Some of you have already had an opportunity to meet Nick Carswell, our new program manager, who has taken up residence in Lori’s old office next to the reception desk. We thought it was high time you got to know him. We accosted him with several questions, and he kindly answered them for us!

**Q: Where are you from, and what brought you to Lawrence?**

**A:** I’m originally from Limerick, Ireland. My wife Hannah works for an Irish biotechnology company whose U.S. base is here in Lawrence and we moved here in 2011. We’ve loved being here ever since!

**Q: Tell us a little about your work history.**

**A:** For many years, my bread and butter came from music and the arts. I performed with a variety of bands and groups, eventually forming an event production company and a small independent record label. I began working in community radio in 2007 and then in commercial radio in my hometown of Limerick. Upon arriving in the US, I started working with arts and culture non-profits in both Kansas City and Lawrence. I have enjoyed connecting with many artists and arts organizations here, and developing programs that support artists and celebrate community through arts and culture.

**Q: What drew you to Audio-Reader?**

**A:** I’m really interested in supporting culture, conversation and community. Audio-Reader is such a unique and beloved organization that does this through the many services we provide. Whether it’s in person with the volunteers that we work with, or through the programs we produce, it’s all about being part of a community, and a wider conversation. That’s what I enjoy most. I’m also an “audio guy”, so working with audio all day is a delight for me!

**Q: What are you looking forward to most about working here?**

**A:** I enjoy meeting new people, and with all the fantastic volunteers we have, there is no shortage of new folks to get to know! I’m also looking forward to connecting with listeners and communities across Kansas and sharing stories, whether through local and regional newspapers, books or some new ideas for programs we haven’t yet dreamed up! I’m excited to learn how Audio-Reader can continue to grow and be an asset to the entire community.

**Q: What do you like to read?**

**A:** I realized recently that I have not read a novel in quite some time! We have a...
MEET A LISTENER: MARY “LISA” ELEAZER

By Lisa Werner
Special Requests Coordinator

Mary L. Eleazer aka Lisa Eleazer uses Telephone Reader almost every day. Lisa lives in Kansas City, MO, but previously was a resident of Wichita, KS. The Kansas City Star and Wichita Eagle are two of her favorite TR publications.

Lisa is a busy lady. Because of her lovely yellow Labrador retriever service dog, DaVinci, Lisa is able to maintain her independence and do most things she likes to do. On any given day you can find Lisa shopping, bowling, listening to music, playing the piano and taking walks with DaVinci.

Food is another favorite thing of Lisa’s. “I like everything, but my greatest weakness is chips and dip. When I was younger sweets were my fondness, but now it is the chips and dips that sabotage my diet,” she laughs.

Lisa surprised her family and friends in Tennessee when she bravely moved to Wichita, KS, for a new job, shortly after she lost her eyesight. Once again, she credits her service dog for giving her the courage to move. “I cannot say enough or advocate enough for the importance of service dogs,” she says.

One of the things Lisa is most proud of is her ability to be independent. “It is often difficult to stay independent. I have had to work hard through a lot of transitions to maintain my independence. There is a different challenge every day. I wouldn’t be able to do it without DaVinci.” The other thing Lisa is most proud of is being a mother. She has two sons, ages 29 and 30. “The mother/son relationship is very special.”

Lisa’s ideal job is working in customer service. She is a people-oriented person and enjoys doing things for others. “I have worked in manufacturing for most of my life, but would like to find a job in customer service or human relations,” she explains. Lisa’s bubbly personality and friendly demeanor make her easy to talk to.

Lisa might be Telephone Reader’s biggest fan! “I listen to something almost every day, including horoscopes, grocery ads, health programs, At Home on the Range recipes, National Enquirer, and Woman’s Day magazine.” (Many of these are radio programs that are transferred to Telephone Reader each week.) There are some publications Lisa would like to have added to the Telephone Reader library. In particular, she is interested in publications about diabetes management and life with service dogs. She says more people with vision impairments need to know how service dogs can help, how to get one and how to care for one.

Thanks to Lisa Eleazer for being our March Listener Profile and for being an avid Audio-Reader listener.

NEW FACES

By Jennifer Nigro
Coordinator of Volunteers

Lisa Coble-Krings is the marketing manager for The Oread and Eldridge hotels. She enjoys reading, gardening, social media, music and movies in her spare time. Lisa begins as a volunteer in the Sensory Garden and for our For Your EARS Only sale!

Nancy Johnson is the president of the Kansas Association for the Blind and Visually-Impaired (KABVI). She has long been an advocate for Kansans with vision loss, and connects them to resources in the state. Nancy joins our volunteers who help with outreach.

Catherine Browder Morris is a creative writer with a teaching background in creative writing and ESL. She enjoys theatre, listening to various types of music and food preparation. She also practices T’ai Chi and volunteers for New Letters Magazine and The Writer’s Place. Catherine joins our team of readers at Alphapointe.

Michael Snell is a graphic designer and photographer. He has volunteered to help us with graphic design needs!

Jennifer Stefanchik works in IT project management. She enjoys athletics, healthy eating and gardening in her spare time, and volunteers for Gardner Parks and Recreation and the Food Kitchen in Olathe. Jennifer begins with reading Thursday’s Newspapers of Southeast Kansas program.

Pamela Ungashick is recently retired from UMB Financial in Kansas City. She enjoys spending time with her family, studying history, reading, exercising and traveling. Pamela also volunteers for Operation Breakthrough and the Women’s Employment Network. She joins our Alphapointe team.
Audio Description in March
Audio-Reader will provide Audio Description for the following theatre performances in March. If you know someone who could benefit from a described performance, please spread the word. If they would like to receive information about future events, they can call 785-864-4604 or email jnigro@ku.edu. They can also request events that aren’t currently on our schedule. We describe at many venues in Lawrence, Topeka and Kansas City.

Lied Center Events
• The Demo: Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 p.m.

Theatre Lawrence
• Deathtrap: Sunday, March 6, 2:30 p.m.
• Deathtrap: Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.*
• Deathtrap: Sunday, March 13, 2:30 p.m.
*Audio-Reader describes the second Saturday performance of every Theatre Lawrence performance. Other performances are available by request.

In addition to spreading the word among listeners, we are looking for volunteers to describe performances in Lawrence, Topeka and Kansas City (audition required) as well as hand out listening devices on performance nights (no audition required). If you are interested in more information about either role, please let Jen know.

This Month in Audio-Reader History
By Lynne Ellis, Audio-Reader Volunteer

March 1986: Frustration was apparent with the delays that we experienced with the future site of Audio-Reader. Then-director Rosie Hurwitz noted a need for nice weather, asbestos removal and short funds as reasons for the more than six month-long-wait to get into the new Baehr Audio-Reader Center. She said in Closed Circuit, “In the meantime, we’re daydreaming about adequately sound treated recording studios, conveniently placed bathrooms and all of us under one dry roof”

March 2006:
• The power went out in the building as a result of a tornado March 12.
• Audio-Reader participated for the third year in a row in “KU at the Capitol” in Topeka on March 15. It was an opportunity to showcase about 40 KU departments, with Audio-Reader demonstrating how we serve Kansans.

• March 20th marked the anniversary of ten years of broadcasting regional news and grocery ads from a satellite location in Pittsburg, KS.

AUDIO-READER ON THE ROAD
By Lori Kesinger, Outreach Coordinator
Audio-Reader will be exhibiting or speaking at the following venues in March—help us spread the word!

Tuesday, March 1, 12:00pm: Hiawatha, KS, Lions Club
Saturday, March 5: Kansas Lions District 17-K Convention, Hays, KS
Saturday, March 12: Missouri Lions District Convention, Sedalia, MO, and Kansas Lions District 17-N Convention, Wichita, KS
Friday, March 18, 10am: Shepherd’s Center, Independence, MO
Saturday, March 26, 7am: Overland Park Lions Club meeting
Thursday, March 31, 10am-2pm: Haskell Indian Nations University Health and Safety Fair, Lawrence, KS

We are also looking for volunteers to help staff our table at the Kansas Optometric Association Convention at the Capital-Plaza Hotel in Topeka April 28-29. Please contact Lori Kesinger at 785-864-4625 or lrk@ku.edu if you can help.
RECIPER CORNER

By Susan Tabor,
Assistant Coordinator of Volunteers

It’s March, and time to celebrate a number of things: the coming of spring, spring break (for some), Easter, Pesach (Passover) and St. Patrick’s Day! (My apologies if I omitted your personal favorite March holiday; it was an accident!)

I love kilts, bagpipes, culture-related celebrations and singing and dancing, so St. Patrick’s celebrations are my cup o’… Guinness?

One traditional Irish entrée served in many an Irish home is bangers and mash. I came upon this recipe some time back and like it. And though Program Manager Nick Carswell, our resident Irish native, admits to not being an expert on making bangers and mash, he gives this high marks as a recipe that looks really good! Enjoy!

Bangers and Mash with Guinness Onion Gravy

Ingredients

- 1 pound of Irish banger sausages (bratwurst would be a good substitute)
- 1/4 cup of Guinness beer
- Olive oil for cooking

Mash:

- 3 starchy potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks (two pounds)
- 4 scallions, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons of unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup of buttermilk
- 1/4 cup of milk (1/8 cup)
- Salt and pepper to season

Gravy:

- 1 tablespoon of unsalted butter
- 1 small onion, sliced
- 1/2 cup of Guinness beer
- 1 (14.5 ounce) can of beef broth
- 1 tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of cornstarch
- 1/4 cup of water

Preparation:
Place sausages in a large skillet over medium heat. Pour 1/4 cup of beer into the skillet along with a drizzle of olive oil. Cover, leaving the lid slightly ajar. Cook until beer evaporates. Slowly cook each side of the sausages until brown and crisp and the center is no longer pink.

To make the mash, place potatoes in medium sauce pan and cover with water, enough to cover the potatoes. Cook over medium high to high heat. When the water comes to a boil, season with salt. Let it cook until potatoes are fork tender, about 25-30 minutes. Meanwhile, cook scallions over medium heat with a little bit of olive oil until very slightly brown, about 3-4 minutes. Drain potatoes and add butter, buttermilk, milk, cooked scallions, salt and pepper. Mash until desired consistency. Check for seasoning.

For the gravy, melt butter in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add onion and cook until soft. Pour beer, scrape the bottom of the pan and let it reduce, about 1 minute. Then add beef broth and Worstershipe sauce. Mix cornstarch and water together and pour into the skillet. Cook over medium high heat until reduced to desired thickness.

Serve mash on a plate, then place bangers on the mash and pour the gravy on top.

Optional: garnish with chopped fresh Italian parsley.

Source: www.unihomemaker.com

Par for the Course: Audio-Reader’s 7th Annual Golf Classic

By Meredith Johanning
Development Assistant

Do you like to play golf? Then don’t miss out on Audio-Reader’s 7th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 6 at our NEW location, the Eagle Bend Golf Course in Lawrence! Register to play for $125 and you also get breakfast, lunch and a chance to win fun prizes. This is a great way to support Audio-Reader while enjoying a morning out on the beautiful greens of Eagle Bend! Back again for her second year, we are honored to have Erin O’Neil, Head Coach of KU Women’s Golf, chairing the event. You’ll even have the opportunity to “beat the pro” when you tee off against one of her team’s golfers. To register your team, contact Meredith Johanning at (785) 864-5336 or mjohanning@ku.edu. Brochures for the tournament are available at Audio-Reader and on our website, www.reader.ku.edu/AR_GolfTourney_Brochure_for_web.pdf.
CANS FOR THE COMMUNITY GIVES TO AUDIO-READER!

Audio-Reader is pleased to announce it has received a $1,000 donation from Cans for the Community! Representatives from the organization presented a check to us on Thursday, February 25. Cans for the Community donates regularly to Audio-Reader and other local non-profits. You can help by recycling your aluminum cans in one of their blue bins located around Lawrence. Audio-Reader even has a C4C recycling tub in our foyer for your use. To learn more about Cans for the Community, please visit their website at www.cansforthecommunity.org.

BREAK A LEG, DAVE!

Congratulations to Dave Corley, who will perform with Topeka Civic Theatre and Academy’s WTCT Radio Players on March 16 in the Oldfather Theatre. For more information, visit https://www.topekacivictheatre.com/productions/item/the-wtct-radio-players-3-16. Dave reads the Topeka Capital-Journal for Telephone Reader on Thursdays, live regional papers every other Wednesday and is an audio describer.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Volunteer Alex Kong, who reads the University Daily Kansan on Thursdays, was awarded the prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship. Only three KU students have ever received the honor, and Kong is one of just 35 American students to earn the scholarship. The award will allow him to continue his studies in pharmaceutical science and infectious disease at Cambridge University after he finishes his bachelor’s degree at KU this spring. Congratulations, Alex!

FIREWOOD NEEDED

If you’ve ever paused a moment to warm your hands by the fire in the Audio-Reader living room, you know how cozy it makes our winter days! Our firewood supply is running low. If you have some to spare, we welcome you to donate to our woodpile!

CONDOLENCES

• We send our condolences to Ann Place, whose mother died February 2.
• We also send sympathy to Mary Conn, whose mother-in-law died in early February.

Audio-Reader Welcomes

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three-month-old in our house, so honestly a lot of recent reading has been either learning how to look after a baby – or the Very Hungry Caterpillar! Otherwise, I almost exclusively read non-fiction these days. I am increasingly interested in topics like art and social science, politics and philosophy. I also read a lot from websites like BrainPickings.org, which usually sets me off on strange voyages of discovery about art, music or philosophy.

Q: What do you like to do with your spare time?
A: I still play lots of music, and I’m involved in several other arts projects happening in Lawrence. I enjoy fishing in the summer when I have time. Sometimes I even catch one!

Q: Anything else you’d like to add.
A: I’m still getting to know everyone who volunteers or reads at Audio-Reader, so don’t be a stranger, drop by my office and say hello!

Five Questions:

Name: Kim Radell
Current assignments: Dairy Goat Journal, Family Dog Magazine and other special requests as needed.
Years of service: 2 years, 5 months
Q: Where did you grow up?
A: Fort Scott in Southeast Kansas.
Q: What is your favorite book?
A: It’s really difficult to pick just one, so three of my all time favorites are Lonesome Dove by Larry McMurtry, The Thornbirds by Colleen McCullough and Dear and Glorious Physician by Taylor Caldwell.
Q: How or why did you get involved with Audio-Reader?
A: To provide community service and share my joy of reading.
Q: What is your favorite or most unusual reading assignment?
A: My favorite assignment so far is the bi-monthly Family Dog Magazine, and the most unusual assignment has to be the Dairy Goat Journal. Guess you can tell I’m an animal lover!
Q: What is your favorite thing about volunteering for Audio-Reader?
A: I’ve met some nice folks including both staff and other volunteers, and it is a fun way to help others, as well as an opportunity to learn something new.
Topeka Presbyterian Manor has issued a call for entries for the Art is Ageless® juried exhibit to be held March 17, 2016. Entries of artistic works will be accepted from any area artist who is 65 years of age or older to exhibit and/or compete for an opportunity to be featured in the 2016 Art is Ageless calendar.

The Art is Ageless® Program encourages Topeka Presbyterian Manor residents and other area seniors to express their creativity through its annual competition, as well as art classes, musical and dramatic events, educational opportunities and current events discussions throughout the year. Having a creative outlet benefits the mind, body and spirit.

“The exhibit and competition always draw a wide array of impressive artwork from talented seniors,” said Jami Colson, marketing director. “We’re expecting this to be another great year for creativity and variety of works on exhibit.”

Local competition winners will join winners 17 other Presbyterian Manors of Mid-America communities to be judged at the system-wide level.

Entry forms and information can be picked up at Topeka Presbyterian Manor, 4712 Southwest Sixth, Topeka, KS 66606, or by contacting Colson at 785-262-6510, or jcolson@pmma.org. Or go online to ArtIsAgeless.org to view rules, download an entry form or enter online.

Artists may choose to enter the exhibit only. For the competition, works are to have been completed in the past five years (since January 2009). There are nine categories, as well as designations of amateur or professional. Works to be entered for judging need to be at Presbyterian Manor by March 11, 2016.

KU Architecture class teams up with Audio-Reader to enhance Sensory Garden

By Meredith Johanning, Development Assistant

Audio-Reader is excited and honored to collaborate with a KU Architecture class this spring semester as they design and build a new “Sensory Pavilion” for Audio-Reader’s Sensory Garden. The pavilion will replace the gazebo that was put in the garden in 1999, and the students will use sustainable materials and methods of construction. You’ll notice work taking place as early as March as the students work to complete the pavilion by the beginning of May. This wonderful project that will enhance the Sensory Garden has been made possible by a gift from Colinda Austin Stailey of Columbus, OH, and Randy Austin, Audio-Reader volunteer and chair of the Development Committee, in memory of their uncle, Dr. J.P. Austin. A ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception is tentatively planned for the week of May 9. Stay tuned for more details and updates regarding this exciting project!
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to our volunteers celebrating in March!

1 Lana Mitchell prepares reading materials for volunteers reading from the Homer Cole Center in Pittsburg, KS.
2 Paige Blevins is a substitute reader.
Cristi Hansen is a sub for Saturday’s Breakfast Table Times broadcast.
3 Margretta deVries reads special requests.
Gaye Jolosky is an Emeritus volunteer.
Mary Loveland is an Emeritus volunteer.
4 Kelley Hurst reads the Joplin Globe on Fridays for Telephone Reader.
Rita Tutschulte is a substitute reader.
5 Martha Baxter reads southeast Kansas newspapers from the Homer Cole Community Center in Pittsburg.
Harold Asner is an audio describer for live theatre productions.
6 Mary Conn reads the Lawrence Journal World on Fridays. She also reads books.
Carole Smith reads newspapers from central and western Kansas during our live regional news broadcast on Fridays.
Michelle Suter hosts Hear We Grow, Audio-Reader’s monthly gardening program.
7 Roxanne Reith is an Emeritus volunteer.
Chris Riels reads The Active Age and Toastmaster Magazine.
8 Stephen Brand is a substitute reader.
Jim McCauley reads Breakfast Table Times on Saturdays.
Kay Traver reads the Wal-mart and CVS ads for Telephone Reader.
Pamela Ungashick is one of our Alphapointe readers.
9 Mary Gaarder reads southeast Kansas news from the Homer Cole Community Center in Pittsburg, KS.
Lori Lange reads Monday’s Missouri News Hour and provides audio description for live theatre.
Kelly Loeb records People Magazine each week.
Kris Shields reads regional Kansas newspapers live each Monday.
10 Harlan Roedel is a cleanup reader for Telephone Reader on Mondays and Fridays; reads Wednesday Breakfast Table Times; hosts Audio-Reader’s poetry show, Playing with Words; and reads books.
11 Barbara Wunsch is an Emeritus volunteer.
12 Deb Kirmer reads from the sports section of the Kansas City Star each Saturday for Telephone Reader.
Al Rogers reads central and western Kansas newspapers during our live regional news broadcast each Thursday.
13 Dan Kuhlman reads the sports section of the Kansas City Star on Fridays for Telephone Reader.
14 Alan Black reads books.
Mike Wood reads the front page, world and nation sections from the Kansas City Star each Thursday for Telephone Reader. He is also a sub for our Alphapointe location.
15 Dick Ashcraft is an Emeritus volunteer.
16 Carol Cole reads southeast Kansas newspapers from the Homer Cole Community Center in Pittsburg.
Carol Rubsam reads the local section of the Kansas City Star for Telephone Reader each Wednesday.
17 Al Rogers reads central and western Kansas newspapers during our live regional news broadcast each Thursday.
18 Mary Gaarder reads southeast Kansas news from the Homer Cole Community Center in Pittsburg, KS.
19 Jan Butin is a Sensory Garden volunteer.
Jackie Hilton reads Home and Family magazines.
20 Jen Nigro is Audio-Reader’s coordinator of volunteers.

STAFF BIRTHDAY:
March 25

Barbara Wunsch is an Emeritus volunteer.
Volunteer **Becky Janzen** treated Audio-Reader staff and volunteers to Kansas Day treats on Friday, January 29! Becky, who reads *Newspapers of Southeast Kansas* each Wednesday, started this tradition in 2014. We enjoyed a lovely selection of homemade breads, jellies and jams from The Bread Basket in Newton, KS. Thank you, Becky, for helping us celebrate our state’s history!