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

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 3, The Gay Divorcee - movie
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 10, Top Hat - movie
10 a.m., Saturday, September 14, Tall Tales Storytime, (at Barnes & Noble, 15th St., Plano),
7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 14, Allen Folk Festival/Kickoff ALLen Reads 2013-14
noon-5 p.m., Sunday, September 15, "International Dot Day" Celebration (at B&N)
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept 18, Jr. Friends Kickoff 2013
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 17, Swing Time - movie
7:30 p.m., Friday, September 20, Viva Mariachi
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 24, Shall We Dance - movie
7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 26, Sid Gutierrez, Astronaut
7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 2, The Great Hanging
7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 10, Roberta Shore, Actress
7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, Spanish Flu

NOTE: Blue events are at Barnes and Noble, 15th St. Plano
Stay tuned for October movie titles and other updates at http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506&thisMonth=10&thisYear=2013

Hello Friends Members,

Summer is over and the kids are back in school but the library continues to be a very busy place. We have so many interesting programs planned for the coming months—look inside to see all the details. We will be kicking off the ALLen Reads program on September 14th; you do not want to miss it.

The Friends were happy to help sponsor the Summer Reading Programs, many of the movies and events held in the auditorium and help fund the teen volunteer end of summer party. The funds for these items and many more come from our membership dues and our used book sales. Please consider making a tax deductible donation to the Friends, donate some used books, magazines or movies and most importantly tell your friends about the Friends and bring them to a program or two!

We are currently considering several fundraising ideas. If you or someone you know would be interested in helping with this or with any of our programs and committees, we would love to have you join us. Please feel free to contact me or any of the board members for more information and we will happily tell you how to become more involved. There is nothing better than being able to say you are a Friend.

As always, I hope to see you at the Library!

Susan Jackson

For information and updates on schedules go to our website: www.allenfriends.org, or join us on the Friends of the Library Facebook page—https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheallenpubliclibrary
**Bach to Books**

**Viva Mariachi**

Creating an atmosphere to stir the passions, the award-winning ensemble Mariachi Quetzal performs 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 20, at the library. In just a short time, Mariachi Quetzal has made a major impact on the North Texas music scene, performing and conducting student camps and teaching the art of mariachi across North Texas.

For their Allen Library debut, Mariachi Quetzal will perform arrangements from across different regions of the Southwest and Mexico.

In 2011, the *Dallas Observer* designated Mariachi Quetzal as the Best Latin-Tejano Act in Dallas. Dedicated to entertaining audiences with traditional mariachi music, as well as a little bit of not-so-traditional music, the band members met while studying at the University of North Texas College of Music.

Hispanic and non-Hispanic fans embrace mariachi music as the happy music of the world. The nostalgia and history expressed through the mariachi tunes bring delight and pride to all listeners. Today, it is enjoyed across the world and by countless ethnicities.

This nine-piece band is comprised of a diverse group of individuals—men, women, Anglo and Hispanic—who share a love for performing mariachi music. They have played with the Irving Symphony Orchestra, Mesquite Symphony Orchestra, Fort Worth Music Fest and Dallas Wind Symphony.

Mariachi Quetzal band leader Sarah Knuth notes, “Mariachi music captivates audiences with its passion, its energy and its complex rhythmic patterns. We love the challenge of playing the music and sharing it with audiences of all ages.”

Also sponsored by Allen High School LULAC.

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**Allen Folk Festival**

Join us for Allen Public Library’s Folk Festival at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 14. The program will feature two exciting programs—from the Ozarks, 3 Penny Acre will entertain you with the best of folk and roots music; and local residents Kevin Vaught, Michael Carroll and Dennis Brown will perform selections of early Texas folk music. This program is also the kickoff for ALLen Reads 2013-14—see article on page 3.

The group, 3 Penny Acre, is a musical collaboration between three songwriters—Bayard Blain, Bernice Hembree and Bryan Hembree. Their lyrics, harmony and carefully crafted acoustic arrangements are steeped in roots music traditions, but incorporate original songwriting. Released in the summer of 2010, their album, Highway 71, debuted on the folk radio charts at number three. This group has performed at the most revered folk festivals across the nation such as Kerrville Folk Festival, Woody Guthrie Folk Festival, St. Louis Folk and Roots Festival; and have also showcased their music at the Madison Square Park Concert Series. In 2011, 3 Penny Acre provided the music for a new play funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), “Sundown Town”.

The band also hosts the annual Fayetteville Roots Festival in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The festival has grown rapidly over the last three years and the band has had the opportunity to present some of their “heroes” of music including Guy Clark, John Prine, David Grisman and Darrell Scott.

With Kevin Vaught on guitar, Michael Carroll on mandolin and Dennis Brown on piano, guests will enjoy this early Texas folk music as the group offers up a toe-tapping good time. Kevin is a regular guest for Like Minded Friends and coffee houses around Allen. Michael is a composer who has crafted jazz arrangements for classical music and Dennis is the organist for the Church of the Savior Episcopal Church in Allen.

Some Texas folk songs can be traced back to England but evolved as they were performed on the Texas frontier.
Book Selections 2013

Our main book this year is Big Fish by Daniel Wallace. It’s a series of “tall tales” woven by a father to share his life with his son – a son who just wants to hear what’s really real and get to know his father, not listen to another story. As the father is dying, we get to see how this relationship grows and how the son comes to appreciate his father in the end. It was made into a wonderful movie, starring Ewan McGregor, Jessica Lange & Albert Finney. After being re-written as a musical, it opens this month on Broadway – we’re hoping it’s a great success! Daniel Wallace is scheduled to visit Allen in March. Themes include parent/child relationships, life/journey, stories families tell, and tall tales.

Our book for 4th – 8th graders is The Chronicles of Harris Burdick. Author/illustrator Chris Van Allsburg says he “found” these pictures and their accompanying titles and cryptic summaries created by the mysterious Harris Burdick left in a closet – and even in interviews has not recanted. But the art bears a striking resemblance to his own… What’s unique is that he recruited other authors to write to this art, so we get to thrill to stories by Stephen King, Kate DiCamillo, Chris Van Allsburg himself, and eleven other talented writers.

For our preschool – 3rd graders, we have a Cajun tall tale: Feliciana Feydra LeRoux, by Tynia Thomassie, illustrated by Cat Bowman Smith. Everyone will enjoy the humor and be excited to share the adventures of this little girl – and enjoy learning a few Cajun words and phrases along the way. Tynia Thomassie will be speaking at the Allen library in January!

Books have been purchased for the library to borrow and share, and, thanks to a grant from the Foundation for Allen Schools, there are ALLen Reads books at all the school libraries as well.

ALLen Reads Kick-Off Lasts a Whole Week!

ALLen Reads starts this year with music and energy at the Allen Folk Festival (see more about the Festival on page 2 in this newsletter), 7:30 PM, Saturday, September 14, in the Library auditorium. ALLen Reads books will be available for purchase that evening at the library – and all week long at Barnes & Noble on 15th St. in Plano, and at http://barnesandnoble.com.

You can support the Friends and ALLen Reads by buying your books online between 9/14-9/27 or at the store between 9/14-9/22! If you use this ID # —11166832— 10% of your purchase price on anything you buy will be given back to ALLen Reads. So, please, buy your ALLen Reads books, your school needs, and even birthday and holiday gifts during ALLen Reads' Book Fair week.

There are going to be some fun activities for you to participate in during this Book Fair week—see next column!

Kickoff Week Activities

Saturday, September 14, 10 AM at Barnes & Noble (15th St., Plano), TALL TALES STORYTIME.

Saturday, September 14, 7:30 PM at the Allen Public Library, Kick-off for ALLen Reads at the ALLEN FOLK FESTIVAL (see full article, page 2).

Sunday, September 15, noon-5 PM at Barnes & Noble (15th St., Plano)

INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY CELEBRATION, featuring Peter Reynolds' creative trilogy and our ALLen Reads books

♦ draw/write your own "DOT" story and have it displayed at the Allen Public Library,
♦ story times at noon, 1,2,3,4, and 5,
♦ wear dots and get a special treat!

Saturday, September 21, 10 and 11 AM at Barnes & Noble (15th St., Plano)

♦ 10 AM - ALLIGATOR STORY TIME, featuring Feliciana Feydra LeRoux; Lyle, Lyle Crocodile; and more
♦ 11 AM—Curious George Curiosity Day

Save these dates -- and remember to use this number for your purchases! 11166832

(If you're an educator, go to http://www.barnesandnoble.com/bn-at-school/educator.asp to learn about B&N's 20% educator discount. This will not affect the 10% donation, so be sure to take advantage of the additional savings YOU can have, too!)
Sid Gutierrez

Sidney M. Gutierrez, the first Hispanic astronaut to command a space ship and the first U. S.-born Hispanic astronaut, discusses his exciting career at **7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 26.**

Gutierrez became an astronaut in June, 1985. A veteran of two space flights, he logged over 488 hours in space. He served as pilot on the Space Shuttle Columbia STS-40 and was the spacecraft commander on Endeavor STS-59.

STS-40 was a dedicated space and life sciences mission, launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, on June 5, 1991. The crew performed experiments that explored how humans, animals and cells interface with microgravity and re-adapt to Earth's gravity. Other payloads included experiments designed to investigate materials science, plant biology and cosmic radiation. Following 146 orbits of the Earth, Columbia returned to Edwards Air Force Base, California, on June 14, 1991.

STS-59 Space Radar Laboratory was an 11-day flight dedicated to the study of the Earth and its atmosphere. The two primary payloads were the Spaceborne Imaging Radar C/X-Band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SIR-C/X-SAR), and Measurement of Air Pollution from Space (MAPS). The crew completed over 400 precise maneuvers (a Shuttle record) to properly orient the radar to over 400 selected sites that facilitated the completion of 14,000 photographs (a Shuttle record) and recorded enough data to fill 26,000 encyclopedias. Ecology, oceanography, geology and hydrology were the topics of investigation. Launching on April 9, 1994, from the Kennedy Space Center, the Endeavour completed 183 orbits of the Earth before landing on April 20, 1994.

In September 1994, Gutierrez retired from the U.S. Air Force and NASA, returned to his native home of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and joined Sandia National Laboratories. Gutierrez serves on the Board of Directors of the Texas-New Mexico Power Company and Goodwill Industries of New Mexico.

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**Bach to Books**

Robert Shaw

Gather your friends, pile in your ’55 Chevy with the big fins, and take a ride back to 1950’s-60’s Hollywood. Actress Roberta Shore makes a rare appearance at the Allen Public Library at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 10,** to share stories about film legends such as Annette Funicello and Walt Disney.

Remembered by many as the energetic and bubbly brunette teen actress with the cute bangs, Miss Shore still exudes that same dynamism in real life.

At the age of 10, Miss Shore began her acting career when Tex William invited her to join his weekly TV show filmed at Knotts Berry Farm. She accompanied him on his popular country song “Smoke That Cigarette” that carried a subtle but satirical anti-smoking message. She subsequently joined The Pinky Lee Show (1954), NBC’s number one-rated children’s daily television program at the time.

She then caught the attention of the iconic legend Walt Disney and appeared on 15 episodes of Annette Funicello’s miniseries "Annette" that aired in 1958 on The Mickey Mouse Club. Miss Shore played against type as a nasty and snooty rich girl and also sang a couple of songs.

Playing the part of Francesca Andrassy in the movie The Shaggy Dog (1959), Miss Shore starred with Fred MacMurray and Annette Funicello. Other film credits include Blue Denim and A Summer Place. She spent a month in London for filming her role of Lorna in Stanley Kubrick’s Lolita. Miss Shore starred with future first lady and President, Nancy Davis and Ronald Reagan, in a Zane Grey Theatre episode, The Long Shadow.

In addition to appearances on The Jack Benny Program, The Bob Hope Show, Playhouse 90, Maverick, The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis, and Lawrence Welk, Miss Shore was in multiple episodes of The Donna Reed Show, The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet, The Bob Cummings Show, and Father Knows Best.

On TV’s The Virginian, Miss Shore starred as Betsy Garth, the daughter of Shiloh Ranch owner Judge Garth played by Lee Cobb.

All Bach to Books performances are sponsored by the Friends of the Allen Public Library and the City of Allen. Sometimes others participate in sponsoring, and are noted accordingly. All Bach to Books presentations are free and open to the public, and most are available on Channel 16 and on youtube. For more information about any Bach to Books performances, please call 214-509-4911.


**Bach to Books**

**Spanish Flu**

In 1918, the Spanish flu killed 50 to 100 million people, 3-5% of the world’s population. The Spanish flu did not discriminate according to age, gender or income. Like a tornado, it appeared with accelerated speed, devastated communities and disappeared as rapidly as it arrived. When walking through old cemeteries, it is evident that the number of tombstones with 1918 death dates is disproportionately high. Learn more about the evolutionary history of the Spanish flu with geneticist Peggy Redshaw at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 24, at the library. Dr. Redshaw notes, “The question is not whether a similar pandemic will recur but when?”

Historian Alfred Crosby calls the 1918 Spanish Flu a “forgotten pandemic.” Is the flu a forgotten story in your families? Or were there members of your family or community who were impacted by this illness? This presentation will show how a small town responded when the flu struck in the midst of WWI. To gain insight and understanding of how the 20,000 residents of Sherman, Texas responded to this flu outbreak, both newspaper accounts and funeral home records from October 1918 will be presented.

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**The Great Hanging**

Learn about The Great Hanging at Gainesville with Dr. Richard McCaslin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 2, at the library. History is replete with tragic events that should have never occurred. Learning about them will hopefully deter the repeat of another dismal story.

Unlike most of Texas, counties along the Red River, including Collin, voted against secession. The influence of the slave economy was not as strong in this region as other areas. Acrimony between pro-Union and pro-Confederate forces was rampant; Texan against Texan hostilities were more venomous than Northerner against Southerner.

In the late 1850s, the famous Butterfield Overland Stage completed its route from St. Louis through Gainesville to California, which encouraged immigrants to relocate to Gainesville from the Midwest. By the onset of the Civil War, slave owners constituted less than 10% of Gainesville’s population. Slave owners were paranoid about the prospects of Pro-Unionists conspiring with the Kansas Jayhawkers and other abolitionist groups. The editor of the Sherman Patriot newspaper called for the secession of North Texas from Texas itself as a free state!

During the fall of 1862, more than 40 men, most guilty of nothing more than not reporting for the draft, would hang or be shot in an atrocity that remains one of the largest cases of vigilante justice in American history. After Texas joined the Confederacy in 1861, enthusiasm was evident in the parades and newspaper editorials, but in 1862, the unpopular draft and the grim reality of war were disillusioning to many Texans, and with large contingents of men in the Confederate army, political organization in the frontier state was extremely fragile.

Dr. Richard B. McCaslin is Professor of History and Chairperson of the History Department at the University of North Texas and is author of *A Distant Thunder: The Civil War in the Trans-Mississippi and Fighting Stock: John S. "Rip" Ford of Texas* (The Texas Biography Series). *Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas* was the topic of Dr. McCaslin’s dissertation at the University of Texas.

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**Allen Library—the Place To Beat the Summer Heat!**

Our library usage continues to increase. Over 100,000 items were checked out in July! Just a few more “fun facts”:

**Program Attendance:**
- 7,500 people attended library programs in June
- 7,400 people attended programs in July,

**Summer Reading Club registration**
- 3,482 children (up 14% from last year),
- 514 teens (up 19%),
- 388 adults (up 48%),
- Total reading for all who finished their summer reading logs was 4,878 hours and 23,061 books.
**Friends of All Ages**

**Junior Friends 2013 Kickoff**

We are excited to kick off the Jr. Friends program on **Wednesday, Sept 18 at 5:30 p.m.** We hope to build a program this year centered around our Children’s Library with fun projects and community service focused on reading and education.

The Jr. Friends program is to give 4th-6th graders/ages 10-12 some fabulous opportunities to really get involved and give back to their community.

Join us to kick off 2013-2014 Jr Friends! The cost to join is $5.00 per year. For more information, feel free to call Lisa Wilmes at 817-791-3642 or email her at ellepea71@gmail.com. We look forward to working with our young Friends in SEPTEMBER!!!

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**Endowment Fund Meets and Exceeds Challenge!**

Time was of the essence when the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund Board of Managers recently received a $1,600 matching gift challenge; $1 would be donated for each dollar raised up to that amount. And it had to be raised in five weeks!

Through the generous donations of interested individuals, Board Members, and Library program attendees, the challenge was met within only four weeks! During the remaining week, additional funds were received, bringing the total amount raised, including the matching gift, to $3,905. Thanks to all who donated.

The Endowment Fund raises and manages money to ensure the long-term excellence of the Allen Public Library. Donations are tax deductible and are always welcome.

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**Endowment Fund Seeking Board Managers**

The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund Board of Managers is seeking members to fill three-year terms. Any Friend, other than Friends Board of Directors members, may apply for a position by sending a brief personal bio to eileentollett@att.net for forwarding to the Appointment Advisory Committee. What a wonderful way to participate in the long-term excellence of our library.

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**VolunTeens End of Summer Party**

The Allen Public Library honored their summer VolunTeens with an End of Summer party on August 16. They enjoyed pizza, cupcakes, snacks and drinks; funding for which was provided for by the Friends of the Library.

The teens then embarked on a photographic scavenger hunt — searching for hidden objects in the library, working together to create hilarious solutions to clues, and posing with their fellow teens for funny pictures. Some of the pictures they took included teens doing the YMCA and seeing how many people they could fit in the children’s restroom at once.

They all had a fabulous time and told us they can’t wait to volunteer next summer. Thanks, Summer 2013 VolunTeens—we couldn’t do all that we do without you!

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**End the Clutter!**

Time to go through those bookshelves full of summer reading and clean them out, right?

The Friends Ongoing Book Sale is the Friends’ biggest fundraiser. And those funds go to special programs and services that the library might not otherwise be able to provide.

We really need gently used cookbooks, crafts books and children’s books. Lately we have seen a big interest in these items. And of course, current fiction and nonfiction are always needed.

And while you’re there, pick up a couple of new books for yourself! Help us fund programs, while getting good books to read.

Don’t forget to ask the librarian for your tax receipt!
Tuesday Night at the Movies

Fred and Ginger

All films begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and are free.

**September 3, The Gay Divorcee** (1934), starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Betty Grable. Mimi Glossop seeks a divorce so her Aunt Hortense hires a professional to play the correspondent in apparent infidelity. American dancer Guy Holden meets Mimi while visiting Brightbourne (Brighton) and she thinks he is the correspondent. The plot is devised as an excuse for outstanding song and dance. The film garnered three Academy nominations and the first Oscar for Best Song: "The Continental".

**September 10, Top Hat** (1935), starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, an American dancer travels to Britain and falls for a model whom he initially annoyed, but she mistakes him for his goofy producer.

**September 17, Swing Time** (1936), starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Betty Furness, a performer and gambler travels to New York City to raise the $25,000 he needs to marry his fiancée, only to become entangled with a beautiful aspiring dancer. Receiving a nomination for Best Dance direction, this film won an Oscar for Best Music, Original Song.

**September 24, Shall We Dance** (1937), starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, a budding romance between a ballet master and a tapdancer becomes complicated when rumors surface that they're already married.

Stay tuned for the October movie titles and other updates on the Allen library interactive calendar at [http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506&thisMonth=10&thisYear=2013](http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506&thisMonth=10&thisYear=2013).

If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”  *Albert Einstein.*

If you think you’re too small to make a difference, you haven’t spent a night with a mosquito.  *–African proverb*

Thanks to New and Renewing Members—July/August

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