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## Lots To Do at the Library!

(click on each event to learn more about it)

9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 5th *Arbor Day features Howard Garrett*

7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 *Celtic Night at Library*

10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12 *Homer Hickam, author of Rocket Boys*

7 p.m., Thursday, March 31 *"Dinosaur George"*

3 p.m., Saturday, April 9 *Jazz and Blues Festival*

7 p.m. Thursday, April 21 *Award-winning "teen" novelist Chris Crutcher*

7 p.m. Thursday, April 28 *Carolyn "CJ" Jones, author of Opening the Gates of the Heart: A Journey of Healing*

2 p.m. Sunday, April 10 *Terri Farley, animal rights activist and author of the Phantom Stallion series*

2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 1 *Day of the Child/Day of the Book*

## Legislature Proposal Cuts Library Funding

The first draft of the State's budget proposal for 2012-13 affects every statewide library program.

The proposal eliminates Loan Star Libraries (direct aid grants), all state funding for TexShare databases, the K-12 Database program, the Library System Negotiated Grants Program (the new competitive grant program started last session for systems), state funding for consulting services to libraries), state funding for state depository program and TRAIL program, state funding for records management, and the Technology Allotment at TEA. This assumes an overall loss of over \$8 million in IMLS funds (Note: federal funding is the source of funding for the regional library systems, the TANG program, and interlibrary loan.)

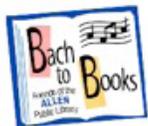
In addition to reductions in state funding for libraries, federal funding reductions are also being proposed. State funding levels have not been determined, but the Texas State Library and Archives Commission provided the legislative budget board with details of the impact of budget reductions and proposed alternatives to restore some state funding for libraries.

This will have a significant impact on our local library. If you would like to share your opinion about this bill, please write or call your legislators. To find out who represents you, go to <http://www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us/>. Or, The Texas Library Association has resources for responding to the proposed cuts: <http://www.txla.org/take-action>.



## Love Your Library? Please Help!

Elections for officers for the new year for The Friends of the Allen Public Library Board are scheduled for May. Many of our existing Board members are unable to continue. If you believe in our library and would like to make a difference in the community in which you live, call Tami Burich at 214-509-4905 or email her at [tburich@cityofallen.org](mailto:tburich@cityofallen.org) for more information.



# Bach to Books Presents

## Arbor Day Features

### Howard Garrett

Heal the earth, beautify your environment, and enhance a prominent civic landscape on Arbor Day, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, at the Allen Public Library. This year's theme is *Trees are Terrific in all Shapes and Sizes*. The day includes author and radio personality "The Dirt Doctor" Howard Garrett, City Forester Denise Moore, certified arborists, a host of vendors with free giveaways, a radio disc jockey, and above all, tree plantings.

For ten consecutive years, Allen has received the honor of being designated a Tree City by the National Arbor Day Foundation. Trees protect our houses from summer heat and produce oxygen.

At this year's Arbor Day event, a number of trees specifically selected for our area will be available for the reduced price of \$35 each, and 26 trees will be planted on the library's campus. Sponsored by Friends of the Allen Public Library, Keep Allen Beautiful, Parks and Recreation Department and The Allen Parks Foundation, this fun family event is free.

From **9-11 a.m.**, Garrett will broadcast live on KSKY 660 AM from the library's courtyard and certified arborists will give demonstrations. Garrett is a landscape architect, arborist, newspaper columnist, host of "The Natural Way" talk show on KSKY AM radio, author of 14 books, and a consultant to organic product development.

From **11 a.m. -Noon**, City of Allen City Forester Denise Moore will emcee a program celebrating the City of Allen's Tree City Award. Moore holds a degree in Landscape Architecture (BSLA), certification in desert landscaping and is a Certified Arborist.

From **Noon-1 p.m.**, Garrett will discuss his organic program for landscape and garden, and answer questions inside the auditorium.

Keep Allen Beautiful staff member Donna Kliewer notes, "Arbor Day is a chance to share my love of the outdoors and entice others to join me outside to enjoy the wonder of nature that takes place in breath-taking, changing splendor during each season." Urban Forester Denise Moore quotes an unknown Chinese poet, 500 B.C.E. "If you are thinking a year ahead, sow a seed. If you are thinking ten years ahead, plant a tree. If you are thinking one hundred years ahead, educate the people." Moore declares, "I hope to do all of these things during our 2011 Arbor Day."

Groups wishing to reserve a tree for planting may call Keep Allen Beautiful at 214-509-4555 before Arbor Day.



## Celtic Night at Library

Irish, Scottish and Welsh eyes are smiling on the Allen Public Library's Celtic Night at **7 p.m. Thursday, March 10**. With appearances by The Irish Rogues, KelticDead's Shaun Patrick Young, storyteller Donna Lively, fiddler-dancer Hailey Sandoz, fiddler Joseph Carmichael, and bagpipers Ryan Chalk and Matt Willis, the audience will be treated to popular tunes and ballads from Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. No reservations are required but free tickets will be distributed at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

The Irish Rogues perform a rich collection of rollicking sing-a-longs and ballads with brilliant, danceable instrumentals. Founded by Irish emigrant John Hodgins and Harold Herrington, The Irish Rogues entertains crowds with its infectious style and good humor. Comprised of Earnie Taft, John Hodgins and David Sparks, The Irish Rogues have played music at almost every local Irish pub and Celtic celebration in the Southwest. Since 1982, band members have been featured at the North Texas Irish Festival in Dallas.

Storyteller Donna Lively is noted for her sensational ghost stories and mystical Celtic tales. Donna has performed many times at the Tejas Storytelling Festival in Denton, including its popular Ghost Tales concert, and was designated as one of the 25 best tellers in Texas at the 2010 25th Anniversary Tejas Festival last March. Donna also has a CD of her stories, entitled "Onions in the Stew: Tales of the Scots-Irish."

KelticDead's Shaun Patrick Young lives in Allen with his wife, Sharon. Performing on diatonic harmonicas, Shaun also promotes Celtic music on his KelticDead website. In addition, he publishes the KelticDead BroadSides (topics and music in the traditions of our Celtic Dead).

An Irish step dancer and fiddle player, eleven-year-old Hailey Sandoz can perform both simultaneously, thus her nickname "The Fiddle Dancer." Hailey performs as a band member for The Hooligans and the Cowboy Church Band, and is also a Trinity Hall Session Player.

Joseph Carmichael began playing Irish music in 2006, starting with the tin whistle and progressing to the Irish flute and guitar. He became a regular session musician with the Trinity Hall Session Players and currently plays in Flashpoint with two other musicians.

Ryan Chalk and Matt Willis perform with the McKinney Fire Department's Pipes and Drums Corps and are acclaimed North Texas bagpipers.



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## Homer Hickam at Library

**ALLEN Reads** blasts off with *Rocket Boys* author Homer Hickam at **10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12**, at the Allen Public Library. The film *October Sky* is based upon *Rocket Boys*. This program is free and will be at the



Allen Public Library.

Born and raised in Coalwood, West Virginia, Homer Hickam was destined for a career in the coal mines. Instead, he enrolled at Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech) and graduated in 1964 with a BS in Industrial Engineering. A U.S. Army veteran, Mr. Hickam served as a First Lieutenant in the Fourth

Infantry Division during the Vietnam conflict, earning an Army Commendation and the Bronze Star medal. After six years of active duty, he was honorably discharged with the rank of captain.

In 1998, *Rocket Boys: A Memoir* was released and became an immediate success. It was selected by the *New York Times* as one of its "Great Books of 1998", and Universal Studios released its critically-acclaimed film *October Sky* in 1999.

Despite the challenge of being raised in a poor area of the United States, Hickam describes himself as an optimist. "I was even that way when I was in combat in Vietnam,"



he notes. "It came from the people who raised me who always said, 'We are proud of who we are. We stand up for what we believe. We are not afraid.' It's a good way to be in these perilous times. When I tell my stories, I think this sense of optimism always comes through."

ALLEN Reads volunteer and Appalachian native Jere Jay declares, "Only in America could a boy coming from those surroundings grow up, get the education that he received, and become who he became, just by hard work and persistence." His wife Bonnie adds, "He examined his options, explored and excelled by going to something, not just away from something."

ALLEN Reads is a "One-Book" program under the leadership of the Friends of the Allen Public Library. For the fourth year, Allen joins cities across the country participating in a community "One-Book" project that involves everyone reading and discussing the same book. The two companion books, *T-Minus, the Race to the Moon* by Jim Ottaviani and *If I Built A Car*, by Chris Van Dusen communicate similar themes to young readers.

## Car & Robots & Space—Oh My!

Monday, January 17, was the ALLEN Reads day to focus on children. Lots of activities were held, and everybody had lots of fun!



Children and adults alike were fascinated with the robots brought by Lowery Freshman Center's Engineering class.



Dr. Julianne Gross from NASA's Lunar & Planetary Institute kept the audience, young and old, enthralled with her talk and videos about the moon.



The Volunteers and Children's Department created fun crafts for everyone to enjoy.

## Jazz and Blues Festival

The largest jazz and blues festival in Allen's history will be held at the Allen Public Library by *Bach to Books* on **Saturday, April 9.**



**Craig Hopkins** and colleagues, Hopkins compiled a thorough biography of Vaughn's complex but short life. Capturing the lightening spirit of Stevie Ray Vaughan in words is not entirely possible but Hopkins succeeds in providing a scholarly attempt to document the life of an icon whose legend is eternal. Hopkins will premiere film footage that has not been publicly presented, making this a program that you will not want to miss. A book-signing will be held afterwards.



**Jason Elmore**

Following this, Jason Elmore & Hoodoo Witch present an unforgettable music experience. In 2010, the band released its debut album, *Upside Your Head*. Southwest Blues Magazine declares, "The variety of songs indicates that songwriter Jason Elmore has a lot of things to say and many ways to say them within the context of the blues and its sub-categories." Elements of jazz, rock, country are included but they remain true to their Texas blues roots. A native of Denison, Texas, bandleader Jason Elmore joins Jon Zoog on drums and Chris Waw on bass.

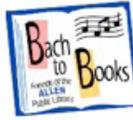
At **7 p.m.**, Allen resident and jazz artist Jim Shannon and the Falcon Music Quartet deliver a sizzling performance. Jim currently leads his own jazz group, Falcon Music, and he will be accompanied by James Gilyard, bass, Andrew Griffith, drums, and Karl Lampman, saxophone. Formerly a



**Jim Shannon**

distinguished professor of music at Brookhaven College School of the Arts in Farmers Branch,

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## Phantom Stallion Author

Terri Farley, animal rights activist and author of the *Phantom Stallion* series, appears at the Allen Public Library, **2 p.m. Sunday, April 10.** After her program, she will sign books and answer questions.

Describing herself as a "cradle cowgirl," Terri was recently honored by the Nevada Writers' Hall of Fame. After graduating from college she taught remedial reading at an inner-city high school. It was here that Terri discovered at-risk teens were captivated with animal stories, which in turn, inspired her writing career.

The *Phantom Stallion* series setting is in contemporary times. *Wild Horse Island* takes place on a fictional Hawaiian island and *Seven Tears Into the Sea* integrates ancient Celtic legends of the selkie, a seal that can shed its skin to transform into a human, in northern coastal California.



"I write like an animal, living inside the senses of my characters and speech is NOT one of the five senses," Terri explains. "Wild horses aren't as vocal as domestic ones. Mustangs read the wind. They watch each others' ears and eyes and hoof stamps."

She continues, "Those of us who are civilized like to hear ourselves talk. 'Horse whisperers' are credited with sharing a psychic bond with horses, but most of them will tell you it that it's not telepathy that transcends species; it's paying attention. Safety is with the herd. We value independence in the abstract, but in our real lives, we like to be on the winning side, be part of everybody, and kids are no different. The kids in my books are never coddled. They're constantly challenged by the rigors of ranch life, and the consequences of their choices. We are so careful with our kids—and believe me, I'm one of the most protective mothers ever—that they don't have adventures. They play basketball and soccer, but those adventures have rules. There is no safety at the edge of the frontier, whether that frontier is riding a wild horse, venturing into adulthood or, like Gwen in *Seven Tears Into the Sea*, falling in love with a shape-shifter."

To catch the spirit of the west, Terri rode across the Nevada desert in a Pony Express reenactment, traveled ten days in the saddle for a cattle drive, and job shadowed paniolos--Hawaiian cowboys. As an Earthwatch volunteer, she traversed the wild sand dunes and swales of an uninhabited island off the coast of North Carolina, studying wild horse behavior.

Terri studied wild horses on the Nevada range and acts as an observer during Bureau of Land Management (BLM) helicopter round-ups. She also makes frequent visits to determine the condition of corralled wild horses. In March 2010, she released the story that captive mustang foals' births and deaths were not properly recorded by BLM.

## Author/Photographer Carolyn "CJ" Jones

Award-winning author and photographer Carolyn CJ Jones discusses her book *Opening the Gates of the Heart: A Journey of Healing* at **7 p.m. Thursday, April 28**, at the Allen Public Library. This book chronicles her path for self-awareness, healing and recovery from addiction through her photography and words. A reception and book-signing follows.



Carolyn's journey is an inspiration for all who are affected by addictions and personal struggles within themselves or their family and friends. Her words and art afford hope and motivation to those in conflict, and encourage and empower those who are pursuing a path to peace. *Opening the Gates of the Heart: A Journey of Healing* has been awarded two Honorable Mentions: one for spirituality from the 2010 New York Book Festival, and one for photography/art from the 2010 San Francisco Book Festival.

Jones photographed antique wrought iron gates in Victorian neighborhoods that contain impressive fleur-de-lis and curlicue designs. Beams of light reflect from multicolored stones and permeate gates to create mystical images and shadows. Gates can symbolize chapters of life. When gates are closing, it can be an end to an era and but when gates open, they may signify new horizons. Gates protect our family and pets but grant access to those we love, including ourselves. Because they move, gates are not intended to be stationery but neither is life. Inspiring words accompany the beautiful photographs.

"My book shows by example that from the depths of despair, inner peace is achievable, and that, once reached, is also possible with the world around us. I am hopeful that my talk will inspire the listeners to treat themselves and others with more loving-kindness, thus improving their quality of life, and the quality of life for those around them," Carolyn declares.

Author Mike Farrell comments, "This book is a lovely celebration of those who have been on the journey, and an invitation to those for whom the journey awaits."

This free event is sponsored by Allen Public Library Adult Services.

## "Dinosaur George" Blasing

Paleontology is a living science where important discoveries are made daily, perhaps faster than in any other science. With his vast knowledge of prehistoric life and his expertise in animal behaviors, "Dinosaur George" Blasing will discuss dinosaurs and showcase an array of fossil specimens at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 31, at the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium. After his discussion, he will afford the audience an opportunity to examine the fossils and ask questions.



Co-creator, author and host of The History Channel's *Jurassic Fight Club*, Dinosaur George has also been featured on radio stations across the country and is currently involved in the creation of several future television shows. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the Proctor Museum in Houston, Texas.

This free event is sponsored by the Adult Services of the Allen Public Library.

## Day of the Child/Day of the Book

Honor children and promote literacy at Allen Public Library's free Day of the Child/Day of the Book program from **2 to 5 p.m., Sunday, May 1**. This event is hosted annually throughout Latin America and the United States.

At **2:30 p.m.**, the Younger Generation Chorus of Collin County presents "Can't Keep From Singing", an afternoon of fun, upbeat, show tunes and pop music. Younger Generation is a premier children's choir serving youth from



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## Endowment Fund Board of Managers Begins Corporate Drive

In an effort to acquaint local corporations with the Allen Library and the Endowment Fund, the Fund Board of Managers invited CEOs and representatives of several corporations to attend a presentation and tour of the Library and enjoy a luncheon catered by Elke's. Corporations that attended included Andrews Distributing, AT&T, Cabela's, Experian, Halo Group, JaRyCo, KONE, Emerson Partners, The Village at Allen, and Watters Creek.

Joe Farmer introduced the Fund and Library to the corporate representatives. Scott White narrated a power-point presentation giving the attendees a history of the Allen Library and the Endowment Fund's mission. Jeff Timbs, Library Director, led the group on an impressive tour of the Library before the Board welcomed the CEOs to a luncheon in the children's program room. At least one representative obtained a library card before he left the program.

Board members are contacting those who attended as a follow-up to the event and hopes to answer any questions they have and solicit donations and/or help in fundraising. Another corporate event will be held in the fall.

The Board of Managers will also host an invitation only reception for Homer Hickman, author of *Rocket Boys*, ALLEN Reads 2011 selection, on March 11 at Bedside Manor at Connemara. Philip Williams, of Emerson Partners, will provide the facility for the reception.

## Jazz/Blues at Library (cont.)

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Texas from 2000-2009, he taught jazz and classical guitar plus jazz improvisation. Jim's albums include "Street Talk", "Out of the Blue", and "Fast Company". His second CD, "Silent Voices" received a rave review from Cadence magazine that described their sound as "intense and melodic," as well as "bright and freewheeling and full of the bluesy accents that can't help but bring a smile to your face".



**Tutu Jones**

At **8:30 p.m.**, Tutu Jones combines blues and soul for a concert full of lightening energy. Raised in Dallas, Tutu has shared the stage with Buddy Guy, B.B. King, Al Green and Little Richard. Tutu's recordings include "Inside Out", Soultone records, "Staying Power", Rounder Records, "Tutu Jones Live", Doc Blues Records, "I'm For Real", JSP Records. Tutu's song "Stubborn Woman" is featured on the Smithsonian's "Mean Old World -The Blues from 1940-1994", which received a Grammy nomination. In 2005, Tutu's composition "Can't Leave Your Love Alone" was licensed to HBO's "The Mind of Married Man." Southwest Blues declares, "Check out the pure genius of Tutu handling the Smokey Robinson tune 'My Girl' or his excellent rendition of the Don Nix tune 'Goin' Down.' This is Tutu at his finest and it's a perfect example of what makes him so special."

## Day of the Child/ Day of the Book (cont.)



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Collin County communities. Under the direction of Tenesa Rassmusen, the chorus has achieved national recognition for excellence, and has traveled from Plano to the White House. A folk harpist and head choir director at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas, Ms. Rassmusen has also performed with Mesquite Civic Chorus and The Classical Chorus of Abilene.

At **3:30 p.m.** the Repertory Company Theatre of Richardson presents *Little Red*. Although many variations of this story have been told, this unique version has a 1950s style and is sure to rock 'n' roll! Little Red strives to be a rock star and she travels to Granny's with an attitude. As in the more traditional tale, Little Red encounters the Wolf, but this one tells her he is a talent agent and can make her famous and a huge star. Meanwhile, Little Red's mother is courted by the handsome and shy woodcutter who proves to be most courageous. The story is narrated by Peggy Sue, a hip 50s backup singer.

Little Red's actors include Laura Alley (Little Red), Michelle Breedlove (Wolf), Danny Miranda (Woodcutter), Brynne Huffman (Mother), Loree Westbrook (Peggy Sue/Granny). The script is by Kitty Beletic.

Other activities for the day include crafts, refreshments and face painting.

## Author Chris Crutcher



Award-winning novelist Chris Crutcher appears 7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at the Allen Public Library. Sponsored by Bach to Books and Robin Screen, this event is free.

Raised in Cascade, Idaho, and graduated from Eastern Washington University,

Crutcher began his career as a teacher, which gave him the encouragement and inspiration to begin writing. Published in 1983, *Running Loose* was his debut novel, which was followed by *Stotan*, *Crazy Horse* and *Chinese Handcuffs*.

Crutcher's fast-paced fiction typically contains a talented athletic protagonist who faces daunting personal problems at home. When the characters cease to objectify winning or garnering attention as their major objectives, they start succeeding. Crutcher's works are influenced by his experience as a child and family therapist and his novels reflect introspection through a balance of comedy and tragedy spoken with an authentic voice.

A popular columnist, Crutcher writes for *Voices from the Middle*, *Family Energy Magazine*, the *Signal Journal*, and *iParenting*. He lectures at schools, libraries and bookstores throughout the United States.

This program is the result of efforts by Allen middle school student Jarrett Rogers who asked library media specialist Robin Screen to recommend authors. Chris Crutcher was on her list. Jarrett became a fan of Crutcher's works, and on his own initiative he extended an invitation for an Allen visit. The son of Stacey and Jeff Rogers, Jarrett's invitation resulted in the Allen community featuring one of the most prestigious teen authors in America.

## Target Includes ALLEN Reads at Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration

Over 170 children and adults during Dr. Seuss's birthday celebration at Target North in Allen on Saturday, February 26. At one point, the music and reading came together with sound effects to enhance the story!



*The Catlett Sisters*



*Miss Melody from the library reading Dr. Seuss books and the ALLEN Reads picture book.*





# CELTIC NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY

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