

From our Director – Yearbooks

I don't think there is much out there that is more nostalgic (and angst inducing) as going through one's old high school yearbook. I attended the now-defunct St. Angela Academy in Aiken, S.C., and I still have all four yearbooks. It is especially bittersweet for us St. Angela graduates, because our old brick school is now a very nice horse stable.

The Library's collection of Abington High School yearbooks gets used on a daily basis. It seems somebody is always browsing through one. But, until recently, we had some great gaps in the run. We tried advertising on our sign on Old York Road; we placed signs around the library asking for missing issues. After a few years of this we had added just few new issues.

Then it hit me. eBay! The greatest source for everything! And sure enough, "Conshy Mike" had a few very tattered copies to sell. We struck a deal, and he drove up from Conshohocken to deliver them in person. He went on to set up a connection between the Library and the Abington High School Alumni Association that allowed us to purchase 18 yearbooks – the oldest one dating back to 1918. So your Library now owns 1918 through 2006, missing only 2002 and 2007. (Can you donate one from those years?)

Many of them have been rebound in burgundy, and they are all housed in our new Local History Collection in the Reference section. Please come in, look up your friends and family, and laugh at how crazy your hair looked in 1975.

- Nancy Hammeke Marshall



Volunteer Spotlight – Jean Hall

"Now we can open, the Halls are here!" This is what Jean and Malcolm Hall hear on their almost daily visits to the Library. "Regular library patrons" doesn't begin to describe them. "It's their second home!" Pat Seese, head of Circulation remarked. But the Halls'

library involvement runs deeper than that.

Around 40 years ago, ten women met for lunch to push Abington Free Library into existence - and Jean was there. When we switched from library cards with a steel plate to barcode, Jean was one of those who helped and entered that data. Ever seen Abington Library's display case with Disney paraphernalia? That's our Jean. She has displayed eight times in six years with plans for more. Jean has a room filled "from mobiles hanging from the ceiling to boxes on the floor." She assesses her display's popularity by the number of children's fingerprints on the glass.

Jean is the mail clerk extraordinaire for the Old York Road Genealogical Society. When a speaker for the WWII Lecture Series couldn't make it, Jean gave a talk on her father who in 1942 lost his life in the Philippines while with the 57th Infantry. As a child, researching her father's life sparked her life-long love of genealogy.

Jean was born in California and raised in Reading, PA. She still reads the *Reading Eagle* on the Library's Internet every day. She has a sister, Joy, now in Australia. "We were called JeanandJoy, all one word

because we were never separated." Jean went to Penn State, where she met Malcolm, and earned a master's in arts and architecture. Their son, Scott, works at Aire Liquide in Delaware, and their daughter, Amy, in California, has retired from a 24-year Navy career.

A few months ago Malcolm, who loves trolling our book shelves, found local history notebooks that had been put together in the 1970s. He showed them to Jean. She was dismayed by how poorly they had aged. When Jean is interested in something, she's a terrier. She'll dig until she gets what she wants. "Look at the condition of these books," Jean told our head reference librarian, Mimi Satterthwaite. Mimi did some research and bought the proper materials, then asked Jean if she would take on the job. So Jean carefully took all of the photos and letters out of the old and placed them in the new, archival quality albums. Some photos had no information, so she and Malcolm investigated using Robert Cambum's *History of Roslyn* among other books. Come by and see these beautiful albums in our new Local History section, 974.8 on the Reference shelves.

Can libraries survive without this kind of dedication? They survive and flourish with people like the Halls.

- Karen Burnham



Jean holds an album open to Dr. Walter Merscher's office Roslyn Library started in its basement. The album held by Malcolm shows photos of two unknown Abingtonians.

Reference Department News

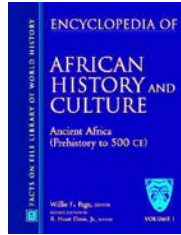
215-885-5180, ext. 13 or abingtonfreelibrary.org

One of the great pleasures of working at the Abington Free Library is the opportunity I am given to find resources that will meet the needs of the residents of Abington. Every so often I have that "eureka" moment after searching, and find great resources that match our needs and fill in gaps. Here are some examples of recent purchases that enhance our collection in banking, history, and literature. Please stop by the Information Desk and take a look!

TheStreet.com Ratings' Guide to Banks and Thrifts: A Quarterly Compilation of Financial Institutions Ratings and Analyses (Street.com Guide to Banks & Thrifts) Millerton, NY : Grey House Publishing, 2008.
Ready Reference REF 332.1025 THE no. 69 2008
Assess the solvency of your banking institution by checking ratings.



Encyclopedia of African History and Culture (Revised), Contributors: Page, Willie F., Davis, R. Hunt Jr. : New York : Facts on File, 2005. REF 960.03 PAG 2005 v.1-5



Booklist September 15, 2005 : this revision updates a well-received, recommended 2001 work and adds two volumes. The decision regarding what to include was based on several criteria: covering Africa's "most significant historical developments and cultural features," presenting "the best established facts and interpretations," and providing information that will be "most useful and interesting for the reader" and also "helpful in bringing Africa's past and present to life."

Blooms Literary Criticism Online (Facts on File subscription database) Provides 24/7 access to literary criticism from poetry to plays to short stories. Please check with library staff about home access for Abington residents. This enhances our collection of literary criticism, while providing unlimited access online from in the library, and from home, to our residents. Just access our website from abingtonfreelibrary.org and look for Bloom's.



- Mimi Satterthwaite, Head, Reference Department
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Adult Literacy is dedicated to enhancing English-speaking abilities and improving reading and math skills. Remember, you can become a tutor at any time. Call 215-885-5183 or email ablitl@yahoo.com. There will be a Tutor Training in early September. Check for updates at abingtonfreelibrary.org/adult_literacy. Learning to read can change a life. Help make it happen!



Young Adult/Teens at Abington Free Library

REGISTER for these programs or get more information @ the Information Desk, abingtonfreelibrary.org or 215-885-5180, x 13.



TEEN CHESS
Fridays,
3:30 - 5 p.m.
Continuous.

For experienced and beginning players.
Includes instruction.



Join us this summer for **Abington READS**. Help younger students (K-2nd grade) practice reading over the summer. Young adults (ages 12-17) may sign up for one hour per week for at least four weeks. It's fun -- you get to inspire young students to become better readers.
Required Training Session on read-aloud techniques Saturday, June 14 from 11 a.m. - noon.



TEEN JOURNALING - Wednesdays, June 18 - July 23, 6:30-8 p.m.
Join Diana Trout (artist and journaling enthusiast) for **ALTERING BOOKS**. Create your own artwork and story between the pages of a children's book that would otherwise be headed for the recycle bin. Use various art and collage materials to tell a new story.

Adult Programs at Abington Free Library

REGISTER in the Library Office, call 215-885-5180, ext. 15 or email from abingtonfreelibrary.org.

WWII LECTURE SERIES

Every 3rd Tuesday @ 3 & 7 p.m.
July 15 - Navy pilot aboard the USS Mission Bay - Robert Pafaro
Aug 19 - 5th Cavalry Division in Vietnam 1970-71 - Lt. Col. Hugh F. Foster III, U.S. Army
Sept 16 - The Career of a Marine, 1942-68 - Col. Ernest Brydon, U.S. Marine Corps



SOCRATES CAFÉ

Every 2nd Wednesday from 10:30 - noon
Every 4th Friday from 7 - 8:30 p.m.
What is truth, justice, moderation?
Any and every question under the sun!



DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Every first Thursday at 1 p.m.
July 3 - All Over but the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg
Aug 7 - Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult
Sept 4 - Infidel by Ayaan Hirsi Ali



OLD YORK ROAD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Every 2nd Tuesday from 7-8:45 p.m.
July 8 - Look what I found! Your unbelievable finds.
Aug 12 - The Internet & Genealogy
Sept 9 - Death & Dying - What records are available
Matching DNA from remains with living relatives.



PARENT BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

July 16 - The Five Love Languages of Children by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell
July 23 - Self-Esteem: A Family Affair by Jean Illsey Clarke

Free program open to all parent/caregivers and educators. No need to purchase books in advance - handouts will be provided. Registration for both sessions will begin on Monday, June 30. A simultaneous story time will be provided for children ages three & up; children under age three will attend the group with their parents/caregivers.

BLACK KNIGHTS AND DEAD PARROTS:

MONTY PYTHON
AND PHILOSOPHY
Sept 25 from 7-8:45 p.m.



This FREE presentation is a program of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, a Federal-State partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The PHC inspires people to come together and share a life of learning. Since 1973 the PHC has provided resources that empower local groups to help their communities explore history, literature, the arts, and the ideas that shape the human experience.

Catch the Reading Bug at Roslyn Branch Library

For information and to register for these programs, call 215-886-9818, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org or visit the Roslyn Branch Library, 2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, PA 19001.



NEW! Online Summer Reading Club registration and reading logs! Check our website for details!

Children of ALL ages may participate in Summer Reading Club by reading independently, reading with others, or being read to by a friend or family member. Children read for at least 20 minutes a day and record the titles in a log.

Bring your children in to register starting **June 13**. Each child will receive a reading log, a coupon for a free Rita's water ice, and a place on our recognition wall. **All children must be Abington Township residents.**

Children will receive a free sticker or stamp at the library for every book read. Books on tape/CD, graphic novels and magazines also count toward summer reading.

Reading logs may be turned in to Abington Free Library or Roslyn Branch Library any time between **Aug 11** and **Sept 8**. Every child who turns in a log will receive a free book.

If you check out ten books or more you can fill out a raffle ticket to win a \$25.00 gift certificate to George's Dreshertown Shop N' Bag! You may enter as often as you like. Drawing will be held in September.

"FLY" INTO THE LIBRARY FOR SUMMER FUN!

Children ages 5 and up can play the **CATCH THE READING BUG GAME**. Earn coupons which you can trade for prizes from our treasure chest. You can participate at any time.

LITERARY LUNCHES

Bring lunch and a beverage. A snack will be provided. Fridays from 12:15-1:15.

For children entering 2nd or 3rd grade

July 11: *Arthur and the Lost Diary* by Andrew Clements
Regis. & book pickup June 20.

July 18: *Zero Grandparents* by Michelle Edwards
Regis. & book pickup June 27.

For children entering 4th, 5th, or 6th grade

July 25: *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary
Regis. & book pickup July 3.

Aug. 1: *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner
Regis. & book pickup July 11.



PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS

Stories, songs, and crafts

Tuesdays for ages 3-6, 11-11:30

Thursdays for ages 2-3, 11-11:30

July 1, 3: Backyard Bugs

July 8, 10: Storybook Fairy

July 15, 17: A Bug's Life

July 22, 24: Creepy Crawly Critters

July 29, 31: Flying Bugs

Aug. 5, 7: The Beach

Aug. 12, 14: Let's Play Baseball

Registration begins June 9.



It is important to practice your reading over the summer!

The Roslyn Branch is offering a fun program where beginner readers in Kindergarten through entering third grade will be matched with a young adult (age 12-17) to listen to stories and practice reading aloud.

Program dates: June 23 – Aug 18,
Monday afternoons from 1:30-2:30 p.m.
OR Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Registration begins May 27.



WHAT'S BUGGING YOU?

Friday, June 20 and 27 at 11 a.m. K-6th grade.

Learn how to make an insect collection, where to look for insects and how to identify and classify insects.

Presented by Rachel Davies, is a Master Gardener from the Cooperative Extension in Montgomery County.

Registration for this series begins May 30.

Participation is limited to 25 children.

CURIOUS GEORGE PARTY

June 27 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 3-8
sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Bring your camera!

Listen to Curious George stories and meet George himself!

Bring your own Curious George monkey if you have one, or bring another kind of monkey! (You can even bring another stuffed animal if you don't have a monkey.) Registration begins June 9th.



FAMILY FUN DAYS FOR AGES 3 AND UP - Six Fridays, 11:00 a.m. (Shows run 45-60 minutes)

JULY 11 - PUPPETS PIZZAZZ

Music, energy, snappy humor—this is not your ordinary puppet show! Registration begins Friday, June 20.

JULY 25 - WACKY SCIENCE

Science comes alive through experiments presented by Mad Science. Registration begins Thursday, July 3.

AUG 8 - BUG-A-BALOOZA!

Allison DeSalvo presents a children's concert about crawly critters. Registration begins Friday, July 18.

JULY 18 - HOORAY FOR REPTILES!

James Galloway is back with his fascinating reptiles. Registration begins Friday, June 27.

AUG 1 - SPIDER MAN TALES

Clem Bowen performs Ananse stories using African instruments. Registration begins Friday, July 11.

AUG 15 - MAGICOMEDY

The Gustafsons return to amaze you with their magic. Registration begins Friday, July 25.

Special Thanks to the following businesses who have generously donated incentives to encourage the children of our community to read: George's Dreshertown Shop N' Bag, Rita's Water Ice and Genuardi's Family Markets.

Also, a big thank you to the parents in our community who have supported Roslyn Library by donating prizes, bringing their children to our programs, and checking out books.

Children's Department at Abington Free Library Summer Reading Program

For information or to register for these programs, call 215-885-5180, ext. 28, or visit the Children's Department.



NEW!

Online Summer Reading Club registration and reading logs! Check our website for details!

PROGRAM REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Programs are for Abington Township residents only, unless listed as "Open to all area residents."
- Registration begins at 10 a.m. on advertised dates. A library card number is required. You may register in person or call (215) 885-5180, ext. 28.
- If your child cannot attend a program, please call the Children's Department so that we may admit a child on the waiting list.

PRESCHOOL FUN DAYS (ages 2-3) Thursdays, 10:15-10:55 OR 11:15-11:55

July 10	CRAZY CATERPILLARS	Regis. begins June 30.
July 24	BUTTERFLIES IN FLIGHT	Regis. begins July 14.
Aug. 7	BUSY AS A BEE	Regis. begins July 28.

JUNIOR FUN DAYS (ages 4-6) Mondays, 10:15-11 OR 11:15-12

July 7	WHAT'S IN YOUR BACKYARD?	Regis. begins June 23.
July 21	FLUTTER BY, BUTTERFLY	Regis. begins July 7.
Aug. 4	LUCKY LADYBUGS	Regis. begins July 21.

STORY TIMES WITH KAREN & MITZI (ages 3 & up) Four Mondays, June 30, July 14 & 28, August 11 10:30-11 a.m.

Join Karen Udell and her gentle golden retriever for a special read-aloud time. Open to all area residents; no advance registration required.



DOGGONE GOOD READERS

Four Saturdays, July 12, 19, 26 & August 2 10:15-10:45 OR 11-11:30 – AGES 6-10

Practice reading aloud to a therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose from a selection provided by the library. Children must sign up in advance; registration for all sessions will begin on June 30. Children do not have to come all four weeks; however, they must be able to read and attend programs independently. Open to all area residents.



BOOK BUDDIES - Book discussions for entering 2nd or 3rd grade Thursdays, 12:30-1:15 p.m.

Session 1:

July 3	26 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE	Regis & book pickup June 19.
July 10	STUART'S CAPE	Regis & book pickup June 26.
July 17	BUTTERFLY BUDDIES	Regis & book pickup July 3.
July 24	HORRIBLE HARRY AND THE DROP OF DOOM	Regis & book pickup July 10.

Session 2:

July 31	26 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE	Regis & book pickup July 17.
Aug. 7	STUART'S CAPE	Regis & book pickup July 24.
Aug. 14	BUTTERFLY BUDDIES	Regis & book pickup July 31.
Aug. 21	HORRIBLE HARRY AND THE DROP OF DOOM	Regis & book pickup Aug. 7.

BRING LUNCH & A BEVERAGE. DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

LITERARY LUNCHES

Book discussion group for entering 4th, 5th or 6th grade
Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m.

July 9	THE EGYPT GAME	Regis & book pickup June 26.
July 16	WRINGER	Regis & book pickup July 3.
July 23	THE BELOVED DEARLY	Regis & book pickup July 10.
July 30	MY LOUISIANA SKY	Regis & book pickup July 17.

BRING LUNCH & A BEVERAGE. DESSERT WILL BE PROVIDED.

ART ESCAPE – Thursdays, 7-8 p.m. (Ages 6-10)

Creative workshops blending art, stories & fun! Register for any ONE program starting Monday, June 30. You may register for additional programs, space permitting, on the dates listed below.

July 10	SNEAKY SPIDERS	Registration re-opens July 7.
July 24	BIZARRE BUGS	Registration re-opens July 21.
Aug. 7	FLY FEAST	Registration re-opens Aug. 4.

FAMILY FUN NIGHTS FOR AGES 3 AND UP Six Wednesdays, 7 p.m. (Shows run 45-60 minutes)

JULY 2 - PUPPETS PIZZAZZ	No advance registration required. Open to all area residents.
JULY 16 - MAGICOMEDY	Featuring the Gustafsons. Registration begins June 30.
JULY 30 - SPIDER MAN TALES	With Clem Bowen. No advance registration required. Open to all area residents.

JULY 9 - BUG-A-BALOOZA!	Music concert with Allison DeSalvo. No advance registration required. Open to all area residents.
JULY 23 - WACKY SCIENCE	Featuring Mad Science. Registration begins Monday, July 21.
AUGUST 6 - BUG PARTY	(live bug show) Registration begins Monday, August 4.

Miss Ellanie – Summer Reading



Summer reading is even easier with Abington and Roslyn libraries' Swap Books.

At Roslyn Branch swaps are to the right as you walk in and swaps for children are at the end of the last picture book shelf.

Swap books are fun, easy reading – perfect for summertime. Any

Find the swap version of your favorites to take to the shore, lakeside or up to the mountains this summer. Get 'em while they're hot!

Abington's Swap Books are between the entrance and the display case.

donated paperbacks in good shape get put on the Swap Books shelves, whether they're non-fiction, romance, science fiction, mystery, best seller or classic.

Have you ever swapped at the Library? Here's how. Find the books you want from our swaps, and tell Circulation staff how many you've taken. (We average more than 12,000 a year!) After reading those, just bring them or other paperbacks you have back to the Circulation Desk. Swaps don't incur overdue fines, or charges for lost or damaged books!

Swaps at Abington Free Library are just to the left as you walk in the front doors. The two lowest shelves are filled with swaps for teen readers. We figured they can get down (and more importantly, up) better than adults can.

Here are three more ways to get Summer Reads:

1. The Friends BookCellar has wonderful used books for sale on the lower level at Abington Free Library. For hours and other information, see the Friends article below or go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/friends.
2. On the shelves near Abington's swaps, the Friends sell best-seller fiction in hardback from 50¢ to \$5. Look for our "Bag Sales" in June and December - buy a bag of books for \$5 or 25¢ a book.
3. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Roslyn Branch has books on sale for 25¢.

– Miss Ellanie
(as told to Karen Burnham)



The Friends best-seller fiction books usually go for \$1 to \$3.

Thank You to Our Recent Significant Donors

Lorraine Beavers

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Patricia Kind

Stephanie Maroney Ph.D.

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News & Views of The Friends of Abington Libraries

Learn about our activities: Call 215-885-5180, ext. 36, or read about us at abingtonfreelibrary.org.

NEW BOOKS ARRIVE EVERY DAY AT OUR BOOKCELLAR – Please come by and browse through our extensive collection. We are located in the lower level of the Abington Free Library, next to the Children's Department. All of our books, movies and music are for sale at bargain prices!

Our Hours are: Monday, noon-8 p.m.;
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-4 p.m.;
Wednesday, noon-8:30 p.m.;
Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

DONATIONS ALWAYS WELCOME – Haven't watched some of your videos lately? Are some of your books getting dusty on your shelves? Do some summer weeding of your books, DVDs, videos, CDs, books-on-CD or tape and donate them at Abington or Roslyn libraries. What you no longer need might be just what someone else is looking for. The BookCellar is in great need of your donations. The more items we receive, the better our selection, the better our sales – which means a larger donation to the libraries.

Ask for a tax receipt, as your donation may be tax-deductible.

NEW MEMBERS/BOOKCELLAR VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME – Support our libraries while joining a pleasant, sociable group. Enjoy the camaraderie and the knowledge of being a part of our libraries' growth.

All funds from Friends' activities go directly to support the Abington Township Libraries!

JOIN NOW!

- W. O. "Bill" Tinsman, President, The Friends of Abington Township's Public Libraries



Another great idea to support the library: Barbel Tinsman sells Friends' used books through Amazon. Look for their seller name, [btinsman1030](https://www.amazon.com/s?ref=ast_search_dropdown), or click on their link from abingtonfreelibrary.org/friends.

Abington Free Library

1030 Old York Road, Abington, 19001
215-885-5180, abingtonfreelibrary.org

Circulation Desk ext. 12
Information Desk ext. 13
Children's Department ext. 28
Executive Director ext. 14
Office ext. 15
Adult Literacy ext. 27
Friends of the Library ext. 36

Hours

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sun. 2 - 5 p.m.
Closed Sundays in August.

Roslyn Branch Library

2412 Avondale Avenue, Roslyn, 19001
215-886-9818 abingtonfreelibrary.org

Hours

Mon, 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Tues, Thurs & Fri, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sat, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Roslyn Branch is closed on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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Staff Spotlight – Jackie Guyton

Everything you need to know about Jackie Guyton can pretty well be summed up by these words, "... a long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away." Jackie works at the front desk, in the circulation department, but her imagination travels to the far reaches of the universe. Being around Jackie is never boring.

Jackie was born the second of twins in Altoona, Pa., and she grew up there. She has fond memories of riding her bike into Juniata Gap and up to Penn State Altoona, each a couple miles from home. She remembers organizing a neighborhood carnival to raise money for cancer research, achieving the astonishing sum of \$8.28. Most importantly, she and her sisters had a little lending library on their front porch, where they charged their friends actual overdue fines for late books. Her career path was set!

At 17, Jackie took a job at the local AAA office, helping people register their cars and motorcycles. It was in that capacity that she met a dashing young motorcyclist named Rick, and she just kept finding one problem after another with his license application, to keep him coming back. Wising up to this ploy, he asked her for a date, and they were married a year later.

They spent three years in Chicago, and two in New Jersey. In 1979, they moved to Roslyn, where they've been ever since. 1979 was also the year Jennifer, the first of their two daughters, arrived from Korea. A second daughter, Melissa, came in 1982. She is now the proud granny of Kiahn and Keira.

In 1990, Jackie's mother passed away, and she felt she needed to do something to get out of the house. So, she volunteered to work at the Roslyn Library. Volunteering soon led to part-time, and, eventually, full-time employment. In 1995, Jackie started working full time at the circulation desk at Abington Library.

She loves her job because she loves books, people and talking. So, talking to people about books is about as good as it gets. Anybody who has worked with Jackie knows that she is truly a friend to patrons. She knows them all by name, knows what kind of books they like to read, knows the names of their children and grand-children, and cares deeply when they are ill or injured.

Given her compassionate nature, it is not surprising that Jackie is a member of the staff charity committee which chooses each year a local charity to benefit from staff donations. She has also been a spirited member of the library's Book Cart Drill Team.

Her favorite kind of books are science fiction (see paragraph one) and her all-time favorite TV show was *Star Trek: the Next Generation*. Yes, Jean-Luc Picard can land his spaceship in Jackie's front yard any day.

Those of us lucky enough to work with Jackie know a woman who is congenitally cheerful, and amazingly compassionate. As much as she makes us laugh, it is not uncommon to see her tear up over a patron's illness, a coworker's bad luck or a distant tragedy. She is truly one of a kind.

- Lois Odabas

