

January,  
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Keyna Ward,  
Editor

- “Let our New Year’s resolution be this: We will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word.” — Goran Persson

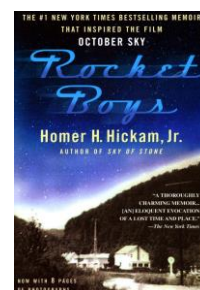


### Private Camellia Garden Day

Come one, come all to the fourth MLA Camellia Garden Day! Join us on January 28 from 12 – 4 p.m. at 202 Mason Rd in Melrose – rain or shine. Chuck and Bev Ritter will, once again, open their beautiful property so everyone can enjoy walking among hundreds of camellia bushes in bloom. This event is a fundraiser for our building fund for future expansion and renovation of the library. Mason Rd. is 2 miles east of Melrose off State Road 26. Look for the signs! Admission will be **\$5 per person** at the gate. Camellia plants will be available for purchase and on site experts will be available to answer any camellia questions you may have. Desserts will be available for purchase and silent auction baskets will be there as well. Please join us for a lovely day and help the MLA raise funds for your library.

### ONE BOOK, ONE PUTNAM

The 2018 One Book, One Putnam selection is *Rocket Boys* by Homer Hickam, Jr. It is the story of growing up in a mining town, and a boy’s pursuit of amateur rocketry. It won the W.D. Weatherford Award in 1998. Come out to the Palatka Golf Club on Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for the One Book, One Putnam “Blast Off.”



### Ron Haase to speak at the Melrose Library February 22 at 2 p.m.



Professor Emeritus, Ron Haase taught architecture for 20 years at UF. He has degrees in architecture from U. Minnesota and a civil engineering degree from U. Wisconsin. He travels and lectures extensively about vernacular architecture. His new book, *Last House*, tells the story of a Florida couple who built 4 beautiful homes over the course of their married life. The first house was built along Cross Creek and the second on Siesta Key in the Sarasota area. The third on Biscayne Bay and their last house a beachside retirement home in Summer Haven near St.

Augustine. Those who have worked with architects to create their own homes will identify, but anyone who loves architecture will enjoy the ride, as well. In his new book he brings along the ghosts of Marjorie Rawlings, Paul Rudolph, Leonard Horowitz and Albert Manucy to help make the argument for respect for architectural context and vernacular roots. Please join us for an entertaining chat and refreshments following the talk.

### The MLA Al Burt Festival welcomes author, Bob Lee

Bob Lee, author of *Bad Guys, Bullets, and Boat Chases: True Stories of Florida Game Wardens*, will speak on March 24 at 2 p.m. at the library. Mr. Lee is a former lieutenant and 30-year veteran of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, where he caught hundreds of poachers throughout his career. As part of the author’s book talk, he will interview retired wildlife supervisor, Gray Leonhard. He is the key character in the story of Flight 401, the first chapter of Mr. Lee’s new book. On December 29, 1972, Leonhard was a two-month rookie, on solo night patrol, when he witnessed Flight 401 crash into the Everglades. At the time, it was the first wide body jet to crash and the worst aviation disaster in U.S. history. Please come out and enjoy Mr. Lee and Mr. Leonhard as they discuss the book. Refreshments will follow the discussion.



### Oral History Project

The University of Florida’s Samuel Proctor Oral History project linked up with the Melrose Public Library during “Melrose Back in the Day” event last September to collect stories from local residents in order to catalogue the history of Melrose. These stories were for UF’s collection and for the archives of Historic Melrose Inc. After two sessions of interviews, UF is returning to the library and they want to speak with YOU! Does your family have a rich history in the area? Do you have stories of local businesses or the ‘good ole days?’ If you are interested in being interviewed, please call the library at 352-475-1237 and speak with Sheree about the details. A final date is to be determined, but the interviews will take place in February.

**FYI – FYI – FYI – FYI – FYI - FYI**

The Melrose Library Association Nominating Committee announces the following slate of officers to be voted on at their February 15th 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 & Heather Lee**

**Remember Amazon Smile!**

In our last newsletter we introduced you to **smile.amazon.com**. As one of our fundraising tools, we hope that when you shop online at Amazon you will go through **smile.amazon.com** and choose the Melrose Library Association as the charitable organization to which you would like 0.5% of your purchase to be donated. You can do this at no cost to you. All your Amazon.com settings, shopping cart and wish lists will be the same. Amazon will remember your MLA selection and then every eligible purchase you make at **smile.amazon.com** will result in a donation. Thank you for supporting the Melrose Library Association.

**An important announcement from the Melrose Public Library staff:**

With a heavy heart, we announce that Clyde, the Wonder Dog, Morse has left us, due to complications with his spleen. Clyde, a Leonberger breed, was 8.5 years old. A trained therapy dog, Clyde traveled around Florida with his “parents” Bill and Kathy, bringing cuddles and appropriate-sized kisses to kids and adults of all ages. At the Melrose Library, Clyde visited almost every month for over 3 years for his “Paws to Read” program. Clyde, Bill and Kathy became family. We all knew how to show off Clyde’s tricks and how to help his parents answer questions about Clyde’s likes and dislikes. Everyone had their “moments” with Clyde. He picked people out in the room that he knew needed time with him. He made everyone feel special. Everyone at the Melrose Public Library would like to thank Bill and Kathy for sharing Clyde with us. There will be a special **Paws to Read** celebrating Clyde’s Life at 11 a.m. on January 20<sup>th</sup>.



**Library Expansion and Renovation Update**

The MLA would like to thank everyone who has donated to the Building Expansion and Renovation Fund thus far. We continue to move forward with plans to renovate and expand your library. At this point, our latest fund raising campaign has added over \$7,000 to our building and renovation fund. If you would like to donate, please send a

check, made out to The Melrose Library Association, to P.O. Box 54, Melrose, FL 32666. Note that it is for the Building Fund on the check. Thank you for your support!

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Story Time (0-5 yrs)</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Jan 10</b>	<b>Adult Book Discussion (<i>City of Ggod</i> by E.L. Doctorow)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Jan 16,23,30</b>	<b>VITA Tax Preparation</b>	<b>10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan 17</b>	<b>SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan 18</b>	<b>Art Class (Ages 10-13)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Jan 20</b>	<b>Special Paws to Read: Celebrating Clyde’s Life</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>Jan 28</b>	<b>CAMELLIA GARDEN DAY (202 Mason Rd, Melrose)</b>	<b>12-4 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 1</b>	<b>Art Class (Ages 10-13)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 3</b>	<b>Chili Cook off for the Library at Chiappini’s</b>	<b>TBA</b>
<b>Feb 6,13,20,27</b>	<b>VITA Tax Preparation</b>	<b>10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Adult Book Discussion (<i>Rocket Boys</i> by H.H. Hickam, Jr)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Art Class (Ages 10-13)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 17</b>	<b>Audubon’s Great Back Yard Bird Count</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Feb 22</b>	<b>MLA Adult Enrichment – Ron Haase</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 2</b>	<b>Dr. Seuss Birthday Party (Ages 3-5 years)</b>	<b>10 a.m.</b>
<b>Mar 6,13,20,27</b>	<b>VITA Tax Preparation</b>	<b>10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 8</b>	<b>Art Class (Ages 10-13)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 14</b>	<b>Adult Book Discussion (<i>Desert Queen: The Extraordinary Life of Gertrude Bell: Adventurer, Adviser to Kings, Ally of Lawrence of Arabia</i> by Janet Wallach)</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Mar 15</b>	<b>Tech Class (Ages 10 -13 years)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of the Elderly)</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 22</b>	<b>Art Class (Ages 10-13)</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
<b>Mar 24</b>	<b>AL BURT FESTIVAL with Bob Lee</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>

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

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