Hello Friends Members,

The calendar tells me Summer is over and Fall is here, but this is Texas and the temperatures tell a different story. The summer was really busy at the library and I loved seeing so many people taking advantage of all we have to offer. The Fall will be just as busy with many great programs, story times and special events. I hope to see many of you during some of these times.

A question that comes up frequently is: for what programs at the library are the Friends responsible? I would like to take a moment here to brag on our group and hopefully answer that question.

Our financial support includes the summer reading programs, most notably providing for all the prizes for the adult program. Our support for the teen volunteer program paid for their end of summer celebration and some cool prizes and recognitions for the volunteers.

All those awesome “Bach to Books” programs that Tom Keener plans and implements are sponsored by the Friends. We also provide some funding for books and other physical items for the collections. And we help to make our library staff feel appreciated with treats throughout the year and a lunch twice a year. Jane Bennett and her ALLen Reads committee draw the community together each year by arranging author visits, a movie series and many other theme-related activities. There are many other things that I have not mentioned here, but I hope this list gives you a taste of what we do. If you would like to become more involved with us, please drop me a quick email at susanmjackson@yahoo.com and we will find a spot that interests you.

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

Susan Jackson
New Schedule – New Books!

ALLen Reads will not be beginning in the fall, as we have for the last seven years. Listening to requests from teachers and librarians, we will be starting our eighth year just after the new year and winding things up in April, 2015.

BUT, that doesn't mean you can't start reading now, if you'd like. Here is the line-up for 2015.

Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline. A heart-wrenching, heart-warming story 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 - 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 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.

We have a great line-up of books, two author visits planned, programs for kids and adults, and more. Be sure to watch for more exciting news in our November/December newsletter! And always check www.allenfriends.org for updates and other news, too.

Don't forget to sign your book clubs up with ALlen Reads! Just call the information desk at the library (214-509-4913) and leave your club coordinator's information - we'll be in touch. We have a special program for book clubs to show our appreciation!

Future of Books?


As an editor for the Dallas Morning News “Arts & Life” section, Michael has overseen several award-winning narrative features. As a writer, he survived flying into Hurricane Opal and having his personal habits critiqued by William Shatner. As a freelance humorist, he's had his work performed on A Prairie Home Companion and by Dallas’ Ground Zero Theater Company. In 2014, Michael participated in three major literary events. For the Tate Lecture Series at Southern Methodist University, Michael interviewed the author of The Kite Runner, Khaled Hosseini. During a Dallas Museum of Art literary event he introduced The Worst Hard Time author Timothy Egan and interviewed Rick Atkinson about The Guns at Last Light.

Will’s love of world literature and experience with Russian translation led him to start Deep Vellum Publishing, a not-for-profit publishing house with a mission to produce the highest quality works of world literature in English translation and promote translation as a vital part of our literary culture. A graduate of Emory University with degrees in Russian and History, Will worked in the music business in Los Angeles and Austin before receiving his master’s degree in Russian Culture from Duke University. He says his goal is to conquer the “three percent problem”—the issue that only a small fraction of published literature is translated into English.
BETWEEN THE PAGES

When Dallas Rocked

During the golden era of rock n’ roll, Dallas was as a major epicenter for America’s music scene. Radio stations such as KZEW and large record publishing houses with mass distribution centers attracted legendary performers who gave live performances in sizzling venues such as Mother Blues, Travis Street Electric Company, and Gertie’s. Surprise appearances by rock artists such as Thin Lizzy, Led Zeppelin, Rod Stewart, Runaways, Stephen Stills, and Frank Zappa were not uncommon.

The film documentary *When Dallas Rocked* chronicles the events that took place in Dallas during this exciting period. Former *Buddy Magazine* editor Kirby Warnock compiled photos, interviews and film footage of legends such as Freddie King, Jimmy Page, Eric Clapton, Elvis Costello, Delbert McClinton and many more. Dallas’s answer to *Rolling Stone*, Buddy Magazine had eager readers who snatched issues from newsstands and music stores so they could learn more about Dallas’ hot spots. As editor, Kirby had front row access and superb photography opportunities.

Kirby will introduce his documentary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 11, at the Allen Public Library. After the film, he will be available for questions.

“It’s a look at when Dallas was the music center of Texas in the ’70s because of radio, records and the blues,” Warnock explains. “Big D was the record, vinyl of course, distribution center of the Southwest, giving it huge clout over record sales. That means every act with an album out had to come to Dallas... and they did. That, combined with the dominance of KZEW-FM, meant we were the biggest rock and roll town in the state, and I’ve got the interviews and evidence to prove it.”

“Dallas has as rich a musical history as Austin, we just never claimed it,” noted Kirby. However, Dallas began to lose its kingpin status to Austin when the Armadillo World Headquarters and PBS’ Austin City Limits became successful. Then, the advent of satellite radio, digital production and the Internet altered the dynamics of music production, and the live acts by popular performers at small venues was over.

Allen Folk Festival

Enjoy an evening of folk music 7:30 p.m. Saturday, September 27, at the Allen Public Library. This year’s program features Jeff Hewitt, Twice As Far’s Jeannie Clark Fisher and Judi Altstatt Allen, and Cactus Jack and His Band of Outlaws.

Jeff Hewitt delights his listeners with his unique finger-picking style and rustic lyrics. Jeff is a regular performer at Dallas venues such as The Green Room, O’Riley’s, and Lee Harveys.

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Pssst—Library Program Alert

This isn’t a Friends-sponsored program, but I just heard that Saturday, September 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. is Bollywood Day at the library!

Explore a bit of Indian popular culture. Library staff will share clips of Bollywood movies, Indian music and dance, teach a few phrases in some of the languages of India, and model a sari. You’ll also get to sample Indian food and have a chance to win door prizes!

Here’s the information and a link to register if you’re interested:  http://engagedpatrons.org/EventsExtended.cfm?SiteID=7506&EventID=214106&PK=

Registration requested; walkins welcome if space is available. For more information, contact Debbie Vavra, 214-509-4913 dvavra@cityofallen.org
Ocarina Festival

Once a beloved instrument in Medieval Europe, the popularity of the ocarina declined with the advent of other instruments. Thanks in great part to video games, the ocarina now enjoys a universal appeal that transcends cultural boundaries. Savor an unforgettable musical experience with some of this country’s best known ocarina artists at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 10, at the Allen Public Library.

An ocarinist par excellence, Allen’s own Cris Gale is also an ocarina designer and teacher. Through her deep appreciation for Koji Kondo’s music from The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time, she discovered the ocarina. After winning an international ocarina star search competition in 2009, Cris made the transition to full time musician. And while her primary instrument is the ocarina, she also performs on the Native American style flute and tin whistle.

Cris represented the United States at two international ocarina festivals: 2011 in Budrio, Italy, and 2012 in HongSeong, South Korea. In 2013, she completed an Asian tour that included a benefit for Taiwanese aborigines. In June 2014, Cris co-headlined a Japan-American Friendship concert at Carnegie Hall and most recently, she recorded for the Grammy nominated composer Austin Wintory.

Bach to Books

Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklórico

Delight in the colorful and exciting music and dance traditions south of the border when the Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklórico take the stage at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12 at the Allen Public Library.

Sporting vibrant traditional outfits, Mexico 2000 Ballet Folklórico presents authentic indigenous and folkloric dance traditions. The result is a lively and passionate rendition of Mexican heritage, both past and present. This spectacular performance is an artistic tour you will not want to miss.

The troupe is under the leadership of Alex and Mary Palencia. Alex brings 40 years of experience as a dancer, artistic director, and choreographer and over 25 years as a teacher to the stage. With strong dance training, acting, choreography, scenery, props and cultural investigation, Alex created his own dance technique based upon basic steps repetition. He performed with the two biggest Mexican dance companies in Mexico, studied four years with “Compañia Nacional de Danza Folklorica” of Nieves Paniagua and later with “Ballet Folklórico de Mexico” under the direction of Amalia Hernandez.

Mary studied dance in her native state of Sinaloa, Mexico, under the direction of Professor Blanca Ramos Barroza. Performing with several groups in the state of Baja California Norte, she also lived two years in the Chiapas and Oaxaca areas while studying the culture of these beautiful states. Mary’s passion for preserving her heritage is evident in the hand stitched and specially crafted costumes that she creates for Mexico 2000 productions, a truly stunning visual experience.

This program is also sponsored by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts.

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.
Lee Woodruff: When Life Changes In An Instant...

Lifestyles and relationships can be dramatically altered in seconds. On January 29, 2006, CBS News correspondent Lee Woodruff’s role as a wife, mother and journalist drastically changed upon learning that her husband and national news anchor Bob Woodruff had suffered devastating head injuries in an explosion from an improvised explosive device near Taji, Iraq.

Lee Woodruff will share her family’s journey and look at how families are impacted and react to crises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at the Allen Public Library.

A successful public relations executive, freelance writer, mother of four children, and wife of Bob Woodruff, the newly appointed co-anchor of “ABC’s World News Tonight”, Lee saw her life changed in an instant.

“When my husband Bob was critically injured by a roadside bomb while reporting on the war in Iraq, I could only react,” Lee asserts. “I didn’t have time to gain the wisdom of all the caregivers who had come before me. I will impart what I learned, being a caregiver through my husband’s journey of injury and recovery, about the things that were helpful, and those that were not.”

She continues, “I’ll share my story and helpful tips for caregivers to inspire everyone in the audience to know that they can handle whatever it is that life throws at them, and come out the other side, whatever that may look like. Human beings are built to survive. And hope is a commodity that can also be a lifeline. We are far more resilient than we can imagine and while life may change us in many different ways as we move down its slip stream, hope is the oxygen that keeps us all breathing.”

Lee and Bob Woodruff are the coauthors of In an Instant: A Family’s Journey of Love and Healing. Lee is also the author of Those We Love Most.

Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Allen is partnering with the library to bring Ms. Woodruff to Allen, and this program is also sponsored by the William S. Woodfin Continuing Medical Education Fund.

Tuskegee Airman Presents Boundless Sky

Tuskegee Airman Calvin Spann presents his exciting new book Boundless Sky at the Allen Public Library 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 23. Congressman Sam Johnson and General James L. Williams will introduce the speaker.

Under the direction of Col. Benjamin Davis, Jr., the Tuskegee Airmen flew World War II missions over North Africa and Europe in P-39, P-40, P-47 and P-50 aircraft. These men served in either the 99th Fighter Squadron or the 332nd Fighter Group. Eventually, the 332nd Fighter Group consisted of four fighter squadrons—the 99th, 100th, 301st, and 302nd. The 99th Fighter Squadron received two Presidential Unit Citations for their tactical air support and air combat in Italy in 1943 and 1944, and the 332nd Fighter Group earned a Presidential Unit Citation for their mission escorting bombers to Berlin in March of 1945. These brave airmen also distinguished themselves by achieving the singular distinction of never losing an escorted bomber to enemy plane fire.

Mr. Spann will discuss his rigorous training at the Tuskegee University Moton Airfield, aerial campaigns during World War II that included traversing the treacherous Alps, and encountering a newly invented German weapon-jet aircraft.

Congressman Johnson endured seven years as a prisoner of war in Hanoi during the Viet Nam War. Appointed as Commanding General of the 4th Marine Division in 2007, General Williams was previously stationed at Camp Blue Diamond, Ar-Ramadi, Iraq, and earlier with Marine Expeditionary Force as Deputy Commanding General in Fallujah, Iraq.

This evening offers an exciting opportunity to hear an eyewitness to World War II. Boy Scout Troop 328 will present the colors to commence the program. After the program, Mr. Spann will be available for questions, photographs and book signing.

This free program is also sponsored by the Allen Public Library’s Adult Services department.
America’s National Pastime

September 2 - *Field of Dreams* (1989, 107 min.) (PG), Starring Oscar winners Kevin Costner and Burt Lancaster, Amy Madigan and James Earl Jones, an Iowa corn farmer, hearing voices, interprets them as a command to build a baseball diamond in his fields; he does, and the Chicago Black Sox come.

September 9 - *42* (2013, 128 min.) (PG-13) Starring Chadwick Boseman, Harrison Ford, Nicole Beharie, the story of Jackie Robinson from his signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization in 1945 to his historic 1947 rookie season when he broke the color barrier in Major League Baseball.

September 16 - *A League of Their Own* (1992, 128 min.) (PG) Starring double Oscar winner Tom Hanks, Geena Davis and Lori Petty, two sisters join the first female professional baseball league and struggle to help it succeed amidst their own growing rivalry.

September 23 - *Eight Men Out* (1988, 119 min.) (PG) Starring John Cusack, Clifton James and Michael Lerner, a dramatization of the Black Sox scandal when the underpaid Chicago White Sox accepted bribes to deliberately lose the 1919 World Series.

September 30 - *The Natural* (1984, 144 min.) (PG) Starring Oscar winners Robert Redford and Robert Duvall, Glenn Close and Kim Basinger, an unknown comes out of seemingly nowhere to become a legendary player with almost divine talent.

Tuesday Night At the Movies
All movies are free and start at 7:00 PM on Tuesday nights.

Godzilla!

October 7 - *Godzilla vs. King Ghidorah* (1991) Starring Kosuke Toyohara, Anna Nakagawa and Megumi Odaka, time travelers use Godzilla in their scheme to destroy Japan to prevent the country’s future economic reign.


Summer Reading Club Wrap-Up:
Our library usage continues to grow at huge increases. This year,

- 4188 children registered (a 20% increase over last year), 656 teens (28% increase), and 703 adults (81% increase) for the Summer Reading club. Collectively, they read 35,100 hours, which adds up to 4 years if one person could read 24 hours per day.

- The Library circulated over 209,000 items in June and July, hosted over 20,000 people for programs, and welcomed over 83,000 visitors. These were the two busiest months in Library history.

- There were 119 VolunTeens this summer who worked a total of 1989 hours, an average of over 16 hours per VolunTeen. We couldn’t do the Summer Reading Club, especially this year, without our teen volunteers.

The Friends budgeted $500 for the VolunTeen appreciation party. We appreciate all the hard work done by our teen volunteers.

Ongoing Book Sale
The Friends of the Allen Public Library Ongoing Book Sale is a great way to recycle any books and magazines you have taking up space. Donations are accepted any time the library is open. You may take them to the south side dock door on Coats Drive and ring the doorbell on weekdays from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. At all other times, please bring donations inside to the Information or Check Out Desk. For more information, please call 214-509-4913

Please observe the available hours posted. And don't forget to ask for a tax receipt; donations are tax deductible.

Items accepted include any books, magazines, CDs, DVDs, audio books, and VHS. Thank you for supporting your Allen Public Library!

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