**Upcoming Events at the Library** (all free, of course)

8 a.m.—1 p.m., Saturday, November 2, Allen Recycles Day
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 5, *The Manchurian Candidate* - movie
7:30 p.m., Saturday, November 9, Don Hofsommer, *Southern Pacific Railroad, 1901-1985*
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 12, *Executive Action* - movie
7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 14, Mike Howard, Secret Service agent guarding JFK & others
7:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, pre-JFK Assassination Symposium—Winston Smith, son of Jack Ruby’s lawyer
7:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, JFK Assassination Symposium—Jim Leavelle
8:00 p.m., Friday, November 22, JFK Assassination Symposium—Jim Marrs, Beverly Oliver and Coke Buchanan
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 26, *In the Line of Fire* - movie
7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 5, Geoffrey Wawro, Syrian Civil War
7:30 p.m., Saturday, December 14, Cajun Christmas Celebration

*Stay tuned for December movie titles and other updates at [http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506&thisMonth=12&thisYear=2013](http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506&thisMonth=12&thisYear=2013)*

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**Hello Friends Members,**

Rather than my normal message in the newsletter, this month I thought I’d do something different. I want to encourage you to tell people that you’re a member of the Friends of Allen Library, and why you think it’s important. Here are my own "Top 10 Reasons for Being a Friend."

1. I’m modeling for my children.
2. It feels great to help purchase new technology like the RFID system.
3. ALLen Reads! Need I say more??
4. When I was new here, it was a great way to meet people and get involved.
5. Late fee waivers!
6. We’re like the PTA of the library, raising money and shaping the future of OUR library.
7. Three words: late fee waivers!
8. When my kids got older, they had great choices too (see [http://www.cityofallen.org/index.aspx?NID=1148](http://www.cityofallen.org/index.aspx?NID=1148)).
10. I love the library and want to ensure it continues serving our community for a long, long time!

So, what are your reasons for being a Friend? Please let me know at susanmjackson@yahoo.com. More importantly though, let your friends and family know, and encourage them to join and support the Allen Public Library today!

Susan Jackson
**Bach to Books Special Event**  
**JFK Assassination Symposium**

See eyewitnesses to history beginning at 7 pm, Wednesday, November 22.

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**7 p.m. Jim Leavelle**

Even those born years after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy are familiar with the detective dressed in a light-colored suit and matching hat, who escorted a handcuffed Lee Harvey Oswald to a waiting police car on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1963.

Many recall Detective James Leavelle’s look of shock and horror as Jack Ruby lunged forward and shot the accused presidential assassin in front of millions of television viewers. Robert Jackson’s Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph captured this famous moment, which made Leavelle one of the most recognizable police officers in history.

A native of Detroit, TX, Leavelle is also a Pearl Harbor survivor. Although he escaped injury during the attack, he was later hurt when a typhoon slammed him onto the ship’s steel deck. While hospitalized back in the U.S. for eight months, he met his future wife, Taimi.

While escorting Oswald to the Dallas County Jail, Leavelle said, "Lee, I hope that if anybody shoots at you, they are as good a shot as you were." Oswald grinned and replied, "Nobody's going to be shooting at me." His prediction was wrong, and moments later Oswald was rushed to Parkland Hospital where he died during surgery.

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**8 p.m., Jim Marrs, Beverly Oliver and Coke Buchanan**

**Jim Marrs**


A former police reporter for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, he taught a class on the assassination of John F. Kennedy at the University of Texas at Arlington for 30 years. Marrs has appeared on ABC, NBC, CBS, CNN, CSPAN, the Discovery, Learning and History Channels, *This Morning America*, *Geraldo*, *Montel Williams*, *Today*, *Tech TV* and several national and regional radio programs.

**Beverly Oliver**

Did Jack Ruby and Lee Harvey Oswald know each other before President Kennedy was killed in Dallas? Who was the unidentified “Babuska Lady” seen in Abraham Zapruder’s film on the other side of the street filming the events? Where is her film?

Beverly Oliver, once a singer at Jack Ruby’s Colony Club and co-author of *Nightmare in Dallas*, shares startling revelations about Kennedy’s assassination based on her riveting personal experiences.

On Nov. 22, 1963, Garland native Beverly Oliver was a 17-year-old teenager who was suddenly thrust into a pivotal chapter in American history. Her story begins in the summer of that same year, when she accompanied Jack Ruby to New Orleans, where she met Mafia bosses Johnny Roselli and Carlos Marcello. Shortly after that, she recalls Ruby introducing her to Lee Harvey Oswald as a friend of his.

Beverly states that she was the infamous and mysterious “Babushka” lady seen standing on Elm Street when President Kennedy was assassinated the following day. To be an eyewitness to this event is significant enough, but that her story conflicts with the Warren Commission’s account of what happened that day is of much greater interest. Further, she claims that she filmed the event with her new movie camera but three days later, two men who identified themselves as government agents confiscated her film and never returned it, even after repeated requests.

**Coke Buchanan**

Coke Buchanan, co-author of *Nightmare in Dallas*, is Director of the Center for Indigenous Culture, Center for Global and Local Outreach, and Center for Spirituality with the Memnosyne Foundation. After the program, the authors will have their books available for purchase and signing.
Jack Ruby’s Lawyer

Winston Smith, son of Jack Ruby’s lawyer the late Hubert Winston Smith, will appear at the Allen Public Library, **3:00 PM, Friday, November 22.** Revealing information that has been confidential for a half century, Winston will shed light on another story that has not been made public until now.

Fifty years ago, Winston served as an office assistant to his father, which meant he had access to private client information. His assignments included typing up the notes of the private investigators who were working for his father and organizing the depositions regarding Ruby’s association with, and later murder of, Lee Harvey Oswald.

A graduate of both Harvard Medical and Harvard Law School, Hubert Winston Smith served in a dual capacity while defending Jack Ruby. Melvin Belli, Ruby’s first attorney, hired Mr. Smith for his medical expertise and to gather evidence pertaining to Jack Ruby’s medical history. When Ruby was convicted of killing Lee Harvey Oswald by a Dallas County jury, Melvin Belli was fired by the Ruby family and replaced by Houston attorney Percy Foreman. Later, Foreman became annoyed with the Ruby family’s unsolicited advice and quit.

Ruby’s brothers and sister hired Professor Hubert Winston Smith, 56, then head of the University of Texas Law School’s Law-Science Institute, to replace Foreman. Stating that he would charge no fee for representing Ruby, Smith’s first request to the court was to permit a new series of medical and mental tests on Jack Ruby. This enabled Ruby to overturn the lower court ruling. At the insistence of the University of Texas Law School, Smith resigned from Ruby’s case shortly after this and returned to teaching. While a new trial date was being set, Ruby died of cancer at age 56.

Mike Howard

Mike Howard, a retired U.S. Secret Service special agent who served the White House detail during Kennedy and then-vice president Lyndon Johnson’s administration, will speak at **7:30 PM, Thursday, November 14, at the Allen Public Library.** Howard will reflect on his services to the family of the 35th President as well as the first families that followed.

On November 22, 1963, Howard was scheduled to meet the President at Dallas Love Field. After participating with a security sweep of the President’s hotel, Howard was driving to the airport to meet the president’s airplane when a "shots fired" alarm was broadcast over the radio. The agents’ itinerary changed and they frantically raced to Parkland Memorial Hospital instead of Love Field.

Shortly after the passing of President Kennedy, Howard’s detail was charged with guarding Oswald’s family. "I was told that President Johnson was the one who said, 'I don't want that boy's family killed,'" Howard recalls. He and his fellow agents brought Oswald’s wife Marina, mother Marguerite, and two children to a highly secret location.

"President Kennedy was really a nice fellow,” noted Howard. “He liked the agents. He always spoke to us. He spoke to everybody. He was very congenial, a good man to work with."

Howard continued a friendship with the Johnson family and their daughter Lynda, long after they departed the White House. Howard later attended Lady Bird Johnson’s funeral at the LBJ Museum in Austin in 2007 and attended the family’s private funeral on the family’s ranch.

A resident of Collin County, Howard participates with Sixth Floor Museum memorials and speaks to civic and school groups about this pivotal chapter in American history.
Almost Recycles Day

Friends of the Allen Public Library are participating in Allen Recycles Day, are you?

Friends volunteers will be on hand Saturday, November 2nd from 8 AM - 1 PM in front of Allen City Hall, 305 Century Pkwy.

We are accepting books of all kinds, CDs, DVDs, Audio Books and even those old VHS you have tucked away. So why not go through your collections, weed some out and make room for the new?

If you are interested in becoming a Friend of the Allen Public Library ask us how at the Recycles Day event.

Supporting Our Library Staff

Periodically, we like to provide treats and meals to our wonderful library staff. The following events are coming up, and we would love to have your help pamper the people who make our library so wonderful!

November 13, 2013 Treats - finger foods with fall flavors and colors, to be served mid-afternoon

February 21, 2014 Luncheon for the staff in-service day; theme/menu to be determined

Please contact Dana Jean at dana.jean@universalleARNINGcenter.org if you’d like to provide a snack in November, or help with the luncheon in February.

Coming soon — online payment processing!

The Friends are happy to announce that we can now accept credit card payments for your membership fees, via Square card readers. This allows us to accept MC, Visa, Discover and American Express, so whatever card you prefer, we’ll take it! It is our goal to have the credit card swiper available at special events, but if you would like to pay for your annual membership (or simply make a tax deductible donation!) to the
**Bach to Books**

*Cajun Christmas*

Celebrate a Cajun Christmas with Jay B and the Zydeco Posse and at **7:30 PM, Saturday, December 14**. The evening begins with Lawson Kirby reciting the Cajun’s Night before Christmas, and then Jay B and the Zydeco Posse will deliver a high energy performance. Zydeco fuses Cajun sounds with blues and rhythm and blues for a truly American genre of folk music. Originating in southwest Louisiana in the early 1800s, musicians would pick up whatever instrument they could carry and whatever was laying around the house that would make the kind of rhythmic sound needed for dancing.

**Southern Pacific Railroad**

Dr. Don Hofsommer chronicles the 20th century history of a transportation icon, the Southern Pacific Railroad, at **3:00 PM, Saturday, November 9**, at the Allen Public Library. Author of *The Southern Pacific Railroad, 1901-1985*, Dr. Hofsommer will highlight the triumph and decline of a premiere railroad and discuss some of its popular routes—the Sunset Route and Prosperity Special.

The Southern Pacific, its predecessor Houston and Texas Central, and its successor, Union Pacific, traversed Allen from 1874-1996. Railroad tracks and the stone dam site are all that remain of an industry that gave birth to our community.

By 1900, the SPRR was becoming an industry giant and was led by railroad tycoon E. H. Harriman, who took it to preeminence among American corporations. Eight decades later, it was struggling with competition from the automobiles and motor freight carriers. Southern Pacific later merged with other railroads and is no longer an independent corporation. Keith Bryant, author of *Culture in the American Southwest* notes, “*The Southern Pacific Railroad, 1901-1985* is a definitive corporate biography that is a significant contribution to our understanding of the history of the West and Southwest.”

Specializing in the history of transportation and the American West, Dr. Hofsommer teaches at St. Cloud State University, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He has also written *Katy Northwest: The Story of a Branch Line Railroad*, and *The Quanah Route: A History of the Quanah, Acme, & Pacific Railway*.

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**Syrian Civil War**

What are the consequences of the Syrian Civil War on the international balance of power? What is the impact of a rebel victory for the USA or what happens if President Bashar Hafez al-Assad wins the Civil War? Dr. Geoffrey Wawro, professor of Military History and Director of the Military History Center at the University of North Texas, will provide insight on these and other questions relating to the Syrian Civil War at **7:30 PM, December 5**, at the Allen Public Library.

A popular lecturer on military innovation and international security in Europe, the U.S. and Canada, Dr. Wawro served as host and anchor of popular History Channel programs including *Hardcover History, History’s Business, History vs. Hollywood, Hard Target, History in Focus*, and *Global View*, and his guests included Jimmy Carter, Henry Kissinger, Robert Rubin, Casper Weinberger, Warren Christopher, Stephen Ambrose, and many other national security policy makers and scholars.

Before joining the University of North Texas, Dr. Wawro was Professor of Strategic Studies at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, RI. A Fulbright scholar, he speaks five languages. Dr. Wawro is the author of four highly regarded books: *Quicksand: America’s Pursuit of Power in the Middle East*, *The Franco-Prussian War: The German Conquest of France, 1870–1871*, *Warfare and Society in Europe, 1792-1914*, and *The Austro-Prussian War: Austria’s War with Prussia and Italy in 1866*. Dr. Wawro has published articles in *The Journal of Military History, War in History, The International History Review, The Naval War College Review, The American Scholar*, and the *European History*. 
Tuesday Night at the Movies

*In the Line of Fire*

All films begin at **7 PM on Tuesdays** and are free. Related trailers start at 6:45 PM.

**Nov. 5 - The Manchurian Candidate** (1962), starring Frank Sinatra, Laurence Harvey, Janet Leigh and Angela Lansbury. A former Korean War POW is brainwashed by Communists into becoming a political assassin. But another former prisoner may know how to save him.

**Nov. 12 - Executive Action** (1973), starring Burt Lancaster, Robert Ryan and Will Geer. Rogue intelligence agents, right-wing politicians, greedy capitalists, and free-lance assassins plot and carry out the JFK assassination in this speculative agitprop.

**Nov. 19 - JFK** (1991), directed by Oliver Stone, this thrilling film garnered two Oscars and stars Kevin Costner, Jack Lemmon and Edward Asner. A New Orleans DA discovers there’s more to the Kennedy assassination than the official story.

**Nov. 26 - In the Line of Fire** (1993), starring Clint Eastwood, John Malkovich and Rene Russo. Secret Service agent Frank Horrigan couldn’t save Kennedy, but he’s determined not to let a clever assassin take out this president.

Stay tuned for the December movie titles.

### Did You Know?

Anytime you make a cash contribution or a book donation to the Friends of the Allen Public Library, you are eligible for a tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law (verify with your CPA, of course!) The organization is a legally recognized nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. With year-end approaching, please consider making a financial contribution to help sustain the wonderful programs at the library, or drop off your gently used books for the book sale at the loading dock on Coats Drive.

If you are interested in leaving a legacy in Allen and having a long-term impact, please consider making a contribution or a bequest to the Endowment Fund of the Friends of the Allen Library in your will, trust or estate. For more information on planned giving, please contact us at allentxfriends@gmail.com.

Checks may be written to Friends of Allen Public Library, or contact us at allentxfriends@gmail.com to pay by credit card. Receipts for book donations can be requested at the info desk in the library. For more information about donating books, please visit [http://www.cityofallen.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/405](http://www.cityofallen.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/405).

### Endowment Fund

The Endowment Fund elected Amanda Boyd to another term on the Board of Managers, and appointed George Chrisman Member Emeritus.

New officers are:
- President—Joe Farmer,
- Vice-President—Worley Stein,
- Secretary/Treasurer—Eileen Tollett.

### THANKS TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS—September/October

- Aguirre, Rosa
- Baloch, Imtiaz
- Beam, Kelly
- Bernard, Kelly
- Cho, Minan
- Clements, Thresa
- Cogwell, Carmen
- Happily Ever After Travel
- Head, Renee
- Hepburn, Michelle
- Inman, Shanna
- Inman, Sharon
- Jones, Jennifer
- Lindsay, Shanna
- Martinez, Elizabeth
- Martinez, Petra
- Mathew, Joe
- McCullough, Alison
- Mishork, Evelyn
- Montano, Jessica
- Nguyen, Tuyet
- O’Bryan, Rebecca
- Pickett, Elizabeth
- Pietruszka, Jennifer
- Rupp, Amanda
- Scott, Laura
- Screen, Robin
- Stevens, Keri
- Taylor, Regina
- Thomas-Flores, Berenice
- Torres, I
- Vorderbruggen, Jason
- Walton, Stephanie
- Williams, Annette

### Library News

In 2012-2013,
- Almost 328,000 people visited the library;
- Over 45,000 people attended over 800 library programs;
- The library checked out almost 915,000 items.

The Café that opened under new management in July continues to thrive. Check them out! They have good food AND good service.

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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.