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Happy New Year Friends!

Goodbye 2010, hello 2011! The Friends are beginning this New Year with its own Face Book site, a replacement of the stolen bronze cast statue of a boy, "Tommy", reading on a bench with his dog, now sitting safely in the library lobby, over a hundred new Friends members, and some fabulous programs already scheduled for this spring!

In welcoming the New Year the Friends have decided to distribute our newsletter entirely online. Out of respect for our environment the Friends have decided to share our bi-monthly newsletter with our members through email! The paper issue has proved to be cost-prohibitive and is fast coming obsolete. Our board has decided to follow the City of Allen's example and put all written information in electronic form. Look for your next Friend's newsletter in your email inbox, and of course it will continue to appear on our website, as always! You may request to continue to receive a paper issue mailed to your home by emailing Allentxfriends@gmail.com (please make your request by February 1, 2011), or send us your email if you need to update us!

When the third weekend of January arrives and the holiday lights have dimmed, plan to bring your children in to see children's illustrator and author Mark Teague. Sponsored by the Friends Bach to Books programs and the Story Book House in Dallas, the program starts at **11 a.m.** at the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium on **Saturday, January 15th**. Teague, from upstate New York, has illustrated over 40 stories of his own and of other authors.

If you're a music lover, plan to attend the Bluestem Bluegrass concert **Friday, January 21st at 7:30 p.m.** in the library auditorium. Sponsored by American National Bank of Allen, this concert is free, but tickets are required for admission, and they will be distributed that night at the library lobby beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Bluestem Bluegrass group has a tremendous following and attendance is expected to be high, so please come early and claim your seats.

Finally, I am sad to report that I have resigned as President of the Friends due to an impending move to New Mexico with my husband. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years in office and am so thankful for my experience with the Friends' board members and the library staff at the Allen Public Library, one of the finest libraries on North Texas, surely on the course to be one of the finest libraries in all of Texas. If you are looking for a way to get involved in the community, please consider volunteering on the Friends board, which is comprised of a wonderful group of people dedicated to increasing literacy and providing access to the arts.
Ann Livingston, President



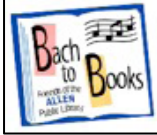
November Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who helped with the November book sale. We made over \$600 for future library programs and purchases.

Thanks to Kristen Amen, Jane Bennett, Jo Long, Judy Wharton, Vandana Bains, Kathy Smith, Rebecca Crookston, Mary Ahten, Debbie Vavra, Beka Tissell, Erin Spicer, Deborah West, Mary Lynn Saxton, Cindy DeBoer, Michelle Tobler.

And to our teen volunteers: Youjin (for the great banner), Adithi, Betty, Drew, Florence, Kaitlyn, Katie, Kinsey, Kristen, Lucy, Mandaline, and Naina.





Bach to Books Presents

Bluestem Bluegrass

Bluestem Bluegrass shakes the Allen Public Library's walls **7:30 p.m. Friday, January 21**. Sponsored by American National Bank of Allen and Bach to Books, this concert is free but tickets are required for



admission. Tickets will be distributed at 6:30 p.m. Adopting the philosophy that there is no form of acoustic music that is outdated, Bluestem Bluegrass uses different styles for different songs, and provides a tremendous range.

Excitement over Bluestem's library concert can be summarized by American National Bank President Worley Stein, "Last year's standing room only crowd of all ages enjoyed the rhythm and sounds of this American roots music. I encourage you to attend this year's concert and experience a mixture of country, ragtime, and jazz. It is highly entertaining and surprising when each performer highlights their musical instrument by breaking from the band and taking his or her turn playing the melody or improvising."

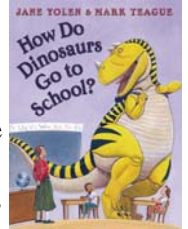
Country and western groups have their "obligatory" bluegrass song, but capturing the true composition is a challenge. Band-leader Patrick Bouldin declares, "We hope that our audience hears the emotional descriptive differences in bluegrass music as compared to other genre, and the live "orchestration" of the different pieces and the vocal harmony should put their mind squarely in the middle of traditional old town mountain life!"

Bluestem is composed of Jimmy Strawn, Patrick Bouldin, Phil Elery, Roddy Fuller, Meredith Brown, and Justin Thompson.

Mark Teague

Children's Illustrator and Author

Children's illustrator and author Mark Teague appears at Allen Public Library at **11 a.m. Saturday, January 15**. Sponsored by Bach to Books, this program is free.



Having never taken an art class, Teague credits trial and error, innate talent, and his love for drawing and writing as his artistic guides. Featuring adventurous, slightly mischievous characters, Teague's books develop delightful and amusing characters, including dogs, pigs, Martians, and dinosaurs.

Teague has illustrated over 40 stories by other authors, including *How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?* by Jane Yolen, *The Poppleton* series by Cynthia Rylant, and *First Graders From Mars* by Shana Corey. He also writes his own memorable tales, such as *Dear Mrs. LaRue: Letters from Obedience School* and *How I Spent My Summer Vacation*.

Living in upstate New York with his wife and daughters, Teague encourages parents to read because it serves as a model for their children. "My children keep me fresh and inspire me," he notes.

Acclaimed Romance Author and Harpist

To celebrate African-American history, bestseller author Francis Ray and Harpist Geoffrey Ricketts appear at the Allen Public Library, **7 pm, Thursday, February 10**. A native Texan, Francis Ray lives in Dallas and is a graduate of Texas Woman's University. Ms. Ray's titles consistently make bestseller's lists such as *Blackboard* and *Essence Magazine*. *INCOGNITO*, her sixth title, was the first made-for-TV movie for Black Entertainment Television (BET).

She has authored forty titles to date. Her awards include *Romantic Times* Career Achievement, EMMA, The Golden Pen, The Atlantic Choice, and Borders 2008 Romance Award for Bestselling Multicultural Romance.

To augment Ms. Ray's programs, Geoffrey Ricketts plays harp music, a perfect complement for the acclaimed romance writer. Mr. Ricketts has been featured on WRR FM 101.1 Classical Radio, WFAA Channel 8 News, Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, Dallas Museum of Art and Kimbell Art Museum. When not performing, Geoffrey teaches Harp in his studio.

Sponsored by Bach to Books, this program is free.

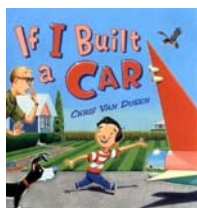


ALLEN READS Counts Down To Author Visit

The ALLEN Reads schedule for the next few months is full and exciting, starting with 2 months of related movies, special programs for children and teens, and culminating in Homer Hickam's visit on March 12. See details below and save the dates. Be sure to check www.allenfriends.org for updates and details!

For Children

Monday, January 17 (Children's Day – "Cars & Robots & Space – Oh My!"), 2-4 PM, Allen Public Library. ALLEN Reads related activities for children 4-10: a NASA speaker about the moon; local robotics clubs display and explain their projects; Boy Scouts demonstrate their Pinewood Derby racers; stories and more from the Children's Librarians; and lots of fun crafts, coordinated by the VolunTeens.



Saturday, February 26, Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration, 9-12 at Target North, Village of Allen Music by *The Catlett Sisters*, ALLEN Reads and Dr. Seuss books read aloud, and complimentary goodies from Target.

For Teens

Friday, March 18, (time TBD. Book Discussion, T-Minus: Race to the Moon.

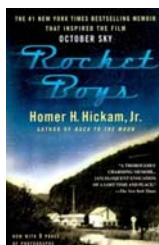
Spring Break week : Activities on Space & Robots (check www.allenlibrary.org for schedule)



For Adults

Book Discussions

- **Sunday, February 27, Rocket Boys Book Discussion , 2-3 PM, Library Meeting Room.** Join librarians Tami Burich & Debbie Vavra for a pre-author-visit discussion of the main book for Allen Reads 2010-11.
- **Tuesday, March 1, Rocket Boys Book Discussion, noon- 1 PM, Library Meeting Room.** Bring your lunch & be part of a lively discussion with the Noontime Pageturners book group.



For Families

Tuesdays in January & February: Movie Nights at the Library, 7 – 9 PM Come for the fun in January to enjoy "campy" sci-fi adventures, then get more serious about the space race in February.

JANUARY

The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951), **January 4**

Forbidden Planet (1956), **January 11**

It Came From Outer Space (1953), **January 18**

When Worlds Collide (1951), **January 25**

FEBRUARY

October Sky (1999), **Feb. 1**

The Right Stuff (1983), **Feb. 8**

Apollo 13 (1995), **Feb. 15**

The Astronaut Farmer (2006), **Feb. 22**

Saturday, January 22, 7-9 PM, A Night for the Stars, Allen Public Library. Join the Texas Astronomy Club in the library auditorium, first, to learn about what's in the night skies. Then (weather permitting), we'll adjourn outside to take a look at the real stars and more.

Author Visit, HOMER HICKAM, Saturday, March 12, 10:30 AM, Allen Public Library. Come meet world-renowned author Homer Hickam. After he speaks in the library auditorium, he will sign books in the meeting room. BORDERS will be on-site for you to purchase books or you can bring your own.

Buffalo Soldiers

The Dallas County Buffalo Soldiers ride into the Allen Public Library, **7 pm, Thursday, February 24.** Sponsored by Bach to Books, this program is free. Buffalo Soldiers were US Army units that were composed of African-American soldiers who fought with bravery and valor. From the end of the Civil War to World War II, Buffalo soldiers won grueling battles.

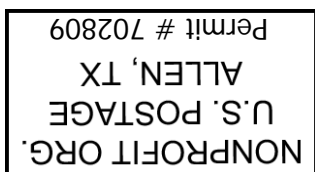


Sergeant Major Paul Allen will discuss the history of the Buffalo soldiers and will lead in the reenacting drills.

Outstanding Friends

Ann Livingston and Bonnie Jay won the Outstanding Friend Award for 2010 for their contribution to the Friends of the Allen Public Library. A book was donated to the library in each of their names.





THANKS TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS - Nov/Dec 2010

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ENDOWMENT FUND

At its October annual meeting, the Friends of the Allen Public Library Endowment Fund Board of Managers approved the budget for the coming year and elected Amanda Boyd for a three-year term. Managers Scott White and George Chrisman were reappointed for three-year terms.

Officers elected for the coming year are Joe Farmer, President; Gayle Boon, Vice President; George Chrisman, Treasurer; and, Eileen Tollett, Secretary.

Other members of the Board are Tonya Moore, Hugh Brown, and Worley Stein.

The Friends of the Allen Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting the Allen Public Library by providing funds and programs that would not otherwise be possible.