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Fantastic Fairy Tales: March Movies at the Library



All movies begin at 7:00 p.m. each Tuesday and attendance is free. Check the library website (www.allenlibrary.org) for the April movies.

March 2, *The Dark Crystal* (1982), Starring Jim Henson and Kathryn Mullen. On another planet 1000 years ago, the mysterious Dark Crystal was damaged by one of the Urskeks and an age of chaos began.

March 9, *The Princess Bride* (1987), Starring Cary Elwes and Mandy Patinkin. This is a classic fairy tale with a different plot, swordplay, giants, an evil prince, and a beautiful princess.

March 16, *The Never Ending Story* (1984) Starring Barret Oliver and Gerald McRaney. Bastian is a young boy who lives a dreary life being tormented by school bullies. On one such occasion he escapes into an ancient book, even though he is warned it can be dangerous.

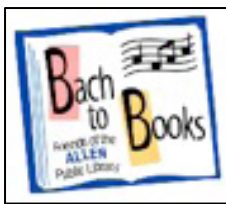
March 23, *Labyrinth* (1986) Starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly. Sarah accidentally wishes her baby half-brother, Toby, away to the Goblin King Jareth, who will keep Toby if Sarah does not complete his Labyrinth in 13 hours.

March 30, *Stardust* (2007) Starring Claire Danes and Ian McKellen. In a countryside town bordering on a magical land, a young man makes a promise to his beloved that he'll retrieve a fallen star by venturing into the magical realm.

Check it Out!

Thanks to the **ALLEN Reads** program, which has been partly funded by Humanities Texas grants for the past three years, The Friends of the Allen Public Library is listed on the Humanities Texas website this month: www.humanitiestexas.org. Click on the event calendar on the left side of the page and scroll down through all the great programs HUTX helps to fund all over Texas. Allen is listed under "North Central".

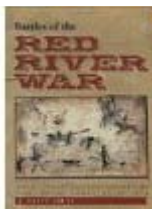
Humanities Texas, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, is a well-known prestigious organization dedicated to promoting the importance of the humanities to the education of citizens and to the cultural and intellectual development of Texas. Jane Bennett and the members of the ALLEN Reads committee deserve much kudos for creating a program that lives up to the standards of Humanities Texas. If you find yourself interested in the mission of Humanities Texas you will find a link to the Friends of Humanities Texas on the website where you can become a friend!



Brett Cruse, Texas Historian, at Library

In celebration of Texas History Month, acclaimed Texas historian J. Brett Cruse will discuss the Red River War of the late nineteenth century and his current research at **7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Allen Public Library Civic Auditorium**. Cruse is the author of *Battles of the Red River War: Archeological Perspectives on the Indian Campaign of 1874*, which received an excellent review by Si Dunn in the *Dallas Morning News*.

In 1874 and 1875, Comanche, Kiowa, Southern Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes clashed with the U.S. Army in a series of battles known as the Red River War. These battles, that resulted in the tribal expulsion from their lands and subsequent resettlement on reservations, are a pivotal chapter in Texas history. As new settlers migrated to the region, many historic sites were lost or forgotten. A resurgence of scholarly interest in the region's history has led to fascinating new perspectives and greater preservation of sites and artifacts related to the conflict.



Until recently, historians relied on the official records of the battles and a handful of letters and journals of the U.S. Army soldiers. However, few, if any, records from Native-Americans were documented. In 1998, J. Brett Cruse began the arduous task of conducting archeological investigations at six battle sites along the Red River. As a result of their excavations, Cruse and his teams found clues that corrected and completed the written records that deepen our understanding of the Native American perspectives on this clash of cultures.

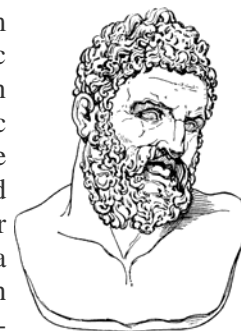
Bach to Books Presents

The Original Olympics from Start to Finish

Bach to Books presents Ancient Greece scholar Dr. Karl Kilinski at **7 p.m., Thursday, March 18, at the Allen Public Library**. This program is free and requires no reservations.

Ever dream of attending the Olympics or even vying for the gold? Are you glued to the recliner whenever Olympic events are televised? Then expand your knowledge of the ultimate international competition and learn its history!

From Olympus to Vancouver, Dr. Kilinski will discuss and separate Olympic facts from myth. According to legend, the ancient Olympic Games were founded by Heracles (the Roman Hercules), a son of Zeus. Yet the first Olympic Games for which we have written records were held in 776 BCE, though it is generally believed the Games had been going on for many years prior to this. At this first Olympic Game of record, a naked runner, Coroebus (a cook from Elis), won the sole event at the Olympics, a run of approximately 192 meters (210 yards). This made Coroebus the very first Olympic champion in history.



Heracles

Dr. Kilinski declares that the Greek Olympics had ramifications beyond the sporting events, "The ancient Greeks led the way in seeking excellence (arete) in every aspect of their lives. The athletic contests, dedicated to their supreme god, Zeus, at Olympia, were an international spectacle that arrested military conflicts, superseded other religious festivals, and interrupted all other social and political occasions so that all Greeks could travel unharmed to this site to participate and witness these events. Victors at the Olympic Games were praised not only by the families but by their whole city-states, and statues of them were erected in town squares, giving glory to them and their lineage for all time."

As part of his graduate work, Dr. Kilinski attended the American School of Classical Studies in Athens. From 1980-1987, he served as Director of Southern Methodist University's study abroad program in Greece. In Greece, he supervised both land and underwater archaeological excavations that have made vast contributions to our knowledge of Ancient Greece.

Since 1977 Dr. Kilinski has led exciting educational tours to Greece. Sponsored by the Kimbell Art Museum of Ft. Worth, the next group departs May 17, 2010 and still has spaces available. If interested, call 817-569-1234 or e-mail kilinski@smu.edu.

Dr. Kilinski's current research involves two monographs, *The Doors of St. Peter's: Christian Archaeology in Renaissance Rome* (coauthor) and *The Presence of the Past, Greek Myth in Western Art*.

For information on all these programs, call 214-509-4911.

ALLEN READS : Lots of Activities Still “Playing Out”

Come Meet Author Steven Galloway

The Cellist of Sarajevo's author, Steven Galloway, will be speaking at the Allen Library on **Saturday, March 6. At 10 a.m.**, a small group from the Allen Philharmonic Symphony will perform in the Civic Auditorium, playing music till 10:30, including the *Adagio in G Minor* (the piece that the cellist of the novel plays). This musical performance #22 brings our program full circle. At 10:30, Galloway will take the stage. About 11:30, after he speaks, he will sign books in the library meeting room. BORDERS books will be on hand, selling books, or you can bring your own to be signed.



Many of you Friends have had the opportunity to participate in the programs that made up **ALLEN Reads** this year. Over 200 people attended movie nights in January; similar numbers of parents and children had a great time at the Musical Zoo Day; and March 4 & 6 will mark the 21st and 22nd musical events of the program.

Don't miss #21: ***Beyond the Pale*, 7 PM, Thursday, March 4, in the library auditorium** (see article on page 3 of this newsletter). It'll be a great way to kick off St. Patrick's Day's month by immersing yourself in that Gaelic tradition. Our musical events have been very well attended: the crowd for the Texas Prairie band was standing room only!

Many thanks to all of you who have made ALLEN Reads a success this year. We hope you've read the books, participated in a book discussion, and come to programs. If you have not been in a **book discussion** and would like to, you're welcome to **join the Noontime Page Turners on Tuesday, March 2, 12 noon-1 PM in the Library Meeting Room.**

Want to comment on **ALLEN Reads**? We'd love your feedback. It will help us to make the program even better next year. Send your suggestions and comments online at www.allenfriends.com or drop a note addressed to "ALLEN Reads" by the library when you're there.

Here are some photos from ALLEN Reads activities so far this year!



Come and join us! All ALLEN Reads programs and activities are free and open to the public. For more information and additions/updates to the schedule, go to www.allenfriends.com.



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Celebrate Celtic Music at Library

Enjoy the charm and excitement of Celtic culture with *Beyond the Pale* at **7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4, at Allen Public Library**. Sponsored by the Allen Philharmonic Orchestra and ALLEN Reads, this program is free and no reservations are required.

For over fifteen years, *Beyond the Pale* band members have been studying and performing traditional Celtic music. Immersing themselves in the Celtic culture, they have traveled to Ireland to study music and participate in the famous "all night sessions" that occur in pubs, people's living rooms and anywhere musicians gather to trade tunes and songs.

Beyond the Pale strives to reflect the musical connections between European immigrants and the roots of American music, from Appalachian music to Cajun and even Tejano and Texas Swing. Their goal is to whisk their audience on a spirited journey across multiple musical borders and link the music of many countries, which became American music. To assist their journey, they use fiddle, hammered dulcimer, accordion, flute, mandolin, concertina, guitar and percussion, weaving tales and musical styles from Ireland and Scotland to Appalachia.



Since 1997, *Beyond the Pale* has performed at the North Texas Irish Festival in Dallas and since 2000, they have played for the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Arlington. Christy states, "the very best part of the festivals' experience is in getting the chance to meet, listen to and learn from all the great International entertainers that have passed through those festivals. We have jammed with them well into the wee hours of morning, learned so much, and made some lasting Celtic friends who have welcomed us into their homes and hearts."



Jazz It Up!

At **7 p.m., Saturday, April 10, at Allen Public Library**, Bach to Books features the legendary Big Charles Young, one of Texas' most renowned blues artists. With Cheryl Arena on Harmonica, "Hashbrown" on Guitar, Sonny Collie on Bass and Kevin Schermerhorn on Drums, the Allen Public Library will never be the same again.



At 8:30 pm, Collin College Jazz Band blasts away with traditional and current jazz.

Friends of the Allen Public Library Endowment Fund

"Help us make a Good Library Great."

The Friends of the Allen Library Endowment Fund Board of Managers is forming a communications committee to focus on information for Allen residents and donors. In January, Scott White, Chair of the Outreach/Fundraising Committee, gave the Endowment's first power-point presentation to the Allen Kiwanis Club. The presentation details background information on the founding of the Library, its various homes, and City support. More recent information includes Library amenities such as the children's area, magazine lounge, gallery, group study rooms, and meeting rooms. The presentation then outlines means by which residents may contribute to the future of an already great Library. Wal-Mart Corporation donated funds for the computer and projector needed for the presentation.

The Endowment was established in 2007 by the Friends and has nine members, all residents of Allen and members of the Friends. Ex-officio members of the Board include the President of the Friends, President of the Library Board, and the Library Director. An Advisory Board, which includes several of the Founders of the Library, also meets with the Board.

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April Membership Drive



New and renewing Friends of the Library members will receive a **live potted plant** when joining or renewing their membership during the month of April. By becoming a member of the Friends of the Library you'll be helping to support our great cultural and educational programs at the Allen Public Library that would not otherwise be possible.

There will also be a drawing for a Grand Prize that all members of the Friends of the Library will be eligible to win at the end of the month. Details will be available soon on our website at www.allenfriends.com.

The Friends Board would love to meet more of the Friends members to learn about what programs they support and to share with them what it means to be a Friends board member and what positions are currently open. Check out the website for more information soon.

The Friends of the Allen Public Library is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, dedicated to supporting the Allen Public Library by providing funds and programs that would not otherwise be possible.