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

- **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 4**, *The Freshman*
- **8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, November 8th**, Allen Recycles Day
- **7:00 p.m., Monday, November 10**, Honor Our Vets
- **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 11**, *Safety Last*
- **7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 13**, Ebola 2014
- **10 a.m., Saturday, November 15**, Allen Book Festival
- **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 18**, *The Kid Brother*
- **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 25**, *Speedy*
- **7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 2**, *National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation*
- **4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 7**, Óga—Celtic music
- **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 9**, *Christmas with the Kranks*
- **7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11**, The Magic of Nutcrackers—Ric Markin
- **7:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 16**, A *Christmas Carol* (2009)
- **7:30 p.m. Friday, December 19**, The Light Crust Doughboys Cowboy Holiday
- **6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 23**, Library closes until December 26.

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**Hello Friends Members,**

**You are cordially invited!**

What: **First Annual** Allen Public Library Book Festival  
Where: Allen Public Library, 1st Floor Main Hall  
When: Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 10am to 4pm  
Why: Sponsored by the Friends to showcase regional authors

Friends, Please join us **Saturday, November 15th** as we welcome 18 local/regional authors to the Allen Public Library! We are very excited to host this first book festival at our library and hope you will enjoy the wide variety of featured authors. They represent a big selection of genres and topics, come from a range of backgrounds, and will each have a table where they will sell their titles, sign books, and engage with the community, and many of the authors will Q and A in the auditorium. It’s going to be a great day and, we hope, the first of many to come! See you there!

As always, have a great fall and I look forward to seeing you at the library!

*Susan Jackson*
Kicks Off 2015

We introduced the books to you last month:

**Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. A heart-wrenching, heart-warming blend of the stories of two women, one young, one old, both who learn and benefit from each other’s experiences. Based on the true occurrence of trains that carried orphaned and other impoverished children from the slums of the east coast to hopes for better lives on the farms of the midwest, from Minnesota to Texas, in the late 1800’s to early 1900’s. For our readers 9th grade-adult.

**Notes from the Midnight Driver** by Jordan Sonnenblick. The well-told story of an angry young man in emotional crisis—one with whom many this age will be able to identify—who grows and learns from an older man. For our 6th-8th grade readers.

**The Matchbox Diary** by Paul Fleischman, illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. The poignant story of an immigrant retelling his life story to the newest generation through his diary: items kept in matchboxes. The story and the art will keep our pre-K through Grade 5 readers enthralled.

If your book club has read *Orphan Train* (and many have), we recommend reading the companion books and looking at the related themes while talking about all three books. Discussion questions and information about all the programs for ALLen Reads will soon be online at [www.allenfriends.org](http://www.allenfriends.org), including a visit by author Jordan Sonnenblick in February.

Now, let us tell you how it all begins:

**Kick-off for 2015: A Literary Night of Jazz**

**Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 PM at the Civic Auditorium**

The James Shannon Jazz Quartet will be performing, with individual tunes introduced through quotes from ALLen Reads’ chosen books. These will be read by students from Janet Flynn’s Method Acting Class, Lowery Freshman Center.

All three ALLen Reads books will be on sale at a discounted price for those attending. What a great opportunity to own and read all three related books this year!

We will also be introducing our **VIP Donor Program** that night. More about that in the January newsletter.

Have a great holiday! If you want to give someone a nice gift, give them an IOU for the books and an invitation to **A Literary Night of Jazz**. Hope to see you there!!
Honor Our Veterans

Join in an evening to honor our veterans at 7:00 p.m., Monday, November 10 at the Allen Public Library. The program begins with a short documentary “Honor Flight,” followed by a delightful medley of patriotic tunes performed by the Allen Community Band. This program is also sponsored by Allen Community Band, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) General Bernardo de Gálvez chapter and Armistice Memorial Post 2195.

The Honor Flight Network was conceived by Earl Morse, a physician assistant and Retired Air Force Captain. Upon completion of the World War II Memorial in Washington, DC in May, 2004, he realized the challenges many veterans face in trying to visit it. Honor Flight provides those veterans a chance to travel to Washington and visit the memorial.

The Allen Community Band is under the direction of Craig Logan, long-time Allen High School band director. Craig and his wife Pat, who was the drill team instructor during Craig’s tenure at the high school, are Allen residents. Currently, the two are group performance travel agents for All World Travel and Tours. A graduate of SMU, Craig is a trumpeter and has played professionally with the Dallas Symphony, Dallas Opera and for ten years with the Richardson Symphony.

Under the leadership of Regent Nancy Ross, Allen’s DAR chapter brings gift items to the Texas State Veterans Home in Bonham, where many of the residents have no surviving family members. Also, the DAR supports the Fisher House in Dallas, which offers housing for the families of wounded veterans at no cost while a loved one is receiving treatment. The DAR will provide refreshments after the concert.

VFW Armistice Memorial Post 2195 sponsors three projects. Operation Helping Hand gathers support from local merchants for local dependents of military personnel deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. The VFW’s Buddy Poppy program has raised millions of dollars in support of the wellbeing of veterans and their dependents. In addition, VFW provides flag retirement and disposal ceremonies.
The Light Crust Doughboys Cowboy Holiday

Light up your holidays with the trailblazers of Western Swing. The Light Crust Doughboys will be on the air 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 19, at the library. As an added bonus, four fabulous singers from the T-Byrd Gordon Band will add a touch of soul to this unforgettable musical experience.

Texas’s oldest continuously operating band, The Light Crust Doughboys will perform their western swing classics along with holiday favorites. As a special treat, the Texas Musicians Museum will feature a display of rare Light Crust Doughboys artifacts, most of which have never been available to the public.

Formed in 1931 with Bob Wills as fiddler, Herman Arnspiger as guitarist, and Milton Brown as vocalist, the Light Crust Doughboys electrified America and brought inspiration, hope and happiness to a generation suffering from the Great Depression. The history of the Light Crust Doughboys was chronicled by John Dempsey in his book *The Light Crust Doughboys Are on the Air: Celebrating Seventy Years of Texas Music*, published in 2002.

The band’s collaborations with the late gospel singer James Blackwood earned Grammy nominations in 1998, 1999 and 2001; and in 2005, *Southern Meets Soul: An American Gospel Jubilee* garnered a Grammy nomination for Best Southern, Country or Bluegrass Album. In 2003, the band won a Grammy for their work on the CD *We Called Him Mr. Gospel Music: The James Blackwood Tribute Album*. In 2000, they were inducted into the Rockabilly Hall of Fame. The Light Crust Doughboys were inducted into the Texas Radio Hall of Fame in 2006.

Now under the direction of Art Greenhaw, the Light Crust Doughboys provide the exuberance and talent that excite audiences. Under his own label, Art produced and arranged the music for Hollywood Film Awards Best Documentary Nominee *LUGOSI: HOLLYWOOD’S DRACULA* and several other music videos and documentaries.

Tickets will be issued at 7:00 pm on a first-come, first-served basis. This program is free and also sponsored by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Calling All Holiday Bakers!

On December 1 we will be putting together trays of Christmas cookies for staff and others who have helped the Friends during the year. We would love to be able to count on you for a couple dozen. Please email me at pustejoysky54@yahoo.com to let us know we can count on you! Cookies need to be delivered to the board room on the 1st floor of the library (in the hall) between 6-7 p.m. on the 1st. If you need to drop off earlier in the day, let me know.

Allen Recycles Day

Allen Recycles Day is coming up quickly, on Saturday, November 8th, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friends of the Allen Public Library will be at the Allen City Hall location accepting your used books, CDs, DVDs, and even VHS.

What do we DO with all of those donations? Everything is sorted and then offered to the public at the ongoing book sale within the library, and also during special book sale events.

All proceeds from the ongoing book sale help fund programs brought to you by the Allen Public Library and The Friends of the Allen Public Library.

For volunteer opportunities contact Alison McCullough at alsteve2@att.net.

For more information and other volunteer opportunities please email cbennett@cityofallen.org, call 214-509-4555, or download the brochure at [http://www.cityofallen.org/DocumentCenter/View/217](http://www.cityofallen.org/DocumentCenter/View/217).
Tuesday Night At the Movies
All movies are free and start at 7:00 PM on Tuesday nights.

November: Harold Lloyd Film Festival
This is your rare opportunity to experience the full grandeur of the silent film era. The Allen Public Library’s free Harold Lloyd Silent Film Festival will be hosted 7 p.m. every Tuesday night in November.

This unique event features a live theatrical organ accompaniment, once considered an integral part of the cinematic experience. Benjamin Kolodziej composed the historical-style organ scores for these four performances. Chapel organist at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Benjamin is also an adjunct lecturer in sacred music at Perkins School of Theology. The North Texas Chapter of the American Theatre Organ Society provides the theater organ for these evenings.

Lloyd’s granddaughter Susan Lloyd will offer introductions from her home in California with the assistance of Collin College Film Department. Describing her grandfather as looking like Harry Potter’s older brother, she notes, “Harold Lloyd’s comedy evokes laughter, which is the best medicine. Providing an escape from the world crisis, an hour of laughter is true medicine.”

Harold Lloyd performed magic on the film—not with a wand but by providing comic relief. Playing roles where each of us could see ourselves and despite his clumsiness, he strives to be liked and competes for the attention and affection of the pretty girl, but the path to prove his worthiness is replete with laughs.

An actor, producer and director, Harold Lloyd was able to transition from the silent films to the “talkies” during a career that spanned over three decades. In 1953, he garnered an honorary Academy Award for being a master comedian and good citizen. In 1960, he won a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Feature times for the Harold Lloyd Film Festival are:

November 4 – The Freshman (1925)
November 11 – Safety Last! (1923)
November 18 – The Kid Brother (1927)
November 25 – Speedy (1928)

December: ‘Tis the Season
In December our movies will celebrate the holidays. Join us every Tuesday night in December for a fun-filled holiday movie.


December 9—Christmas with the Kranks, starring Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis.

December 16—A Christmas Carol (2009), an animated retelling of Charles Dickens’ classic starring Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman and Colin Firth

December 23—Library closes at 6 p.m. so stay home and enjoy the holiday!

Allen’s Community Theatre Presents
In this hilarious Christmas classic, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman kids—probably the most inventively awful kids in history. You won’t believe the mayhem - and the fun - when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas story head on! Below is a scene from Allen’s Community Theatre’s recent presentation of our children’s book for 2014 ALLen Reads, Feliciana Feydra LeRoux.

For more information, please see http://www.allenscommunitytheatre.net.
Magic of Nutcrackers

With a pristine uniform, giant jaws, and friendly expression, the nutcracker soldier has become a time-less symbol of the holidays. Nutcrackers serve a vital role in the Cycle of Life—the nut seed falls to the ground, grows into a tree, and nourishes human and animal life with its fruit.

Legends tell of a feast celebrated before harvesting the logs of the elder trees, where nuts and fruits were eaten to honor the mystery of this eternal cycle. And since nuts are usually harvested in the fall and traditionally eaten during winter months, they are naturally associated with the holidays. Hence, the nutcrackers became a popular holiday tradition.

For many, Christmas is not complete without seeing the “The Nutcracker Suite.” In this famous ballet, the girl Clara saves the Nutcracker Prince and is transported through the Snow Queen’s forest to the Kingdom of the Sweets, where she is placed upon the throne by the Sugar Plum Fairy.

Learn more about nutcrackers from Ric Markin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11, at the Allen Public Library.

“I enjoy the many facets of nutcracker lore and production, and the fantasy and whimsy that these wonderful figures contribute to holiday traditions,” Ric notes. “I study and collect nutcrackers because I have an appreciation for the craftsmanship. The maternal side of my family is of German heritage, and like one of the most famous nutcracker artists and manufacturers, Steinbach, my family also left East Germany after World War II during the Russian occupation.”

The nutcracker is steeped in the lore of the forest and countryside, and Ric will bring this all to life in an entertaining and enlightening discussion. He will also share a collection of images that demonstrate the wide variety of German nutcrackers that have been created.

Over the centuries, elaborate designs and themes that range from working class nutcrackers such as cowboys, wine makers, gardeners, bakers, etc. to stately forms of kings and religious figures, and even Star Wars characters, have become available.

Óga releases Fingerprints

In celebration of the release of its new CD Fingerprints, Óga performs at the Allen Public Library, 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 7. This duo, comprised of Hailey Sandoz and Joseph Carmichael, performs melodies and songs from Celtic traditions, as well as songs from other folk traditions. Playing at the North Texas Irish Festival, Texas Scottish Festival, Austin Celtic Festival, and the San Antonio Highland Games, Óga offers a unique Celtic sound. Kendall Rogers, Nathan Phelps, Martin McCall and Mikki Daniel will provide accompaniment for the afternoon.

Joseph Carmichael’s primary endeavor is Flashpoint, a contemporary Irish trio. In 2013, Joseph toured with Gregory and Alex Grene of the Prodigals.

Hailey Sandoz is a fiddler, composer, singer and entertainer in western swing, Celtic, bluegrass and country music. Hailey combines Irish step dancing and fiddling to “fiddledance,” a sight that will enthrall the audience. Hailey’s versatility and improvisation has led to album recordings and band invitations. A member of Texas Wildfire, Nickelville Road, Crossroads Cowboy Church and Óga, Hailey was awarded the Byron D. Cameron Memorial Music Scholarship from Southwest Celtic Music Association. Her performance venues include Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering, Ft. Worth Stock Yards and State Fair of Texas.

Pianist Kendall Rogers also plays the accordion, bodhrán, whistle and guitar. Trained with classical and jazz influences, Kendall is also steeped in the rich folk music and dance traditions of his native Kentucky.

Percussionist Martin McCall is the winner of the Carmine Appice drum contest and voted as a Buddy Magazine “Texas Tornado”.

On bass, Nathan Phelps performs with the Dave Alexander Band.

Guitarist and singer Mikki Daniel was awarded the 2013 Female Yodeler of the Year Award by the Western Music Association Conference. Mikki’s “Gotta Be A Cowgirl” CD won the New Horizons Wrangler Award.
Endowment Board

At the its last meeting on October 22, the Friends of the Library Endowment Board of Managers announced its current board for 2014-2015 with the addition of three new managers—Michael Ryan, Ken Fulk and Tracey Hanft joining Amanda Boyd, Hugh Brown, Linda Kapocsi, Tonya Moore, Eileen Tollett and Jason Wright.

A new slate of officers for the Library Endowment Board of Managers was also voted in at the last meeting:

President: Tonya Moore  
Vice President: Jason Wright  
Secretary: Amanda Boyd  
Treasurer: Eileen Tollett

The next meeting for the Library Endowment Board of Managers will be on January 14, 2015. The regular business meeting will be followed at 7 p.m. by a presentation, in the auditorium, by Gayle Boon about the history of our Allen Public Library and the inception of the Endowment Fund. This presentation is open to all FOL and Library Board members.

THANKS TO NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS  
September/October

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Walter Boyd  
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Syeda Firdown  
Kenneth Faulk  
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“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever does.”  
Margaret Mead