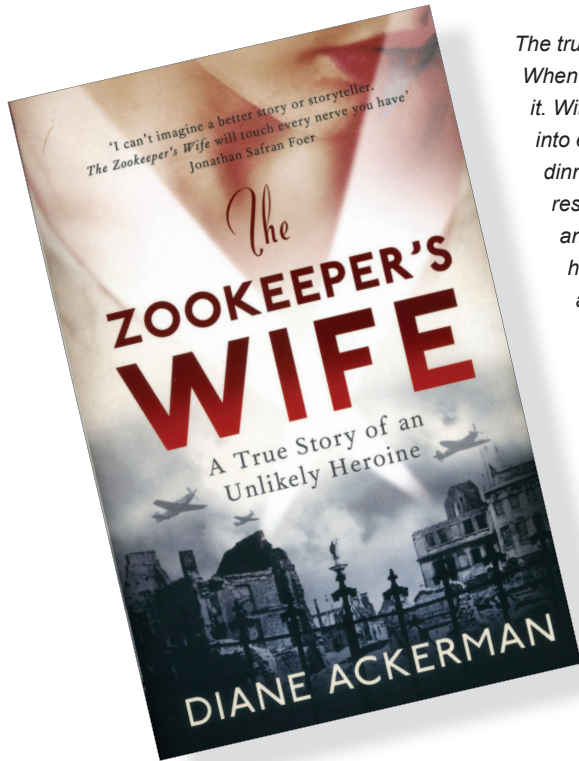




## Plano Reads with Collin College featuring *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

The Book in Common aims to create a community of adult readers, promote discussion, and spark conversations featuring different perspectives and diverse opinions



*The true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. When Germany invaded Poland, Stuka bombers devastated Warsaw--and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Żabiński began smuggling Jews into empty cages. Another dozen "guests" hid inside the Żabińskis' villa, emerging after dark for dinner, socializing, and, during rare moments of calm, piano concerts. Jan, active in the Polish resistance, kept ammunition buried in the elephant enclosure and stashed explosives in the animal hospital. Meanwhile, Antonina kept her unusual household afloat, caring for both its human and its animal inhabitants--otters, a badger, hyena pups, lynxes--and keeping alive an atmosphere of play and innocence even as Europe crumbled around her*

### Exhibits

Visit the libraries to see historical photos, documents and items from the war years. Learn about what went on in and around North Texas during World War II

#### February

Davis	Plano Timeline
Haggard	North Texans who Fought
Harrington	Plano on the Homefront
Parr	Sights around North Texas
Schimelpfenig	Key players & places from The Zookeeper's Wife

### Guest Speaker – Holocaust Survivor Max Glauben

Hear the story of the Holocaust from a survivor who lived it. Max is from Warsaw, Poland. His family's apartment overlooked a square that saw early fighting in the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising. He lost all of his family except for his father with whom Max was sent to forced labor camps and salt mines. His father did not survive, and Max came to the U.S. in 1947 as an orphan

**Collin College Mon Feb 6 6pm**

Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Center  
2800 E Spring Creek Pkwy - Plano

Check the Collin College website ([collin.edu/academics/bookincommon/](http://collin.edu/academics/bookincommon/)) for Book in Common updates

### Book Discussion

Facilitated by Collin College English faculty Betty Bettacchi and Delores Zumwalt

**Schimelpfenig Tue Feb 14 7:15-8:30pm**

### Nature's Insult above Man's Inhumanity

The spread of disease due to unsanitary conditions, overcrowding and starvation was a horrific aspect of the Holocaust. Learn more as Collin College Professor of Microbiology Jonathan Lawson discusses infectious diseases in ghettos

**Schimelpfenig Tue Feb 21 7pm**

### Read the Book

Check it out - Plano Library has *The Zookeeper's Wife* in print, large print, eBook, eAudiobook, and book on CD

### Watch the Movie

The film adaptation of the book opens March 31 in theaters; directed by Niki Caro; starring Jessica Chastain, Daniel Brühl, and Johan Heldenbergh

**Opens March 31**



### Author Presentation, Q&A, Book Signing at Collin College

**Tue Apr 4 7pm**  
Campus Living Legends Center  
2800 E Spring Creek Pkwy - Plano

**Wed Apr 5 7pm**  
Campus Conference Center  
9700 Wade Blvd - Frisco

**Thu Apr 6 1pm**  
Campus Conference Center  
2200 W University Dr - McKinney