**Coming Up at the Library**

7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 11, **The Real Downton Abbey: Inside Highclere Castle**

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, **Beatlemania64**

7:30 p.m. Friday, May 26, **Memorial Day celebration with Allen Community Band and Iwo Jima survivor Clyde Jackson**

**May 30**—Beginning of Summer reading program, Adult and Youth Services

7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, **Bo Carter discussed sports legend Dizzy Dean**

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7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, **Regina Merson discusses Latina beauty and cosmetics**

7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22, **What to do When Stopped by Police**

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, **The Lone Star String Band performance**

7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, **Gator and Mudcat performance**

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Always forgetting events you want to see? Print this page and stick it on your fridge!

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**Friends of the Allen Public Library Annual Meeting**

On April 13, 2017, the Friends held a short meeting to elect officers for next year and give out awards.

Debra Preston was awarded the **Lifetime Friend** award. During the 25 years she has worked for the library she has always been a strong supporter of the Friends and all our programs. This year the City of Allen also recognized her with the PRIDE award for Excellence.

Debra’s support of the Friends is especially apparent in her wonderful graphic designs for the Bach to Books and ALLen Reads programs. The posters, brochures, and bookmarks she designs each year are key to marketing the programs and building interest and attendance. Her generosity of time, talent, and spirit often go unnoticed because of her quiet humility. With this award we are letting everyone know how much she is valued, how special she is to all of us, and how we want to say “thank you” for her years of Friendship.

Alison McCullough was chosen as the **Outstanding Friend** for 2017. Alison joined the Friends Board about six years ago. She immediately began building the Ongoing Book Sale into the key Friends fundraiser.

She has done an amazing job recruiting volunteers. She set up a new system to organize and price the books, and then organized a training program for her volunteers to keep the site running effectively.

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The Real Downton Abbey: Inside Highclere Castle

Downton Abbey devotees and Anglophiles take heed! At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11 at the library, Dr. Jann Mackey will share some of the secrets and mysteries of Highclere Castle, better known as “Downton Abbey” on the popular PBS Masterpiece series.

Dr. Mackey focuses on the art, architecture, and history of Highclere Castle in Hampshire, England. Dr. Mackey will share the history and stories of the Carnarvon family, who have owned the estate for centuries, including, George Herbert, 5th Earl of Carnarvon, who sponsored Howard Carter’s discovery of King Tut’s tomb in Egypt in 1922. Dr. Mackey will also explain how the fictional plot of “Downton Abbey” has unexpected echoes of the real history of the castle and the Carnarvon family.

An architectural historian, Dr. Mackey focuses on historic houses and buildings in Dallas, as well as British country houses. Passionate about sharing her knowledge of architectural treasures with her audiences, Dr. Mackey is a frequent lecturer in Southern Methodist University’s Continuing and Professional Education programs. Dr. Mackey also served as president of the board of trustees of Preservation Dallas.

In 2006, she curated two exhibits at the Meadows Museum on the work of Dallas architects Hal Thomson and Charles Dilbeck. Additionally, she was awarded a fellowship from the Royal Oaks Society, The British National Trust and The Attingham Trust to conduct an in-depth study of British country houses.

Dr. Mackey holds a Ph.D. in Humanities from the University of Texas at Dallas, writing her dissertation on Dallas architect Howard Meyer, who is responsible for bringing modernist design to Dallas.

Beatlemania64

Travel back in time and celebrate the sound that forever changed rock-and-roll. At 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 12, Beatlemania64 takes the stage at the library.

A live multi-media musical journey through the life and times of the world’s most celebrated band, Beatlemania64 covers hits from the vast anthology of Beatles classics, such as “I Want To Hold Your Hand,” “Hard Day’s Night,” “Hey Jude,” “Let It Be,” and “Come Together.” The band covers a pre-“Sgt. Pepper” period of their career, spanning the group’s famous 1964 debut appearance on “The Ed Sullivan Show” to their last live American concert at San Francisco’s Candlestick Park in 1966.

Evoking the magic of 1964, a milestone year when The Beatles performed for their first American tour, Beatlemania 64 has been performing for 15 years and winning an endorsement from Beatles promoter Sid Bernstein, the man responsible for bringing the band to America. The members have a variety of music degrees and experience and apply talents that honor these musical icons who are adored worldwide.

Bandleader Mark Nix, who portrays John Lennon, observes, “We wear suits created by the (Beatles’) original tailor. We play the exact guitars, use the exact amps and drums as they did. We love the Beatles’ fans. They tell us more about the Beatles than the Internet could.” Their stage manners reflect hours of watching archival Beatles films.

Joining Nix are Spencer Clark as Paul McCartney, Reno Tandy as Ringo Starr and Travis McGuire as George Harrison.
Dizzy Dean

Baseball legend Dizzy Dean captivated three generations of fans with his impressive pitching abilities and, later, his broadcasting skills.

He first caught the attention of the American public by winning 30 games in the 1934 season while leading the infamous St. Louis Cardinals “Gashouse Gang.” At that time, America sorely needed a diversion from the Great Depression. After a career cut short by injury, Dizzy migrated into radio and television broadcasting. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1953.

Listen to Bo Carter who authored Dizzy: Dean of Baseball and My Podnah with journalist and former Dallas area media member Mark McDonald and the late Gene Kirby, the play-by-play voice for Army football for several seasons, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8 at the library.

Once Dizzy migrated to the broadcast booth he teamed with the likes of Pee Wee Reese and producer Gene Kirby to deliver the wildly popular “CBS Game of the Week.” Known for his home-spun stories and acerbic wit, Dizzy commented, “The Good Lord was good to me. He gave me a strong right arm, a good body, and a weak mind.” Dizzy delighted his listeners with impromptu vocal performances of mountain tunes. When queried on using improper English on the air, he responded, “Let the teachers teach English and I will teach baseball. There is a lot of people in the United States who say ‘isn’t’ and they ain’t eating.”

When asked about his book, Bo Carter observes, “Of the many books written on Dizzy, none is told from such an intimate perspective, nor with the shared sense of playful mischief. Gene Kirby’s text and photo collection show why the pitcher was a baseball phenom, but more importantly, show why Dizzy remains an enduring legend.”

Bo Carter served as student media adviser and adjunct mass communications instructor at the University of North Texas, Texas Wesleyan University and Texas Woman’s University from 2009-15. He has also been a consultant and columnist with the National Football Foundation since Aug. 2006, after working with the Big 12 Conference for 10 years and the Texas Collegiate League in 2006.

Arrive early and listen to former Cleveland Indians organist Bob Whiteman play old fashion baseball music.

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Regina Merson is Today’s Mujer

As a teenager, Regina Merson had two goals— to be a successful lawyer and a highly recognized makeup artist and consultant. Today she has succeeded at both endeavors and her cosmetic products are now revered internationally.

Celebrate Latina beauty and hear Regina’s success story at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15, at the library.

A native of Guadalajara, Mexico, this Yale grad and Dallas attorney refused to give up her obsessions with makeup. Donning formal business attire to meet with high powered Dallas attorneys and clients, her professional countenance exemplified success while her bright red lips radiated Latina beauty and charm. Regina notes, “Beauty is never sacrificed in the Latina world. Even my 88-year-old grandmother never leaves the house without a full face of makeup. You don’t get your mail without it.”

After years of researching her own line, Regina launched Reina Rebelde cosmetics. Earning attention from Elle and Vogue Mexico, eye color palettes with names such as “Azteca” and “Oaxaca” draw from her heritage. “A lot of my line was inspired by my travels, my childhood in Mexico, and my experience as a Latina woman growing up in different roles,” she says. Celebrating Latinas’ unapologetically bold beauty style, she hopes her lines unite women from all Latin cultures—Mexican, Cuban, Dominican, Spain and more. She acknowledges the subtleties and nuances beneath the Latin umbrella.

Regina embraces her powerful cultural duality by showing her gran belleza to the world. Blessed with many choices, she speaks English y algunas veces español. She loves being Latina and Americana. She equally celebrates the beauty of her Reina and fierceness and grit of her Rebelde. By embracing her duality, she understands the fuerza that the perfect shade of lipstick provides to a woman’s already dynamic life and how it powerfully transforms her mysterious beauty.

What to Do When Stopped?

Allen Police Department’s Jon Felty will discuss the uncomfortable circumstance when rotating red lights reflect in your rear view mirror and what you should do when that happens at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22 at the library.

The necessity for this topic was determined at a recent Coffee with the Police Chief hosted at the library, when multiple citizens posed the question “What should we do when stopped?”

Recognized for his ready smile when greeting Allen citizens at public meetings, Officer Felty is assigned to the Office of Chief of Police as the Sergeant of Community Relations and the Public Information Officer. He has 21 years of police service. He also serves in the Community Relations Unit, Street Crimes Unit, Citizens Police Academy, Citizens on Patrol, Volunteers in Policing, and as a Crisis Negotiator.

Officer Sergeant Felty noted, “The Allen Police Department welcomes citizens asking ‘How should we best prepare when stopped by the police? What should a citizen expect when stopped by the police?’ It is a sharing of information that we all learn how to communicate best.”

Sergeant Felty is a TCOLE Master Peace Officer and a certified instructor who teaches Law Enforcement Ethics, Rape Aggression Defense, Crisis Intervention Training, Cultural Diversity, Racial Profiling and Sexual Harassment Prevention and is certified by the American Association of Suicidology as a crisis counselor. Sergeant Felty has taught Violence in the Workplace seminars for the Dallas Police Department and the Internal Revenue Service.

Majoring in Law Enforcement at Marshall University (Huntington, WV 1978), Sergeant Felty also holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend. Paul Sweeney

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The Lone Star String Band  
With fiddle, guitar, banjo, and outstanding Texas-style mountain singing, The Lone Star String Band will perform old-time music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23, at the library.

First recorded in the 1920s by record companies who did not have a name for the genre, old-time music was sometimes labeled "hillbilly" music. Its rich, varied sounds and lyrics were popular with the common folks. Once performed on porches on Saturday nights and at dances throughout America, old fiddle tunes and songs from the late 19th century and early 20th century will resonate in the auditorium.

Old-time music is often confused with bluegrass, which came along in the 1940s and was made famous by Bill Monroe.

The music the Lone Star String Band plays has deeper roots.

On fiddle, Earnie "Pappy" Taft has been playing the "devil's box" for many years. Also a member of the Irish Rogues, he frequently plays at The Celt and Trinity Hall.

Dean Barber, aka "Ol' DB", plays clawhammer banjo “because he does not know any better.” DB will occasionally pick up the guitar, too.

A crooner par excellence, Travis "T. Ravis" Brink is described as “a cross between Vic Damone and Lefty Frizzell.” Travis also plays banjo and fiddle.

Gator and Mudcat  
Describing “Blue Rock” as “a little bit Texas and a little bit Louisiana music,” Dallas native “Mudcat” Michael Reames and Louisiana’s “Gator” Wayne Folse will share this sound at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 1, at the library.

On rhythm guitar, blues harp, percussion and lead vocal, Mudcat has played with the bands Alizon, Noise Inc, Paraphernalia and Stevie Ray Vaughan’s band Liberation. He adds a harmonica to set a vibrant mood.

Performing around his home state with bands like Allen Fontenot, the Coasters, BlueRockers, and Shaking Hands, Gator now plays daily with a Bourbon Street blues trio. Playing lead guitar, vocals, acoustic and electric, Gator will electrify the stage.

Gator and Mudcat’s song "Mother Earth" can be seen on YouTube. Gator and Mudcat appeared on the Leslie Taylor Hare show in 2010 and performed at the Texas Musician’s Museum, Harrah’s Casino, and Warren Sports Complex in Frisco. CDs that will be for sale at concert time include Shaking Hands, For Adults Only and Back in the Game, their new CD that was reviewed by The Texas Music Journal.

Joining Gator and Mudcat are Chad Ireland on drums, percussion and background vocal, Clay Burr on lead and rhythm guitar, Bill Brody on bass guitar and backup vocal, and Kirk Hampton on keyboards and backup vocal.

Islamic Art  
Discover the fascinating beauty of Islamic art from Samia Khan at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 17, at the library. During June, the Library’s gallery will display examples of her work for viewing.

A multimedia artist and program director for the Islamic Art Revival Series, Samia’s art is heavily influenced by sights and sounds of the Middle East. This inspiration emanates from mixed fanciful and abstract architecture of modern cities, old forts, soaring minarets, domes, arches and intricate geometric designs.

Raised in Saudi Arabia, Samia moved to Los Angeles in 1988. Now residing in Dallas, she received her diploma in Interior Designing from School of Décor Karachi, Pakistan, and was assisting artist and founder of School of Décor Aazar Zubi. She received her degree in Art from State University of New York at Brockport. Serving as president of an art gallery in the Arab American Oil Company in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, for three years and vice-president for two years, she also taught hand built pottery, weaving and pysanky art.

The ongoing influence of many world cultures drives her multimedia expressionism, utilizing media such as charcoal, pottery, weaving, glass fusion, stained glass, woodcarving, calligraphy, collage, baskets, mono prints and pastels.
ALLen Reads’ 2017 book selection was *brown girl dreaming*, by Jacqueline Woodson. This story touched on a wide variety of issues that we face today, such as diversity and cultural differences. We offered several events that gave the community an opportunity to discuss such issues in an open forum. We received incredibly positive feedback and were encouraged to host such events in the future.

This year we celebrated ALLen Reads’ 10th anniversary and would like to thank all those who have helped make their programs a huge success over the past 10 years! Stay tuned...there is more to come next year!

**Celebrity Readers**

The 2017 Celebrity Readers program for ALLen Reads ran from January through March. For the 10th year this program has brought Allen community “celebrities” into the AISD elementary libraries to interact with the children as they read the chosen books. Our community leaders enjoy reading with the children as much as the students look forward to their surprise reader!

This year Jaqueline Woodson books illustrated by E.B. Lewis were read and discussed by 17 different readers in 13 schools. *The Other Side* was read to K-2 and *Each Kindness* to 3rd & 4th grades. Look at how much fun they had.

ALLen Reads wishes to thank the community and AISD librarians for continued support of Celebrity Readers!

**Thank You to Jane Bennett for Ten Years**

At the Annual Meeting of the Friends, the ALLen Reads committee presented Jane Bennett with flowers to thank her for the ten years she has led the committee. Jane got this program started, and has worked tirelessly to promote reading in our community. We know Jane will remain active, and we appreciate all she has done!
and the Friends of the Allen Public Library say “Thank You” to the people, organizations & businesses that made this project possible for 2016!

**Family Circle**
- Allen Arts Alliance
- Allen Public Library
- City of Allen
- Foundation for Allen Schools
- HumanitiesTexas*

**Friendship Circle**
- Allen ISD
- Allen Kiwanis Club
- Allen Noon & Sunrise Rotary Clubs
- Barbara Buehler
- Red Pepper Productions, Inc.

**Kindness Circle**
- Allen High Noon Lions Club
- Allen Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra
- Barnes & Noble
- Food for Thought Cafe
- Two Rows

*"This project was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities."
**Friends Book Sale**

When: Wednesday, April 26 - Saturday, May 6

Where: Meeting Room, Allen Public Library

Come look for hidden treasures at the Friends of the Library Book Sale! There will be lots of fiction, children's books, nonfiction and more - all at great prices!

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**Allen Public Library Summer Reading Club 2017**

**Celebrating 50 Years!**

2017 is the 50th anniversary of the Allen Public Library. Stay tuned to learn about all the special programs that the library and the Friends will present later this year. The library starts with a better-than-ever summer reading program this year.

**Adult Services**

Earn prizes for reading materials you enjoy! You may read any adult or teen titles you want! Audio books and ebooks count, too! Just make sure you read/listen to all titles between May 30 and August 13.

Stop by the Library to pick up a reading log and keep track of the time or titles you read. Reading logs may be picked up at the Reference desk, the Information desk and the Summer Reading Club sign-up table. You may also print them from www.allenlibrary.org/AdultReadingLog beginning Monday, June 5. All reading logs must be returned in person.

Bring in your first slip to receive a tote bag and free book. The first 300 participants to turn in a reading slip will receive a coupon for a cookie from the Food for Thought Cafe. You may return your logs to the Reference desk beginning Monday, June 12. All reading logs must be returned in person by 5 p.m. August 13 in order to be eligible for the grand prize drawing to win one of three $50 Watters Creek gift cards. You do not need to be present to win.

**Youth Services**

The Summer Reading Club at the Allen Public Library runs May 30 – August 13, 2017 and offers summer fun for all ages. Sign up at the Library, pick up a reading log, and start reading to earn prizes. Special events to look forward to this summer include our Family Cultural Festival on Saturday, June 10 at 10-11:30 a.m., weekly family movies on Tuesday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. in the Auditorium, and Wednesday afternoon shows. This year’s Wednesday afternoon performances will include a variety of popular entertainers including: Magician Todd McKinney, Zooniversity, Slick Juggler, Snake Encounters, the Magical World of Dal Sanders, David Chicken, Professor Pop with his Bubble Show and REPCO Wildlife. We will also continue to host weekly story times and special activities for preschoolers, children, tweens and teens throughout the summer. This year we will even have special guests Gerald and Piggie visit for a special party in July! All of the details for our summer events and activities are available at AllenLibrary.org/SummerReading.

**50th Anniversary Bookmark Contest**

To celebrate the 50th anniversary, the Library will be hosting a bookmark contest June 1 – July 31, 2017. Winning bookmark designs will be selected from five age categories. The Library will host a bookmark artist celebration in September and distribute professionally printed versions of each of the five winning entries in October.

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Hey, isn’t this a good time to get on the library’s email list, and get a weekly email highlighting all the upcoming programs at the library? Just go to the library’s website at www.allenlibrary.org and click on the “E-news” icon.

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**BETWEEN THE PAGES**

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shelves full and in order. All of this effort has made the sales area better utilized and more appealing, increasing sales and doubling the monthly income for the Friends since she began this job.

When needed, Alison has lent her strength, leadership, and organizational skills to other areas for the Friends as well. Thank you, Alison, for being an outstanding Friend every year and The Outstanding Friend for 2017.

The Volunteer of the Year award went to Jan Phelps. Jan is always one of the first ones to offer up her time for our special book sale events here at the library or any of the City events we have attended. She’ll even bring along her husband, Jeff, and her granddaughter, Annie, to help out. Jan has been volunteering with the Ongoing Book Sale for many, many years. She often offers to take boxes of unsold books to various locations. Jan also volunteers with Canine Companions for Independence (CCI), an organization that provides assistance dogs to people with special needs. Thank you, Jan, for all the time you give.

New officers for the Friends Board were elected for the 2017-2018 year. They are:

President—Susan Jackson
Vice President—Noma Nabi
Secretary—Laura Wingler
Treasurer—JJ Grilliette

We will publish a small bio about each of our new officers, beginning today with Noma Nabi, our new vice president, and Laura Wingler, our new secretary.

Laura Wingler grew up in the Chicago suburbs, spent a few years living in Iowa after graduating from college and getting married, then moved to Allen in 2012 with her husband, who is from Dallas. Her love of books and libraries was formed early on in life, as she comes from a family of bookworms, and her mom has worked at the local library since she was in kindergarten. She joined the Friends because she believes a vibrant library leads to a strong community, and she enjoys being around other book lovers.

Noma Nabi was born in Bangladesh and grew up mostly in Plano. Her family moved to Allen in 2003 where she attended high school. Noma received an accounting degree from the University of Texas at Dallas. She decided to become more involved with the community and found the Friends of the Library one of the best organizations in which to do so. When she’s not attending interfaith groups or encouraging civic engagement, she will usually be reading her favorite genre of books, Scandinavian crime fiction.

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers.

Charles W. Eliot

New and Returning Members—March/April

Thanks for Being a Friend!

Richard & Judy Brooks
Vicki Brown
Stephanie Cooksey
Susan Day
Thomas Essman
Rosemary Francis
Bandi Gross
Mary Vail Grube
Ashley Hardin
Larry & Lorna Holley
Bekah Holub
Humaira Hussain
Bonnie Jay
Jingwei Li
Samira Maddox
Laura Mares
Sherrie Novotny
Farida Shipchandler
Jayanthi Tayab
Chuck & Debbie Vavra
Ecaterin Vistalscaia
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Julie Wehba
Marty Yarborough