**Coming Up at the Library**

4:45 p.m. Monday, November 4, Arts@APL Dino-mite Painting (grades K-3)

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, Adult Arts@APL Fingerless Crocheted Gloves

7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 7, The Gatekeeper (FDR)

7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, Veterans Day program

6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 13, Adult Arts@APL, Cookie Decorating

7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 14, Dorothy Kilgallen and the JFK Assassination

7:00 p.m. Friday, November 15, Library After Dark: The Purloined Pages

4:45 p.m. Monday, November 18, Arts@APL, Suminagashi (grades 4-6)

7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 5, A Holiday Card Social

7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 5, When the Men Were Gone

5:00 p.m. Friday, December 6, City of Allen Jolly Holly Celebration

3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 7, Holiday Cookie Exchange

7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12, Reindeer

3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 15, Allen Community Band’s Christmas concert

4:45 p.m. Monday, December 16, Arts@APL Gingerbread House Decorating (grades 4-6)

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Vintage Christmas with Mary Rumbley

3:00 p.m. Friday, December 20, Arts@APL Holiday Crafts

7:30 p.m. Friday, December 20, Celtic Christmas music

4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 21, Popcorn with Police—see Toy Story

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**An Outstanding Success**

ALLen Reads was delighted to present Bryan Mealer, co-author of the book The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind on October 19th. Thank you to our committee for all the hard work to present activities and events leading up to the author visit. Special thanks to The Courtyard By Marriott Dallas Allen, our hospitality sponsor for our Author Visit and to Andrea Smith, Education Coordinator for the City of Allen for their partnership in the Recycled Art Project this year.

There were 12 coloring sheet entries: 1st Place: Ayush Padarthi; 2nd place: Yashal Raghilo; 3rd place: Camden McClain.

Thirteen students competed in the Poster Contest: 1st place: Aryan Padarthi; 2nd place: Anika Daga; 3rd place: Wendy Zhao.

Eight students competed in the Windmill Sculpture Contest: 1st Place: Abigail Lai; 2nd Place: Sara Ramos; 3rd Place: Milan Ho. See pictures of our winners on page 5.

All entries were from students in the Allen School District and were sent to the City to compete in the second phase of the Recycled Art Contest through the City of Allen.

ALLen Reads has selected the book for 2020, and we will reveal it to the community in January, 2020. We look forward to sharing the selections and activities with the community in the coming year.

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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.”

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The Gatekeeper: Missy LeHand, FDR, and the Untold Story of the Partnership That Defined a Presidency

The “fine biography” and “compelling personal story” (The Wall Street Journal) of arguably the most influential member of Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s administration, Marguerite “Missy” LeHand, FDR’s de facto chief of staff, has been misrepresented, mischaracterized, and overlooked throughout history...until now.

Listen to Kathryn Smith who authored The Gatekeeper: Missy LeHand, FDR, and the Untold Story of the Partnership That Defined a Presidency at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 7, at the Library.

Widely considered the first—and only—female presidential chief of staff, Marguerite “Missy” LeHand was the right-hand woman to Franklin Delano Roosevelt—both personally and professionally—for more than twenty years. Although her official title as personal secretary was relatively humble, her power and influence were unparalleled. Everyone in the White House knew one truth: if you wanted access to Franklin, you had to get through Missy. She was one of his most trusted advisors, affording her a unique perspective on the president that no one else could claim, and she was deeply admired and respected by Eleanor Roosevelt.

With unprecedented access to Missy’s family and original source materials, journalist Kathryn Smith tells the “fascinating” (Publishers Weekly) and forgotten story of the intelligent, loyal, and clever woman who had a front-row seat to history in the making. The Gatekeeper is a thoughtful, revealing unsung-hero story about a woman ahead of her time, the true weight of her responsibility, and the tumultuous era in which she lived—and a long overdue tribute to one of the most important female figures in American history.

Veterans Day Program

World War II flight instructor Lt. Commander J. Waymon Rose and Sgt. Eugene Pugh will share their fascinating stories from World War II and Vietnam at 7:30 pm, Monday, Nov. 11, at the Library. In addition, the Allen Community Band will perform a medley of patriotic songs for the event. Listen to a creative version of Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture that will be replete with celebratory acoustics. All veterans are encouraged to participate.

During the program, veterans will be invited to present the colors and stand when the theme song of their branch of service is performed.

Lt. Commander Rose trained over 800 pilots during World War II, many of whom became aces. After the war, Mr. Rose served another 19 years in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

A Green Beret, Sgt. Pugh was assigned to MACVSOG, the highly classified organization during the Vietnam war, also known as the widow-making unit. Sgt. Pugh is the author of Surrender Not An Option, a novel based upon his dangerous reconnaissance missions into Laos, Cambodia, and North Vietnam. Hear the harrowing saga of his venture into North Vietnam to rescue POWs.

General Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will provide refreshments after the program.

Sponsored by Library, VFW Armistice Memorial Post 2195, General Bernardo de Galvez Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), and Allen Community Band, this program is free.

In photo one, Sgt. Pugh is on the left and is featured with his deceased brother, Chief Master Sargent Edward Pugh.

Lt. Commander J. Waymon Rose is in the second photo.


View Sgt. Pugh on youtube.com at Staff Sgt. Eugene Pugh, U.S. Army (ret).
What Else is Going On at the Library?

This newsletter focuses on programs sponsored by the Friends of the Allen Public Library, but there are always so many other library programs going on, they can’t be ignored.

Here are just a few. For more, be sure to subscribe to the Library’s e-newsletter. Just go to the website and click on e-news, then sign up!

Get a Free Cheeseburger

The In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading program for children ages 0 – 12 continues through November 15. Children ages 0 - 3 do pre-reading activities and earn small toys, and children ages 4 – 12 read five books to earn a certificate for a free cheeseburger or hamburger from In-N-Out. Registration and more information is available at the Children’s Desk.

From Me to You—A Holiday Card Social

7-8 p.m., Thursday, December 5, 2nd Floor Program Room. Free; no registration. Ages 16+; younger children welcome with an adult.

Enjoy spending time with others as you prepare your holiday cards for everyone on your list! Bring your cards and any supplies you would like to use, such as pens, stickers, seals, postage and photos. Cookies, hot chocolate and holiday music provided to create a festive atmosphere.

Food for Thought: Holiday Cookie Exchange

3-5 p.m., Saturday, December 7, 1st Floor Meeting Room. Free; no registration. Ages 16+; younger children welcome with an adult.

Join APL staff and Food for Thought Market and Café for our annual Holiday Cookie Swap! Please bring three dozen of your favorite cookies to share – everyone will get a variety of cookies to take home. Get in the holiday spirit with Wassail, Christmas music, stories, and more!

Please email your cookie recipe beforehand to fffcafe@yahoo.com. If you can’t email it in time, please bring a printed copy of your recipe.

DiNovember

The library is celebrating dinosaurs in November with a DiNovember celebration. We will have dinosaur themed activities and story times, an interactive bulletin board, guessing game, a scavenger hunt later in the month, and displays in the gallery. Our current exhibit from UTD is about fossil fuels.

City of Allen Holly Jolly Celebration

The City’s Holly Jolly Celebration will be at the Library on Friday, December 6, 5-9 p.m. The City of Allen’s Holly Jolly Celebration and Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be bringing even more holiday cheer this year! Located at the corner of N. Allen Drive and St. Mary Drive in the Circle, join the Allen community for the grand lighting of a 46-foot Christmas tree with more than 20,000 lights! All ages are welcome at this FREE family-friendly community event. Expect surprises, live entertainment, a visit from Santa and his elves and new festivities that will be sure to light up your holiday season! There will even be additional new festivities at this year’s event outside of Allen Public Library. For questions, please call 214.509.4700. For more information, go to https://www.allenspecialevents.org/152/Holly-Jolly-Celebration.

Dates the Library will be Closed for the Holidays

NOVEMBER
♦ The library will be closed Friday, November 1, for staff training.
♦ The library will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving. It will re-open at the normal time (10:00 a.m.) on Saturday.

DECEMBER
♦ The Library will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, December 6, for the Holly Jolly Celebration held on the Library grounds (see above).
♦ The Library will be closed Monday, December 23, through Wednesday, December 25. The Library will reopen on Thursday, December 26, at 10 a.m.
♦ The Library will close at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, and remain closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2020. The Library will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.
Dorothy Kilgallen, Jack Ruby and the Truth About the JFK Assassination

Speaking at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 14 at the Library will be Mark Shaw, the author of 25+ books. Four are about the JFK and Oswald assassinations, including the bestselling The Reporter Who Knew Too Much, being produced as a motion picture, and its follow-up, Denial of Justice. Each chronicles not only his 12 years of research but, most importantly, the life and times and mysterious death of What’s My Line? TV star and crack investigative reporter Dorothy Kilgallen. She began an 18-month investigation of the Dallas tragedies, which included being the only reporter to interview Jack Ruby at his trial. Shaw will also speak about his controversial exposure of the most important JFK assassination documents in history, the Jack Ruby trial transcripts, and how these documents have been hidden from public view for five decades. They prove without a doubt that there was a plot to kill the president.

More about Mr. Shaw may be learned at www.markshawbooks.com and about Ms. Kilgallen at www.thedorothykilgallenstory.org. To date, more than one million people have watched Shaw’s programs about the assassinations on YouTube.

Mark Shaw is a former criminal defense attorney specializing in high profile murder cases, and the legal analyst for CNN, ABC, and ESPN for the Mike Tyson, O. J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant cases. His books include Melvin Belli: King of the Courtroom and The Poison Patriarch, each about the assassinations, as well as Down for the Count, Miscarriage of Justice, Beneath the Mask of Holiness, Stations Along the Way and the novel, Courage in the Face of Evil. He lives in the San Francisco area.

When The Men Were Gone

In Texas, football is king during the fall. When World War II broke out, high school sports suffered immensely because male coaches joined the armed forces, except in Brownwood, Texas, where a woman agreed to coach the team.

Listen to Marjorie Herrera Lewis discuss her inspiring book When The Men Were Gone at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 5, at the Library.

Tylene Wilson insisted that the young men be offered an opportunity to play during their senior season before confronting more serious conflicts in Europe and Asia. Tylene is among the first women in the nation to serve in such a role. Female football coaches remain a rarity.

An award-winning sportswriter, Marjorie Herrera Lewis was a female Dallas Cowboys beat writer when she was with the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. She later joined the SportsDay staff of The Dallas Morning News, where she continued to cover the NFL.
Reindeer

Do you know why some people think that reindeer can fly? Learn about the life and lore of these legendary animals, from ancient times to the present, at this illustrated lecture by Sharon Hudgins at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, December 12, at the Library. Sharon will also tell stories about her own personal contacts with reindeer, from Scotland to Scandinavia, from Texas to Mongolia.

An award-winning cookbook author and a food writer with more than 900 articles published internationally Sharon interviewed Julia Child for The Stars and Stripes newspaper, where she was the food writer. As a lecturer on historical, cultural, and culinary topics, Sharon has worked on numerous international tours for National Geographic Expeditions, Smithsonian Journeys, and Viking Ocean Cruises.

THE BOOK SALE IS STILL GOING ON—

Have you done your Christmas shopping?

The special book sale will last until Tuesday November 5 (except November 1, when the library will be closed for staff training). New books are being added all the time.

2019 Allen Community Band Christmas Concert!

The concert begins at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, December 15, at the Allen Public Library Auditorium.

Early arrivals will enjoy one of the woodwind ensembles performing holiday selections in the Foyer.

The ACB Jazz Band kicks off the concert with jazz and swing arrangements of holiday music. Comprised of members of the parent organization, the Allen Community Jazz Band brings a unique perspective to many of the traditional holiday songs, including Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree and an enjoyable selection entitled Trombones Under the Tree.

Arranged by Mark Woodward, the saxophones will perform How the Grinch Stole Christmas.

Under the leadership of Craig Logan, the Allen Community Band will perform medleys of popular Christmas songs, beginning with A Christmas Fanfare, followed by Strike Up The Band! With its quick, upbeat tempo, the latter is one of George and Ira Gershwin’s most famous pieces.

More classic selections include Alfred Reed’s arrangement of Greensleeves, which dates from circa 1360, and is better known today as What Child Is This?

The Liberty Bell, one of John Phillip Sousa’s most famous and recognizable marches, brings the ensemble back to the traditional Band idiom. The concert will conclude with Leroy Anderson’s Sleigh Ride.
ALEF Fundraiser a Success!

Part of the ALLen Reads presentation this year was a delicious and delightful chocolate and wine event hosted by the Allen Library Endowment Fund (ALEF). Dozens of supporters of Allen Public Library attended this chocolate-and-wine event at Blue House Too/Watters Creek on October 19, raising about $12,000 for the library. ALEF reported it was its most successful fundraiser ever. Proceeds from the event will be used to pay for library programs and future equipment needs.

Allen Mayor Steve Terrell attended along with several members of the Allen City Council and Friends of the Library. A demonstration of the library’s robotics program, which ALEF helped fund, allowed attendees the get a first-hand look at the childhood early-learning program.

Also in attendance was this year’s ALLen Reads author Bryan Mealer, who wrote “The Boy Who Harvested the Wind.” Guests were treated to catering by local firm CocoaVina (www.CocoaVina.com), which specializes in pairing fine wines with hand-made chocolates.

If you are interested in donating to help the Allen Public Library, there are two ways to contribute. Send a check to Allen Library Endowment Fund, 404 Watson Drive, Allen Texas, 75002. Or use PayPal: https://www.paypal.com/paypalme2/allenlef.
Vintage Christmas with Rose Mary Rumbley

Listen to Dallas icon and Texas legend Rose Mary Rumbley discuss a vintage Christmas at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 19, at the Library.

In addition to author and speaker, you will find stage and screen acting credits on her resume. At the Dallas Music Hall, she played opposite such famous actors as John Davidson and Ginger Rogers, on the big screen where she appeared as Aunt Billie in “Paper Moon” with Ryan and Tatum O’Neal. She also appeared with Roy Rogers during his last film, Mackintosh and T.J.

Her second book, The Unauthorized History of Dallas, was published in 1991. On her next book, Dallas, Too, the dust jacket reads, “Stories I’m telling again because I want to hear them myself.”

At a recent program at the Highland Park Methodist Church, Rose Mary reviewed Susan Orlean’s bestseller, The Library Book and received a standing ovation.

Celtic Christmas

Brighten your Celtic holidays with Sarah, Pamela and Randy Copus, at 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 20, at the Library. Joining this family trio are Matthew Cook and Nathan Kennedy on guitar and fiddle, respectively.

Bagpiper Jimmy Mitchell opens this free program with a lively processional.

Irish dancers Kendall Thomas and Colin Troy take the stage with rocket-speed leg and foot movements.

Sarah Copus is an award-winning and Billboard charting singer/songwriter. She has had some extraordinary success: two albums hit the Billboard charts that feature her as lead singer, radio airplay across hundreds of stations worldwide, and she won two Best Vocal Album awards from the Zone Music Reporter Awards Show in 2015 and 2019. Sarah’s 2017 album “Moorland Winds” was accepted into the first-round voting for the 60th GRAMMY Awards. She has performed with Emmet Cahill of Celtic Thunder and with Irish musical sensation, Téada, as an opening act for their Irish Christmas in America. She has been a soloist at concerts of major touring artists like Celtic Woman and The Irish Tenors.

Randy Copus sings and plays piano, electric cello, guitar, bass, and keyboards. Pamela Copus sings and plays flutes, harp, keyboards, and a wind instrument called a WX5.

Another Fun Program at the Library — POPCORN with POLICE

Watch the delightful film Toy Story 4 at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21, at the Allen Public Library.

Arrive early and meet Allen Police Officers as they distribute popcorn and greet guests.

Directed by Josh Cooley, voices include Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, and Annie Potts.

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.
YOUTH PROGRAMS

**Dino-mite Painting** on Monday, November 4, at 4:45 p.m., for children in grades K – 3. Paint a Brachiosaurus! We’ll provide the canvas, paints and brushes. Limited to 24. A free ticket is required to attend. Free tickets will be available at the Children’s Desk 30 minutes before the program starts.

**Suminagashi** (The Ancient Art of Japanese Marbling) on Monday, November 18, at 4:45 p.m., for children in grades 4 – 6. Try your hand at making art by floating ink and marbleizing paper.

**Gingerbread House Decorating on Monday, December 16, at 4:45 p.m., for children in grades 4 – 6. Create your own treat as we use candy and frosting to make gingerbread houses!**

**Holiday Crafts on Friday, December 20, at 3 p.m., for children in grades K – 3. Looking to make some last-minute gifts? Join us as we make holiday crafts that are perfect—to give or keep for yourself!**

THE ARTS @ APL

**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Fingerless Crocheted Gloves.** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 6, in the 2nd Floor Program Room. Limited to 20, Ages 18+.

In this beginner level class, you will create a pair of fingerless gloves out of a simple rectangle using basic crochet stitches. You will learn how to make a slip knot, how to chain, and single crochet. All supplies provided.

**Cookie Decorating with The Cookie Guy.** 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 13, in the 1st Floor Meeting Room. Ages 18+; no children.

Lindsey Hearn, also known as The Cookie Guy returns to demonstrate the basics of cookie decorating. Learn about different icing types, techniques and more in this hands-on class. You can take home your creations, but it’s okay if you eat them before you leave too!

Limited to 30. Free tickets available at the 1st Floor Meeting Room door 30 minutes prior to the program.

**Library After Dark: The Purloined Pages.** 7-9:30 p.m., Friday, November 15, in the 1st Floor Gallery, Ages 18+; no childcare provided.

There is a mystery to solve at the Library! Use your puzzle-solving skills and put on your sleuthing hats in this special after-hours event. Appetizers and mocktails provided by Food for Thought Market and Café. Free. Limited to first 75 people. Register at www.AllenLibrary.org/LibraryAfterDark on or after November 2’ or call the Reference Desk at 214.509.4905.

New and Returning Members—September-October

Thanks for Being a Friend!

Felipe Adam  
Kim Andrews  
Julie Atkinson  
Nina Barrett  
Jeannette Brady  
Barbara Buehler  
Kathi Camp  
Stephanie Cooksey  
Katelyn Crowdus  
David David  
Belen Diaz  
Kristen Dority  
Angela Ervin  
Ayesha Faridi  
Kathy Faucher  
Tara Gallacher  
Gisela Garcia  
Kendyl Glanz  
Mary Jane Hamilton  
Angela Harrison  
Diana Hildreth  
Jillian Hiris  
Dilip Jana  
Heena Khan  
Arvind Kinjarapu  
Vlatko Klinec  
Mark Liang  
RaShonda Lind  
Melanie Mangum  
Thane Mangum  
Monique Marquez  
Krista McDonald  
Fred & Nina McMurdy  
Chandra Melancon  
Agnieszka Musial-Posso  
Arun P. Nair  
Kathy Osorno  
Elizabeth Pickett  
Misty Planey  
Linda Pulley  
Donna Scott  
Emily Serna  
Ruth Siddiqi  
Karen Stanton  
Kassahun Tesfaye  
Jessica Thompson  
Donald Tillian  
Elena Trujillo  
Deepak Verma  
Martin & Karla Warborg  
Valerie White