Hello Friends!

My name is Sherry Grimes and I am excited to be the new president for the Friends of the Allen Library. I have been involved in the Friends and the Library for many years. I've worked the book sale, Scholastic Book Fair, Recycle-a-Book Day, the Chocolate Cookbook Committee, the Chocolate Orgy, and other activities. I won the title of Chocolate Champion in 2003.

My husband, Alan, and I have been married for 27 years and have one son and one dog. We moved to Allen in 1987 and, boy, has it (and the library) changed! We've seen tremendous growth in that time and Allen is no longer the sleepy little town I remember. In addition to being a Friends member, I have been involved in many organizations, including Allen Toastmasters, Allen Symphony Guild, Leadership Allen, Allen Chamber of Commerce, MOMS Club of Allen, and Allen Early Childhood PTA. I volunteer regularly at my son's school. My husband served on the Allen Planning and Zoning Commission for ten years and currently is the Vice President of Operations for Leetex Construction.

The Friends have done some amazing things over the years. ALLen Reads, Bach to Books, and the Chocolate Friendzy have been among the most visible and successful. Behind the scenes, the Friends support the library in many ways, including funding library purchases of Audio Books, sending librarians to professional development, and helping with myriad projects. To accomplish these, we need your help. We will be doing some exciting projects and we would like to have you on board. There are many ways for you to get involved, whether it be making phone calls from home, sorting books for the book sale, helping with ALLen Reads, or attending some of our outstanding programs. Right now our biggest need is for your used books to sell at the book sale.

Please watch for more information on how to get involved. We can't do it without you. I'm looking forward to meeting as many of you as I can. If you have questions or ideas, please feel free to contact me at allentxfriends@gmail.com.

The library’s Food for Fines campaign was very successful! They delivered 1840 pounds of much needed food to the ACO's food pantry. Thanks to all who contributed!
**Bach to Books Presents**

**Jungian Analyst**

Explore the depths of your soul and subconscious with Dallas clinical psychologist and Jungian analyst Dr. Donna Cozort, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 9. Dr. Cozort is a clinical psychologist and Jungian analyst in Dallas, TX. Committed to helping people find meaning in life and connection to others, Dr. Cozort guides her clients through different paths of inquiry—psychological, philosophical and spiritual. This free program is sponsored by Bach To Books.

Dr. Cozort will lead participants into the world of image, metaphor, and myth to explore those places of reverie, imagination, and dreams. She will follow metaphor from our earliest experiences (primary process), and share how it forms the basis of meaning, communication, and thus language (secondary process). This process bridges the gap from the conscious to the unconscious world and to our dreams. In addition, the symbolic language of dreams will be explored with dream examples presented to demonstrate how they compensate and inform our conscious lives. This is an opportunity to discover your personal myth.

While searching for meaning in the healing arts, Dr. Cozort traveled to the C. G. Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, where she studied and lived for six years. After returning to the United States in 1998, Dr. Cozort found that one of her greatest challenges was working with a traumatized combat nurse. Her story is documented in Dr. Cozort’s book, Out of the Whirlwind: PTSD and the Archetype of Job, which documents the long journey through the pain, suffering and final transformation of a Navy nurse veteran of the Viet Nam War. Dr. Cozort notes, “As we traveled the path together, I realized along the way the truth in Jung’s statement that ‘healing in the client can only occur when there is healing in the analyst.’ Therefore, this is our story.”

An active member of the Dallas Institute of Jungian Analysts and the Inter-Regional Society of Jungian Analysts, Dr. Cozort is the former training coordinator for the Texas Seminar. She has lectured and led groups focused on symbolic manifestations of the psyche both at home and abroad.

Take the journey with Dr. Cozort and learn more about your path through discovery.

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**WANTED!**

**YOUR GENTLY USED BOOKS**

“How many a man has dated a new era in his life from the reading of a book.”

- Henry David Thoreau

**It’s spring-cleaning time!**

Clean out your bookshelf and donate your used books to the library for our ongoing book sale. This is the primary source of funding for the Friends of the Allen Public Library, and funds most of the programs and donations we offer to the library.

**We especially need paperbacks!**

C’mon, they’re just gathering dust, and don’t you want others to enjoy that great book you just finished? And they’re tax-deductible! Just ask for a receipt.

**Friends Annual Meeting**

The 2011 Annual Meeting was held on April 28 prior to the Bach to Books program. The only business was the election of new officers, and the presentation of the Lifetime Friends Award, which went to Debbie Vavra. Our new officers are: President—Sherry Grimes, Vice President—Trina Wilson, Secretary—Julie Smetzer, and Treasurer—Tami Alexander. See the next newsletter for more information and to learn more about your new officers.
Bach to Books Presents

Fablehaven Author
Brandon Mull

Fablehaven author Brandon Mull appears at the Allen Public Library at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 7. After the program, patrons can ask questions, purchase books and have them autographed. Sponsored by Bach to Books and Storyopolis Global Entertainment, this program is free.

Buried in the subconscious of all people is the need for a location where one can seek safety and protection. Robert Frost wrote, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” Fablehaven is that secret nature preserve that protects mythological beings and legends from the outside world.

Mull declares, “Fablehaven is a fantasy adventure about a wildlife park for magical creatures. I figured that if I could learn to write a good scene, I could eventually write a good novel.” His works about imaginary creatures offer a realism that helps the reader launch into fantasy while discovering his or her inner self.

Mull also wrote The Candy Shop War. Because many young readers are interested in his books, Mull crosses the country talking to students, sharing the message that "imagination can take you places."

As a child, Mull lived in his head, creating adventures, daydreaming and sometimes sharing imaginary games with siblings and friends. Daydreaming was part of his life, but as an adult, his stories grew to be more elaborate and he shares them with all who are willing to enjoy his imaginary possibilities.

Mull’s current projects include a three-book series called The Beyonders, the first of which was released March 15, 2011. A sequel to The Candy Shop War, titled The Arcadeland Catastrophe, is scheduled to be released in the second half of 2011.

Having worked as a comedian, a filing clerk, a patio installer, a movie promoter, a copywriter, and briefly as a chicken stacker before becoming a published writer, Mull now lives happily with his wife Mary and their four children.

Steel Guitar Jamboree

Take your musical experience to another level when The East Texas Steel Guitar Association presents a Steel Guitar Jamboree, Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m., at the Allen Public Library. Sponsored by Bach to Books, this event is free and tickets will be issued at 6:30 p.m. that evening.

The performance will include masters of the steel guitar and lap steel, Maurice Anderson and David Wright, and will include a presentation on the history of the steel guitar.

Originating in Hawaii in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the roots of Hawaiian guitar music is generally credited to the Mexican and Spanish cowboys who were hired by King Kamehameha III around 1832. Hawaiian cowboys, or paniolos, established the tradition of Hawaiian slack key guitar music. Although steel guitar popularity became firmly entrenched in Hawaii, its teachers spent most of their time performing and the technique was almost lost by 1960s.

Hawaiian steel guitar has now been fused into multiple genres of American and international music, including blues, country and western music, rock and pop, as well as the music of Africa and India.

Typically, the steel guitar is positioned horizontally; the strings are plucked with one hand, while the other hand changes the pitch of one or more strings with the use of a bar or slide called a Steel (generally made of metal, but also of glass or other materials). Each steel guitarist offers a unique brand and style.

Maurice Anderson and David Wright will be accompanied by Josh Rogers on drums, Lou Carfa on bass and Mark Gheen on keyboard.

Based in Tyler, Texas, the East Texas Steel Guitar Association is dedicated to promoting, preserving and developing steel guitar music throughout the world.
Starting Again:

**Allen Reads**

Hope you all enjoyed reading *Rocket Boys* and meeting Homer Hickam this year. The 225 people who came to see him at the library were thrilled with his talk and with his warmth when they greeted him in person at the book signing afterwards. He inspired a group of 500 Allen HS students the day before as well. Along with all our other activities -- Celebrity Readers, Astronomy Night, movie nights, book discussions, "Cars & Robots & Space - Oh My!" children's day -- 2010-11 was an exciting year for **Allen Reads**.

Now it's time to start planning 2011-12 and we'd like you to come and be part of the planning process. Our book selection committee reads all year long - that's one place you can help. If you love to read, it's the perfect spot for you. We also have committees that plan the related activities, that go to the schools and host our Celebrity Readers, that plan and execute the author visit, that write the grants that fund this whole program, and so on. If this sounds interesting to you and you'd like to be part of the "behind the scenes" for **Allen Reads**, contact Jane Bennett, jane@jrbennett.net.

Can't wait to hear from you -- contact us soon!!

Tuesday Night at the Movies

**William Powell and Myrna Loy Film Series**

*Tuesdays in May at 7 PM*

- May 3. *Double Wedding* (1937)
- May 10. *The Thin Man* (1934)
- May 17. *Love Crazy* (1941)
- May 24. *After the Thin Man* (1936)
- May 31. *I Love You Again* (1940)

**Indiana Jones Film Series**

*Tuesdays in June at 7 PM*

- June 28. *Indiana Jones and The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull* (2008), starring Harrison Ford, Cate Blanchett.

Kids of all ages were fascinated by the robots created by the Lowery Freshman Center engineering group.
Endowment Fund Board Raises Funds With Allen Americans Team

At the March 22 and March 26 Allen Americans Hockey Team games, the Friends of Library Endowment Board Managers raffled off a team jersey, a goalie stick, and a team banner signed by the 2010 Championship Team, all donated by the Allen Americans.

Board Manager George Chrisman spearheaded the project, in conjunction with Matt Canavan and Kaitlin White of the Allen Americans. Other Board Managers and Allen City Councilman Ross Obermeyer volunteered to man the booth both nights.

At the Saturday April 16 play-off game, the Allen Americans presented the Endowment Board with a check for $1200, which included money raised in the raffles and cash donations from the staff of the Americans. These funds will go toward the Endowment Fund’s long-term support of the Allen Library.

Endowment Fund Board Hosts Reception for Homer Hickam

The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund Board of Managers hosted an evening reception at Bedside Manor on March 11 to honor ALLen Reads author Homer Hickam. After an introduction by his publicist, Hickam spoke to the group of about sixty people about his book Rocket Boys, signed books for those wishing to purchase them, and gave several copies to people who had helped facilitate his visit to Allen. Host Board Managers Hugh Brown and Tonya Moore arranged decorations, food, and wine for the evening. Philip Williams of Emerson Partners provided Bedside Manor for the event.

Adult Summer Reading Program at the Library Blasts Off

All participants must:
- Be 18 years old
- Have an Allen Library Card
- Read all titles between June 6 and July 30
- Complete at least ten items from the reading log to be eligible for the grand prize.
- Turn in reading log to enter.

Participants will be eligible for an additional entry for the grand prize for each item completed beyond the initial ten. Both adult and teen books counts toward the total. Additional items must be books read or listened to.

There will be drawings for prizes three times a week beginning the third week of summer reading in addition to the grand prize. One book read equals one prize entry. For every 5 books read, participants will receive their choice of a book or DVD.

Sponsored by Allen Public Library Friends, Cheesecake Factory, and Elke’s Market Cafe.

There will be prize drawings at the “Tuesday Night at the Movies. Prizes will include copies of the movie and gift cards to area businesses.

Reading logs and further information can be obtained at the reference desk.
Teen Programs

Summer is Coming!

Applications for Summer VolunTeens will be available on Monday, May 2nd, at www.cityofallen.org/departments/library/teen_programs/volunteer.htm and at the library.

YAWA (Young Adult Writers Alliance) meets on Tuesdays 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. Free for teens ages 13-18.

Saturday, May 7 Free Comic Book Day. Free for teens ages 11-18 at 2:00 pm in Teen'scape.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM for Teens ages 13-18 – THEME: SUPER HEROS! With movies on Thursdays at 2:00 in the Civic Auditorium and Movies+Games+Crafts on Saturdays at 2:00 in the Meeting Room. Free for teens ages 13-18.

- Thursday June 9–2:00 PM Auditorium. Opening Party with Local Super Heroes.
- Saturday June 11 2:00 PM – Meeting Room. Movie+Games+Crafts: Kung Fu Panda (Rated PG; 2008) with Serenity Wind Chimes Craft.
- Thursday June 16–2:00 PM Auditorium. MOVIE: Pursuit Of Happyness (Rated PG-13; 2006)
- Saturday June 18–2:00 PM Meeting Room. Movie+Games+Crafts: Despicable Me (Rated PG; 2010) with Rubik’s Cube Craft.
- Thursday June 23–2:00 PM Auditorium. MOVIE: Iron Man. (Rated PG-13; 2008).
- Saturday June 25–2:00 PM Meeting Room. Movie+Games+Crafts: How To Train Your Dragon (Rated PG; 98 minutes; 2010) with Origami Dragons craft.
- Saturday July 2–2:00 PM Meeting Room. Movie+Games+Crafts: Shrek 4ever After (Rated PG; 2010) with T-shirts As Art craft.

Allen Arts Alliance

Watters Creek Fine Arts Festival

Make plans to join us for the third annual Watters Creek Fine Arts Festival
Friday—Sunday, May 13-15 (beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, again at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday).

More than 80 local, state and national fine artists will line the walks, greens and pathways of Watters Creek for the third annual juried art festival sponsored by the Allen Arts Alliance.

Performers will join the festivities throughout the days and evenings and take-and-make tents sponsored by school district art teachers will bring out the talents of budding elementary-age artists. Allen High School artists and photographers will also have their works on view and available for purchase. Lucky Duck Kids Club will host special activities during the event and the Lions Club will sponsor a duck race. There will also be musical art for the ears throughout the run of the show.

Artists working in clay, wood, metal, glass, digital, multi-media, and a variety of paint mediums will be displaying their works beginning at 4 p.m., Friday, May 13 and beginning at 10 a.m. May 14 and 15. Attendees are encouraged to participate in a scavenger hunt for permanent artwork in Watters Creek that will take them by all the artists. Those participating in the scavenger hunt between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. will have the opportunity to create their own chalk artwork based on their discoveries.

Performances on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. are by “Don’t Tell Mama,” a 60’s tribute band and “Counterfeit Radio,” playing music from the 70’s to current hits. Also performing throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday are: Allen’s Community Theatre, AHS Encore Show Choir, AHS orchestra ensemble, AHS Jazz Band, AHS Tallenettes, Notably North Texas women’s barbershop chorus, and The Blue House Guitar Group with Sabine Madriguera. Go to allenartsalliance.org or call 972-727-7272 for more information.
The largest jazz and blues festival in Allen’s history, brought to you by Bach to Books, was held at the Allen Public Library on Saturday, April 9. Everybody enjoyed the fun!