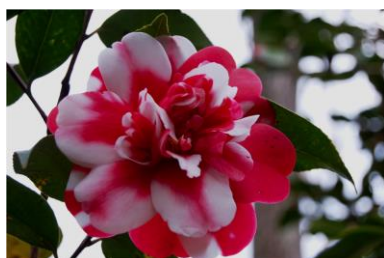


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- Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are. –Mason Cooley



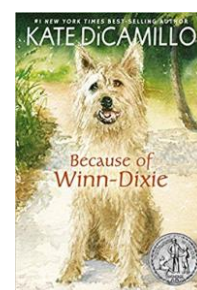
### Camellia Plant Sale and Breakfast

Join us at Trinity Episcopal Church on SR 26 in Melrose for our 2019 MLA Camellia sale! This year, our fundraising event will be a Camellia plant sale and breakfast. On February 16, starting at 9 a.m., there will be a multitude of camellia plants from which you can choose to purchase and take home to plant. Also, a yummy breakfast will be available for purchase at just \$5.00 per plate.

Among your breakfast choices will be a variety of breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit, tea, and coffee. Join the MLA and enjoy breakfast and camellia plants and help raise funds to improve your Melrose Public Library.

### ONE BOOK, ONE PUTNAM

The 2019 One Book One Putnam selection is *Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kat DiCamillo. It is a story about a girl who adopts a stray dog and how that dog changes her life. Books and DVDs are available now at all five Putnam County Library branches. The official One Book One Putnam kick off will be held Thursday, January 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Palatka Golf Course. Refreshments, prepared by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Palatka, will be served. This is a family friendly event and families are encouraged to attend and to read and discuss the book together.



### SAVE THE DATE!!! March 23 at 2 p.m.

Dr. Barbara Oberlander will, once again, come to the Melrose Public Library to speak on First Ladies of the United States. At this event, Dr. Oberlander will speak about “Martha, Abigail and Dolly: Making of a First Lady.” 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. Dr. Oberlander 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. **Stay tuned for more information regarding the location of this entertaining event. Check MelroseLibraryAssociation.Org for more details in the near future.**

### Library Expansion and Renovation Update



Plans for the Melrose Library expansion and renovation are moving along! On Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Putnam County Commissioners and officials held a workshop and agreed to provide \$100,000 from the General Fund to replace the existing library roof; pay for the roof on the 546 square foot expansion; pay for the gable for future expansion capacity; and, use remaining monies to further the expansion and renovation. In addition, the Melrose Library Association will contribute up to \$125,000 towards the expansion and renovation. The next step is for the County to sign the Fee Proposal and Service Outline from the architect on record, Skinner-Vignola-McLean, and then to schedule the pre-design field verification. Lastly, Putnam County Planning and Development has approved the general contractor and subcontractor for the Handicapped Access Mechanism

installation,

**Remember the Chili Cook-Off at Chiappini’s on February 2nd. Proceeds benefit the Melrose Public Library! Come out and enjoy the chili!**

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Coding Classes with Dr. Joe Rush for ages 10 -13  
Coming to the Melrose Library!

Beginning January 10<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Joe Rush will conduct a computer coding class for children ages 10-



13. The 6-week class will consist of students from Melrose Elementary School and local home schooled children. **Reservations are required** due to equipment constraints. Computer coding is considered the “second language” of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Children who know the basics will benefit when competing for future employment opportunities. The coding class is part of the library’s STEM program led by Jeremy Yates. . Thank you to

CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
Tuesdays	Story Time (0-5 yrs)	10 a.m.
Jan 9	Adult Book Discussion ( <i>Orphan Train</i> by Christine Kline)	10:30 a.m.
Jan 10	One Book One Putnam Kick off at the Palatka Golf Course	5:30 p.m.
Jan 10, 17, 24, 31	Dr. Joe’s Coding Class (10-13yrs.)	12 p.m.
Jan 16	Maker Class – Easy Fleece Hat Making	10 a.m.
Jan 16	SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly)	1 p.m.
Feb 2	Chili Cook-off at Chiappini’s (Library Benefit)	
Feb 6	Maker Program – Homemade Valentines	10 a.m.
Feb 7, 14	Dr. Joe’s Coding Class (ages 10-13)	12 p.m.
Feb 9	Movie	
Feb 13	Adult Book Discussion ( <i>Because of Winn Dixie</i> by Kate DiCamillo)	10:30 a.m.
Feb 16	MLA Camellia Sale and Breakfast (Trinity Episcopal Church)	9 a.m.
Feb 22	Dr. Holly’s Science Adventures (ages 10-13)	12 p.m.
Feb 28	Going to the Dogs	2 p.m..
Mar 1, 8, 15	Dr Holly’s Science Adventures	12 p.m.
Mar 6	Maker Program – St. Patrick Craft	10 a.m.
Mar 7	Invention Convention Class (ages 10-13)	12 p.m.
Mar 7	Movie	5 p.m.
Mar 9	Movie	10 a.m.
Mar 13	Adult Book Discussion ( <i>Beneath A Scarlet Sky</i> by Mark Sullivan)	10:30 a.m.
Mar 20	SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly)	1 p.m.
Mar 28	Invention Convention Judging Party	12 p.m.

\*Questions about library programs, please all the Melrose Public Library at 352.475.1237

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***It is time to renew your membership in the Melrose Library Association! Not a member?  
Consider becoming one and supporting your library and its programs!***

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