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

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 1.  *Walt Disney’s 101 Dalmations*

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 8.  *In Search of the Castaways*

7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11.  Miss Devon and Outlaw Jessie Del, opened by Mikki Daniel and Hailey Sandoz

7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 12.  Guárpófono Brass Ensemble from Colombia

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.  *The Sword in the Stone*

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 22.  *The Fox and the Hound*

7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24.  *Death Watch Beetle* author David Huntley

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29.  *Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey*

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5.  *Batman: Mask of the Phantasm*

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 12.  *Batman*

7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 14.  Hidden Treasure of Texas (bouquet agates) collector Brad Tanas.

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 19.  *The Batman Superman Movie: World’s Finest*

7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 24.  *Throwing Hard Easy: Reflections on a Life in Baseball* author C. Paul Rogers III

7:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 26.  *Batman: The Dark Knight*

August 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 @ 7 p.m. and August 17, 24, 30, 31 @ 2 p.m.  Allen Community Theatre production of *Feliciana Feydra LeRoux* at A.C.T. (see p. 5).

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**Hello Friends Members,**

I hope you have had a good start to your summer.  I have been busy enjoying all the wonderful things our library and community have to offer.

Please take a few minutes to read further to find out what we have planned for the next two months.  Also note that we are now accepting donations in honor of two beloved women who passed away this year.  They both gave so much of their time and talents to the library and we want to honor them in a meaningful way.  As always, all donations made to The Friends are tax deductible.  We also now have an on-line option for donations and membership fees.  Just go to our website and click on the donate now or join now buttons!

In the pages of the newsletter are some descriptions of volunteer positions.  Most of them take very little time, but could help our group in a very big way.  Please consider volunteering a bit of your time to help us continue to provide all of our FREE, fun and fabulous programs.

As you try to stay cool this summer, drop by the library, it is nice and cool inside, and pick up a book, attend a program and join one of the summer reading programs to earn some great prizes.

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

* Susan Jackson
Miss Devon and Outlaw Jessie Del

Saddle up for an evening of the best of western swing when Miss Devon and Outlaw Jessie Del liven up the Allen Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 11. The current Western Music Association “Duo/Group of the Year,” the two are also two-time winners of the Western Music Association’s Harmony Duo competition. Mikki Daniel and Hailey Sandoz will open the evening’s entertainment.

Miss Devon holds a Grammy certificate for her participation as the singing, yodeling voice of Jessie on the Walt Disney CD Woody’s Roundup, featuring Riders in the Sky, inspired by the characters of Toy Story 2. She has performed all across the U.S., including at the renowned Grand Old Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, Pixar Studios in Emeryville, California, and Bass Hall in Ft. Worth with Riders In the Sky and Michael Martin Murphy.

It’s been said that when Outlaw Jessie Dell joins Miss Devon on the stage, “things get more fun than puttin’ socks on a rooster.” Miss Devon explains that Jessie got his name because "It's plumb illegal what he does with Milk Cow Blues!" Jessie’s fine tenor-to-baritone vocals added to some swingy saxophone rides and combined with his ability to assume over a dozen different personalities and a little sleight of hand, provides entertaining comic relief.

Accompanying Jessie and Miss Devon are Ricky Boen and Chuckwagon Chuck. A Texas swing fiddler, Ricky has been a member of the Sons of the Pioneers at Shepherd of the Hills in Branson, Missouri, for 11 years. Despite his shy onstage appeal and simple style, Chuckwagon Chuck coaxes his campfire harmonica to provide the perfect complement to Miss Devon and the Outlaw's swingy style.

A true Texas cowgirl, Mikki Daniel has lived all her life on a small ranch northeast of Fort Worth. This singer-songwriter has delighted audiences at the Cowtown Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, including at the renowned Grand Old Opry in Nashville, Tennessee, Pixar Studios in Emeryville, California, and Bass Hall in Ft. Worth with Riders In the Sky and Michael Martin Murphy.

Hailey Sandoz is a regular at the North Texas Irish Festival and the Texas Scottish Festival and joined Nickelville Road for the Wylie Jubilee Bluegrass on Ballard. In 2012, Hailey was featured on CBS Channel 11 for her amazing ability to play the fiddle while dancing, a feat that few can accomplish.

Death Watch Beetle

Traumatized by starvation and the encroachment of Soviet troops in the east, postwar Europe was in crisis. Allen resident David Huntley will discuss his novel Death Watch Beetle, a historical post-WWII spy thriller with this grim scenario as the backdrop, at the Allen Public Library at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 24.

The plot, taking place during the 1954-55 Cold War, concerns a local man in England caught up in intrigue involving the U.S. Air Force, CIA, MI6 British Intelligence, the ex-Polish Free Army, Russian agents, and mystery Nazi super weapons. The novel is based upon historical events as well as first person observations.

A survivor of the London blitz, Mr. Huntly's wife Sophie endured the Nazi occupation of France. He has dedicated the book to surviving WWII veterans who fought to save Europe, many named in the last pages of the book. A French Association honored two of the veterans at the 70th Anniversary of the Normandy Invasion in June 2014. Death Watch Beetle was credited for the organization’s discovery of these veterans in time for the ceremony.

“David Huntley's novel Death Watch Beetle is an engaging, factually accurate story that drops you deep into the world of espionage and intrigue. If you love fast-paced thrillers, get this book, sit down, and be prepared not to do anything else until the last page is turned,” declares Mike Baker, former CIA operations officer and contributor to Fox News on security topics.

The book will be available for purchase at the end of the program (cash or credit card), and David will sign each purchased copy. David donates $1.00 for every book sold at designated book signing events to the Daughters of WW2, a charity that sponsors WWII veterans to return to Normandy.
Guarzófono Brass Ensemble will perform at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 12, at the Allen Public Library. A renowned band from Colombia, Guarzófono focuses on the unpublished music from Colombian folklore. Celebrating 200 hundred years of Colombian independence, Guarzófono is touring the United States.

Guarzófono is the winner of the Creative Talent in Antioquia award (“Talento Creativo de Antioquia”) for their project “Musical Journey through Wind” (“Recorrido musical a través del viento”) that features traditional music from Colombia. Their music focuses on the production of unpublished music from Colombian folklore, composing and creating a unique repertoire, and playing concerts to encourage the audience to appreciate traditional music blended with their own style, brand and outstanding choreography.

Guarzófono Brass Ensemble is comprised of the following members:

- Diego Alejandro Florez Grajales, Trumpet performance major at the University of Antioquia, Member of El Retiro Symphonic Band and the University of Antioquia Student Symphonic Band.
- Cristian Camilo López González, Trumpet performance major at the University of Antioquia, Member of the Antioquia Symphony and the University of Antioquia Student Symphonic Band.
- David Castañeda Villegas, Member of El Retiro Symphonic Band and former musician of the province of Antioquia Wind Symphony.
- Nelson Rojas, Wind Band conductor, member of El Retiro Symphonic Band and former musician of the province of Antioquia Wind Symphony.
- Raúl Rendón Rivera, Trombone performance major in the University of Antioquia, member of El Retiro Symphonic Band and the University of Antioquia Student Symphonic Band.
- Juan Mejía Villegas, Member of El Retiro Symphonic Band, dance instructor and director of the Colombian Folklore in the municipality of El Retiro.
- Edison Mejía, Member of El Retiro Symphonic Band and percussionist of several folklore groups in Antioquia.

This is also sponsored by Colombia’s Institute of Culture and Patrimony of Antioquia (Instituto de Cultura y Patrimonio de Antioquia).

Hidden Treasure of Texas

Living around the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, one might never know that not far from here rock lovers can discover Texas' beautiful agates from its volcanic past.

During normal business hours in the month of August, Allen Public Library will present Hidden Treasure of Texas, the bouquet agate collection of Brad Tanas, in the library’s gallery. It is an educational display, showing where these unique specimens are located, how they were formed, and the techniques to identify, cut and polish into present day jewelry pieces. Guests can view approximately 100 specimens of bouquet agate.

On Thursday, August 14 at 7:30 p.m., Brad Tanas will present a slide show and discuss his collection and its origins.

Rough materials are enhanced by cutting and polishing into slabs and can result in quality pieces of jewelry. “I hope this exhibit increases awareness and knowledge of geology and related earth sciences and a higher appreciation for the lapidary arts,” Brad states. “Inspired youth of today may be our geo-scientists of tomorrow.”

In 1998, Brad began “rockhounding” as a family activity. During camping adventures, his family began collecting geological specimens. Brad recalls, “We joined our first lapidary club and attended their many field trips, pot luck dinners, and made many new friends. This is a perfect extension of our family camping adventures, looking for interesting rocks and taking pictures across the western states.” In 2004, Brad’s family moved to Texas and joined the Dallas Gem and Mineral Society. Brad emphasizes that the best part of belonging to a local club is the members who can help identify a rock as well as offer a wealth of knowledge, patience and the hands-on training classes with club equipment.

All Bach to Books performances are sponsored by the Friends of the Allen Public Library and the City of Allen. 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.
Baseball’s Robin Roberts

The top right-hander in the National League from 1950-1955, baseball legend Robin Roberts garnered the respect of baseball players and fans. When he entered the pitcher’s mound, he was a consummate professional who could pitch and simultaneously develop a well-conceived strategy.

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 24, the Allen Public Library hosts author C. Paul Rogers III to discuss his book *Throwing Hard Easy: Reflections on a Life in Baseball*, also written by Robin Roberts, with a forward by Stan Musial and James Roberts. Time magazine's Dick Seamon wrote of Roberts in 1956: "... But better than any of them now on the mound, Robin Roberts can put the ball where he wants. There is one precious-diamond word for him—control." Roberts recorded 305 complete games in his career. In 1950, Roberts became the first 20-game winner for the Phillies since Grover Cleveland Alexander had set this record in 1917. In 1958, Roberts won his 191st game for the Phillies, exceeding the club record held by Alexander. In 1976, Roberts became the first Phillie ballplayer elected to the Hall of Fame since Alexander. Rogers declares, “With a seemingly effortless motion, pinpoint control, a blazing, dancing fastball, and an unequaled competitive spirit, Robin Roberts enjoyed one of the most celebrated careers in baseball history. From 1950 thru 1955, Roberts was the dominant pitcher in the National League, winning 20 or more games and logging 300 or more innings each year, on his way to an 18 year major league career.”


Library Programs Update

Our famous Texas heat has not yet materialized (although we know it will), but the Library is hotter than ever this summer! It’s nearly the end of June, and sign-ups for our Summer Reading Programs are well ahead of last year’s. So far, 4600 children have signed up, a 32% increase from all summer last year; 400 teens, a 78% increase from all of last summer; and 600 adults, 54% more than last summer.

For additional convenience, parents can sign up at the same time and place as their children. The Summer Reading Clubs end on August 3. To learn more, visit [www.allenlibrary.org](http://www.allenlibrary.org), and then select Adults, Children, or Teens from the blue menu on the left then Summer Reading.

In June, Library patrons checked out approximately 102,000 items, a 10% increase over June 2013. The Library hosted 56,000 visitors, a 49% increase from last June. Among those visitors, about 10,000 attended programs, a 75% increase in program attendance from last year. To find out about upcoming programs, visit [www.engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506](http://www.engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7506).

Our colleagues at Parks and Recreation do a wonderful job with the Summer Sounds Series. This year, Amy and Rebecca from the Library were there for three of the Monday night programs to meet and greet many of you in person, hand out Library program calendars, and sign you up for Summer Reading Club. We appreciate everyone who dropped by and said hello.

To illustrate the value of the Library and the Friends’ support, a couple emailed to tell us how much they enjoyed our Cheryl Rogers program:

“My husband and I had a wonderful time at the Roy Rogers/Dale Evans program. I am so glad that you advertise these events in the Dallas Morning News. We live in Corsicana and get my mother’s paper when she’s finished.

“We were in Dallas ... and just looking for a few things to do—went to the 6th Floor Museum which we had never been to before, attended a Southwest Airlines stockholders meeting, saw a movie, and had a wonderful time visiting with a friend who lives in Allen.

“We enjoyed every aspect of the Cheryl Rogers program... We don't get to hear the old Western swing much anymore. Keep up the good work of bringing great programs to the Dallas area.”

Whether you’re one of our neighbors in Allen or from Corsicana or beyond, we’d love to see you this summer. Come by and stay awhile!
Allen Community Theatre presents Feliciana Feydra LeRoux

Feliciana Feydra LeRoux lives in the heart of Cajun country with her large family, including her grandfather, Grampa Baby, who spoils her rotten. But he doesn't let her go alligator hunting with him and her brothers, although she begs and pleads. So one night Feliciana takes matters into her own hands, sneaks out after the boys in a pirogue, and gets more than she bargained for!

Performance dates: August 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 @ 7 p.m. and August 17, 24, 30, 31 @ 2 p.m.

Ongoing Book Sale Chair

Alison McCullough has been filling the role of the Ongoing Book Sale Chairman for several months now, and she is doing a great job! Alison has lived in Allen for seven years, has been married to Steve Smith for eighteen years, and has twin boys 14 years old.

When not sorting and shelving books, Alison spends her free time doing embroidery, gardening, tennis, racquetball, and of course volunteering to support the community. We feel very lucky to have her managing the Ongoing Book Sale, our biggest fundraiser outside of memberships.

Alison says she enjoys volunteering with the FAPL; and she knows that her time is put to good use to help bring quality programs to our community through Allen Public Library. Next time you are at the library, be sure to check out the books for sale and bring your gently used books to donate too!!
Friends Website Offers Onsite Payment Options

The Friends website can now accept membership donations and other charges/donation on the website. Just go to www.allenfriends.com and click on the “Join” button to join the Friends or renew your membership. Thanks for being a Friend!

Memorial Gift

In our last newsletter, we mourned the passing of two special people from our library. At this time, we want to share two ways you can help to keep their memory alive.

In memory of Cindy Robinson—who loved the children and dressed up, read stories, acted in puppet shows, and more—the Friends will provide funding for new resources in the children’s area—specifically, the puppet theatre. The goal for this memorial gift is $1,000, which should provide for a new puppet theater, new puppets and other resources to enhance this very popular program. The Friends will place a plaque in memory of Cindy in the area near the puppet theatre.

In memory of Tami Burich—who mentored young people and treasured education—the Friends would like to create a new scholarship for a senior graduating from Allen High School in 2015. The criteria for this scholarship will include that the student has been involved in meaningful volunteer activities during their high school career. The scholarship, named the Tami Burich Memorial Scholarship, will be in the amount of $1,000. A plaque commemorating the scholarship will be placed inside the Friends of the Library display at the library.

If you wish to make a contribution for either or both of these memorials, please send your donation payable to Friends of the Allen Public Library (with a notation that it is in memory of Tami and/or Cindy), c/o Allen Public Library. If you prefer an online donation go to our website, click the “Memorial Gift” button and be sure to note that it is a memorial gift, and for whom.

First Annual Allen Book Festival
November 15, 2014

Mark your calendars! The Friends are pleased to announce that we will be sponsoring the first Allen Book Festival, to be held at the library on November 15th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. We encourage all to come and browse the selections, talk to authors, and purchase books. They make great holiday gifts! Any current member of the Friends of the Allen Public Library who attends the event will have his/her name entered into drawings to win copies of certain books from the event as well as wonderful gift baskets packed full of fun stuff! Some special winners will receive free “fine waiver” cards too! Current Friends membership required.

There will be a “juried selection” process to determine which authors will be invited, and we hope to showcase 20-25 authors. If you would like to be included in the reading jury, let us know. We will read August 15th to September 15th to announce the selected authors by October 1st. We would be thrilled to have you help us select!

If you know any local authors, please send them our way so they can apply to be a featured author.

If your local business would like to sponsor this event, let us know. Our events are always free to the public, so sponsorships are a big help!

Contact us at allenbookfestival@gmail.com for more information about how you can participate in this exciting new event.

INVITATION TO APPLY

WHO: Texas Authors (especially from the DFW area).
WHAT: First Annual Allen Book Festival.
WHEN: Applications and one book (for review) due by August 15th; Invitations announced by October 1st.
WHERE: Drop off or mail applications and a copy of the book to the Allen Public Library marked: Friends of Allen Public Library, Attn: Allen Book Festival. Or, email them to us at allenbookfestival@gmail.com.
WHY: To showcase our local authors and show pride in our community!
FEE: $30 to be paid within 10 days of receiving invitation to participate. The fee includes a complimentary basic level membership in Friends of the Allen Public Library.

“People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they’re not on your road doesn’t mean they’ve gotten lost.”

The Dalai Lama
All movies are free and start at 7:00 PM on Tuesday nights.

July Films

Literary Elements

July 1, Walt Disney’s 101 Dalmatians (1961), based on the book by Dodie Smith. When a litter of Dalmatian puppies are abducted by the minions of Cruella De Vil, the parents must find them before she uses them for a diabolical fashion statement. With Betty Lou Gerson as the voice for Cruella da Vil and Rod Taylor as Pongo, discover the communication systems that connect other animals have developed.

July 8, In Search of the Castaways (1962) - based on the book In Search of the Castaways by Jules Verne. Starring Hayley Mills, Maurice Chevalier, and George Sanders. An earthquake, a flash flood, an avalanche, a volcano, alligators, jaguars, mutineers, and man-eating Maoris follow a shipping company owner, a scientist, and the two children of a lost sea captain as they circle the earth along the 37th parallel.

July 15, The Sword in the Stone (1963). Based upon the book by T.H. White, the wizard Merlin teaches a young boy who is destined to be King Arthur. The songs in the film were written and composed by the Sherman Brothers, who later wrote music for other Disney films like Mary Poppins.

July 22, The Fox and the Hound, (1981), Based upon the book by Daniel P. Mannix, Two childhood friends find themselves forced to become enemies. The iconic voices of Mickey Rooney, Pearl Bailey, Sandy Duncan and Pat Buttram augment this film classic.


August Films

Celebrate Batman’s 75th anniversary at the Library. During August, don’t miss the Batman artifacts and collectibles in the library’s gallery.

August 5, Batman: Mask of the Phantasm (1993, 76 min.) (PG) Batman is wrongly implicated in a series of murders of mob bosses actually done by a new vigilante assassin.

August 12, Batman (1989, 126 min.) (PG-13) An Oscar winning film that stars Michael Keaton, Jack Nicholson, and Kim Basinger. The Dark Knight of Gotham City begins his war on crime with his first major enemy being the clownishly homicidal Joker.

August 19, The Batman Superman Movie: World’s Finest (1997, 74 min.) (TV PG) Joker goes to Metropolis with an offer and plan to kill Superman for Lex Luthor while Batman pursues the clown to Superman’s turf.

August 26, Batman: The Dark Knight (2008, 152 min.) (PG-13) A film that garnered two Oscars, starring Christian Bale, Heath Ledger and Aaron Eckhart, when Batman, Gordon and Harvey Dent launch an assault on the mob, they let the clown out of the box, the Joker, bent on turning Gotham on itself and bringing any heroes down to his level.
Volunteers are always needed to help with friends programs. We are particularly looking for the following volunteers:

♦ **Ongoing Book Sale.** If you like just being around books and enjoy sifting through various titles—for a good cause I might add—come join us! It only takes about an hour a week, although of course you can spend more time if you like! There will be other opportunities during the year to help out, such as The Great American Clean Up in April and Allen Recycles Day in November. Both of these events qualify for Community Hours for school and community programs so bring the kids along. Proceeds from The Friends Ongoing Book Sale supports entertaining and educational programs at the Allen Public Library. Contact Alison McCullough at alisonswm@gmail.com. She will be happy to give you a tour and fill you in.

♦ **Membership committee.** To help with membership drives. Increased membership would increase our income, which allows us to do more things for the library. Feeling creative? Like to help plan events? Email us at allenfriends@gmail.com, with the subject of “Membership volunteer”.

♦ **“Bach to Books” greeters.** Help Tom Keener greet the library patrons at some of our popular Bach to Books programs. What a great way to meet your Allen neighbors. Email us at allenfriends@gmail.com, with the subject of “Bach to Books volunteer”.

As always, thanks to all our current volunteers for all your hard work for the library!

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