

## Teen Volunteer: Ashley Magallanes

Ashley Magallanes is a driven senior with her eyes set on life after high school. This straight A student is already focused on success, and planning for college is her first priority.

The summer of 2011 was her second one volunteering at the Capitol Hill Library. Ashley says, "I volunteered because I needed either a job or to volunteer for a scholarship I am receiving. They wanted me to have a set schedule. I feel like volunteering at the library helped me to be more responsible. I experienced what it is like to work in a culturally diverse community and learned a lot about how the library system operates. It made a difference in my life because from my volunteering experience, I decided that I would like to work with kids in the future, being a

pediatrician, or anything that helps kids and others." Her hours spent at the library will help turn her college dream into a reality. Growing up in a home with a big family, college would not be affordable for her without scholarships and financial assistance.

Ashley, along with 350 other teens who gave 10,425.5 hours of their time over the summer, made a giant impact in the lives of children. But she gave more than her time while she was on duty at the sign up table. She made an effort to talk with kids, and encourage reading! We are so blessed to have teens who care, and turn that caring into action, impacting their community. We couldn't do Summer at the Library without you!

— Jennifer Jones

## BOOKSALE 2012

Got plans for the last weekend in February, 2012? Of course you do—that's the weekend for the Friends of the Library Booksale!

It'll be sale number 33. That's right—FOL has been Recycling Books for 33 Years!

As always, it's great for the Friends, great for the Metropolitan Library System, and great for the community.

And, as always, we can't do it without you!

The event takes hundreds of volunteer



hours, so please set aside some time to lend a hand. You can work at the sorting site, at the Fair Grounds during the sale, or on the road between the two locations. The truth is, we need you everywhere!

For more information, visit the FOL pages on the MLS website at [www.supportmls.org/friends\\_booksale](http://www.supportmls.org/friends_booksale).

Come help us recycle the entertainment, the information and the plain old fun of good books!

## Library Endowment Trust Helps Us All

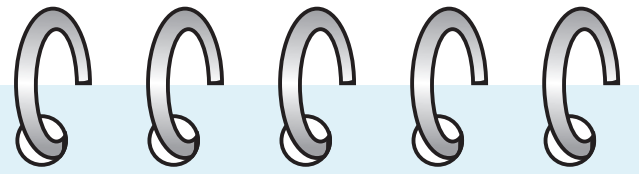
For 25 years the Trustees of the Library Endowment Trust have volunteered to raise funds to help the Metropolitan Library System. Donations have provided additional programs and materials that enrich the quality of life for Oklahoma County's residents. The Trust has provided funding for the library's biggest annual event, the Summer Reading program, along with computers, technology, public art, and other reading programs for the 17 libraries across Oklahoma County.

The Trust's annual fundraising campaign will kick off this fall with a new website that makes it easier than ever to donate and support the library. Check

out [www.supportmls.org/endowment](http://www.supportmls.org/endowment) for more information about the Trust's fundraising efforts and online donation options, and consider supporting the Trust's mission to help provide a world-class library system for our community.

Watch this space next time for more information about the Library Endowment Trust's 2012 Literary Voices dinner. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual event will feature a talk by "the Queen of Suspense," Mary Higgins Clark, at the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club at 7:00 pm on April 10, 2012. Reservations will go on sale soon.

— Chris Carroll



## The Word From Ralph Ellison Library Is...Yummy!

Shortly before Summer at the Library 2011 began, local AARP chapter 4235 member Linda Huggins informed me her group had set money



aside to provide children and teens with snacks at the library during the summer. I was thrilled because I had

already reserved programming budget money for such a plan. However, when Linda first approached me, I was trying to figure out how to find the volunteer power needed for a program of this scale.

During the summer at Ralph Ellison numerous kids and teens remain at the library from the moment the doors open in the morning to the moment they close at night. Many children of working parents are left by themselves, sometimes without access to a quality meal.

Thus, we decided to help by providing snacks everyday from 1-2 PM during June and July. The snack



program was a huge success, with an average of 15 kids and teens served each day. By the end of the summer, they knew when snack time would start, and they began to form relationships with the AARP volunteers. And, even more exciting, we just got word that the AARP chapter voted to partner with Ralph Ellison on an annual basis!

I am glad to share this awesome partnership, and appreciate the help of AARP Chapter 4235!

— Taryn Kingery

# Capitol Hill Holiday Open House on the Horizon

The holidays will be upon us before you know it—in fact, they're just around the corner.

The Capitol Hill Library, at 334 SW 26<sup>th</sup>, is already making plans for its annual Holiday Open House and is looking for some volunteers to help out. The event will last all day on Saturday, December 10, and the library needs volunteers to work 9:30am to 1pm, 1pm to 4:30pm, or all day, from 9:30-4:30.

There will be craft tables, story times, a book giveaway, and photos made with Santa and the kids—and volunteers will

be needed to facilitate each of these events, and any others the staff may come up with.

Interested in helping? If so, contact Capitol Hill librarian Jennifer Jones at 634-6308, or by email at [jjones@metrolibrary.org](mailto:jjones@metrolibrary.org).

There will be snacks, fun, and the joy that comes with seeing library customers having a whale of a good time, so call a friend to volunteer with you and talk with Jennifer.

And let us be the first to wish you a Happy Holiday Season!



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