Who We Are

The Allen Library Endowment Fund (ALEF) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to provide a long-term, secure future for the Library.

- ALEF is led by a Board of Managers comprised of community volunteers and leaders.
- Independent of Library operations, the Board governs and manages the fund for long-term financial growth.
- Grants are awarded based on our fundraising efforts and the fund's investment earnings on an annual basis.

The Endowment Fund is of critical importance to the longevity, vitality and quality of the library. Without civic-minded volunteers, patrons, and donors, the Allen Public Library would not exist.

Donations of any amount are always welcome!
Checks may be made payable to
Allen Library Endowment Fund
300 North Allen Drive
Allen, TX 75013

www.allenlibraryendowment.org

Did You Know?

The Allen Public Library has recorded seven consecutive years with more than one million checkouts.

More than 300,000 visitors come to the Library each year.

The Library has approximately 130,000 digital checkouts each year... and it's growing.

More than 45,000 Library attendees see award-winning authors and performing artists during in-person and virtual events.

Children (and Grown-Ups) Love the Library . . and It's Mutual!

The Library hosts more than 500 programs each year with more than 45,000 children, teens, and adults in attendance.

The Summer Reading program is popular with all ages and offers live shows and activities. Readers challenge themselves and earn prizes for reaching goals.

Community Engagement

The Library is filled with opportunities to connect and engage with others, including OnStage @APL, Story Times, StoryWalk, Armchair Travelers, Summer and Winter Reading Clubs, Adult and Teen Lit Boxes, and book clubs.

History

The Allen Public Library was founded in 1967 by members of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority, an international service and leadership organization. That year the Mayor of Allen declared October 15-22 as Library Week.

Originally housed in the Woodmen of the World building on Main Street, it experienced steady growth and expansion of its collection. Currently the Library is in its fifth home at 300 North Allen Drive.

The founders of the Library started with only donated books. Today, more than 1.2 million items are circulated each year (digital and hard-copy materials).

"A welcoming place to inspire the mind."

ALLEN LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

Treasuring Our Library

Sustaining the Allen Public Library as the social, cultural and intellectual hub of Allen, Fairview and the surrounding communities.