Friends Programs Coming Up at the Library

3 p.m., Sunday, November 11, Veterans' Day concert

2 p.m., Saturday, November 17, Sherlock Holmes Symposium

7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 15, Marie Tippit, Widow of Officer Killed by Lee Harvey Oswald

3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 18, Tea with the Roosevelts

7:30 p.m., Monday, November 19, Juror #10: Texas vs. Rubinstein alias Jack Ruby

7:30 p.m., Friday, December 14, Holidays with HarpEssence

3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 16, Allen Community Band Christmas Concert

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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.”

Arts@APL is a big hit.

Here are some pictures of some of the library’s recent Arts@APL classes funded by the Friends. There will be more adult and children's Arts@APL programs after the holidays, so stay tuned to this newsletter and the library’s calendar.

Enjoy your Holidays

Nov/Dec Closings for the Library

• Closed Friday, November 2, for Staff Development Day
• Close early on Wednesday, November 21, at 6 p.m.
• Closed Thursday, November 22, & Friday, November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving
• Closed Sunday, December 23, - Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas
• Close early on Monday, December 31, at 6 p.m.
• Closed Tuesday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day
**Veterans Day Concert**

Celebrate the centennial of the armistice that ended World War I at 3 p.m., Sunday, **November 11**, at the Library.

The concert will begin with the National Anthem, led by Chris Xeros, Korean War veteran and founding conductor of the Richardson Symphony and Allen Philharmonic. The band will perform music made popular during and after World War I, as well as contemporary selections celebrating our Armed Forces.

Arranged by Darren Jenkins, “Echoes From the Battlefield” commemorates World War I with four songs that were popular and widely performed during that historic era. Opening with “Over There,” followed by “It's a Long Way from Tipperary,” “Keep the Home Fires Burning” and closing with “Pack Up Your Troubles in an Old Kit Bag.”

The band will pay tribute to the early works of George M. Cohan and Irving Berlin. James Barnes’ arrangement, “Star Spangled Salute,” is based on several Cohan songs from that time. Included are “Yankee Doodle Boy,” “Give My Regards to Broadway” and “You’re a Grand Old Flag.”

Members of the audience are invited to stand as the musical theme of their respective branch of service is played and the flag is presented on stage.

This free concert is also sponsored by the VFW 2195, Allen Community Band, and Bernardo de Galvez DAR chapter.

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**Sherlock Holmes Symposium**

Footprints, intuitive powers of observation and advanced forensics help solve the mysteries of Sherlock Holmes. An enduring subject of film, stage, radio, comic books, animations and television, Sherlock Holmes mysteries are popular internationally. Created in the mind of doctor-turned-author Conan Doyle, his methodologies encouraged a change in the way police work was conducted and remain in practice today.

From Orson Welles in radio to Basil Rathbone and Robert Downey, Jr., in film, numerous adaptations of Sherlock Holmes mysteries have been produced.

Learn more about Sherlock Holmes at 2 p.m., **Saturday, November 17**, in a free program at the library. Presented by The Crew of the Barque Lone Star, a group that is a Sherlock Holmes literary society for the greater Dallas/Ft. Worth area, and a scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars.

Presenters include Angela Lusk, Allen Osborne, Tim Kline, Rusty Mason, Liese Sherwood-Fabre, Diane Tran, Dean Clark, Cindy Brown, Brenda Silvey Hutchison, Ben Everett and Ann Caddell. The speakers have expended numerous hours in researching how Sherlock Holmes mysteries have been featured in various mediums, and have addressed other Sherlock Holmes’ organizations throughout America.

“When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth.”

*Sherlock Holmes*
Marie Tippit, Widow of Officer Killed by Lee Harvey Oswald

Marie Tippit demonstrated courage and fortitude during one of the saddest periods in American history.

Shortly after 1:00 p.m., November 22, 1963, on a quiet residential street in Oak Cliff, Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit observed 24-year-old Lee Harvey Oswald walking down the sidewalk. People could often be seen walking to work or to a store during a time when car ownership was not ubiquitous, but certain behaviors merited this experienced officer’s attention. He stopped to investigate and was shot four times. A passerby, Domingo Benavides, notified police using Officer Tippit’s own police radio of the tragic circumstances.

In a matter of moments, Marie became a widow with three small children.

While the nation watched the funeral of its beloved President John Kennedy, another funeral occurred one hour later for the fallen officer J.D. Tippit at the Beckley Hills Baptist Church in Oak Cliff.

Marie Tippit will recall those tumultuous days at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 15, at the Library. The Allen Police Department’s officers will escort Marie to the library’s stage, and Chief Brian Harvey will help introduce the widow of a fallen officer.

During this tragic weekend, a most endearing exchange of messages occurred between Jackie Kennedy and Marie; the two widows expressed condolences to each other with the kindest sentiments. Also, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy and the new President, Lyndon Johnson, called Marie to express their sympathies.

When asked about how she wants the public to remember her fallen husband, she replied, “He was a good Christian man who took his family to church and worked other jobs to support us. No amount of time can take away my pain I feel for the man I loved. And for anyone who thinks I’m over it, well, they never knew J.D. Tippit. And I am coming to your library to honor his memory.”

Tea with the Roosevelts

President Franklin Roosevelt and First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt guided this nation during two of the most tumultuous periods of American history—the Great Depression and World War II. After President Roosevelt died in 1945, Mrs. Roosevelt continued to support her husband’s efforts in establishing the United Nations.

While enjoying tea, you can hear Elliot Roosevelt Jr. and Liz Roosevelt Kelley recount stories of their esteemed grandparents and great-grandparents at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 18 at the Library. Mr. Roosevelt will share recollections of FDR and the woman he called “Grandmere.” Having read every column and book penned by Eleanor Roosevelt, Liz Roosevelt Kelly will present stunning photos of Eleanor’s life and offer special insights and observations for the woman President Truman declared the “First Lady of the World.”

Elliot Roosevelt, the son of Ruth and Elliott Roosevelt, spent time with grandparents Eleanor and Franklin while growing up and celebrated Christmas at the White House during the later years of Roosevelt’s presidency. Liz Roosevelt Kelly is the daughter of Elliot and JoAnne Roosevelt.

Eleanor Roosevelt’s “My Day” column was at one time syndicated in 90 newspapers, and at that time, the second most popular newspaper column in the nation. She wrote the column six days a week from 1935 until her death in 1962. She also published a book called My Day. Although it is her diary, it simultaneously serves as an irreplaceable historical document.
**Juror No. 10: Texas vs. Rubinstein alias Jack Ruby**

Waymon Rose of Allen was Juror Number 10 during the infamous 1964 trial of Texas vs. Rubinstein alias Jack Ruby. He will share his experiences of this infamous trial at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 19, at the Library.

Jack Ruby fatally shot Lee Harvey Oswald two days after President Kennedy was assassinated. In one of the most highly publicized trials of the twentieth century, Ruby was found guilty of murdering Oswald, but the Texas Court of Appeals reversed the decision. Ruby died of lung cancer while awaiting retrial.

At his wife’s suggestion, Mr. Rose maintained a journal of his experiences in a spiral notebook, detailing the living conditions and limited activities of himself and his fellow jurors as well as his insights and observations of Jack Ruby, his attorneys, the prosecutors and the trial. That notebook is now at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas.

In November of 1963, Rose was a traveling salesman. President Kennedy’s assassination would initiate a chain of events that would drag Mr. Rose unwillingly into history. “I said, ‘I’m too busy to be on any jury, but I’ll get off it,’” Rose recalled about his notice of summons. “I’m not going to serve on any jury.” Because millions of Americans had watched the video of Ruby killing Oswald, finding an impartial jury was a daunting task. The prosecutors learned that Rose had a distinguished war record and were determined that he serve on the jury. In fact, Rose wrote in his diary that near the end of the trial, he still had not made up his mind whether Ruby was mentally capable of standing trial.

Mr. Rose says that after 30 minutes of deliberation, with the jury reviewing all details, the verdict became unanimous.

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**Holidays with HarpEssence, from Classics to Modern**

Acclaimed harpist Linda Mudd, along with special guest artists, will present an intimate, warm, and joyful celebration of a traditional Christmas music at the 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 14, at the Library. Beautiful runs, soaring glissandos, and delicate fingering surround the audience with the gorgeous sounds of four concert grand harps.

HarpEssence is an ensemble that is comprised of four harpists who came together to celebrate their passion for the harp. The group performs all styles of music, often in intricate 4 part harmonies. Performing for special events, weddings, churches, libraries and private events, HarpEssence educates the audience on their selections and the instruments in between pieces. Band leader Linda Mudd is also part of The Selkie Girls, a Celtic band.

Joining Linda are Susan Koskelin, Joan McCord and Grace Johnson. Joey Flowers will enchant the audience with the magic of the flute, a perfect complement to the majesty of the harps.

A play list includes “Skater’s Waltz,” “Greensleeves,” “Jesu Bambino,” “Bach’s Sleepers’ Awake” and much more. No Christmas concert is complete without “Jingle Bells,” but this version will be performed in a jazzy and festive style.

All Bach to Books performances are sponsored by the Friends of the Allen Public Library and the City of Allen. Sometimes others participate in sponsoring, and are noted accordingly. 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.
Over 11 years ago, ALLen Reads established its One Book Program and has generated a lot of excitement throughout the Allen community by bringing authors/illustrators of *Marley and Me*, *Seedfolks*, *Cellist of Sarajevo*, *Rocket Boys*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *A Nest for Celeste*, *Big Fish*, *Orphan Train*, *Texas Eats* and *brown girl dreaming*. This year was no exception when we brought Kimberly Brubaker Bradley to the Allen Library Auditorium to discuss her book *The War That Saved My Life*. She was delighted to see such an enthusiastic crowd which was made up of people of all ages and was willing to sign books along with anything else she could autograph just so that she could meet every person in line!

ALLen Reads once again offered its Celebrity Reader Program that focused on the younger reader from K-6. We invited local “celebrities” to all of our AISD elementary libraries to interact with children as they read the ALLen Reads selected companion books. Each year, our community leaders enjoy reading with the children as much as the students look forward to their surprise reader! The companion books were: *Diana’s White House Garden* (Grades 2-4) and *A Hat For Mrs. Goldman: A Story About Knitting and Love* (Grades K-1).

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make all of our programs a huge success! This included showing our summer movies, Celebrating Differences-Resource Fair and Family Concert with the Allen Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra at the Library Auditorium along with Tea & Talk at the ASRC. Look out for our 2019 book by visiting www.allenfriends.org.

This project was made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and also by generous individuals like former APL Director Barbara Buehler.
Allen Community Band Christmas Concert

Take time to relax before the final rush to the big day! Join the Allen Community Band for an enjoyable concert featuring famous songs of the season at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 16, at the Library.

If Santa is Up on the Housetop, can he really Rock the House? Find out as the Allen Community Jazz Band kicks off the concert with swing arrangements of holiday music. Allen Community Jazz Band brings a new perspective to many of the traditional holiday songs.

Directed by Craig Logan, The Allen Community Band takes the stage and begins with Prestissimo. Its rapid, upbeat tempo, is one of 197 Marches and Gallops composed by Karl King and features all sections of the Band.

Those desiring music of a more classical nature will enjoy A Carmen Christmas...yes, that Carmen! With themes of the famous opera mixed with traditional holiday music, this selection will delight everyone from young to old.

While on the subject of classical music...what is more Christmas than music from The Nutcracker Suite? Under the direction of Chris Xeros, ACB Associate Director, and founding Conductor of the Richardson Symphony and Allen Philharmonic, this transcription includes four sections of the famous ballet including Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy and Waltz of the Flowers.

The Thunderer, by John Phillip Sousa, brings the ensemble back to the Band idiom. This is one of Sousa’s most famous and recognizable marches.

The Band will conclude the concert with their annual performance of Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride.

Other Library Programs

ADULT SERVICES

♦ Library After Dark: Mystery in the Art Gallery, 7-9:30 p.m., Friday, November 16, 1st Floor Gallery. There’s a mystery to solve in the Art Gallery! Use your puzzle solving skills to piece together the clues in this special after-hours event. Cocktail attire encouraged. Appetizers and mocktails provided by Food for Thought Market and Café. Presented in collaboration with the Friends of the Allen Public Library. Free. Limited to first 50 people. Registration opens 10 a.m., Friday, October 26. Register at AllenLibrary.org/LibraryAfterDark or call the Reference Desk at 214-509-4905. Ages 18+; no childcare provided.

CHILDREN’S SERVICES

♦ In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Program runs through Friday, November 16. Children ages 4-12 can register at the Library’s Children’s Desk and read books to earn up to three free treats at In-N-Out. Full program details are available at the Children’s Desk (214.509.4906).

♦ The Library is hosting a Diwali Story Time on Thursday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. for all ages in the Children’s Program Room. Limited to 80, free tickets are available at the Children’s Desk 30 minutes before the start of the program.

♦ City of Allen Animal Control staff are visiting the Library for a special after-school visit on Thursday, November 8 at 4:30 p.m. in the Children’s Program Room. Attendees will learn about how the staff handles stray animals and how the Animal Shelter operates. Limited to 50, free tickets are available at the Children’s Desk 30 minutes before the start of the program.

♦ The Library’s annual Thanksgiving Story Time is Tuesday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. for ages 3 and up in the Children’s Program Room. Celebrate Thanksgiving and the things that make us thankful at this special story time with puppet show! Limited to 80 per story time, free tickets are available at the Children’s Desk 30 minutes before the start of each program.

♦ Marshmallow Movies will be back in December on Tuesdays mornings (December 4, 11 and 17) at 10:30 a.m. in the Children’s Program Room for ages 3 and up with their caregivers. Enjoy sweet treats, a craft and holiday movies!

♦ Noon Year’s Eve is bigger than ever this year on Monday, December 31 at 11:30 a.m. for ages 2 and up. We’ve moved our party to the Auditorium to accommodate more attendees. Enjoy a special story time with a countdown to noon and a magical balloon drop!
Interested in helping the library?

Join the Friends’ Board. We have three jobs open that could make a big difference to the library:

♦ **Allen Reads chair** coordinates efforts to provide the community with a “one-book” program. There is an active committee in place to provide support.

♦ **Communications director** will provide public media efforts, including website and Facebook, for Friends programs and other Friends-sponsored library happenings.

♦ **Volunteer coordinator** calls from a prepared list to find volunteers whenever they are needed at programs.

Contact us at [allentxfriends@gmail.com](mailto:allentxfriends@gmail.com) if you are interested or have questions.

Don’t forget those end-of-year donations.

It’s a great time to clean out your books and donate to the ongoing book sale. This book sale helps fund the “Bach to Books” programs at the library, and be sure to ask for a tax donation receipt.

New and Returning Members—September/October

Thanks for Being a Friend!

Diego Acero
Evan Arcoria
Eleni Asfau
Craig Atkinson
Julie Atkinson
Monika Bora
Toni Borel
Jeannette Brady
Barbara Buehler
Marcia Burns
Vikram Cadambe
Richard Campbell
Sherelyn Campomanes
Stephen Chapman
Angela Clarke
Anne DeLaRosa
Seeja Devassy
Osayuwamen Ehiojhae
Brian Elders

Raymond Escalera
Berenice Thomas Flores
Crystal Flores
Jennie Furness
Eureka Gaines
Tara Gallagher
Jennifer Gardner
Cindy Gomez
Rhonda Harper
Brenda Harrier
Marilyn Harvey
Kristin Hess
Nicole Huddleston
Jorie Jukes
Paul Kaufman
Brandy Kemp
Haroon Khan
Diane Knaack
Mikyung Kwon

Aleide Leiva
Maria Lemus
Tim & Kathy Litinas
Tara Loiben
Rajesh Mandava
Teresa Marion
Emily McLaughlin
Iazia McTeer
Kathryn Miller
Sudhanshu Mishra
Michel Morales
Kathy Oserto
Alba Otero
Elizabeth Pickett
Rajesh Pillai
Sandra Iribhugbe Popnen
Monica Rodriguez
Marianna Sennour
Ruth Siddiqi

Eric Smith
Anjum Sultana
Zsuzsanna Szalay
Meagan Talamantes
Kristopher Talley
Suzanne Teson
Neetu Tripathi
Ayesha Uddin
Julia Ventura
Christopher Walls
Martin & Karla Warborg
Alicia West
Deborah Williams
Sandy Wittsche
Tiffany Woodward
Renuka Yaramsetty
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