

January,
February,
March 2020



Keyna Ward,
Editor

The New Year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.
— Melody Beattie

Camellia Plant Sale and Breakfast

Trinity Episcopal Church on SR 26 in Melrose is the location for the **2020 MLA Camellia Sale and Breakfast!** On February 8, starting at 9 a.m., there will be a multitude of camellia plants from which you can choose for purchase. All plants are \$25.00 each and come in 3-gallon pots. Also, a delicious breakfast will be available for purchase for just \$5.00 per plate. Among your breakfast choices will be a variety of breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit, tea, coffee and juice. Join us to enjoy breakfast, visit with neighbors and purchase camellia plants to help raise funds to improve your Melrose Public Library.



A Message From a 'Library Parent' By David Golden



In the last few months, both of my sons have been in the local news for some good academic achievement. 9th grade Matthew was honored for getting a perfect score on all three of the state standardized tests, something no student at KHHS had ever done before. Then in December, 7th grade Michael won the school spelling bee, and will be going on to the county competition.

Of course there was some luck involved in this. Both boys have taken many tests and been in several spelling bees, without coming out the winner or earning a perfect score. But they always do very well in their schoolwork and have a love of learning.

People occasionally ask me what we did to create such good scholars. My answer, and my advice to young parents, is always the same: READ to your children. We have always encouraged but never pushed our sons scholastically, and we urge them to always do their best. From the time they were babies, who didn't have a vocabulary yet, until they were too big to sit on our laps, we read to them virtually every night. We were regulars at Melrose Library story time, and got our library cards soon after moving here, giving us a huge number of books that they could choose from.

When children are read to, they understand the concept early on that the letters on a page represent words. Then they begin to recognize the letters, and later begin to recognize that certain combinations of letters equal certain words. I remember the boys sometimes asking me to point to each word as I said it, and I could tell that their curious minds were starting to crack the code. By the time 4 year old Matthew was in VPK at Midway Learning Center, the teachers would sometimes ask him to read a simple book to the class, and he could do it!

As a general rule, our children flourish if we give them our time, attention, and love. Reading to a child is a great way to spend time with them, show your love, and show that you think they are important.

In recognition of Al Burt, the MLA presents William Bartram as portrayed by Mike Adams

On March 19, 2020, at 2 p.m. join the MLA as they welcome historical actor, Mike Adams. Mr. Adams is an environmental consultant and biologist who brings history and William Bartram to life with his stories and costumes. When Mike Adams can't sleep, he pulls out a battered, taped and highlighted copy of William Bartram's "Travels" and sits down to read. He said, "I have a vivid enough imagination that with his descriptions I can see Bartram sitting on the edge of Salt Springs from his descriptions 250 years ago." That imagination also helps make Adams the perfect 21st century stand-in for Bartram, who has been called the "first native born naturalist in the United States and the first naturalist who penetrated the dense tropical forests of Florida." Join us for this very interesting presentation. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.



Come back to the library on March 26th when Mischa Johns will present "1760's Bartram Era, How They Lived" to learn more about the daily lives of Bartram's friends.

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The Melrose Library Association Nominating Committee announces the following slate of officers to be voted on at their February **20th** Annual Meeting of the Association. Nominations will also be taken from the floor with the nominee's permission.

President: Virginia Walkup
Vice President: Pat Ward
Treasurer: Jean Giesel

Recording Secretary: Andi Blount
Corresponding Secretary: Keyna Ward
Members-At-Large: Maggie Blizzard & Kathi Warren

Stress Free Living Workshops

We all feel stress from time to time. Wouldn't it be nice to have the tools to manage that stress? Melrose Library is sponsoring three fun, interactive and insightful one-hour programs that increase health, well-being and vitality in people of all ages. Donna Henderson, Jennifer Pritchett and Susan Wilson-Stern of Golden Path Presentations will facilitate these programs. Sessions will be on three consecutive Fridays in January. Topics of each session are Stress Management, January 17; Goal Setting, January 24; and, Time Management on January 31. Call the library at 352.475.1237 to pre register.



Melrose Author, Reid F. Tillery comes to the Melrose Library

Come out to the library on January 16 at 2 p.m. to hear Melrose author, Reid F. Tillery speak about his life long friend, Bill Boe. In his book, *LZ Bingo*, he chronicles the compelling story of an infantryman's fight for survival in Vietnam. Mr. Tillery's book jacket reads, "This book's primary purpose is to honor those who made it home and those who did not by telling their story through Bill's eyes and ears. Bill's story is in many ways the story of thousands of other young men who put their lives on the line to serve their country when called to do so." Mr. Tillery is an avid outdoorsman who loves to write. He is a graduate of Florida State and the University of Georgia and has written books on wilderness survival and land navigation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays	Preschool Story Time	10 a.m.
Jan 2	Family Movie	10 a.m.
Jan 8	Book Discussion Group (<i>Faceless Killers</i>)	10:30 a.m.
Jan 9	SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)	10 a.m.
Jan 16	Author of Promise, Reid Tillery (<i>LZ BINGO</i>)	2 p.m.
Jan 17, 24, 31	Stress Free Living Workshop	10 a.m.
Feb 1	Chili Cook-off at Chiappini's Gas Station (Desserts for sale)	11 a.m.
Feb 8	MLA Camellia Sale and Breakfast at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose	9-1
Feb 12	Book Discussion Group (<i>Where the Crawdads Sing</i> by Delia Owens) Special guest, Laura Berkelman from the Santa Fe Audubon Society	10:30 a.m.
Mar 11	Book Discussion Group (<i>Born a Crime</i> by Trevor Noah)	10:30 a.m.
Mar 19	MLA Adult Enrichment Program on William Bartram by Mike Adams	2 p.m.
Mar 26	Mischa Johns present "How They Lived in the Bartram Era"	

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

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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INDIVIDUAL (\$10) _____ FAMILY (\$15) _____

Bring this form, along with your payment, to the library front desk or mail it to
Melrose Library Association, PO Box 54, Melrose, FL 32666.

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