Greetings Friends!

Time to start saying goodbye to summer and gearing up for our fall programs at the Allen Library! Due to a bulk mail permit issue you may have missed receiving the last issue of the Friends newsletter. If you would like a copy you are welcome to pick one up at the information desk at the library. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience!

If you who have been following the story of “Tommy”, our statue of the boy reading with the dog, which was stolen in May, you know that the Friends raised over $4,000 with the help of a very successful ice cream social held in July at the library. Because of the generosity of our loyal patrons, the Friends were able to purchase a brand new exact replica of the statue. It should be on display in the library lobby by the end of August, where it will stay until we can make arrangements to secure it in a safe location on the library grounds. Please feel free to stop by to view the statue and possibly enjoy a photo op with “Tommy”. Watch for details on a formal dedication to follow. Every citizen in Allen should feel proud of our library supporters who came together to raise to money to replace the much loved statue.

Bach to Books has an interesting array of educational and musical programs to offer in the next two months! You don’t have to be a history buff to enjoy Dr. Thomas Chavez of the Palace of the Governors’ research on Spain and the independence of America on September 21 at 7 PM (see p. 2). Nor do you need to be an expert fiddler to enjoy the well-known Texas Fiddlers on September 8th in the auditorium. Then on Saturday, September 18th, please join us back in the auditorium for the fiddlers contest sponsored by the Texas Fiddle Association (see article, p. 2)! Both events promise to be hand-clapping, foot-stomping FUN! All Bach to Books events are made possible in part by YOU, the Friends of the Allen Public Library, and are free and open to the public on a first come first served basis due to limited seating.

Mark your calendars for the next Chocolate Friendzy Membership Drive, October 7th. The event will kick off the Friends signature program, ALLen Reads (see articles, below and p. 3). This evening promises to be one full of chocolate and many surprises! Stay tuned for more details.

Please check out our Face Book page and post any comments on issues or programs. Our board members encourage ideas and suggestions from all of our Friends.

Thank You for Being a Friend!
Ann Livingston, President

Mmmmmmm - Chocolate Friendzy!

Put this on your calendar – you won’t want to miss the 11th Annual Chocolate Friendzy Membership Celebration, 5:30 PM, Thursday, October 7, at the library. There will be a light snack of “real food” (since it’s dinner time) and lots of wonderful chocolate for you to taste and vote on.

Anyone who would like to bake or help for this fun event, please contact Vrena Patrick, Vrena.Patrick@cor.gov for details. We’ll need people to decorate/set up, serve, clean up, and work at the membership table as well as to make all the wonderful treats offered.

At 7 PM you’ll be there for the kick-off of the 2010-11 ALLen Reads season. Haley Curry from the Women’s Museum will speak about their current exhibit, “Dreams of Flight: A Journey through Air and Space” (see p. 3). And BORDERS books will be there with copies of the new ALLen Reads books for you to look though and purchase.

Come renew your membership, have fun, eat chocolate… and don’t forget to bring a friend or two and introduce them to all the benefits and pleasures of being a Friend of the Allen Public Library.
Bach to Books Presents

Texas Old Time Fiddle Association

Listen to the finest old-time fiddlers compete at The Texas Old Time Fiddle Association 1 to 8 PM, Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Allen Public Library. Senior citizen contestants, age 60 and over, will kick off the competition at 1:15 PM. They will be followed by age groups 15 and under, 16-35, and 36-59. Guests can attend any portion or remain for the entire event. Best accompanist will be the final competition of the day.

At 4 PM, Texas Lace will perform a medley of fiddle favorites. Texas Lace has appeared on radio with Red Steagall and the Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering Fiddle Contest at the Fort Worth Stockyards. The Kildares, a Celtic Rock group, will then wrap up the day with fiddle favorites at 7 PM.

Sponsored by Bach to Books and American National Bank of Texas, this fiddle contest is free. Worley Stein, American National Bank of Texas president notes, “I am looking forward to enjoying some good old Texas-style fiddling. Come join the fun and encourage the fiddlers as they compete to become ‘grand champion’.”

Mark Your Calendars!

- September 8, 7 PM, Fiddlers
- September 13, 7 PM, Susan Hanlon and the Friday Afternoon Collin Recording Ensemble (“Music Buzz” series)
- September 18, 1 to 8 PM, Texas Old Time Fiddle Association competition.
  - 4 PM, Texas Lace
  - 7 PM, Kildares.
- September 20, 7 PM, Christopher Davis (“Music Buzz” series)
- September 21, 7 PM, “Spain and the United States’ Independence”
- September 27, 7 PM, 755 (“Music Buzz” series)
- October 7, ALLen Reads Kickoff
  - 5:30 PM, Chocolate Friendzy;
  - 7 PM, Dreams of Flight: A Journey through Air and Space

For information on all Bach to Books programs, call 214-509-4911. They are all free and no reservations are required.
Dreams of Flight: A Journey through Air and Space

Haley Curry, Marketing Manager for The Women’s Museum in Dallas, will discuss their current exhibit, Dreams of Flight: A Journey through Air and Space, 7 PM, Thursday, October 7. Sponsored by ALLen Reads, this program is free and no reservations are required.

Ms. Curry will present exhibit highlights, including the women who have served in air and space as pilots, astronauts, astrophysicists and scientists. The 25 women featured in this exhibit demonstrated remarkable courage and tenacity in the face of opposition. This exhibition highlights the women, from the earliest pioneers of flight including Amelia Earhart, Bessie Coleman and Jacqueline Cochran, to science and space innovators such as Barbara Askins, Patricia Cowings and Jerrie Cobb.

Ms. Curry will discuss the first women in America to fly planes and perform acrobatics, “fly girls” of World War II who served as pilots, women who attempted to train for Mercury 13 and women who are in commercial careers as pilots and support roles as engineers and scientists.

Dreams of Flight: A Journey through Air and Space is featured at The Women’s Museum, 3800 Parry Avenue, Dallas, TX 75226, (214) 915-0860 until October 31, 2010. Please note that exhibit is open during the State Fair of Texas, Sept. 24-Oct. 17.

Now celebrating her fifth year at The Women’s Museum, Haley manages overall marketing strategies and initiatives for the Museum.

This is ALLen Reads’ inaugural program and Rocket Boys/October Sky by Homer Hickam is this year’s selection. Mr. Hickam will speak at the Allen Public Library on March 12. Watch for details!
THANKS TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS - July/August

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Book Clubs At the Library in September

Mom's Night Out Book Club
Wednesday, September 22, 7-8:30 PM, APL Meeting Room. Enjoy lemony refreshments, make and take your own lemon body scrub, and discuss the book, The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake by Aimee Bender. Registration Required at 2nd Floor Reference desk or www.allenlibrary.org, child care is not provided.

Noontime Page-turners, 12-1 PM, September 7 in the Library Board Room, The Help by Kathryn Stockett.

Readable History Book Club, 7 PM, September 16, Library Board Room, My Dream of Stars: From Daughter of Iran to Space Pioneer by Anousheh Ansari.

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