. She is weighing the advantages of the financial packages offered to her by Northwestern and Illinois Wesleyan. She is planning to major in secondary education.

Katie is an accomplished musician and was in the Richards marching band for four years. She has played piano for her church services and other functions. We hope that she will continue to work in our unit as a substitute during her semester breaks in college.

*Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals*





*"It is not enough to show people how to live better: there is a mandate for any group with enormous powers of communication to show people how to be better."*

-Marya Mannes,  
*"A Word to the Wizards"*

A painting by Jessica Miller was chosen for the Skyway Juried Art Exhibition, held at Moraine Valley March 28 through April 16. The jurors received over 200 entries from 8 area community colleges, and picked Jessica's painting as one of only 48 displayed artworks.

*Jessica Miller, Administration Department*



## Coffee Shop Update

On April 16th, the Library entered into an agreement with Chuck Koch, of PC Bagels, Inc. to provide a Coffee Shop right here in the Oak Lawn Library. Chuck and his partner, Debra Lettiere, have been in the bagel business for about eight years. They take pride in offering great customer service and quality food and beverages that bring people back again and again.

Although they have not developed an official menu yet, they hope to serve bagels (of course), pastries, soups, sandwiches, salads, snacks, ice cream, coffee (including specialty drinks), tea, juice and smoothies.

Actually, they have asked for our help. For some reason they are experiencing a writer's block and have not come to a conclusion on the name for their café. They are looking for something catchy and easy to remember that somehow ties into the library theme. Please put on your thinking caps and if you come up with something clever please let me know and I will be happy to pass it on to them.

It will take several weeks to get the Coffee Shop ready for business. They will need to add plumbing, cabinets, equipment and furniture to make the transformation complete.

## STAFF ASSOCIATION

### Survey Says ... (42 responses)

I was glad to see a creative flair in this survey. In addition to the items on this list the following were written in (once): Ancient Urdu, Arabic, Hindi, Italian, map reading,

- 36 typing
- 20 music
- 10 French
- 8 HTML
- 5 sign language
- 5 German
- 4 shorthand
- 4 blueprints
- 3 Latin
- 3 Pig Latin
- 2 Lithuanian

medical terminology, military speak, mirror image reading, Morse code, phonetic writing, Polish, public speaking, reading backwards, Russian, Serbian, slang, Spanish and Swahili. What that tells me is that we have a wide variety of talents and interests along with a sense of humor. We have 20 employees that can read music but I wonder how many of us know how to keep score in bowling.

I am surprised to see French topping the list as our library's "second language". I have always enjoyed the sound of the French language. I did not include myself in the count because I spent more time staring at my high school French teacher than focusing on my class work!

April was an excellent month for the Staff Association.

Thanks to the hard work of Kathy Szott and Joanne Neff, the Friends of the Library are donating \$5,000.00 to the Staff Association towards the purchase of new vending machine(s). The donation couldn't come at a better time; the old machines don't seem to want to cooperate anymore. The SA Officers will be meeting during the end of April to look at the available options. Some of the ideas people have suggested: machines that serve bottled water in addition to soda; machines that vend ice cream; machines that sell sandwiches and other "lunch" items; and machines that serve coffee drinks (like cappuccinos or lattes) and hot chocolate. As soon as the officers narrow down the options they'll decide how to proceed (eg a vote of all staff association members or a vote by the representatives). Either way we should have at least one new machine soon. So start saving up your pocket change - and slugs. [I wonder why fake coins are called slugs?]

The next bowling outing is scheduled for Sunday, May 23 at Bleekers Bowl in Evergreen Park. We'll start about 5:30 pm.

Another outing to keep in mind is the picnic. It's still a ways off but it might be a good idea to start planning for it. If anyone is interested in being on the picnic committee let me know. It's three months away but the summer days go by fast and it could be here before we know it.

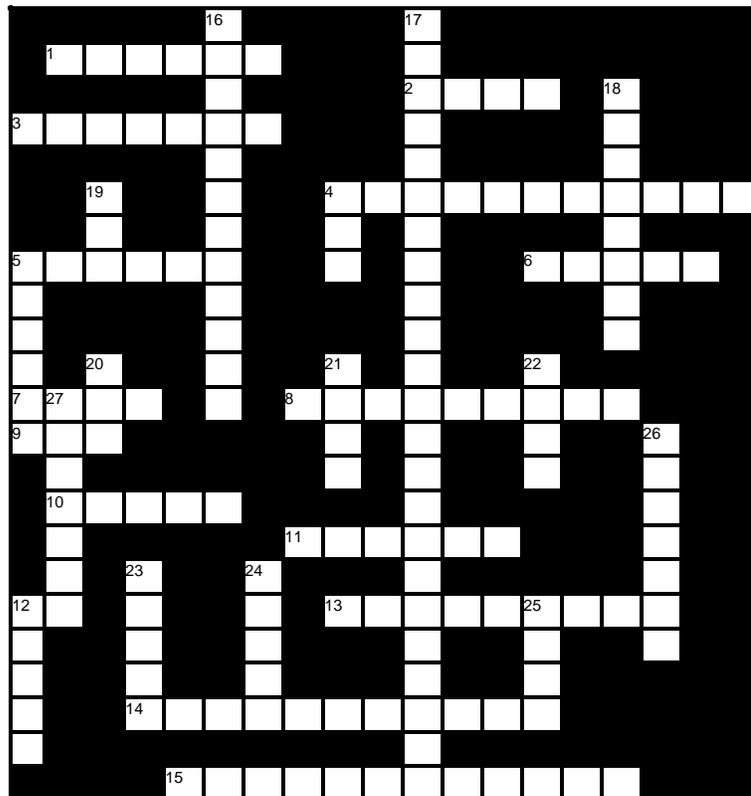
Another thing that goes by fast is money at a casino. A lot of people have shown an interest in a group outing to a casino so if anybody knows of a nice place that's not too far away let me know and I'll start looking into group rates and that kind of thing. We could plan something for the fall(?) or possibly sooner. So don't throw away the slugs you don't use in the vending machine(s). They could come in handy!

*John Mitchell, President*



#### ACROSS

- 1 Conscious effort to hear
- 2 A size of type
- 3 What we have here is a \_\_\_\_\_ to communicate!
- 4 A person whose work is translating a foreign language orally
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Morse - inventor of the telegraph
- 6 In typing to change from small letters
- 7 Make changes
- 8 System of speed writing
- 9 Something questionable precisely reproduced
- 10 Express mirth
- 11 A sharp pointed device for cutting the grooves of a phonograph record
- 13 Shift to an unaccented beat
- 14 Beautiful handwriting
- 15 Act of performing unfamiliar written music

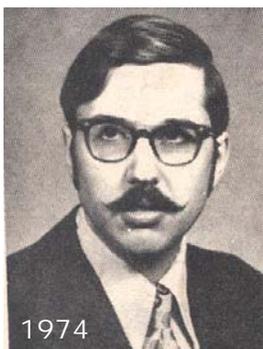


#### DOWN

- 4 Colored liquid used for writing
- 5 Journalist who patented the first typewriter in 1868
- 12 Opposite of what is expected
- 16 New SLS merger name
- 17 HTML
- 18 Nonsense poem
- 19 Sing with lips closed
- 20 Something questionable precisely reproduced
- 21 Lighthearted conversation
- 22 Programming code
- 23 Person who denies the sincerity of people's motives
- 24 Sing with abrupt changes
- 25 Implore
- 26 Stupid mistake
- 27 Spoken language peculiar to a region



## Bill Goodfellow—30 Years of Service



It is a pleasing coincidence to celebrate thirty years of public service in the same year in which our library begins its first year in the newly expanded building. Thirty years is a long time in both the life of an individual and the life of an institution dedicated to preserving and making knowledge available to everyone passing through its doors. Today our library faces the future with a wide array of tools to assist us in fulfilling the same basic purposes we had in 1974. We may do things faster and flashier, and in a more attractive setting, but we are essentially providing the same services to our citizens as we have for the past thirty years... the means to think, learn and achieve more for themselves and their families.

After so many years I still look forward to coming to work each day. My goal has remained simple, despite the increasing complexity of the environment; I try to make it easier for our patrons to locate what they need in our library. To be here long enough to see children grow up and return as parents is very satisfying, indeed. It is the repetition of this cycle that is the real reason to celebrate thirty years of library service.

The countdown has begun.

*Bill Goodfellow, Head of Reference Services*

## Landscaping Wonders

After such an extended disruption of grounds due to construction, Jamie Akin has finally had an opportunity to add some finishing touches to beautify the library grounds. Al Fournier, Jamie Akin and the Village Forester (Ms. Heather Greene) met several times to determine how the building's landscaping should look and what would be practical as well. Trees, shrubs and



flowering plants were chosen with great care to enhance the new look of the library.

Jamie was given the task of finding a home for the Friends' Fountain. She designed and planned this area located near the Raymond side entrance. The arrangement of rocks and plants showcase the fountain and also feature the rock dedicated in the name of Dee Kopf. Repairs are underway and the fountain will be back in operation soon.

Jamie said that the fountain was a bright pink color for a short time but this finish was added later to give it a softer more stone-like appearance. Thank you Jamie for your dedication and keen eye for detail. The grounds look more beautiful every day!



## A Look at 1974

Inflation: +13.9%

Unemployment: 5.6%

Sears Tower—tallest building

“Happy Days” Premieres

Catchphrase: “Dyn-o-mite

Vietnam vets total 6,558,000

### In the news:

Heiress Patty Hearst is Kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army—Nixon Agrees to pay \$432,000 in Back Taxes—Nixon and Brezhnev Hold Summit—Nixon Admits “Serious Act of Omission”—President Resigns—Ford Gives Nixon Absolute Pardon—Because of gasoline shortages, daylight savings time is observed year around to save fuel—Thousands bare their buttocks in the year's streaking fad—Ultrasound diagnostic techniques are developed—The National Academy of Science calls a halt to research in genetic engineering, pending safer techniques.

### Books:

*Centennial*, James Michener

*Jaws*, Peter Benchley

*All the President's Men*, Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward

*Alistair Cooke's America*, Alistair Cooke

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"Be careful about reading health books. You may die of a misprint."

Mark Twain



## Congratulations

to Patron Services Pages Jessica Harr and Emily Zmek. Jessica graduated from Mother McAuley High school and plans to attend Moraine for two years. Emily graduated from Oak Lawn High School.

*From Mary Lynn Mysz*

Last fall, my son James had a terrible accident. While at work, he fell 10 feet onto a concrete basement floor. He landed on his head causing severe injury and spent nine days in a medical coma fighting to stay alive. Thanks to the many prayers from friends, neighbors, and family and the grace of God, he has made a full recovery. After eight weeks of therapy and five months recuperating at home he is now back at work as a carpentry foreman. He has a little girl named Emma Marie. Mom and baby are doing just fine, and so are Grandma and PaPa. Our family was so blessed . . . and still is.

*Jamy Akin, Maintenance Department*



Catch your breath, Face the music,  
Apple of your eye, Last straw,  
Read between the lines,  
Variety is the spice of life.



## FUN IN THE SUN

One place that I enjoy going to each summer is Naperville. It is not that far, there is always parking, and the River Walk is so calming. I especially like going the weekend of their craft fair. There is something for everyone from expensive items to \$1.00 scrunchies for your hair. This summer that weekend is July 30-31, and August 1st. Their web site says, "More than 100 juried crafters from all over the Midwest display their handiwork at one of the largest craft fairs in the area."

They also sponsor a "Rib Fest". It will take place July 1-4th. I have never attended the "Rib Fest" but the web site says, "Voted "Best Festival in the Midwest," Ribfest features four days of music, ribs, fun and fireworks for the entire family. Nationally known musicians and local ones provide entertainment. Rib vendors from around the country compete for best tasting ribs and sauce awards. Free shuttle service available from many Naperville locations. Co-sponsored by the Naperville Exchange Club, Naperville Park District and City of Naperville.'

That's my summer fun . . .

*Debbie Cocanig, Reference Dept.*

One of my favorite vacation spots is Mackinac Island, MI. It is not too far away; 8 hours if you drive, and you can bring the whole family.

There is an old fort located on the island for tourists to visit. It was built by the British during the Revolutionary War. You can rent bicycles to ride the 8.2 miles around the entire Island; it's great fun. There are hotels located on the island including the famous Grand Hotel which is very pricey.

We took a ferry to the island and stayed in St. Ignace, where the prices were more reasonable. There are no cars allowed on the island. You can walk, ride bikes or go horseback riding. Horses are everywhere on Mackinac, so keep your eyes open as you walk, if you know what I mean. Bring a camera; the scenery is awesome—You won't be disappointed.

*Louise Pfeiffer, Periodicals*

Theater on the Lake is a really fun, "summer" thing to do in the city. Every year, the producers select ten off-loop productions and bring them to this aging, rather primitive, but oh-so-charming facility at Fullerton and Lake Shore Drive. They don't really have a web site, but I have several of their informative, full-color brochures if you are interested. This little gem has become increasingly well-known and popular over the last several years, so some of the plays are already sold-out. But don't come all that way just for the play! Why not go for a swim first and pack a picnic dinner to enjoy on the beach or on the grass around the theater. It could be a great field trip. And while you're in the neighborhood, why not stop by Lincoln Park Zoo to see the new Ape Center? As a volunteer gardener at the zoo, I am very proud of the beautiful grounds and urge you to take a look!

*Anne Curran, Fiction*

Some fine ice cream is hiding in a local hang-out called Wojo's, at 99th and Pulaski. (It is just north of Brother Rice High School.) This is "real" ice cream and not the wimpy soft serve stuff. If you ask for two scoops in a cup, you'll get your ice cream in a banana boat. Happily for us, the employees seem to feel a moral obligation to FILL the boat, so your two scoops turn out to be more like four. Mmmm.... to avoid low-carb dieting guilt, just remind yourself of all the protein and calcium you're taking in.

*Nancy Dunne, Fiction*

If you enjoy eating outside on a warm summer night and you like Mexican food, you should give LaPlayita a try. They are located on 106th and Ridgeland in Chicago Ridge. They serve generous inexpensive portions and have a special on Wednesdays for Corona. They only have a few tables outside and the patio sits on the parking lot but the friendly service and good food are well worth it.

Along side the Oak Forest Bowling alley (152nd and Cicero) is a "sports bar" that features food and play. There are two volleyball courts where leagues play most evenings. In addition, they have bocce ball, horseshoes and more. You can participate or just watch. I have seen this place both crowded and empty but the pizza and appetizers are great either way. Music is piped throughout and TVs are nestled in the bar area for sports enthusiasts.

*Janet Orzech, Administration*



# “Reel” Recommendations from Library Staff

The people have been heard!! The eclectic groupings of videos chosen by the staff were very surprising. It was hard to narrow down the top ten since there were very few duplicates. However, we were able to determine which videos that staff like the best and here they are. Ladies and Gentlemen, here is your Top Ten:

1. Lord of the Rings Trilogy
2. Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl
3. Forrest Gump
4. Chicago
5. Seabiscuit
6. My Big Fat Greek Wedding
7. French Kiss
8. Mona Lisa Smile
9. Mr. Holland’s Opus
10. Usual Suspect

There you go, these were the most duplicates found during the month long process of tabulating staff picks. Come by Audio-Visual during July to see the other great movie picks.

*Mathew Nowak and Ashley Woodin  
Patron Service—AV Unit*

“Reading, after a certain age, diverts the mind too much from its creative pursuits. Any man who reads too much and uses his own brain too little falls into lazy habits of thinking.”

-Albert Einstein



## Gamboney’s Retreat

If you have not had the opportunity to see Marlene



Gamboney’s newly finished office, please take the time to see just how cozy it is. Thanks to the weekend efforts of Mathew Nowak and Ashley Woodin, the office was transformed into a peaceful spa-like retreat complete with window and gentle waters. As you can see from the photos, color, style and clever organization have



collaborated to make this small office a haven from the hustle and bustle of the circ desk.

How fortunate we are to have such talented people in our midst. We now have



### (1974 Continued)

#### Movies:

*Godfather II, Alice Doesn’t Live Here Anymore, Towering Inferno, Blazing Saddles, Young Frankenstein, and Andy Warhol’s Frankenstein*

#### Music:

*Mandy, Just You and Me, The Way We were, Cats in the cradle, Band on the Run, The Entertainer, Bennie and the Jets, Dancing Machine*



Construction of the Oak Lawn Hilton, 1973



Richard M. Nixon, upon leaving the presidency:

“[I am, in the words of Teddy Roosevelt,] the man in the arena whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who at the best knows in the end the triumphs of high achievement and with the worst fails, at least fails while daring greatly.”

## STAFF ASSOCIATION



The month of June was a good one. One thing that was definitely a good thing was the “treats party” for the Friends. Most of the core members (the ones that attend all the meetings) showed up to enjoy all the treats that the staff members made for them. They also got to put the plaques on the new vending machines and pick out their favorite flavor of wine cooler; as long as their favorite flavor was chocolate.

Speaking of vending machines, we got a good deal on getting rid of the old ones. We found people who were willing to take them off our hands for nothing. Thanks to the maintenance staff for helping to move them out of the lounge so they could be picked up.

Another good thing was that Cindy found extra storage space for the white elephant sale. The staff closet in the lounge is starting to fill up. But don't let that stop you from bringing stuff for the sale; there's plenty of room in the Mary Nelson classroom. If you have any questions about the sale or what to bring contact Cindy Kelly.

We're planning a trip to the Horseshoe Casino in Hammond some time soon. If you haven't returned your form indicating your preferences do so soon. We need to see what day works for the people who want to “play”. And we might as well play the horses too while we're at it. A lot of people have indicated an interest in going to Arlington Park as a group. They have one day where groups can go for a breakfast buffet, watch the horses train and listen to “an entertaining, informative program covering everything from training horses to track maintenance”. But that's just a suggestion. Send an email to [staff\\_association@oaklawnlibrary.org](mailto:staff_association@oaklawnlibrary.org) and let us know what you would prefer.

So as you can see we have a lot of good things coming up in the next couple of months, including the picnic. If you want to help in the planning etc. of any events send an email to the address above. Volunteering is a good thing.

*John Mitchell, President*



## Staffing News

### Welcome

Kyle Taylor, new Page in the Reference Department, is a freshman at MVCC. He is studying Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. In his spare time he enjoys outdoor and physical activities like running as well as computers and guitar.

Julia Churchill, Senior Librarian, Patron Services Department, enjoys reading and stained glass. “I love my two dogs, Mocha and Roxie. I am a real animal lover and I spend as much time with my animals as possible. Oh yes, my children and husband are great too!”



Matthew Buckley, new Page in the Reference Services Department, is a student at Richards High School. He enjoys traveling, watching movies, and listening to music. He is glad to be a part of the Oak Lawn Library Staff.



Colleen Castro, a new Page in the Youth Services Department, enjoys reading, piano, walking and traveling.



You throw away the outside and cook the inside, then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

Pronounced as one letter,  
And written with three,  
Two letters there are,  
And two only in me.  
I'm double, I'm single,  
I'm black, blue, and gray,  
I'm read from both ends,  
And the same either way.  
What am I?



### WHO AM I?

This staff member is portraying a “parrot” in *The Buffet*, a production of the Palos Village Players.

*Fractured phrases—  
common sayings with a different spin —  
(answers on bottom of page 2)*

- Recapture one's respiration
- Winesap of one's oculus
- Confront the tune
- Final drinking tube
- Peruse words below one line but above another
- Diversity is the seasoning of existence



# Oak Leaves

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## Lorraine Grivakis—20 Years of Service

After her initial interview and rejection, Lorraine persisted, put together a resume and interviewed with Kathy O'Leary. Although she started as a part-time Page in Magazines and Reference, an opening at circulation was her next stop. At the end of 2003 Lorraine moved to the Technical Services Department.

During 1993 videos and CDs took their place in the library world. She recalls that it took some rethinking to organize the videos so they were easy to find. She felt that grouping them by genre, like the video stores, would help both patrons



and staff. To date, Lorraine has watched a total of 6,900 videos! Her interests do not stop there. She is also an avid reader and actually gets CDs to go with what she reads.

Lorraine loves to see the titles as they cross her desk because she can constantly add books to her reading list. It is her hope that the "book" never loses its charm and libraries will forever house books. She doesn't plan on retiring till she's 95.

Thanks Lorraine, for all your hard work and dedication — we love the library too!

## Local Artist Displays Work



Our very own John Allivato, Maintenance, is showing his true colors.

These renderings were taken down during construction but are now on display once again

outside the Patron Services offices. John stands near his favorite character, Spiderman.



Oak Leaves Editor: Janet Orzech

## Surprise Decorum



Upon his return from vacation the Director, Jim Casey, was astonished to find his office completely remodeled. The walls were painted, the flooring redone, furniture replaced, and wall hangings revamped to reflect an historical flare.

Contributors to this secret plan included: Pat Roberts, Al Fournier, Kathy Szott, Pedro Robledo, John Alivato, Linda Olsen, Jessica Miller and Janet Orzech.

...Stop by and see for yourself.

# Survey Says . . .

*"Everyone is a genius at least once a year. The real geniuses simply have their bright ideas closer together."*

Georg C. Lichtenberg



## Anniversary

On August 16, my wife Gina and I celebrated our first anniversary. We met in college 12 years ago and dated for nine ears. However, for five of those years we were not able to live in the same area due to our respective jobs and continuing education. After all that time together, some days we feel like newlyweds, and some days like an old married couple. Gina is a family practice doctor in Chicago and enjoys gardening in her limited free time. Our families both live in Michigan.

*Tom Kochinski, Youth Services*

## BOOK REVIEW

Geraldine Brook's *Year of Wonder* is a fictional retelling of the events surrounding the 17th century bubonic plague that devastated an isolated village. An infected bolt of material from London caused the disaster. As the deaths multiplied, the minister, Michael Mompellion, persuades the villagers to isolate themselves to prevent the plague from spreading to the neighboring towns.

The story emerges through the eyes of Ann Frith, a young widow. As death reaches every household, including her own, she fights to stop the spread of the disease and the resulting despair which leads to violence and superstition. Eventually, as the contagion subsides, Anne rescues an unwanted baby and flees to an Islamic harem where she finds peace and contentment.

*Year of Wonder*, excepted for the far-fetched ending, was well written and an enjoyable read.

*Mary O'Mara, Readers' Advisory*

Tops on the list, as you can see, are Wisconsin (54), with Indiana and Michigan tied with 51. Runners up are: Florida (49), California (38), Kentucky and New York (34), Tennessee (33), Texas (32), Ohio and Missouri (31), and Iowa (30). The least

visited states are: Alaska (4), Hawaii (7), Rhode Island (8), Delaware and Vermont (9).

On average the staff here at Oak Lawn have visited 20 states. Only 8 of the 57 replies visited more than 30. The overall winner is Beth Ellen Walsh having visited 48 states. Judy McMahan (45) and Tom Kochinski (40) cleared the 40 mark. We also have 10 staff members who have seen less than 10 states! I guess they are not big fans of travel or maybe they are waiting to win the lottery so they can do it up right.

Some people wrote in "Washington DC" as well as "Canada". I cannot give an accurate figure for that without going back to the drawing board—sorry about that.

## New Orleans Adventure

On Saturday, August 7th, my daughter, Emily, and I boarded the "City of New Orleans" for a 19 hour ride with 17 stops. The train was very nice. The seats reclined and they had footrests. It has a Café Car and a Dining Car. We arrived in New Orleans at 3:00 Sunday afternoon.

We checked into our room at the Double Tree on Canal Street. Our room was on the 12th floor and we looked out at the Mississippi River. We talked to the Concierge to find out how to get around. He gave us a map and told us where to go and where NOT to go. We went to Café Gumbolaya for popcorn crawfish and then to Café De Monde for the famous Beignets (French donuts) and Chickory coffee. I didn't care for the coffee but the beignets were so good that we went back every day. You get a plate with 3 of them for \$1.37! They are warm and have lots of powdered sugar on them.

We also took a voodoo/cemetery tour. This is the only place I got any beads. The tour guide gave them to us. We went to the French Market and Flea Market 3 times altogether. (cont.)

## Reunion and Washington DC

On July 9th my husband and I along with our daughters Maureen and Kelly (with their husbands and our four granddaughters) left to meet our nieces and nephews from Atlanta, Georgia, for a family reunion. We met at Pennyryle State Park in Dawson Spring, Kentucky. There were 22 of us and for three days we had the best time. We golfed, swam, fished, took boat rides, hiked and just walked and talked.

We said our good-byes on Saturday night because we were leaving Sunday for Washington DC with Kelly and her family. It took 13 hours and by the time we got there we were ready to walk and stretch.

We had six days of sightseeing and saw many historical sights. We went through the Capitol building and saw the Senate and the House of Representatives in session and went through the printing and engraving room too. I took many pictures and it's a trip I'll always remember.

*Elaine McClure, Technical Services*

*"Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity."*

-George S. Patton

### **Vegas and Family**

My husband and I took a trip to Las Vegas where we met our two sons, one from California and the other from Arkansas, plus three of our grandchildren. We drove through the mountains to Laughlin and did a lot of sightseeing. The mountains are really beautiful. We also saw Joshua trees in the desert. It really is amazing! We all had a great time!

*Terri Oliver, Readers' Services*

### **TRAVELS WITH RYAN**

Boston was my destination this summer, and my grandson, Ryan, age ten, was my travel companion. I thought this great historical area would be a perfect site for a pre-teen, old enough to appreciate the historical flavor of one of our oldest cities, but young enough to have fun looking for the sites illustrated in *Make Way for Ducklings*.

We had six days to explore the Freedom Trail, go whale watching and visit the world-class New England Aquarium, walk through the Plimouth Plantation, climb aboard the Mayflower II and the U.S. S. Constitution, ride the swan boat in the Public Garden, shop at Fanueil Hall and Quincy Market, and admire the paintings at the Museum of Fine Arts.

One of Ryan's goals was to climb to the top of Bunker Hill, and my response was, "Fine, I'll be waiting for you down here", but when we found out that children under the age of 13 must be accompanied by an adult, my fate was sealed. The last time I climbed those 294 steps, I was 15! It was really a struggle, but I made it, and survived.

Another highlight was going in search of Louisburg Square, which Mr. & Mrs. Mallard of the above-mentioned book considered as a nesting site, but rejected because there was no water. When we got to the square, we discovered that cars blocked all the entry streets, and men in dark suits and sunglasses surrounded the area. When we asked what was going on, we were told that John Kerry lived on the street, and was expected home at any moment. We waited (cont.)

### Travels continued . . .

around for a while, and saw Teresa Heinz Kerry go into the house, but no John Kerry. Ryan wanted to wait longer, but when he found out it was John Kerry's home and not Jim Carey's, he lost interest.



The final adventure was on our last day, when we had to be at the airport by 4 p.m. for our flight home. We got caught in a downpour on our way back to the hotel to pick up our luggage, and had to change out of our soaking wet clothes in the public restrooms and put them in our luggage. Instead of taking the "T" to the airport for \$1.85, I opted to take a limo (it was still pouring), and paid \$25.00 for the ride. Well worth it!

*Judy McMahon, Youth Services*

### New Orleans continued . . .

That was really fun. We rode the Streetcar; went on the Ghosts of the Garden District Tour and went to the Ripley's Believe it or Not Museum. We went to the Riverwalk and that reminded us of Navy Pier.

We found Bourbon Street before dark (before the partying began). It is a narrow one-way brick street lined with bars on both sides. We stayed away from there the rest of the trip. We shopped a lot and walked miles and miles. "Nawlins" (that is how the "natives" pronounce it) is a very noisy, colorful, sometimes smelly, friendly, hot, humid place to go. We got home on Friday the 13th in the morning after another 19-hour train ride. We had a great time and I am so glad we went. *I have pictures!!*

*Janet Goetz, Technical Services*

## Ice Cream Cake

2 boxes of ice cream sandwiches (12 ea.)  
2-3 containers of cool whip (12oz.)

1 jar of fudge topping (heated just enough for spreading)  
Walnuts (chopped fine)  
Sprinkles can be used instead of nuts

Layer ingredients in a 9 x 13 dish. Place Ice Cream sandwiches tightly together in bottom of pan, slice the sandwiches to fit snugly in the dish. Next spread the fudge topping as evenly as possible. Sprinkle fine nuts lightly over the fudge layer. Spread the cool whip over fudge/nut layer until covered, be generous with the cool whip. Again place another layer of sandwiches, getting sandwiches as snugly as possible, cover with cool whip, and top with fine nuts. Put in freezer for several hours until set up (frozen). Serve in slices or decorate with fruit. (cherries - strawberries - blueberries - etc.)

*God gives us blessings every day - Let's enjoy them.*

*Joanne Neff, Admin.*

## STAFF ASSOCIATION

The White Elephant Sale and Ice Cream Social were the highlights of the month of July for the Staff Association. The sale brought in more than \$200 even after subtracting the cost of the ice cream. There was even a bit of excitement at the end of the day. The silent auctions for the guitar and the crock pot went right down to the last minute. The lucky bidders weren't the only winners though. Everybody who attended got a chance to buy some nice items at great prices; enjoy some delicious ice cream with all the toppings; and help support the Staff Association.

This year's picnic also turned out to be a good time for those who attended plus the weather was a little more cooperative. Even though the temperature was in the 90's, there was a nice steady breeze and plenty of shade under the shelter and in the trees. About 30 people showed up and there were plenty of games, prizes and treats to go around.

Be sure and keep an eye out for the next events on the Staff Association schedule: a baby shower and a vegetarian pot luck. The announcements will be coming out soon. And speaking of soon... Halloween isn't too far off. While you're making your vegetarian dish you might want to start thinking about a costume for the Halloween party.

*John Mitchell, President*

## Staffing News

### Welcome

Don Hocutt, Network Manager, Technical Services, is continuing his education at Moraine Valley Community College to obtain further technical certification. Among his hobbies and interests are motorcycles, hot cars, Bears football (note the helmet), home repair and decoration.

"I also enjoy learning about scientific discoveries, physics, string theory, and relativity. I love to play coded softball at my church in New Lenox. My daughter, an NU graduate is a WEB Master in Ventura, California."



Megan Kowalski transferred from Youth Services to Reception on 7/19.

Holly Swaim, a Youth Services Page, is a student at Richards High School pursuing architectural studies. She is the Captain of the Color Guard for the Marching Band and enjoys dance (tap, jazz and ballet) at a competitive level. Holly enjoys working at the library and commented that everyone was very nice and welcoming when she started.



Thomas Czaplowski, new Page in Reference, is an Electrical Engineering student at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His interests include electric guitar, computers and cars.

"I am the third Czaplowski to work at the Oak Lawn Library (Joanne and Janet being the first two). Joanne is now happily married with one daughter, and is expecting twins. I graduated salutatorian at Richards H.S. in a class of 380. I am also a graduate of St. Linus School here in Oak Lawn. I have 4 brothers and 3 sisters and I'm an uncle to 7."



Gi<sup>g</sup>g<sup>l</sup>e

*What happened in 1961 that will not happen again for over 4000 years?*

Using the grid below, how many words can you find? Each word must contain the central **B** and no letter can be used twice, however, the letters do not have to be connected. Proper nouns are not allowed, however, plurals are. There is at least one nine letter word.

**Excellent:** 40 words.  
**Good:** 31 words.  
**Average:** 25 words.

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E	R	A

What is also known as—  
Many-maned scud-thumper  
Maker of worn wood  
Shrub-ruster  
Sky-mocker  
Rave!  
Portly pusher  
Wind-slave



Whoever makes it, tells it not.  
Whoever takes it, knows it not.  
And whoever knows it wants it not.

*What is it?*



Does Administration have an obsession with time . . . or are they testing the atomic clock theory?  
**Time will tell.**



## Fiona Lindenbusch Farewell



### The Best is Yet to Come

Sleeping in late on a cold rainy morning, having time to enjoy her garden, creating pressed flower art and various needlework crafts are the things Fiona Lindenbusch looks forward to when retiring from the Oak Lawn Library. After twelve years of employment at OLPL Fiona will retire on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Library experience began in her native Scotland when, as a small child, she would trudge up five flights of stairs to the top of a hill where the one room neighborhood library held many treasures. Fiona remembers picking out books for her grandmother and being told that she would not be allowed to check out *The Swiss Family Robinson* because she “couldn’t possibly understand it.”

Before coming to Oak Lawn Fiona worked in the Circulation Department of the University City, Missouri Public Library and then for a law library in Chicago. In October of 1992 Fiona began her career at Oak Lawn as a substitute in Readers’ Services. A short time later she took a part time position in Circulation and then moved on to work as an Associate in Reference Services. Her all-around experience became a valuable asset during the next phase of her career as the Interlibrary Loan Supervisor which she began in October of 1997. Tracking down a book for a patron who only has part of the bibliographic information is a challenge Fiona finds most satisfying.

Now it is time for some new adventures. Future plans include volunteering in a literacy program and recording books for the blind - a busy schedule indeed! Congratulations and best wishes to you, Fiona. We celebrate your achievements and will miss your happy whistling and contagious giggle. Be sure to “come round” often.

*Mary Lynn Mysz, Head of Patron Services*

## Food for Thought Now Open!



After months of ironing out the details, the library has its very own coffee shop. Mr. Chuck Koch (pronounced Cook), the shop’s proprietor, can now focus on serving the patrons and staff here at Oak Lawn Library.

If you are not a coffee lover, they offer a variety of hot and cold beverages. They are also serving soup and sandwiches. In a hurry? Call ahead and order your lunch—424-1924.

*(Look for the menu tucked inside the newsletter.)*

## Cookie Exchange December 10th

Would you like to have an awesome assortment of cookies for the holidays without all the



fuss? The idea behind a “Cookie Exchange” is to bake a batch or two of your favorite cookies and share them with others who do the same. We will set the cookies out and you will have an opportunity to take a few cookies from each plate. You will have a great variety of cookies without having to go through all the hassle of making each recipe yourself.

In order for this to go smoothly we will need to know how many people would like to participate. For each cookie you bake, you will get a cookie in return! If we have 20 participants you would need to make about 60 cookies. You will find a sign-up sheet in the Staff Lounge. Please write in the type of cookie you will make so we won’t have any duplicates.

*Sign up by  
November 23rd.*



# Survey Says . . .

*"Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not; a sense of humor to console him for what his is."*

Francis Bacon

## Our Favorite Foods

asparagus	lasagna 4
bananas	lemon seitan
BBQ chips	lobster 2
BBQ pork	macaroni & cheese 2
BBQ ribs 5	nachos w/ beans cheese
BBQ wings	omlette mushroom
beef sandwich 3	pasta 7
blueberries	pastitio
bread & butter	peaches
broccoli	peanut butter jelly sand
cantaloupe	pie spinach 3
cheese 4	pineapple duck
cheeseburgers	pizza 30
cherries fresh	polish kielbasa
chicken baked 3	popcorn 2
chicken cacciatore 2	pork 2
chicken fried 3	pot roast
chicken orange	potatoes double/mashed 2
chicken wings Bob's	potatoe pancakes
chips & salsa	prime rib 3
chocolate 4	prinazi
chop suey	quiche 2
cookies	ranch wheat thins
corn on the cob	ravioli cheese
crab legs 2	rice, fried, w/chicken
dolmades	salads 7
duck	salmon filet 2
dumplings 2	samosas
eggs	sandwich Quiznos
enchiladas	sauerkraut
fettucine alfredo	seafood 2
fish	soup potato leek
french fries	soy sausage
fried plantains	spicy tuna maki
hamburger w/ fries	steak 14
hershey kisses	stew
hungarian goulash	tacos 5
ice cream 3	Thai noodles
italian sausage	turkey 4
lamb chops 3	

Reading the surveys definitely made me hungry. I'll run through the big hits here and give you more thorough lists in the sidebars. 61 surveys were returned and I took the liberty of combining like items and including extra entries. The favorite food was pizza (30), steak (14) was second, pasta and lasagna (12), varieties of chicken (10), seafood (9), salads (6), ribs (5) and tacos (5) made the cut. When it comes to dessert ice cream tops the list with 12 (various types) followed by cakes (11), pies (10), cheesecake (8) and cookies (5).

On the ethnic restaurants Italian topped out at 21, tied for second Chinese and Mexican (11), Indian (6), Thai (4), Greek and Polish (3). Also on the list were Cuban, French, Irish, Lithuanian, Mediterranean, Persian and Puerto Rican.

Oddly enough, some of our favorites were repugnant to others. Liver, with or without onions is the big winner here (12). If you combine the various vegetables and beans on the list it totals a whopping 25. I guess children do not appreciate the nutritional value of greens. Somebody said that they refused "everything", another said they "weren't allowed" to refuse and another replied that they refused "nothing". I can relate to the avoidance of oysters, smoked butt and turnips but I feel for those who disliked cheesecake, Oreos and French toast. I hope their taste buds have evolved.

My oh my, on the weird list we have animals not typically found on the menu and many ethnic wonders (I wonder where this came from?). I've asked some of the staff to expound on their culinary explorations for you. I was startled to see crayons, my foot, and metal shavings on this list!

What was very clear is that we all have our favorites and it is hard to pin them down to just a few. Thanks for sharing and *bon appetite!*

## Boudin

I come from the heart of Cajun-land (Arcadian culture—Acadia Parish) in Southern Louisiana. I grew up with Cajun people but I am Irish. The Cajun people believe in using every part of an animal, so they use the unusual parts too. Boudin (blood sausage, pronounced Boodan) is served after a pig sticking party, a coming of age affair for twelve year-old boys. I attended several of these while growing up. The food is wonderful and VERY rich. (Boudin and Hog Head Cheese appetizer recipes available upon request.)

*Harriet O'Malley, Readers Services*

## Chocolate Covered Ants



When I was in 7th grade at Covington my science teacher, Mr. Cahill, asked all of his students to try an experiment. He presented the class with chocolate covered ants and honey-dried grasshoppers. I chose the chocolate covered ants, since they looked more like chocolate covered raisins. The grasshoppers looked too much like grasshoppers. The funny thing is that the chocolate covered ants did taste like raisins and the best part was whoever tried one got extra credit.

*Donna Buckley, Patron Services*



## Hot Dogs

As a child I refused to eat meat. My parents insisted that "hot dogs are not meat." Only then did I eat them.

*Nancy Dunne, Readers Services*

## No Way- I'm not eating THAT . . .

all cooked vegees

artichoke

asparagus

bananas

BBQ sauce

beef stew

beets 2

brussel sprouts

cabbage 2

carrots 2

cheesecake

chili

cottage cheese 2

everything

french toast

ham

hot dogs

lima beans

liver 12

meat

mushrooms 2

navy beans

nothing

okra

onions

oreos

oysters 2

parsnip

peas 4

raw

seafood 2

sloppy joes

smoked butt & cabbage

spaghetti 2

spinach

steak

sweet potatoes

tomatoes 3

turnips

wasn't allowed



## Chocolate Covered Grasshoppers

When I was a child, my father decided to see just how much his kids loved chocolate. He brought home a large tin full of "chocolate covered peanuts" for us to try. In actuality they were chocolate covered grasshoppers. They tasted something like a Baby Ruth bar, if I remember correctly. Even so, we didn't finish them up when we knew what they really were.

*Peg Butcher, Administration*

## Menudo

It was Horrible! It's basically tripe soup. Maybe it's not out of the ordinary, but I can't believe people eat it voluntarily! I hope that doesn't offend anybody—it just wasn't for me.

*Dena Duslak, Patron Services*



## Napolas

This topping is basically cold cactus mixed with other produce such as chopped onions, cilantro, and jalapenos. You can sprinkle this on your tacos for a different flavor.

*Ramona Garcia, Reference Services*

## Fu-ng Jau

Several years ago I went to Chinatown with some Chinese friends for Dim Sum (Chinese brunch). I enjoyed many new tastes, but by far the most unusual was chicken feet. The Cantonese call it Fu-ng Jau, and it is made with de-skinned chicken feet (with the toe-nails removed) that is fried, then marinated, then steamed and served in a spicy sauce. I liked the flavor but found the texture strange—like chewing on a wad of soft chicken skin, then spitting out the bones. Sound yummy? As for me, been there, done that!

*Carol Biel, Reception*



## Tofurky

Tofu Turkey is a meatless version of the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner. A Tofurky feast comes complete with a Tofurky roast, dumplings, gravy, and stuffing. According to the makers of Tofurky, Turtle Island Foods, "Each feast...tastes fabulous!" On this point I would have to disagree. Although fun to make, Tofurky tastes awful! Stick to the Morningstar Farms brand for yummy, meatless versions of "real" meat.

*Sarah Schroeder, Youth Services*



*"Humor is, I think, the subtlest and chanceiest of literary forms. It is surely not accidental that there are a thousand novelists, essayists, poets or journalists for each humorist. It is a long, long time between James Thurbers."*

-Leo Rosten

## Favorite Desserts!

baklava	ice cream chocolate chip
bread pudding	ice cream peppermint w/ hut fudge
brownies 5	lemon bars
cake chocolate 4	meringue
cake French pastry	mousse chocolate
cake German chocolate	pastries 2
cake pistachio pudding	peanut butter cups
cake yellow w/ chocolate frosting	pie
cheesecake 6	pie apple
cheesecake chocolate	pie blueberry 2
cheesecake w/ strawberries	pie coconut cream
chocolate 2	pie dutch apple
Mom's blueberry coffeecake	pie peach 2
cookies	pie pecan
cookies chocolate chips	pie pumpkin
cookies snickerdoodle	sundae hot fudge
cream horns	sundae turtle 2
ice cream 6	tiramisu 3
ice cream chocolate	Mom's toffee squares

## Out of the Ordinary . . .

alligator	goat
Boudin/Cajin blood sausage	haggis/head cheese
buffalo 2	Menudo/tripe soup
caviar	Mexican soup
cheese on pb&j	moose in Sweden
chicken feet/Fu-ng Jau	muskrat
chocolate covered ants	Napolas/cactus
chocolate covered grasshoppers	octopus/soup
crocodile	poi
deer/sausage 3	quail
Dolma/stuffed grape leaves	rabbit 2
eel 3	snake 4
eggs w/ chocolate syrup	squirrel
fried brains Sesos Rebozados	tofu turkey
fried cabbage w/ noodles	Welsh breakfast
fried grasshoppers	whale meat
fried squirrel	wild pig
frog legs 2	

# Staffing News

## Lieutenant David Pfeiffer

★ USAF ★

David called me today from the airport at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina to tell me that he was waiting to board a flight with 300 other officers and enlisted Air Force personnel. They were on their way to Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar. They are replacing the 41st. Squadron which was deployed in July. David is a C-130 pilot who will fly supplies, troops and provide medical evacuation as needed for our armed forces.



Jan Goetz and Sharon DeYoung are again going to be collecting items to send to our forces overseas and my son will be the liaison. His squadron will not be home for the holidays so I hope we can bring a bit of holiday cheer to them with our donations.

Louise Pfeiffer,  
Periodicals

## Welcome

- Anna Harrington**, Substitute Library Assistant, Patron Services began 9/14.
- Ryan Kean**, Page, Youth Services began 9/27.
- Marlene Gilbert**, Library Assistant, Patron Services began 9/20.
- Stacey Chibe**, Page, Readers Services began 8/20.
- Lisa Bukowski**, Substitute Library Assistant, Periodicals started 9/16. She is a student at Moraine Valley taking courses in medical coding.

## On the Move

**Nancy Dunne**, Substitute Library Associate has taken a new position in the ILL Unit. She will be taking the place of Fiona Lindembusch, Senior Library Assistant, who retired at the end of October.

**Miles Nowak**, Substitute Library Assistant, Patron Services, started 9/9. This Brother Rice student enjoys track, cars and computers.



**Jean Janeway**, Substitute Library Assistant, Patron Services started 9/22. She enjoys spending time with her 10 year old daughter, gardening, antiques and music. She has a bird and a dog and collects cups and saucers.



## Fun Facts . . . (Submitted by Kathy O'Leary)

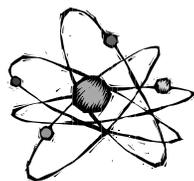
- What Library holds the largest Collection of books?  
*The Chicago Public Library, with a collection of more than 2 million books.*
- Where was the world's first public library opened?  
*Warsaw, Poland holds the distinction of opening the World's first public library in 1747.*
- What is the safest relative humidity at which to store most books?  
*50%*
- What book holds the record of most advance orders?  
*J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire received 5.3 million advance orders in 2000.*



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Take any atom's nucleus and draw it on a sheet of paper. If your dot is 1/4" in diameter, how far away would you have to draw the electron if the picture was to scale?



Don Hocutt, Technical Services

Atom Answer:  
You would need to stretch out the paper for 4 miles to draw the electron to scale. That's how much emptiness surrounds everything. The entire Universe (if compacted to zero emptiness) would fit inside a golf ball easily.

"I never was, am always to be,  
No one ever saw me, nor ever will  
And yet I am the confidence of all  
To live and breathe on this terrestrial ball."  
*Hint: It never comes*

"The beginning of eternity  
The end of time and space  
The beginning of every end,  
And the end of every place."  
*Hint: It's in front of you right now*

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Tennis shoes  
Free for all  
Tomorrow  
The letter "e"  
Blanket