For Employees of the Metropolitan Library System

**The Librarian News**

Summer Schedule

The later summer schedule on Tuesdays at the Central Library is a great opportunity for hourly employees to pick up a few more hours

Also, keep in mind that the following branches will be open late on Mondays and Thursdays:

* Pheasant Ridge
* South Town
* Wensleydale

See your supervisor for more information.

# Win a Vacation Getaway

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o show its gratitude for everything the Metropolitan Library System does for the Indianapolis area, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a vacation getaway raffle for all employees. Stop by the front desk at the Central Library, or any local branch, and purchase your raffle ticket for $5.00 (one per employee). First prize is a trip to the gorgeous San Juan Islands in Puget Sound.

The San Juan Islands consist of three main islands—Orcas, Lopez, and San Juan. They are famous for stunning scenery, great biking and hiking, and miles of quiet beaches. Visitors to San Juan Island will find quaint and historic fishing villages, and, if they’re lucky, spot some of the magnificent orca whales that frequent the western side of the island. Orcas Island, with its many galleries, is the perfect destination for art and pottery lovers. Lopez attracts thousands of bikers and kayakers each year.

The raffle winner will receive round-trip airfare for two, one-week accommodations at the Blackberry Bed and Breakfast on Orcas Island, vouchers for dinners at local restaurants, free Sun Power Scooter rentals, and daily passes for the San Juan Islands ferry, which travels to all three islands.

# Time to Say Goodbye

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he entire staff of the Metropolitan Library system is invited to celebrate the retirement of Otis Boswell, one of our most distinguished librarians. After 25 years of excellent work as our chief reference librarian, Otis is retiring next month. A reception in his honor will be held in September during the annual Tri-County Book Festival. Otis began his work at the library as the children’s room manager. As chief reference librarian, he oversaw the renovation of the Technology Center, dramatically improving our audiovisual services. He is a native of eastern Arkansas, with a master’s in library science from the University of Texas at Austin.

# Golf Team Wins Third Place

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f you’re asking yourself what the Metropolitan Library System is doing with a golf team, you’re not alone. That’s what many of the participants at the Indiana Amateur Golf Association’s Team Championships were also wondering. Not only did the Metropolitan Library System field a team, but it finished third behind teams from Creighton Investments and National Family and Home Insurance.

On the other hand, golf aficionados throughout the state wouldn’t have been surprised at all by the Metropolitan Library System’s high showing. After all, the team included reference librarian Conner McCoy, who also happens to be the reigning Indiana Amateur Golf Champion, Senior Division. The four-person team boasts two other golf pros, Aiko Furuya, development director, who finished fifth last year in the U.S. Women’s Senior Invitational held in Minneapolis, and children’s librarian Carlos Capablanca, a former golf pro at West End Country Club. Rounding out the team is Suze Dayton, a former high school golf champ.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering for the Indianapolis Tri-County Book Festival in September. This week-long event includes readings and presentations by well-known authors. Volunteers are invited to the opening banquet, where they can mingle with festival luminaries and enjoy an evening of readings and lectures.

Congratulations to the whole team!

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# Inga Peterson Honored

echnology Director, Inga Peterson, has been honored with the Alumnus Trophy from Sumner University in Des Moines, Iowa. Peterson was cited for her technological know-how as well as her community service, which includes memberships on the board of directors of the Clean Rivers Consortium, and the Indiana Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. She was one of the founders and charter members of the governing board of The Phoenix House, a local community organization that helps widowed and divorced mothers re-enter the job market.

Congratulations to our Award-Winning Staff!

Devante Adams, New Moon Journal of the Arts, Poetry Prize

Lucy Campos, Crestwood Church, Service Award

Oliver Delarosa, Indie Stand-Up Contest, Second Place

Pearl Houghton, Cody Film Festival, Honorable Mention

Fahima Husain, Red Barn Theater, People’s Choice Award

Everett Lozano, Jewish Federation, Yehuda Prize

Ari Robbins, Blue Grass Fiddler Fest, Third Place

Neveah Jackson, Indie Comic Con, Graphic Novel Prize

Taylan Sparks, Tri-County Softball, All-Star Pitcher

Mohammad Qaisrani, Medical Relief Fund, Social Justice Prize

Joe Underwood, Illustrator Club, Excellence Medal

Sasha Giroux, Oakley Marathon, First Place

Carrie Vang, Westwood Bridge Tournament, First Prize