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Coming Up at the Library

2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 10, Adult Arts@APL, Creativitea (learn about teas)

3:00 p.m., Thursday, March 14, Youth Arts @ APL: Explore Art

7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14, Ben Milam: Freedom Fighter

7:30 p.m., Friday, March 15, Celtic Rock Band Cleghorn

7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28, Alexander Hamilton

2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 31, Adult Arts@APL, Fix It or Frog It? (knitting)

4:30 p.m., Friday, April 5, Youth Arts@APL: DIY Book bag

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18, Douglas Box and the Original Southfork Ranch

7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 25, Annual Friends meeting, followed by

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25, Women's Suffrage Movement in Texas

2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 27, The Diversity of Mental Health.

Click on any item above and it will link you directly to the article.

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."



The week beginning April 7 is National Volunteer Week AND National Library week. In recognition of that, the staff at the Allen Public Library wanted to say,

**Thank you to all of the
Friends of the
Library Volunteers!!
We appreciate you!!**

From the APL Staff

Ben Milam Freedom Fighter



Most Texans are familiar with the contributions by Davy Crocket, William Travis and Jim Bowie to the Texas independence movement, but Ben Milam's role is less well known. Join three collateral descendants of Ben Milam, who portray his life through music and drama at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 14**, at the Library.

A soldier and trader from Kentucky, Ben Milam was fluent in Spanish and helped the Mexican army in their efforts to secure freedom from Spain. He served as a leader of the Texas independence movement during the 1830s. In December, 1835, when some leaders of the rebellious Texas forces wanted to delay a planned attack on a Mexican army camped at San Antonio until after the winter, Milam vehemently disagreed. He urged other members of the Texas volunteers to join him in a surprise attack: "Who will go with old Ben Milam into San Antonio?" The attack succeeded, but Ben Milam was killed by a sniper's bullet.

All three of the actors have Milam as their



middle name—Elizabeth Milam Hodges, Brenda Milam Stone and Melva Milam Bush. Their parents imbued them with the value of the Ben Milam legacy since early childhood. Their grandparents declared, "You are a Milam; you can do anything."

Celtic Rock Band Cleghorn

Cleghorn blends original folk/rock songwriting with high energy Celtic fiddle and bagpipe tunes at **7:30 p.m., Friday, March 15**, at the Library. This father-son team features Texas southern rock with Celtic melodies. Original songwriting and high energy shows are among the band's most appreciated talents.



The performances of Cleghorn have enamored audiences at the North Texas Irish Festival, Austin Celtic Festival, State Fair of Texas, Texas Scottish Festival and more. Dylan and John have been acclaimed as charismatic performers who even go as far as leaving the stage to play among the crowd during their concerts.

The Celtic Music News review of Cleghorn's album states: "The robust and pristine sound of Dylan Cleghorn's fiddle is wrapped in heavy pop rock rhythms that approach anthemic intensity. John Cleghorn, adding his original songwriting, screaming guitar riffs and golden vocal melodies, reveals himself as a man who truly knows rock."

Cleghorn released their CD *Celtic America* in 2018.

While playing for the band "The Kangs," John opened for Cheap Trick, The Producers, Bachman Turner Overdrive, and more.

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Alexander Hamilton

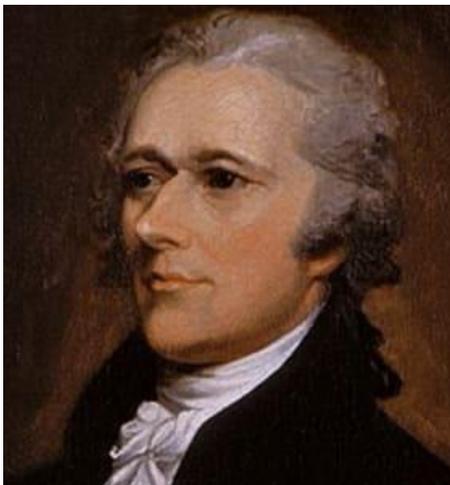
Alexander Hamilton was a statesman and visionary whose life continues to shape America today. The Library will feature a presentation by Dr. Edward Countryman discussing this founding father at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 28.**

Dr. Countryman will examine Hamilton's role during the Revolutionary War and founding period (1774-1804). The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard will be in colonial costume to present the flag.

Hamilton rose from an orphaned, 15-year-old West Indies immigrant, to George Washington's war time aide. At age 32, our nation's first Secretary of the Treasury. Hamilton championed four causes: ratification of the constitution, the abolition of slavery, and creation of both the New York Stock Exchange and National Bank. Alexander Hamilton's efforts led to his picture being on the ten-dollar bill. Today, many most remember him for the duel with Aaron Burr that led to his death.

As an aide to General Washington during the American Revolution and later, as the Secretary of Treasury, he played a pivotal role in helping shape our nation. His policies created the mechanism for modern financial systems to develop. Those policies facilitated the growth of capital markets and afforded businesses the ability to create capital.

Edward Countryman is a University Distinguished Professor at Southern Methodist University, a highly acclaimed American Revolution historian, and the author or editor of nine books, including six on the Revolution, with another on the way. He also has a



strong interest in how creative artists, including Lin-Manuel Miranda, have understood the Revolution on canvas, on film, and on stage. His first book, on post-independence New York, included close study of Hamilton in the 1780s. It won Columbia University's Bancroft Prize as one of the two best books on all of American history in its year of publication. His most recent book explored what both free and enslaved Black People did with the opportunities that the Revolutionary era presented.



Douglas Box and the Original Southfork Ranch

The original Southfork Ranch for the famed television show Dallas was on Preston Road in Frisco and owned by the Cloyce Box family. Hear Douglas Box discuss his recollections of one of Texas' most famous ranches and the rise and fall of his family dynasty at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18** at the Library.

Douglas's father Cloyce Box played professional football with the Detroit Lions from 1949 to 1950 and 1952 to 1954. In 1951 he was recalled from inactive reserve status by the U.S. Marine Corps and missed the entire 1951 season. After being discharged, Cloyce returned to play for the Lions.



The Box family once controlled a diverse portfolio of public and private companies, especially oil and gas, cement manufacturing, and real estate. Following Cloyce's sudden death and a litigious four-year family ordeal, Douglas led the sale of the family's oil and gas business.

Today, Douglas is a certified family business advisor, author, and public speaker. He helps clients with succession planning, corporate governance, dispute resolution, and family meetings. *Texas Monthly's* Skip Hollandsworth notes, "There is nobody more prepared to write the saga of a great Texas family than Douglas Box. His legendary father Cloyce is like someone out of central casting. And what happened to Douglas and his three brothers is something out of a best-selling novel. Get ready to shake your head in pure amazement."

In 2014 Douglas published *Cutter Frisco, Growing up on the Original Southfork Ranch*. In October of 2016, he published a more extensive memoir about his father called *Texas Patriarch – A Legacy Lost*.

Women Suffrage Movement in Texas



The adoption of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920 represented a huge victory for American women by securing their inalienable right to vote. Texas was the first state in the South to ratify this hard-fought-for change.

Learn more about the champions for Texas women's suffrage, political strategies, anti-suffrage sentiments, efforts to amend the Texas Constitution, primary suffrage, and, finally, the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment with Melissa Prycer at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 25**, at the Library.

Melissa Prycer is the president and executive director at Dallas Heritage Village. She holds a master's degree in public history from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. Prior to joining Dallas Heritage Village, she worked as an intern at several museums in Dallas.

Melissa has served in a variety of leadership roles for the Texas Association of Museums, the American Association for State and Local History, and other museum associations. As a historian, she presented "The Hectic Flush: The Fiction and Reality of Consumption in L. M. Montgomery's Life," at the Lucy Maud Montgomery Conference at Prince Edward Island in 2002.



The Diversity of Mental Health



At **2 p.m., Saturday, April 27**, the Collin County Diversity Council, in partnership with the Friends of the Allen Public Library, will present a forum on mental health in the Allen library's Civic Auditorium.

There will be a panel of speakers on a variety of mental health concerns, including Dr. Laura Bradley, OB/GYN, speaking on mental health issues during and following pregnancy; Elise Thompson, Family and Child Psychologist; and Ruth Josenhans, director of PLAN Clubhouse (an acronym for People Living Active Now -- a place where people with mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, or severe depression, can come to learn how to deal with their illnesses and succeed in their daily lives). Q&A will follow.

Before and after the panel, groups that support various kinds of special needs will be in the lobby of the auditorium to answer questions and share information.

The annual Friends of the Allen Public Library meeting will be held at **7:00 PM, Thursday, April 25**, immediately prior to the Suffragette program. We will adopt a budget and elect a vice-president and secretary for the 2019-20 year, plus other annual business. Please come early before the program so you can participate. We are always looking for volunteers to help make our library even better—positions now open are VP and Secretary—which will be voted on during the annual meeting—and other board positions, social media, website, and volunteer chair. Interested people please contact Susan Jackson at susanmjackson@yahoo.com.

The Arts @ APL – Youth

- The Library is hosting an Arts @ APL event on **Thursday, March 14 at 3:00 p.m.**, during the week of Spring Break. During this come and go **Arts @ APL: Explore Art**, children ages 5-8 can try a variety of different visual art techniques at stations set up in the Children's Program Room.
- At **4:30 p.m., Friday, April 5**, the Library is hosting an **Arts @APL: DIY Book Bags** for children ages 8-12 in the Children's Program Room.

The Arts @ APL – Adult

- **Creativitea 2-3:30, Sunday, March 10.** Tea, the second most consumed beverage on the planet, after water, can boost creativity, calm the mind and add health benefits to daily routines. Join Cher Kaufmann, artist and tea enthusiast, as she shares samples of tea while broadening your understanding of what tea is and what it isn't (you might be surprised!) Explore an example of creativity building along with your tea routine that is simple and easy to implement anytime. In the upstairs program room. Limited to 20. Free; no registration. Ages 16+.
- **Fix It or Frog It. 2-4 p.m., Sunday, March 31, 2nd** Floor Program Room. You are part way through your project and notice a mistake in your knitting 10 rows back. Do you ignore it and keep going, fix it, or rip out the entire project and start over? In this workshop, learn tips and tricks to fixing your knitting and useful tools to help make the process easy and keep your knitting intact. Bring a project you need to fix. Limited to 20. Free tickets available at the door 15 minutes prior to the program. Ages 16+

Ongoing Book Sale

*The holidays are over
Your book shelves are full
With no room for new books
Oh what do you pull?*

*Where will you take them
Here's a suggestion for you
Friends of the Library
Will know what to do!*

Donations of books, magazines, DVDs, CDs, and current magazines can be taken to the front check-out. Larger volumes can be taken to the dock on the southeast corner of the library Monday-Friday 10am-4pm. A tax receipt will be provided upon request. These book sales fund a huge part of our Bach to Books and other programs.

National Library Week

Celebrate at the Library the week of April 7-13 with a daily theme with a fun activity! Check www.allenlibrary.org for details. Here's a sneak preview:

- **Monday, April 8:** Memory Monday—stop by the Library and share your favorite memory with us.
- **Tuesday, April 9:** Tasty Tuesday—find delicious treats at our service desks
- **Wednesday, April 10:** Wacky Wednesday—pull out your craziest socks and walk them on over to the Library!
- **Thursday, April 11:** Throwback Thursday—embrace the throwback by dressing for the decades!
- **Friday, April 12:** Favorite Friday—let us appreciate your awesome taste in books by dressing as your favorite book character. I hear there's a scavenger hunt, too!

The Friends would like to thank the library staff for all they do. We love our librarians!

New and Returning Members—January/February

Thanks for Being a Friend!

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