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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 Awards

Volunteer of the Year

At the annual Friends of the Allen Public Library meeting, Karla Warbourg won Volunteer of the Year award. Karla has volunteered with the library in many ways and we are lucky to have her. Most recently she was the Hospitality Chair. This committee shows our librarians how much we appreciate them and coordinates receptions for public programs.

2018 Friends Scholarship Recipients

Each year the Friends endow one or two scholarships to graduating seniors who have contributed through their activities with the Volunteers at the library. This year’s recipients are Abigail Maeng and Rija Abbas, shown below with Friends president Susan Jackson. Congratulations!
**What I Believe:**

**Hinduism and Buddhism**

Want to expand your knowledge about the spiritual belief systems of others? Plan to attend the “What I Believe” program where practitioners of Buddhism and Hinduism will share their beliefs at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 10,** at the Library.

Ryan Cuevas practices Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism with the Soka Gakkai International manager. Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo is the chant that he practices, and while in his youth, he failed to grasp its meaning. However, in 2010 after an opportunity to attend a festival in Chicago and hear multiple experiences, he elected to take his practice seriously and has not looked back. Through this practice, he is able to understand deep compassion, the karmic ties in his life, and the limitless potential that he possesses. Through various meetings and observing proof in his own life, Ryan was inspired to encourage other members to maintain their practice. The Soka Gakkai International stands for peace and respecting the dignity of human life, based upon Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism and the goal of assisting all human beings to attain their inner potential and transform lives.

Marika Torok is a yoga teacher who received training from teachers from India as well as Himalayan Institute and the Center of Body, Mind, Movement. She has been practicing Hinduism and yogic sciences for past two decades. Currently she is instructing yoga at the Radha Krishna Temple in Allen, TX.

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**Honor in the Dust:**

**Theodore Roosevelt and War in the Philippines**

The Spanish-American War altered the map of the United States. As a result of that war, Puerto Rico, Guam, The Philippines and other islands became American territories, and the United States was soon mired in a forgotten conflict that was known as the Philippine Revolution and ultimately the Philippine-American war.

Investigative journalist, foreign correspondent and finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, Gregg Jones will discuss his book **Honor in the Dust: Theodore Roosevelt, War in the Philippines, and the Rise and Fall of America’s Imperial Dream** at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 17,** at the library.

Jones first learned of this conflict while working as a foreign correspondent in the Philippines during the 1980s. Reporting on the rise of the Maoist Communist Party of the Philippines and its armed guerrilla force, the New People’s Army, Jones observed, “Philippine communist underground preached that ‘U.S. imperialism’ was the paramount enemy of the Filipino people, and the root cause of all their problems. I wanted to understand the historical roots of their claim. That took me back to the Spanish-American War of 1898, which really introduced Americans to the Philippines, and the subsequent Philippine-American War from 1899-1902.”

A former staff writer for the Dallas Morning News, Jones covered defense and energy issues. After the 9/11 attack on the United States in 2001, Jones courageously reported from Pakistan and Afghanistan on the U.S. military reactions, the pursuit of Osama bin Laden, and the poverty and hardships confronting the Afghan people after decades of war.

Gregg Jones is also the author of **Last Stand at Khe Sanh: The U.S. Marines’ Finest Hour in Vietnam.**
**Young Country**

The vibrant music of Young Country will resound from the library’s stage at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 11. Performing both original tunes and songs of premiere Southwestern songwriters, this group offers outstanding vocal harmonies and unique instrumental interpretations.

Formed in 1970, this Dallas-based band has performed at Poor David’s Club, Hyatt at Lake Tahoe and served on three USO tours to Vietnam. Their first album, “Young Country,” was produced in 1974.

On banjo, guitar, mandolin and dobro, Rick Sparks is currently president of the Northern Nevada Bluegrass Association and travels the country as a Wernick Method banjo instructor.

On tambourine and vocals, Cheryl Cleavenger appeared on the Mike Douglas show, has been the voice for Blue Bell Ice Cream commercials, and was on various television shows hosted by media personality Ron Chapman.

Former members of the New Generation Singers, Rick and Cheryl also provided back-up vocals for Michael Martin Murphey at his first concert on Austin City Limits.

Singer/songwriter Randy Brooks performs nationally, including at the famed Bluebird Café in Nashville, Tennessee. Composer of the holiday classic “Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer,” Randy plays bass and guitar.

A member of the Texas Radio Hall of Fame, Johnny Hooper is recognized for his contributions as a writer, producer, guitarist, and vocalist in the field of jingles and commercials. Johnny fronts the band Mr. Inez, which opened for the Beach Boys last February.

Once a member of the New Christy Minstrels, Rod Phillips plays piano, mandolin, cello, harmonica, flute and vocals. Touring as a member of Michael Martin Murphey’s band, he had a solo career in Taos, New Mexico, and now in Branson, Missouri.

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**FRIENDS ONGOING BOOKSALE**

Friends accepts donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, audio books, craft magazines and current event magazines less than a year old.

Your tax deductible donations can be dropped off at the circulation desk any time or at the dock on the southeast side of the building Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. A tax receipt will be provided.

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**Memorial Weekend Concert**

The Allen Community Band, under the direction of Craig Logan, will honor those we have lost by opening the concert with “Semper Fidelis” by John Phillip Sousa, followed by “On A Hymnsong of Philip Bliss” by David Holsinger, at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 25, at the library.

The concert continues with Edward Gregson’s “Festivo,” a multi-metered and fast-moving selection and “Pas Redouble’,” which showcases the technical skills of the woodwinds with sweeping scalar runs highlighted by brass interludes of contrasting styles.

“March Hongroise,” sometimes known as the “Hungarian March,” was the unofficial state anthem of Hungary before Ferenc Kölcsey wrote the “Himnusz,” which is now Hungary’s official national anthem. Thought to have been originally penned around 1730, Hector Berlioz included the music in his composition “La Damnation de Faust” in 1846.

Concluding the concert, the band will perform John Phillip Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever,” featuring piccolo soloist, Julie Bell. This is perhaps the most well-known American march in the world.

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“If you keep running after too many hobbies, you won't have any time left for bliss.” Paramahansa Yogananda

**Awake: The Life of Yogananda**

Author of the best-selling spiritual classic *Autobiography of a Yogi*, Paramahansa Yogananda, came to America in 1920, and by 1927, President Coolidge invited him to the White House. Yogananda brought the West techniques to focus energy and facilitate inner peace and soul-satisfying fulfillment.

Yogananda’s *Autobiography of a Yogi* was the only book on Steve Jobs’s iPad.

One means to learn more about this Hindu swami and his efforts to bring enlightenment to the West is to watch *Awake: The Life of Yogananda*. This film about the life of the Paramahansa Yogananda, will be shown at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 20, at the library.

Filmed over three years with the participation of thirty countries, the documentary examines the world of yoga, modern and ancient, East and West, and explores the legacy of Yogananda’s teachings. All the while, gentle sitar music and soothing narration set a relaxing mood. Directed by award-winners Paola di Florio and Lisa Leeman, the movie includes interviews with Deepak Chopra and George Harrison (who died in 2001).

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**Flag Day program honors US Army Medical Support in WW I**

Throughout history, epidemics or virulent infections often proved to be a greater determinant of battle outcomes than combat operations. During World War I, thousands of men occupied congested trenches for prolonged periods, facilitating the spread of diseases. The Spanish flu and other ailments were also transmitted through training and base camps.

Unlike previous wars, the army was also confronted with an unprecedented challenge—caring for soldiers suffering from inhalation of chlorine or mustard gas. These substances caused blindness, scarred vocal chords and severe lung disease for survivors.

Learn how the Army Medical Department strove to improve and maintain soldiers’ health during World War I with Dr. Sanders Marble at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 14, at the library. Honoring Flag Day, the program will open with a medley of patriotic music performed by members of the Allen Community Band.

A senior historian for the U.S. Army Office of Medical History in San Antonio, Dr. Marble received his doctorate in history from King’s College London. Author of the forthcoming book, *From Trenches to Hospitals: US Army Medics in World War I*, he previously served as a historian at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, the Office of Medical History, and as a project historian at the Smithsonian Institution.

A guest curator for the Army Medical Department Museum’s exhibit on WWI, Dr. Marble has contributed to the US WWI Commemoration Commission’s web pages about medicine in WWI. Dr. Marble commented on the U.S Army’s efforts at that time, “Taking care of individual soldiers is good for the individual, and for the Army.”

Dr. Marble is also the author of *Scraping the Barrel: The Military Use of Substandard Manpower, 1860-1960* and *King of Battle: Artillery in World War I*.

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**The Library Will Be Closed**

- May 4 for staff development, they’ll be back on May 5.
- May 27 & 28 for Memorial Day, they’ll be back on May 29.
Vinyl Stripes - Rockabilly/Surf with a Modern Beat

The Vinyl Stripes will shake, rattle and roll the library’s auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Friday, June 15. This eclectic band not only evokes memories of car hops, Coke stands and Rockabilly performers like Buddy Holly and Roy Orbison, but their harmonies and arrangements also feature modern beats.

Their unforgettable tribute to Rock ‘n’ Roll’s king, Elvis Presley, includes “Mystery Train.” Released by Sun Records in 1955, this song ranked #77 on Rolling Stone’s 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

On guitar and vocals, Steve Curry once worked with 1950’s icon Fabian. Featured on the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpiece’s touring program and the Texas Commission on the Arts Touring Roster, Steve has also played with Muddy Waters, Disney Studios and Bravo.

After high school, Greg New joined the U S Marine Corps. Prior to joining The Vinyl Stripes, he played bass and vocals with Fish Fry Bingo, Driftin’ Outlaw Band, and Truck Stop Junkies, and on occasion, he plays with his wife’s band, The Bodarks.

A Grammy-nominated recording artist, percussionist Mark Baker has played with a number of versatile artists, including singer-songwriter Phil Pritchett with punk rock legends the Riverboat Gamblers.

Kaitlin Pennell of the Denton Record Chronicle observed about The Vinyl Stripes, “A Front Runner in The DFW Music scene!” Popular at car and motorcycle shows, The Vinyl Stripes is a regular at Winstar Casino in Oklahoma, Ft. Worth’s Main Street, and the Denton Arts and Jazz Festival.

Bonnie and Clyde

In the 1930s, most North Texas residents told and retold Bonnie and Clyde stories, embellishing the tales each time. From robbing the local bank or looting Uncle Gus’s gas station to stealing Aunt Sue’s car, America was captivated with Bonnie and Clyde stories.

After the famous duo was ambushed, their stolen bullet-riddled Ford V8 car was displayed at county fairs across the country. People stood in line for over an hour to get a glimpse of this car that had over a hundred bullet holes. As a lad, my father observed the blood stains, shattered windshield and bullet holes while at a fair. That car can now be seen at the Primm Hotel and Casino in Primm, Nevada.

Hear the real story of Bonnie and Clyde from Clyde Barrow’s nephew Buddy Barrow and historian Charles Heard at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 21, at the library.

Dallas native and son of Clyde’s younger brother L.C. Barrow, Buddy Barrow will share stories of his infamous uncle that he heard from his family since childhood. Possessing an expertise in Bonnie and Clyde history, Buddy has given tours and presented programs for over two decades. He has appeared on Bonnie and Clyde, American Experience – PBS; Natural Born Outlaws - American Hero Channel; Time Watch: The Real Bonnie and Clyde - National Geographic Channel; and Crime Wave: 18 Months of Mayhem - History Channel.

A graduate of UT Dallas with post graduate studies in Pop Culture at Oxford University, England, Charles Heard is the author of Hollywood’s Hellfire Club and contributor to Go Down Together by Jeff Guinn, The Family Story of Bonnie and Clyde by Philip Steele, and Countess Dracula by Greg Man. Charles is the co-founder of the Bonnie and Clyde Ambush Museum in Gibsland, Louisiana. He has appeared on the History Channel, A&E Network, WFAA Channel 8, FOX 4 and Dallas Morning News.

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**History of Military Rifles**

Learn about the history of military rifles, from the Colonial period to Viet Nam, from Bill Crawley, author of *The Development of the American Fighting Rifle*. He will be sharing his knowledge of these weapons at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 28**, at the library. Mr. Crawley will also discuss the 1847 Colt Walker pistol and its significance in Texas history. A replica of the Colt Walker 1847 and rifles will be on display at the program.

The flintlock percussion was an important firearm during America’s colonial period, but fire arms manufacturers were continuously striving to improve accuracy and range. This resulted in the later development of breech-loading weapons and repeaters, the trapdoor Springfield, Krag–Jørgensen, 1903 Springfield, M1 Garand, M14 and M16.

A lifelong rifle enthusiast, Bill apprenticed as a gunsmith at Baar’s Gun Shop in Oak Cliff while in high school. There, he learned the mechanics of guns, and how to diagnose, repair and tune them. In addition, he learned how to cast bullets. After graduation, Bill joined the Coast Guard where he graduated Gunner’s Mate School, which included explosives, and served as a firearms instructor while he was in charge of the Coast Guard Armory in Mobile, Alabama.

A member of the Dallas Arms Collector Association, this group donated Barrett 50 caliber rifles to the Dallas Police Department. One of these donated rifles took down the gunman who arrived at the Dallas Police Department headquarters in an armored van in 2015, shot at officers, and left behind bags filled with pipe bombs. The Dallas Arms Collector Association has also donated funds and ammunition to the Allen Eagles Competitive Shooting Team.

Bill is also the author of *Guns and Gunfights of the Texas Rangers*.

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**Has Selected its 2018 Books**

The main ALLen Reads book for 2018 is *The War That Saved My Life* by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley, and the companion books for younger readers are *A Hat for Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love* and *Diana’s White House Garden* by Elisa Carbone.

We have been busy sharing this information about ALLen Reads with local Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, participants at Eagle Run, AISD librarians and more. Look at all the support we’re getting from our community!

Stay tuned... for upcoming ALLen Reads programs! Want to help? Email ajmoghe@gmail.com - we’d love to have you aboard!
OTHER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Allen Library is Award-Winning!
The Allen Public Library is one of 52 Texas libraries chosen from 548 public libraries in Texas for the 2017 Achievement of Library Excellence Award. Winners are selected by the Achievement of Excellence in Libraries Award Committee of the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association, an affiliate of the Texas Municipal League. This is the fourth consecutive year that the Library has received the peer-reviewed recognition.

The Committee selects recipients based upon demonstrated excellence in multiple categories including: summer reading programs, new or enhanced services, marketing and publicity, cultural, topical, and educational programming for adults and families, literacy support, collaborative efforts, and staff development.

The TMLDA award reflects the library staff’s consistent commitment to provide customer service, encourage reading and literacy, support lifelong learning, promote cultural inclusion, and develop information fluency. The award emphasizes the continuing support for the library from Allen citizens for more than 50 years.

Family Place Library Grant
Our library is one of 12 libraries in the state of Texas awarded a 2018 Family Place Libraries™ Project grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. This project was initiated to help public libraries address early learning needs with the goal of ensuring that all children begin school ready and able to learn.

Two library staff members received training at the Middle Country Public Library in Centereach, New York to learn the core elements of the Family Place Libraries™ model and develop a plan to implement those principles. The library will receive a $6,000 grant to assist in launching a successful Family Place Libraries™ location. The Library will host workshops for young children (ages 0-3) with their caregivers, create a parenting collection, enhance the interactive play space in the Children’s Library, and cultivate and continue community partnerships with local organizations serving young children and their families.

Library staff members look forward to incorporating the Family Place Libraries™ model to further serve our youngest citizens and to including those concepts in the library building expansion project approved by Allen voters in May 2016.

Texas Book Festival Grant
Our library was one of 48 Texas libraries selected to receive a 2018 Texas Book Festival competitive grant that will be used to augment the Lone Star Reading List books for grades 6-8 and the children’s e-book collection.

Texas Branding Iron Award
At the 2018 Texas Library Association annual conference in Dallas, the Library received a Texas Branding Iron Award for Community Engagement. The award recognized the Library’s Bilingual Chinese Story Time that began in February 2017. These popular programs are presented by the DFW Chinese-American Storytelling eGarden and coordinated by Youth Services staff.

OTHER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Here are just a few of the May activities at the library. There’s always something going on at our library!

Youth services programs for May can be found at https://cityofallen.org/DocumentCenter/View/16759.

TheArts@APL: Writing/Publishing Your First Novel
Limited to 15. Free tickets available at the Reference Desk 30 minutes prior to the program. Ages 18+

May 19, 2:30 PM—4:30 PM, in the Upstairs Program Room, Journalist and publication editor Lisa Poisso discusses what goes into creating a commercially viable novel.

May 26, 2:30 PM—4:30 PM, in the Upstairs Program Room, This workshop will help would-be authors understand their publishing options and choose the right path for their first novel.

DIY@APL: Book Quote Canvas
May 16, 10 AM—11:30 AM, in the Upstairs Program Room. Create a mixed media canvas using old book pages, paints, a variety of fun embellishments and favorite book quotes! All supplies provided. Some quotes will be available, but feel free to bring your favorite book quote printed out for your canvas. Free; no registration Ages 16+
The Allen Library Endowment Fund (formerly the Friends of the Library Endowment Fund) has begun planning its next Fall Fundraiser, this year in honor of two of the library’s founding women, Ruth Pringle and Wilma Smith. The event will be hosted **September 22**. More details to come!

ALEF is also proud to announce the Robotics Program now in action – thank you to Vatsa Ramanathan for your sponsorship, as well as the others who donated to this important STEAM program. Look at all the fun those kiddos are having.


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**New and Returning Members—March/April**

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