BETWEEN THE PAGES
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Coming Up at the Library

1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 13, Coffee With the Chief
7:30 p.m. Friday, January 19, Bobby Giles and Mountain Music
7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 25, Texas Cattle, California Gold, and Slavery in Antebellum Texas
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, Afro-American Baseball
3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 18, Fusion of Spirituals, Jazz and Gospel
2:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 19, Robotics Fair
3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25, WWI Pioneer Units

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

For updates, go to AllenFriends.org or to the library's calendar at AllenLibrary.org, then “Calendar.”

Childrens’ Programs at the Library

Robotics Fair
Monday, Feb. 19 at 2:00 p.m.
For ages 5 and up in the Children’s Library. Play with our new robotics equipment including LEGO WeDo, LittleBits STEAM Kits, Blue-Bots, and more during our come-and-go science and technology event. This robotics program is sponsored by Vatsa and Shubha Ramanathan in memory of S. Ramanathan, and is part of the Allen Library Endowment Fund robotics program.

Harry Potter Party, Monday, January 8, 2:00 p.m.
For ages 5 and up with their families in the Children’s Library. Return to the world of Harry Potter! Visit Diagon Alley for a special wand, hunt for the golden snitch, make your own enchanted quill pen and meet the sorting hat. Dress up as your favorite character for the costume contest. Winners receive prizes!

Community Story Time, Monday, January 15, 10:30 a.m.
For all ages in the Children’s Program Room. Enjoy a special story time with stories about kindness and friendship with stories, songs, rhymes and a craft.

Train Story Time, Saturday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3 – 5 at the Allen Heritage Depot Museum (100 East Main St). Join us at the Depot in Downtown Allen for a special train-themed story time!

Homework Help
For K–6 students only, Wednesdays at 4:30 – 6 p.m. in the Children’s Program Room. Starts January 17.
Library volunteers will assist elementary-age students with homework on. Amount of time per child is dependent upon the number of participants. This free weekly program is first come, first served.

UTD Science Exhibit: Raspberry Pi
Between now and February, the Children’s Library has a Raspberry Pi computer station for children to learn coding and explore computing.

Be sure to “like” us on our Facebook page—https://www.facebook.com/friendsoftheallenpubliclibrary and follow us on Twitter: @AllenFriends.
Coffee with the Chief

Share coffee with Allen Police Chief Brian Harvey at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, January 13, at the library. Chief Harvey will discuss challenges that confront Allen, the impact of national issues on local law enforcement, and programs offered by the Allen Police Department. After the presentation, citizens can interact personally with Chief Harvey by submitting questions, expressing concerns, and making suggestions. If the issue is confidential, the Chief can arrange a private meeting later.

Allen’s police chief since 2012, Chief Harvey leads a department of 130 sworn and 57 civilian staff that includes Dispatch and the Animal Shelter. Committed to community policing and emphasizing citizen engagement and collaboration with other stakeholders to resolve neighborhood issues, Chief Harvey observes, “There is tremendous support here in Allen for our police, and I am proud to be part of the Allen Team and serve the Allen community.”

Also an Allen Community Outreach Board member, Chief Harvey notes, “even in communities that have the appearance of affluence, some households are one paycheck away from financial crisis. So the client applying for services today may have been a donor in the past. Allen is fortunate to have the services of ACO that have grown based on the needs of the community.”

Prior to coming to Allen, Harvey had a distinguished 32-year career with the Dallas Police Department, with his last position being Deputy Chief of Police, assigned to Homeland Security and Strategic Deployment Division. With a Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Western Illinois University, Chief Harvey is also a graduate of the Southwestern Law Enforcement Command College and the Police Executive Forum Senior Management Institute for Police. He currently serves as President of the North Texas Police Chief’s Association, liaison for the Allen Public Safety Recovery Fund, and Regional Director for the Texas Police Chief’s Association.

Food For Thought Café will provide fresh coffee, hot chocolate and cookies.

Bobby Giles and Music Mountain

Enjoy foot stomping bluegrass with Bobby Giles and Music Mountain at 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 19, at the library. Sharing Bluegrass, Bluegrass Gospel and Americana, this unique group only performs original songs produced and arranged by its members.

Bobby Giles is a passionate song-writer who sings lead vocals and plays the flat-pick guitar. His appreciation for the pure harmonies, faith-centered foundations, and family-friendly venues, inherent to the bluegrass music community, are the inspirations for the band’s personality and presentation.

Husband and wife members Tim and Becky McGaughy hail from Amarillo. Becky plays the upright acoustic bass and sings high harmony. Tim plays guitar and mandolin, sings middle harmony, brings humor to the band, and owns Amarillo Guitar Lessons where he teaches guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, bass, and music theory.

Playing and singing bluegrass music at age 12 while jamming with his father, Carl Josefy now plays mandolin and guitar and sings. A native of both country and contemporary Christian music, Carl freely admits bluegrass is his favorite, not only because of its honest and pure sound, but because “I just like to pick and sing.”

A purveyor extraordinaire of the 5-string banjo, Steve Loggie began performing in the early ’70s and brings years of experience and impassioned, intricate musical detail to the stage.

Recording three CDs, each available on CD Baby, Spotify and iTunes, as well as for purchase at their concerts, their 4th CD is being produced by veteran Nashville bluegrass musician/producer Jim Van Cleve, and will be available in January, 2018.
Unlikely Connections: Afro-American Baseball Leagues
Texas Cattle, California Gold, and Slavery in Antebellum Texas.

Years before the era of the great cattle drives, Texas was already rich with livestock and cattle trails.

Stock raisers and drovers drove cattle to markets in and out of Texas, where they were traded for enormous profits. As commercial interactions increased, the wealth attached to the business soared, as well as the riches of those men and women who participated in the industry.

Several events made this possible, including the discovery of gold in California. With opportunities in California, migration from the American South brought newcomers to Texas and rendered a series of unlikely connections to both the Old South and the New West.

Before the Chisholm, the Eastern, the Western, and the Goodnight-Loving trails, there were the Opelousas, the Shawnee, the Southern, and the Dawson. In Allen, the Shawnee trail was utilized by local ranchers. Although understanding of these early trails has been neglected due to the focus on the post-Civil War drives, they were the foundation for famous cattlemen, including Daniel Waggoner, Oliver Loving, C. C. Slaughter, George R. Reynolds, John Simpson Chisum, and John B. Dawson.

Dr. Debbie Liles will present “Unlikely Connections: Texas Cattle, California Gold, and Slavery in Antebellum Texas” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 25, at the library. A lecturer at the University of North Texas, Dr. Liles has presented conferences across Texas as well as other states. A recipient of the prestigious Liz Carpenter Award for the best book about Texas women’s history and the Ottis Lock Book of the Year award, she serves on numerous committees for historical associations, including the Executive Advisory Committee of the Handbook of Texas Women’s History Project.

Dr. Richard McCaslin, author of Tainted Breeze: The Great Hanging at Gainesville, Texas, 1862, declares, “Dr. Liles’ forthcoming book on ranching in northwest Texas will provide important insights on antebellum Texas and the post-Civil War Cattle Kingdom, thus bridging the persistent gap in the historical literature between these two popular subjects.”

“What if...” histories stir the imagination, leaving people wondering how their lives could have been different if alternative decisions had been made.

History and sports fans alike will find the “What if...” of the major leagues being integrated long before Jackie Robinson a fascinating option to consider. And how would twenty-one stars of the black baseball team era (Negro Leagues and independent black teams) like to be honored?

At 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, Bob May will discuss his acclaimed two-book series, The Best Season – The First Ninety Games (published July 2012) and The Best Season – The Challenging Finish (published August 2017) at the library.

Honoring Afro-American baseball players through highly sophisticated game simulation and prodigious research, Bob’s books give startling statistics on how baseball could have been different had black players been allowed to participate in major league baseball during its segregated era. Through sophisticated simulated baseball board games, the skills of the batter are pitted against the skills of the pitcher. “The purpose of this two-book series is to honor these twenty-one players from the Negro Leagues on the field,” Bob explains. “It is important to me to have people read the books, and share the joy of the box seats behind the Black Ball Stars dugout for 165+ games against 375 of the best Major League ballplayers (1881-1987). Talk about it! I also believe the books honor ALL who played Black Ball.”

Bob May is an author, speaker, and baseball historian. A popular speaker for civic groups, churches and educational institutions, Bob discusses his startling findings and honors Negro League legends.

If you have a friend or family member who was in Negro League Baseball, bring us their story!
Fusion of Spirituals, Jazz, and Gospel

Savor a musical fusion of African-American spirituals, jazz, and gospel with bandleader Donte Ford, Lawrence Mitchell-Matthews, and the Sankofa Chorale at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 18, at the library.

The featured pieces will offer an international premiere of arrangements and compositions as well as familiar songs such as “Precious Lord” and “Oh Happy Day.” Aided by Movement Band, this performance will also include special guests Gospel vocalist Sandra Finney, the legendary rhythm and blues drummer Sugar Boy Myers, and bass guitarist Andrew Jr. Boy Jones. Throughout the performance, dynamic solos will be offered by some of the rising stars of professional voice performance today.

Sugar Boy Myers and Andrew Jr. Boy Jones toured with blues legend Freddie King when he was performing with Eric Clapton in Europe and the US. Sandra Finney is a member of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park where she is a dedicated member and premier soloist of its music ministry.

Minister Ford currently serves on music staff at First Baptist Church of Hamilton Park under the tutelage of John Mark Tatum, Minister of Music. He has returned to Southern Methodist University’s Meadows School of the Arts and Perkins School of Theology to complete his Master of Music in Choral Conducting and Master of Divinity. Upon completion of those degrees, he looks forward to successfully completing his Ph.D. work in Sacred Music. Donte notes, “It is my hope that patrons will gain a greater sense of the quality and respectability of this music alone with its relatable, evocative, and unifying nature.”

The executive director of Sankofa Chorale, Lawrence-Mitchell Matthews has graced the stage with orchestras (South Bend and The Chautauqua) and in operas (A Midsummer Night’s Dream, As You Like It, Don Pasquale, Elixir of Love, and Porgy and Bess) and competitions (Classical Singer, NATS, and The Thomas Wilkins Young Artist of Tomorrow) as a star performer—and winning—baritone in professional voice performance.

WWI Pioneer Units

The primarily African American World War I Pioneer units lacked the formal training to be engineers but were too qualified to be cooks or assigned to the laundry detail. Because they were different from other construction and labor units, they received combat training. This was necessary because they could be stationed anywhere, including the frontlines.

Dr. Christopher Bean will discuss the historic Pioneer Units, historic military units that served America with fortitude and courage, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, February 25, at the library.

While stationed in Europe, the Pioneer Infantry cleared passages and constructed roads and bridges. After the Armistice, tremendous effort was expended for America to exit the war. Thousands of Pioneer Infantry men of the 813th, 815th and 816th were assigned the sobering task of collecting bodies, and body parts, from the battlefields of France as winter encroached and prepare them for burial.

Collin County historian Kristin Spalding observes, “Collin County soldier Pvt. Jeff ‘Morgan’ Tucker of the 816th Pioneer Infantry lost his life to illness a mere month after the Armistice and joined the very men he helped to bury, in the Argonne National Cemetery in France. Pvt. Tucker was reinterred at the historic Ross Cemetery in 1921, and finally, as of last month, his grave is no longer unmarked, and he is receiving due credit for his bravery and ultimate sacrifice.”

Spalding also discovered other Collin County Pioneer soldiers buried at the historic Ross Cemetery including:

- Pvt. Julian Lartigue, 815th (d 1943)
- Carl Oliver, 806th (d 1963)
- Pvt. Solomon Oliver, 801st (d 1938)

Dr. Bean is the author of Too Great a Burden to Bear: The Struggle and Failure of the Freedmen’s Bureau in Texas. Assistant Professor of History and Native American Studies at East Central University, Oklahoma, Dr. Bean completed his doctorate from the University of North Texas. He has written articles for several history journals and presented papers at history conferences.
**ALLen Reads** has generated a lot of excitement within the Allen community over the last ten years. Our next book will be in fall of 2018. Want to get involved? ALLen Reads meets at the library on the second Monday of each month at the library. For more information about ALLen Reads, please go to [www.allenfriends.org](http://www.allenfriends.org).

**Love your library?**

**Want to help out?**

The Friends need help in the following positions: Hospitality chair and Social Media/Website chair. The Hospitality chair is in charge of organizing occasional food treats for the library staff to show how much we appreciate them. The Social Media/website chair manages our Facebook and twitter accounts and the website updates. Neither position requires a great deal of time. For more information contact Susan Jackson at susanmjackson@yahoo.com.

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**OTHER LIBRARY PROGRAMS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY**

For more information on Adult Services programs, go to [www.cityofallen.org/1510/Adult-Programs](http://www.cityofallen.org/1510/Adult-Programs). But here are just a couple of the programs offered by the library in January and February.

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**Winter Health Series** in the 2nd Floor Program Room

- **Fight Cancer with Exercise**, 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, presented by Jeff Monaco, M.S.
- **The Art of Making Healthy Snacks**, 1-2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 25, presented by Kim Lower, M.S. RDN
- **Cool, Calm and Collected: Coping Under Pressure**, 1-2 p.m., Thursday, February 1 presented by Michelle Pierce, M.S.
- **Food Serving Sizes**, 3-4 p.m., Thursday, February 8, presented by Shiva Davanloo, Ph.D.

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**New and Returning Members—November/December**

**Thanks for Being a Friend!**

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ET Boon  
Sebastian Borrello  
Charlie & Joellen Brill  
April Butler  
Jesus Cano  
Claire Chau  
George & Marian Chrisman  
Christina Closson  
Crystal Cunningham  
Michael & Shirley Cusick  
Marc Dawson  
Troy Dodson  
Joanne Easley  
Jennifer Erickson  
Kenneth & Susan Fulk  
Karla Garcia de Alba  
Rebekah Graves  
Bertha G. Hayashi  
Rebecca Hempkins  
John Henderson  
Ghizlane Jawhari  
Nancy Jung  
Paul Kaufman  
Ikram A. Khan  
Lei Liu  
Jo Long  
Abraham Magana  
Paula Mason  
Lauren Massingill  
Tehila Milenewicz  
Abida Minhas  
Riyaz Muhammad  
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