

Melrose Library Association

If I was a book, I would like to be a library book, so I would be taken home by all different sorts of kids. Cornelia Funke



A BASKET OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended Camellia Day in January. Although the weather was cool, the feelings were warm as everyone wandered through the many blooming camellia and azalea bushes. Over \$2200 was raised for future expansion of the Melrose Library. The communities' support of our library is awesome!

National Library Week is April 5 - 12

Come to the library during National Library Week 2017 and enjoy the perks of customer appreciation. It will be a 'fine free' week so you can bring back any overdue items and not pay

a fine. Also, lost or damaged library cards can be replaced at no charge. While there, please take the library survey as it is helpful to get your input so the library can determine what kind of library spaces are needed in the future. All week there will be giveaways. Try for a chance to win the book basket raffle and try out the guessing candy jar game. There will be lots of fun for all during



Mary Todd Lincoln: Our Most Controversial First Lady Presented by Barbara Oberlander May 4th, 2017, 2 p.m.

Melrose Library Association is proud to present Barbara Oberlander who will discuss Mary Todd Lincoln. While Abraham Lincoln is seen as one of our greatest presidents, by contrast his wife is generally regarded as our worst First Lady. Dr. Oberlander will examine the triumphs, failures and personal tragedies of this most controversial figure. Dr. Oberlander has been a resident of Gainesville since 1971. From 1975 -2005, she was a Professor of History at Santa Fe College, where she also served as Honors Program Coordinator and Associate Chair as well as Interim Chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Her special interest is American history with a particular emphasis on women's history. She has been very active in community efforts to heighten awareness of women's roles in American life, both working with the Gainesville Commission on the status of Women, Inc. and offering numerous public presentations on outstanding women, with a special focus on First Ladies. Please join us for

Just a reminder!

Thanks to all who volunteered and those who bought books at our latest MLA book sale at the end of March. Can't wait for the next book sale? Consider this a reminder that books are available for purchase everyday at the library. There are shelves in the conference room that hold the wonderful treasures of reading! Please come in and see what you can find!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays	Story time 0-5 years	10 a.m.
April 4	Vita Tax Preparation	9:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
April 7	Maker Space (8+ years)	3:30 – 5 p.m.
April 12	Book Discussion (<i>Undaunted Courage</i> by S. Ambrose)	10:30 a.m.
April 13	Audubon Society: Bat program w/C. Mackey 4-8 yrs	10 a.m.
April 14 & 15	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	
April 19	SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)	1-3 p.m.
May 3	Teddy Bear Picnic (5-7 years)	10 a.m.
May 4	MLA Adult Enrichment Program: “Mary Todd Lincoln” with Barbara Oberlander	2 p.m.
May 5	Maker Space (8+ years)	3:30-5p.m.
May 10	Book Discussion (<i>Take the Cannoli</i> by S. Vowell)	10:30 a.m.
May 12	Breakfast with Mother Goose (4-6 years)	10:15 a.m.
May 12	Clyde the Wonder Dog (5-10 years)	3:30 p.m.
May 17	SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)	1-3 p.m.
May 27-29	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	
Tuesdays Jun 6 – Aug 29	Summer Preschool Programs	10 a.m.
Thursdays Jun 8 – Jul 20	Summer School age programs (no program Jul 6)	1 p.m.
June 3	Summer Kick Off Time to be Announced	
June 3	Butterfly Program	10:30 a.m.
June 9	Movie – <i>Batman Lego Movie</i>	1:00 p.m.
June 14	Book Discussion (<i>Hamilton</i> by R. Chernow)	10:30 a.m.
June 16	How To Fest (all ages)	1:00 p.m.
June 24	Lego Competition Day (all ages)	10:30 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding these and other programs offered by the library, please call the library at 352-475-1237.

Commemorative Bricks

When walking along the sidewalk to the library, or entering the Butterfly Garden you may have noticed bricks lining those areas. The MLA has a commemorative brick project that is ongoing. These bricks may be purchased to commemorate a special day or achievements, as memorials for a loved one, or to recognize someone special. Three lines of 11 letters, spaces and punctuation will fit on one brick. The minimum donation is \$75 per brick. Forms for the project are located in the library.

Mother's Plaque

For a unique Mother's Day gift, consider a brass plate of recognition in the library. The MLA's walnut plaque in the library has individual plates on it, which honor or remember an individual. That person could be your Grandmother, Mother, other relative or friend that you want to honor. The plaques can be 'In Honor of,' 'In Memory of,' or commemorate a special occasion. Donation for each plate is \$100 and forms are in the library.

****I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.****

Laura Bush