Coming Up at the Library

2:00 p.m. Saturday, September 9, Reception for Bookmark Contest entries
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14, Scam Detector Dave Lieber
3:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, Bengali dance and music
5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, September 21, 1st Floor Meeting Room, “Barrier-free Cooking”
7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21, WWI flying ace Capt. Eddie Rickenbocker
7:30 p.m. Friday, September 22, Texas blues bands honor Freddie King
7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, Allen Folk Festival—Adler and Hearne
2:30 p.m. Saturday, October 7, 2017, Allen Philharmonic Orchestra
10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 14, 2017, Family Carnival to celebrate 50th birthday
2:00 a.m. October 14, 2017, Program to celebrate 50th birthday followed by reception
7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, The Levee Singers

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Happy 50th Birthday for the Allen Public Library!

The Allen Public Library is 50 years old this year. Established in 1967 as a service project of the Epsilon Theta Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, the Library depended upon volunteers and donation during its formative years. As library use and the city population grew, Allen outgrew one location after another, including the “Blue House” now used as the offices of the Allen Arts Alliance and the current Municipal Court building. A successful bond election in May 2016 will enable the present-day Library (the 5th location) to expand in the next few years and continue to serve the still-growing Allen community. Phase I of the parking expansion is already underway.

Beginning in February, special “APL is 50” displays in the Library Gallery cases were installed. The 1960’s in the Library, the City, and the world at large were highlighted February-March, the 1970’s in March-April, the 1980’s in May-June, and the 1990’s in July-August. The focus for September-October will be 2000-2017.

The 2017 Summer Reading Clubs from May 30 to August 13, 2017 were based upon celebratory themes, “Celebrating 50 Years!” for children and teens and “Let’s Celebrate” for adults. The Youth Summer Reading Club included a Family Cultural Festival on June 10. One of the Library’s Facebook contests was #happy50apl in which citizens were asked to submit photos showing their library cards in diverse locations while on vacation.

September 5-October 14: Library visitors will have the opportunity to sign birthday cards and leave messages about the Library and its significance for them and their families. Former...
Scam Detector Dave Lieber

The Dallas Morning News’s Watchdog columnist Dave Lieber will discuss the array of scams foisted on consumers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14, at the library. An unrelenting consumer advocate, Dave offers strategies for saving time, money and aggravation. Exposing corruption and making positive changes, TheDailyBeast.com named his series one of the 10 best in the U.S. in 2014.

Founder of the consumer rights movement WatchdogNation.com, Dave shows Americans how to protect themselves from thugs, thieves, scammers, and corporate crooks. He also provides a how-to guide that teaches tips, tools and strategies to confront businesses and scammers that take advantage of a consumer’s trustworthy nature.

The 2015 edition of his popular book Dave Lieber’s Watchdog Nation garnered two national book awards for social change and was named one of the top ten consumer books of the year.

Dave’s stories are not all of a serious nature. Combining humor with clever observations of the human saga and canines, his popular paperback The Dog of My Nightmares: Stories by Texas Columnist Dave Lieber is now in its fifth printing. With more than 20,000 copies sold. The publisher has released The Dog of My Nightmares as a CD audio book.

A co-founder of the not-for-profit Summer Santa, Dave’s heart is in the non-profit world. For his efforts with this organization, he was awarded the Will Rogers Humanitarian Award. This honor is given to the U.S. newspaper columnist whose work produced positive effects on the lives of readers.

Dave will bring three of his books for purchase—The Dog of My Nightmares: Stories by Texas Columnist Dave Lieber, Dave Lieber’s Watchdog Nation: Bite Back When Businesses and Scammers Do You Wrong, and Bad Dad.

Folk Music and Dance from Bangladesh

Enjoy the folk music and dance of Bangladesh with Shahmeen Khan, Shazreh Ahmed and Rimi Ahmed at 3:00 p.m. Saturday, September 16, at the library.

Born in Bangladesh, Shahmeen Khan has been learning numerous styles of Bengali folk and classical Indian dance since age six. Dancing to songs of Rabindranath Tagore is her passion. She and her husband Sheelpi moved to the Dallas area to be closer to family. Active in her community, Shahmeen serves on the City of Allen Library Board. When not working or taking her five-year-old son Arman to swimming and soccer practice, she loves to practice yoga.

“When I think back to my life as a young girl and see what the American Dream has afforded my family,” says Shahmeen, “I feel very blessed and grateful.”

Shazreh Ahmed loves to share her passion of dance and music with her audience. Currently training in a form of Indian Classical Dance called Kathak, she is under the tutelage of Sunaina Rao at Kathak Rhythms studio in Southlake. Born in Bangladesh, Shazreh remains connected with her roots and culture through dance and theater. Currently, she is preparing for her upcoming play "Two Sisters - By Tagore" to be performed at the Irving Arts Center in December.

Although born in Bangladesh, Rimi Ahmed grew up in the U.S. Singing serves as an organic way to stay connected with her Bengali roots and heritage. Trained to sing the songs written and composed by Rabindranath Tagore, she finds abundant joy through sharing her music with others.

All three of the performers cite a profound admiration and love for Rabindranath Tagore, a Bengali poet whose works bind these three artists together. Although Tagore is Indian, his poetry is very popular in Bangladesh and inspired the Bengali national anthem. Rabindranath Tagore was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913 and was Asia’s first Nobel Prize winner.
World War One Ace
Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker

America entered World War I in 1917. This year we honor the centennial of this significant decision, as well as the sacrifices and valor of soldiers and sailors that served in this horrific conflict. Dr. Thomas Allen will discuss the life and legacy of one of this period’s most famous heroes, Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 21, at the library.

Capt. Rickenbacker shot down 26 German planes, the American record until World War II. Taking out several of Germany’s formidable fighter aircraft, the Fokker D. VII, Capt. Rickenbacker secured his role as a famed World War One ace. Awarded the Distinguished Service Cross a record eight times, he was also presented the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre by France.

Capt. Rickenbacker described his World War I flying experiences in his memoirs, Fighting the Flying Circus, in which he describes the character, exploits, and death of fellow pilot Lt. Quentin Roosevelt, the son of U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt.

Eleven years after the Wright Brothers made aviation history at Kittyhawk, N.C., in 1903, the introduction of airplanes into warfare dramatically altered military strategies. Airplanes increased intelligence capabilities, but even more significantly, once machine guns were installed on them, battles could be pursued in the air.

Dr. Thomas Allen is the University Archivist with the Special Collections Department of The Eugene McDermott Library at The University of Texas at Dallas. Holding a Ph.D. in Public Administration from The University of Texas at Dallas and a Masters in Library Science (with an emphasis in Special Collection), Dr. Allen formerly processed prominent pieces of military history at UTD’s Special Collections Department. Now, he collects and catalogs materials crucial to the University’s history.

Texas Blues Legends Honor
Freddie King

Texas cannonball Freddie King electrified the world with his music. Eric Clapton, Leon Russell and a host of other Texas bluesmen cited Freddie’s music as influential to their careers.

Listen to a reunion of members of the legendary Freddie King Band and the Wanda King Blues Revue Band as they perform a rousing evening of blues music at 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 22, at the library. The Texas Blues Revue Band includes Lewis Stephens, Andrew Jr. Boy Jones, Sugar Boy Myers, Alvin Hemphill, and his daughter, Wanda King. Lewis Stephens, Sugar Boy, and Andrew Jr. Boy toured with Freddie when he was performing with Clapton in Europe and in the states. Alvin Hemphill will play his Hammond B3. With Lewis Stephens, who currently plays with Mike Zito and the Wheel on keyboard, they will take the library’s auditorium to unprecedented heights with their majestic sounds.

Wanda King’s Blues Revue Band will include Joey Love, Texas Slim, Dave Johnsen, Kevin Schemerhorn, and Christian Dozzler.

A documentary on the life of musical legend Freddie King will be featured prior to the concert. Childhood friends, former band members, and business colleagues were interviewed. Born in Gilmer, TX, on September 3, 1934, Freddie grew up listening to country music and blues rooted in Mississippi. While a teen, Freddie moved with his family to Chicago. There, he met music legends such as Howlin’ Wolf, T-Bone Walker, Eddie Taylor, Jimmy Rogers, and many more. Freddie participated in marathon recording sessions with Sonny Thompson. Their first 45 rpm release was of “Have You Ever Loved A Woman” and “Hide Away” in 1960. Both songs were big hits on the R&B charts, but “Hide Away” took off across America like a rocket—this blues song scored a hit on the Pop chart, which was an inaugural event. More of his albums were sold during this period (1961-63) than any other blues artist. Freddie’s music helped build a bridge between blacks and whites, because young people of all races were captivated by Freddie’s unique blues style.

Freddie performed on the Chitlin’ Circuit for a few years, but soon huge rock concerts became more appealing and profitable. Freddie performed for the Texas International Pop Festival in 1969, and Led Zeppelin stopped what it was doing to watch him work his magic.

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ALLEN FOLK FESTIVAL 2017

Adler and Hearne

Singers/songwriters Lynn Adler and Lindy Hearne will perform a spirited blend of folk and jazz steeped in their Texas roots at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 29, at the library’s annual Folk Festival.

Born in Oklahoma, Adler first blossomed as a gospel singer. One of the songs she wrote, “Sweet Adoration,” was recorded by Debby Boone. She also co-wrote the theme song to the PBS series Wishbone.

A Fort Worth native, Hearne spent his early musical years with country legend Roy Clark. He performed with Clark on the TV show Hee Haw as well as Las Vegas, the Tonight Show, and Carnegie Hall.

Adler and Hearne have produced four CDs. Their first was To The Heart (2009), recorded at House of David in Nashville with a star cast of players. This was followed by Adler & Hearne Live at Eddie’s Attic (2011) with special guest Michael Johnson, Second Nature (2014), and Simpatico (2016), a double CD celebrating their “15 years of organic song farming.”

Their music evokes a strong sense of nostalgia, recalling the 50th anniversary of the “Summer of Love” and the 90th birthday of Route 66. They have performed at the Richardson Wildflower Festival, the Eureka Springs Ozark Folk Festival, the B.W. Stevenson Memorial, and the Kerrville Folk Festival. They were official showcase artists at the noted regional Folk Alliance conferences, including the Southeast Regional Folk Alliance in 2011.

Adler and Hearne, when they are not touring, live on their “Spring Hollow Organic Song Farm” near Winnsboro, Texas. This event is sponsored by the library and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

The Levee Singers

The Levee Singers are at it again! As part of the Allen Public Library’s golden anniversary celebration, these legends of the 60s will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 14, in the library auditorium. A long-time Dallas favorite, the Levee Singers just get better with age, and their popularity proves it. Headliners for years at the old Levee Club on Mockingbird Lane in Dallas, these guys are always fresh and fun.

Regulars today at the Pocket Sandwich Theatre in Dallas, they performed on famed television classics like The Jimmy Dean Show, The Hollywood Palace, The Danny Kaye Show and Hootenanny. They also were booked at the Mapes Hotel in Reno and at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas with Joey Bishop. Performing several concerts with Henry Mancini, bandleader Ed Bernet recalls, “Imagine the excitement for me, as an ‘early 30’s’ young man, having my entertainment group picked to be on all four of the most popular and well-known musical TV shows of that day.”

A former SMU gridiron star and later a Pittsburg Steeler, Ed headed the hugely popular Levee Dixieland Seven. For a number of years, the group played most nights to a packed house at the Levee, a club Ed built and owned.

Today the band comprises Gavin Kelso on bass, Ralph Sanford on guitar, Craig Wensel at the piano, and Ed Bernet on banjo.

The Levee singers released several CDs, including The Best Thing, a collection of their most popular tunes, like "Bye Bye Love," "The Most Beautiful Girl in the World," and "Sweet Georgia Brown." The band’s CDs will be available at the concert.

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Allen citizens and Library employees will be asked to contribute cards and messages as well.

**September 9, 2017 at 2 p.m.,** A reception will be held in the Library Meeting Room sponsored by the Friends of the Library to recognize the winners of the bookmark contest conducted June 1-July 31. Winning entries will be professionally printed and distributed.

**October 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m.,** The Allen Philharmonic Orchestra will perform for children and families in the Civic Auditorium based on a musical theme of celebrations, birthdays, and anniversaries.

**October 14, 2017:**
10 a.m.: All Allen families are invited to a family carnival to be held in the Library and the Library courtyard (weather permitting).
2 p.m.: In the Civic Auditorium, Mayor Stephen Terrell will issue a proclamation to designate October 15-22, 2017 as Allen Library Week. Mayor Gentry Jones designated October 15-22, 1967 as the original Allen Library Week fifty years ago. In addition to guest speakers, the program will include the premiere showing of an original documentary video about the Library’s fifty-year history from inception through the present with a glimpse of the future. The video is being produced by the Library’s Cultural Arts staff.
3:30 p.m.: The program will be followed by a reception in the Meeting Room, Library Gallery, and in the Library courtyard (weather permitting). Birthday cake will be served, the birthday cards will be displayed, and the winning bookmarks will be available.
7:30 p.m.: The Levee Singers will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Civic Auditorium. See page 4 for more details.

**ALLen Reads Wishes the Allen Public Library a “Happy Birthday”!**

ALLen Reads is a sub-committee of the Friends of the Allen Public Library and has hosted a variety of programs, movies and author events at the library for the past ten years. We would like to wish the Allen Public Library a “Happy 50th Birthday!” We look forward to bringing many more wonderful events to the community.

Looking for a Good Book to Read?

Do you need some good ideas for a good book to read? Have you been to our library’s “Looking for a good book to read?” webpage, which includes the personalized book suggestion service, “Next Read”? [http://www.cityofallen.org/1140/On-the-Bookshelf](http://www.cityofallen.org/1140/On-the-Bookshelf).

If you have a teen looking for good reading materials, go here: [http://www.cityofallen.org/1165/Teen-Reads](http://www.cityofallen.org/1165/Teen-Reads).

And we can’t leave out the kiddos. They have their own “great books to read” list: [http://www.cityofallen.org/1859/Childrens-Book-Lists](http://www.cityofallen.org/1859/Childrens-Book-Lists). Our library sure takes care of us.
**Become a VolunTeen**

The Allen Public Library welcomes the help of VolunTeens with a variety of volunteer opportunities for students ages 13 to 18. VolunTeens are selected twice a year: in May for summer positions and in August for school year positions. All VolunTeens are required to attend one orientation session. **Signup is RIGHT NOW—August 25 – September 1.** At the end of each VolunTeen session, the Friends sponsors a party for the teens. Looks like fun!

**Speaking of Volunteers ...**

The Friends is an organization of people volunteering to help our library be the best it can be. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us at allentxfriends@gmail.com. Positions we would really like to fill right now:

- **Website editor**—keeps the website up to date.
- **Facebook/public media coordinator**—ensures all programs and events are covered on our Facebook page and our twitter account.

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**Food for Thought Café and Market Presents**

**Barrier Free Cooking**

We love our café in the library atrium. Not only is their food VERY yummy (try their cookies!), they also add to or offer a number of programs at the library.

At **5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, September 21**, join the Allen Public Library, City of Allen Parks and Recreation Special Needs Adapted Program, and Food for Thought Market Cafe for "Barrier Free Cooking." Find different tips and accommodations that can be made to create recipes safely in the kitchen for individuals in a safe and supportive environment.

Free; but get there early; 30 tickets will be given out 30 minutes prior to the program.

**New and Returning Members—July/August**

**Thanks for Being a Friend!**

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