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Endowment Fund Event

“The Friends of the Allen Public Library provides for the needs of the Library today; the Endowment Fund will provide for the needs of the Library in the future.”

That was the message delivered by Scott White, president of the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees, to almost 100 political, civic and business leaders as well as library staff and patrons who gathered last month at the Senior Recreation Center for an evening of music, food and fellowship.

The event, hosted by the Board of Trustees, was a celebration of the library’s dramatic growth from an idea of a small group of civic-minded women 40 years ago. Two of those founding members, Ruth Pringle and Wilma Smith, were on hand and recognized with a standing ovation.

Food was provided by The Woodlands and a string quartet from the Allen Philharmonic performed throughout the evening. The event included a historical video and presentations by Mayor Steve Terrell, who offered his personal insight into the important role the Library has played in the growth of the city, and Library Director Jeff Timbs, who shared his vision for the Library’s future.

White then told the audience that the same visionary thinking that four decades ago saw the need for a Library, is once again on display in the creation of an Endowment Fund. “Federal and state funding for libraries is being cut as never before,” he said, “but by building a strong endowment fund we can help ensure that our Library has the resources it needs in the future to remain a premier cultural asset in Allen, Collin County and all of North Texas for our children and their children.”

The evening concluded with a video of 2008 Library highlights and a raffle of products and services provided by local businesses.

At its annual meeting, the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees filled three expiring terms and elected officers for the coming year. Board members Dr. Joe Farmer and Gayle Boon were elected to second terms and Worley Stein, president of Allen Banking Center/American National Bank, was also elected to the board. Officers for the coming year will be Dwight Burns, president; Dr. Farmer, vice president; Dr. Eileen Tollett, secretary; George Chrisman, treasurer.

More information on the Endowment Fund and ways you can help build the fund is available at www.allenfriends.org/endowmentfund.html.



Founding members Wilma Smith and Ruth Pringle



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Recycle-A-Book 2008

Recycle-A-Book Week will be November 17- 21. Last year over **6,500 BOOKS** were donated. Wow! Allen/Lovejoy students have Big "Texas-Sized" Hearts, so this year we're shooting for **8,000!**

We encourage every school to participate. Students can bring two or more gently-used books to their school and take one home. We especially need books in Spanish.

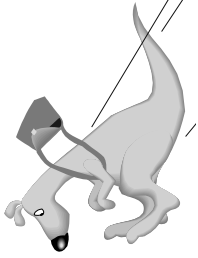
We ask for help from each school's PTA volunteers and Environmental Clubs. All the books collected are sorted according to age and then donated to organizations, most whom are local.

If you would like to participate and donate your books, contact your child's school or PTA for details.

If you would like to help the Friends sort and deliver books to local Charities, please contact Jill Stroud at 972-390-1311 or e-mail at fsjstroud@tx.rr.com.

Thank you and **Happy Recycling in Texas!**

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.



Hop on Board!

There are many ways to support the Allen Public Library, the easiest of which is to simply use the great facilities and programs offered by the best Library in the North Texas area. Another way is through the financial support you provide as a "Friends of the Library" member. Monetary support helps us support programs for Library patrons where City budget funds stretch short.

There are many Friends who extend their support to a more hand-on approach through active volunteerism. We always need more volunteers to help sort books for the on-going book sale, greet attendees at the many programs presented, and assist in many of the fun activities happening at various times during the week.

Then there are those who make that extra leap and join the Board of the Friends of the Allen Public Library. The Friends Board is an active, fun group of dedicated volunteers whose purpose is to chair the various committees of the Friends. The time commitment involved depends on you and is absolutely worth every minute. The service provided back to our community is rewarding and, more often than not, loads of laughs and friendship.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Friends Board, there are currently several openings for committee chairs:

- Our Bach-to-Books program which shares a variety of programs featuring music, dance, visual arts, literature, history and more with the people of our community at no cost is in need of someone to assist Library staff identify and secure the events.
 - The incredibly successful ongoing book sale needs an individual to help keep the flow of donations moving smoothly.
 - We even need a volunteer to help corral our volunteers!
- You can learn about all of these positions and more on our website or by contacting Kathleen Vaught at .972-896-7905.

C'mon – isn't it time YOU jumped on Board?!

Collin County Civil War Living Historians



At 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 15, at the Library, the Collin County Civil War Living Historians explain the life of an average Civil War soldier, both Confederate and Union, using period uniforms, equipment and weapons. Unit commander Alan Joyce says, "Our goal is to humanize the history books. Typical history books describe regimental movements, casualties, and victories, but we discuss the lifestyle, challenges and what went on behind the scenes."

The program is free and will be divided into three stations:

The **medical station** features discussion about general medical practices such as leeching, blistering and bleeding; sanitation habits that often caused dysentery; leading causes of death; and how wounds were treated. In a period that lacked knowledge of bacterial theory, gangrene was a dreaded reality. Faux amputations will be illustrated.



A station on **the soldier's life** features equipment, type of weapons, styles of uniforms, and how the soldier lived and functioned. Uniforms were hot and soldiers slept on the ground. Aside from avoiding injury, a major challenge was hunger. Rations were often delivered only every three days. Soldiers learned to create "hard tack" and "johnnycakes," which reduced contamination by insects and mold. A diary of Major William Martin Bush, ancestor of McKinney resident Nancy Bush Morian, shares that the Collin County soldiers fished in the Louisiana bayous to supplement their rations. Most soldiers were not afforded this luxury.

The third station presents the **life of a civilian woman**. Women learned chores that were formerly accomplished by men, such as sowing crops and gardens. Fabric was scarce, affecting women's dress. Due to lack of funds, women and children learned to live on austere budgets. Since horses were given to the war effort, walking was usually the only form of transportation.

A Friendly of Chocolate



I want a chance to thank each and every one of you for making this year's Chocolate Friendly a huge success. Over one hundred people attended on October 20 and enjoyed our evening of chocolate. Everyone worked together to make it happen, so

Chocolate Friendly chairman Jill Stroud and Grand Prize winner Jean Mattock

thank you so much for all your help.

I would like to recognize many people that made the evening extra special. First of all thanks to the staff at the senior center. The center is beautiful and they were so helpful.

Another thank you goes to Don Dill for our music, to Tom Keener and Kevin Vaught for the wonderful 25th anniversary video, and to Guinness Book Record Holder Collin Gouldin for the fun and exciting strawberry-dipping demonstration. He broke his own record last night, dipping 54 strawberries in one minute!

Delicious chocolates were provided by Sublime Chocolates, The Cake Box, and Elke's Café and Deli. Thanks to all of you, and to our judges Mayor Steve Terrell, Susan Riley and Elke Marsh.

And thanks to everyone who donated chocolates to the competition. Our Chocolate Champion was Jean Mattock, and our other winners were:

- ♦ Cookies and Other Sweet Creations: Sandy Wittsche
- ♦ Cake, Pies, and Pudding: Nancy Popiolek
- ♦ Brownies: Wilma Smith
- ♦ People's Choice: Merolee Dill.

I hope all of you who attended had a wonderful evening. For those of you who joined, thank you for supporting a great organization. See you next year!

-Jill Stroud, Chairman

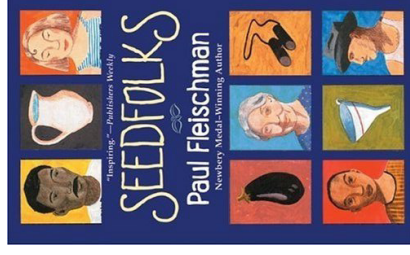


Marina Green's look says it all!

The Books Are In

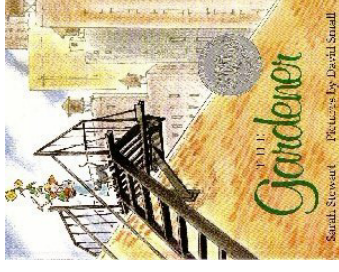


It's time to start reading! Books are now available at the library to check out and at Borders to purchase. Remember that any book you purchase for Allen Reads at Borders here in Allen or Borders Express at Collin Creek Mall returns 20% of your purchase price (yes, you can write off that 20%) to the Friends of the Library/Allen Reads.



This year's books include *Seedfolks*, by Paul Fleischman; the junior level "companion book" is *The Gardener*, author Sarah Stewart, illustrator David Small; and our picture book selection is *Wanda's Roses*, written by Pat Brisson, illustrated by Maryann Cocca-Leffler. There are lots of related books to enjoy, too.

Book discussion leader training will begin after the new year, Paul Fleischman, Sarah Stewart, and David Small are coming to visit in April!! For up-to-date information about Allen Reads, check the Friends website www.allenfriends.com or to get involved in this program, contact Jane Bennett, 972-390-1238 or jane@jrbennett.net.



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