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Now it is time to think about the future and have a little fun. After all, since I'm representing the Wilson Library Bulletin I can't be too serious. Perhaps all of my efforts on speculating about the future could just as well have been spent on actual star gazing. Astrology, not astronomy is what I mean. It's a popular topic once again since recent disclosures indicate that astrology may have been a key player in the decision making process of the last administration.

Borrowing heavily from Linda Goodman's Sun Signs, I've prepared a library horoscope for each sign of the zodiac.

The Aries Librarian-March 21 to April 20. This sign of the ram is committed to the idealistic cause. He or she will fight for what they feel is an injustice on the spot. Librarians of this sign are champions of intellectual freedom and free access to information. Seekers of truth, the sign of Aries is quick witted, honest, and often found in positions as chief information officers. Some famous nonlibrarian Aries personalities are: Marlon Brando, Tennessee Williams, Bette Davis and Claire Booth Luce.

Next is Taurus the bull-April 21 to May 21. Strong and silent of attitude, Taurus likes to be left alone. He or she is a home body, very healthy and strong of constitution. Often characterized as stubborn, they are empire builders who like to accumulate power. They appreciate the security it brings. Lovers of music and color, they can be found working in music and art libraries or at the reference desk. Remember not to try this sign's patience. You'll be sorry. Some famous Taurus persons include William Shakespeare, Sigmund Freud, Harry Truman, Audrey Hepburn and Catherine the Great.

Third is Gemini, the twins-May 22 to June 21. There are two distinct sides to this personality. It's hard for them to read a book from beginning to end without getting bored. They like to read the last page first. Quick witted and a bundle of nervous energy, Geminis were made for the one-person library. They can juggle several tasks at once and keep their sanity. The list of notable Geminis includes the Duchess of Windsor, Judy Garland, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and John F. Kennedy.

Moving right along to Cancer, the crab-June 22 to July 23. In tune to the phases of the moon, the sign of Cancer waxes and wanes through phases on intense mood. They absorb images and never forget any of life's lessons. Sometimes characterized as crabby, they are actually disappointed by life. This sign's sensitive nature is protected by a hard shell. Cancers have a special sense of humor. They are excellent traders, and are well suited in dealing with personnel matters. They work for job security and might be found working with young people in libraries. Some famous Cancers are Helen Keller, Anne Lindberg, Andrew Wyeth and Julius Caesar.

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Leo the Lion-July 24 to August 23. We're all familiar with the regal characteristics of this sign. But did you know they are natural teachers, good politicians, and love titles. They're particularly skilled at keeping customers happy so put them out in the library. Let them deal with the patrons at the circulation desk where their skills as crisis managers are put to the test. Some famous Leos: Ogden Nash, George Bernard Shaw, Julia Child and Jackie Onassis.

Next is Virgo, the virgin -August 24 to September 23. Quiet and serious, this sign is a natural worrier. Gentle in temperament, a Virgo may criticize, but if you're in a jam, the Virgo will quickly step in to make things right with no motive except to serve. This sounds like the ideal sign for assistant director of any library department. Among famous Virgos are Laureen Bacall, Greta Garbo, Leonard Bernstein and D.H. Lawrence.

Libra the scales-September 24-October 23. Not always the sign of perfect balance, Libras alternate between moods and actions. Known for being indecisive, they detest prejudice and unjust accusation. They are trustworthy, clever, and usually very charming. More female managers are born under this sign than any other. Public relations and fund raising are good areas for libras to work in. Notable personalities born under this sign are Julie Andrews, William Faulkner, T.S. Eliot and Charlie Brown.

Scorpio, known as the Scorpion, the eagle, or gray lizard- October 24 to November 22. Truly superior human beings, this sign is master of its personality. Poised, calm, intensely loyal to friends, Scorpio never forgets a gift of kindness. Entirely self-motivated and single minded, Scorpios make excellent project managers in areas of automation. Some famous Scorpios are Grace Kelly, Indira Gandhi, Pablo Picasso and Prince Charles.

Sagittarius, the anchor born November 23 to December 21. Known as the life of the party, the gregarious sign can be blunt and is normally restless. An animal lover, Sagittarius is afraid of nothing and sometimes has a flaring temper. Possessors of fantastic memories, this sign has lots of curiosity and can function well in many areas of library work. Famous personalities of this sign are Mark Twain, Winston Churchill, Walt Disney and Julie Harris.

Capricorn the Goat-December 22 to January 20. Shy and sweet, Capricorn doesn't have to be the leader of the parade. Good planners, this sign is also thoughtful and works well in a group situation. Often romantic, efficiency is Capricorn's strong point. Sometimes this sign is classified as a workaholic. They make excellent branch or bookmobile librarians. Building projects are their ideal past time. Notable Capricorn personalities include Joan of Arc, Carl Sandburg, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Woodrow Wilson.

Aquarius, the water bearer- January 21 to February 19. Don't try to pin down an Aquarian. They are friendly and creative souls in touch with an inner rhythm. Often fascinated by politics, sports, and children, this sign has an intense flattering curiosity. Find them jobs at the reference desk or as book selectors. Some famous Aquarians are Mia Farrow, Charles Dickens, Abe Lincoln and Paul Newman.

The last sign in our Zodiac is Pisces, the fish, born February 20 to March 20. This sign doesn't like to be confined for long in one place. They are not power hungry, but are usually great accumulators of wealth. A dreamer, this sign is sometimes called lazy, but actually its the Pisces easy going way. Famous Pisces include Dinah Shore, Elizabeth Taylor, Handel and Victor Hugo.

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