What did that Greek philosopher say? “Change is the only constant in life.” Well, the libraries at STLCC know all about that! This year there have been changes on top of changes. Staff personnel have shifted around the four campuses. The libraries’ district technical services operations have moved to the library at Meramec. Soon we will have a new position in place— a Dean of Libraries, whose office will also be at Meramec. The Wildwood library has an acting manager while the other three campus libraries acquired new managers. By way of introduction, we asked each of the library managers three questions.

Roger Thomas
Library Manager
Meramec

1) What do you want the campus community to know about you?

I’ve been employed in the libraries for over 26 years at three of the campuses. I started working as a library associate at the circulation desk at the Florissant Valley campus and now currently manage the Meramec library.

2) What are you most excited about in your new library?

Working with the students at the Meramec campus, getting to know and work with new staff, and the overall buzz in the library.

3) What is one book that you would recommend everyone read?

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
June Williams
Library Manager
Florissant Valley

1) What do you want the campus community to know about you?
I like to collaborate and work with the campus community to create and promote services which increase student success.

2) What are you most excited about in your new library?
I am excited about exploring new ideas for student success in collaboration with the library staff.

3) What is the one book that you recommend everyone read?
* Becoming* by Michelle Obama

Sheila Ouellette
Interim Library Manager
Wildwood

In conjunction with her role as interim library manager at Wildwood, Sheila also spends time at Meramec, where she serves as lead librarian, acquisitions for STLCC Libraries.

1) What do you want the campus community to know about you?
I joined the college 22 years ago. Prior to my current role at Wildwood and Meramec, I served as the director of Instructional Resources at Highland Park.

2) What are you most excited about in your new library?
It’s wonderful to be on this campus. When Wildwood opened in 2007, I had the unique opportunity to help establish the library. It’s exciting to build on that experience and help support students and staff in their learning. The semester started with such energy and enthusiasm. That enthusiasm is contagious. I am looking forward to championing the library and campus. I’m excited to enable students, faculty, and staff to feel they have a real stake in the library. I want to empower them to contribute to revisioning our services and resources.

3) What is one book you would recommend everyone read?
*Perform Like a Rock Star and Still Have Time for Lunch* by Orna W. Drawas
[book on order] It’s a good one because it allows readers to uncover ways they can obtain higher personal performance.
Monica Holland  
Library Manager  
Forest Park

1). What do you want the campus community to know about you?

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be on the public side of librarianship. There is a wonderful energy that comes from working on the front lines of service! I learn something new every day. Before moving over to the Forest Park Library, I worked at Highland Park Instructional Resources (HPIR) for 11 years. The time with my colleagues at HPIR provided a strong understanding of the myriad working parts of a healthy library system.

When not working, I enjoy putting around in the garden, traveling, hiking, and kayaking. A few years ago, my husband and I and friends walked the length of Hadrian’s Wall (84 miles + about 20 additional miles for side excursions). We started at the village of Bowness-on-Solway and ended in Newcastle. It was a marvelous 10 days of walking through cities, villages, archaeological dig sites, and muddy spring fields filled with lambs, the shaggy Scottish Highland cattle, birds, and beautiful vistas.

2). What are you most excited about in your new library?

In July, much of the library space was in disarray, or emptied, while renovation work took place. This clean slate allowed me to start imagining new ways the space might be used. How do we make the spaces we have seem new and more user friendly for students, as well as for our staff who work hard to support the students? Is the space organized so that students can conduct their studies effectively? Are there new ways the space can contribute to a sense of community on the campus? For example, we have various unadorned walls in our space that might be a good place to showcase student artwork. Could we provide a space for holding small events? Along these lines, we do have some exciting news: over Winter Break this year, two study rooms will be constructed in the lower level of the library. These are much needed and we look forward to putting them to use!

3). What is one book that you recommend everyone read?  

*Lark and Termite* by Jayne Anne Phillips

What are YOU reading now?

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