Turning a Pit into a Park

And Other Lessons from Leslie Knope
She’s not perfect…

• Intense
• Rash
• Stubborn
• Pushy
• Overly enthusiastic
She’s not a fan of libraries...

“The library is the worst group of people ever assembled in history. They’re mean, conniving, rude and extremely well read, which makes them very dangerous.”
“Parks are for everyone. That’s what makes them so great…
Any child should be able to play in any park regardless of wealth or status.”

- Leslie Knope
These people are members of the community that care about where they live. So what I hear when I'm being yelled at is people caring loudly at me.

- Leslie Knope
W.W.L.D.
What Would Leslie Do?
Optimism
Creativity

“Budget Solution #28: Use grazing sheep to mow grass in parks. Note: tired sheep could become food or sweaters.”
Ambition

We're a nation of dreamers and it is my dream to build a park that I one day visit with my White House staff on my birthday. And they say, 'President Knope, this park is awesome. Now we understand why you are the first female President of the United States.
John McCain: Has anyone ever told you your tenacity can be a bit intimidating?

Leslie: Yes, every day of my life since the 4th grade.
Dedication

I gathered up all the meaningful bills, pictures, documents and memos from your career.

What do you think, is it okay?

It is the most beautiful object I have ever seen.

It is like the Anne Perkins of dresses.

I'm gonna work until I'm 100 and then cut back to 4 days a week.
Generosity

“There is something wonderful about seeing someone who has found her true purpose. For Leslie, her true purpose on earth, her true meaning, is making other people’s lives better.”
- April Ludgate-Dwyer

“Ann, you poetic and noble land mermaid.”
Respect
HAVE FUN!

“Hobbies? Organizing my agenda. Wait, that doesn’t sound fun … jammin’ on my planner!”

We have to remember what’s important in life: friends, waffles, and work. Or waffles, friends, work. But work has to come third.
BE THE
Leslie Knope
OF WHATEVER YOU DO
Thank you, my talented and perfectly precious sea otters.

Rebecca Clarke
Branch Manager
St. Louis County Library
rclarke@slcl.org