



summertime and the reading is easy

THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF WIRELESS READING DEVICES is no surprise. eReaders are convenient companions on summer vacations and “stay-cations.” The Kindle, nook and iPad are all the rage. If you can believe it, there’s even an aerosol e-book enhancer called Smell of Books that gives eReaders that papery, nostalgic smell that so many love!

With all the book clubs in Collin County, you’re bound to find just the right one

Online book clubs and sites like goodreads.com are also in demand, allowing readers to easily manage, review and share their special finds with friends. The Plano, Frisco and Allen public libraries have launched online book clubs where subscribers receive an excerpt in an e-mail every day (Monday through Friday) that takes about five minutes to read. By the end of the week, subscribers have read enough chapters of a book to be hooked. They can choose from a wide variety of genres,

*Above: The **Cover Girls** meet at Legacy Books in Plano. Pictured here (front row, left to right) are Leah Hodge, Katherine Garbera, Bianca Gogos, Wendy Bocock, Lyndia Thornton, BreAnna Williams, Louise Evans, and Nicki Evans. (Back row, left to right) are Kathy Baker, Lorraine Heath, Andrea Horvath, Jessica Merl, Amanda Fenley, Joanna Nelson, Vanessa Martos, Mindy Holt, Emily Camacho, and Becky Hensley. Profile photo/Brit Mott*

too, including good news, business, romance, classics, thriller, and science fiction; audio books are also an option.

Whether you prefer your reading experience digitally or in ink, local book clubs—offline—abound. This list may encourage you to open a book or download one. Call it the *preface* to your summer reading.

2nd Tuesday Book Club

Second Tuesday of the month at Schimelpfenig Library, Plano, 7:15–8:15p.m.

This group is for all adults who love to read and discuss what they have read. Participants are encouraged to have read the featured book of the month, but it is not required for admission to the meeting.

Contact Cathe Spencer, librarian coordinator, at 972.208.8000. See also the Plano Public Library site at planoreads.wordpress.com/2nd-tuesday-book-club/.

Barnes & Noble book clubs

Meeting at Barnes & Noble, Park and Preston roads in Plano:

- **Murder on Mondays**

First Monday of the month, 7 p.m.

- **Women of Words Book Club**

First Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.

- **Paranormal Fiction Book Group**

Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m.

- **Action/Adventure**

Third Monday of the month, 7 p.m.

- **Mother/Daughter Book Club**

Third Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m.

Meeting at Barnes & Noble, 15th Street at Creekwalk Village in Plano:

- **Mystery Book Group**

First Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m.

- **Richardson Friends Book Group**

Fourth Tuesday of the month, 1 p.m.

For a complete list of clubs that meet at Barnes & Noble, visit barnesandnoble.com and click on “Stores & Events.”

Brown Bag Book Club

Fourth Thursday of the month (except December) at Parr Library, Plano, 12–1:30 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to have read the featured book of the month. On June 24, the club will discuss *Notes from Nethers: Growing Up in a Sixties Commune* by Sandra Lee Eugster. The title for Thursday, July 22 is *American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House* by Jon Meacham.

Contact Peter Jackson, librarian coordinator, at 972.208.8000 or e-mail peterj@plano.gov. See also the Plano Public Library site at planoreads.wordpress.com/2nd-tuesday-book-club/.



Classic Readers

Third Wednesday of the month at the Frisco Senior Center, 10 a.m.

Open to adults age 50 and above, Classic Readers meet at the Frisco Senior Center to exchange conversation on a pre-selected book. Each month highlights a new genre. You do not have to be a member of the center to participate. On June 16, the club will discuss *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff.

Contact Mary Garner at 972.292.5652 or e-mail mgarner@friscotexas.gov. See also the Frisco Public Library site at frisco.library.com.

Collin County Progressive Book Club

Fourth Saturday of the month at a home in the east Plano/Murphy area, 7 p.m.

As the group’s name suggests, it is a politically left-leaning group, although they cover a wide range of topics. On June 26, a lively discussion will unfold on David Sedaris’ *Me Talk Pretty Someday*.

Contact Robin Sowton at robin@robinsowton.com or visit meetup.com.

DFW Tea Readers

Third Wednesday of the month at 4337 Autumn Meadows Dr., Plano, 7 p.m.

A group for romance, mystery, science fiction/fantasy readers and authors, the DFW Tea Readers hold three meetings per month; the Plano meeting is on the third Wednesday.

Thanks to a partnership with Fresh Fiction, the club has authors call in and discuss their books. Many are authors of *New York Times* bestsellers: Robyn Carr, Sherryl Woods, Suzanne Brockmann, Jayne Ann Krentz, and Susan Elizabeth Phillips, to name a few. Also, if an author is in the area, he or she will join the group for dinner or tea. Boas & Tiaras is Saturday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m. at the Chocolate Angel in Richardson. Members can invite their friends, sisters, mothers, daughters, and granddaughters for tea with guest authors. Tiaras are mandatory; boas are optional! The cost is \$22.

Contact Sara Reyes at 972.977.6667 or visit dfwtea.com.

Legacy Books book clubs

Meeting at Legacy Books, The Shops at Legacy in Plano:

- **Cover Girls**

First Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

Known as the Cover Girls for reading romance novels cover to cover, this group of vivacious readers and authors meet at Legacy Books to discuss their latest selections over wine. The group is composed of 30 members of all ages. The group’s coordinator, Kathy Baker, suggests four different books each month so the ladies do not get bored.

A door prize is given at the end of each meeting which, of course, makes for a happy ending.

Contact info@legacybooksonline.com.

• **Kathleen's Stitch 'n' Lit Book Group**
First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m.

Bring your needlework (knitting, crochet, cross-stitch, etc.) and join this group June 3 to discuss *How to Knit a Love Song: A Cypress Hollow Yarn* by Rachael Herron. The group will also read *Walking in Circles Before Lying Down* by Merrill Markoe.

Contact info@legacybooksonline.com.

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First Tuesday of the month
(September—June) at the Allen Public Library's Board Room, 12–1 p.m.

Bring a lunch on June 1 and join this group for dialogue on *Tallgrass* by Sandra Dallas.

Contact Rebecca Crookston at 214.509.4913.

Readable History Book Club

Third Thursday of the month at Allen Public Library's Board Room, 7 p.m.

Military, social, and political history books are discussed. This group will not meet in June or July but will pick up again on August 19. Join them to examine *On The Brink of Civil War: The Compromise of 1850 and How It Changed the Course of American History* by John C. Waugh, who will participate in the discussion.

Contact Stephan Horsthemke at 214.509.4905.

Readers Choice

Fourth Tuesday of the month in the McCallum Room on the fourth floor of the Frisco Public Library, 7 p.m.

Readers Choice is all about variety,

choosing a different genre for each month. For June 22, they will review *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. You do not have to have read the book to participate in the discussion.

Contact Mary Garner at 972.292.5652 or e-mail mgarner@friscotexas.gov. See also the Frisco Public Library site at frisco.library.com.

What Are You Reading Now?

First Monday of the month at Haggard Library, Plano, 1–2:30 p.m.

Diverse titles are highlighted in this club. Recent recommendations include *America America* by Ethan Canin, *Breaking Blue* by Timothy Egan, and *The Condition* by Jennifer Haigh.

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This is not a complete list of book clubs in Collin County. Many churches, moms' groups, PTAs, newcomers groups, and other organizations offer book clubs, including clubs for children.

Plano Community Band Summer Concert Series

Grab your lawn chairs and kick up your heels, as the **Plano Community Band's Summer Concert Series** continues on Mondays through July. Haggard Park has proven to be the ideal setting for these family friendly, outdoor concerts. Mark your calendar for these Mondays: June 7 and 21, and July 12 and 26. A Saturday, July 3 concert will close out Plano's Fourth of July celebration. All concerts begin at 7 p.m. Visit planoband.com.



Seniors' Brown Bag Lunches

Seniors Active in Learning (SAIL), a program affiliated with Collin College, is hosting a series of free **Brown Bag Lunches**. On Thursday, June 10, SAIL presents local humorist, storyteller and columnist **Dave Lieber**, a winner of the Dallas Press Club's Katie Award for the Best Columnist in the Southwest.

Then on Thursday, July 8, SAIL presents **Vickie Bryant**. While researching the history of Arlington Baptist College, Bryant learned the property had once been the Top 'O Hill Terrace, an opulent casino and playground for the rich and famous. The characters involved run the gamut from J. Frank Norris to Bonnie and Clyde.

Finally, on Thursday, July 29 SAIL presents **Ron Dilulio**, Director of the University of North Texas Astronomy Laboratory Program and planetarium. As a NASA Solar System Ambassador, he will share the latest discoveries in space missions.

Bring your lunch to the Collin College Spring Creek Campus Conference Center by noon. All presentations will begin at 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit collin.edu/sailsite.