

# Melrose Library Association

*The earth laughs in flowers.* Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## CAMELLIA DAY IN MELROSE



Please join the MLA for our third Camellia Day from 12 - 4 p.m. on January 29, 2017. Once again, Chuck and Bev Ritter will open their beautiful property at 202 Mason Rd., Melrose so everyone can enjoy walking among hundreds of camellia bushes in bloom. This event is a fundraiser for our building fund for future expansion 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! Think Valentine's Day gift! On site experts will be available to answer any camellia questions you may have. Desserts will be sold and baskets will be silent auctioned there as well. Please join us for a lovely day and help the MLA raise funds for your library.

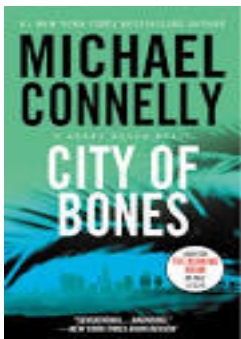
## A KALEIDOSCOPE OF THANKS

Thank you to everyone who helped, volunteered, donated and purchased items during the Four Days of Melrose and specifically during the dedication of the Butterfly Garden in honor of Ann Payne. The events raised over \$19,000 that will be used for the library building fund to expand our library. Special thanks to Dr. Joe Rush for his generous donation at the silent auction where he had the winning bid for the original oil painting of our beautiful butterfly garden mural. Dr. Rush is a great benefactor to the Melrose Community at large. He funded the new lighting at Heritage Park and the future permanent restrooms there and hosts many social gatherings for the community. We at the Melrose Library Association appreciate all he does for Melrose and the library! Also, the MLA would like to extend a huge THANKS to the Payne family for their generosity to the library. Their continued support, volunteer efforts and donations mean so much to everyone. Come on out to the library and walk among the many butterfly plants in the new garden and enjoy the mural on the wall.



(By the way, did you know, according to Reference.com, a group of butterflies is officially called a Kaleidoscope?)

## ONE BOOK, ONE PUTNAM 2017



The 2017 selection for One Book, One Putnam is *City of Bones* by Michael Connelly. The One Book, One Putnam kick off will be on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Palatka Golf Club, 1715 Moseley Avenue in Palatka. Dr. Michael Warren will be the special guest speaker. He is the Director of the C.A. Pound Human Identification Lab and Associate Professor of Forensic Anthropology at the University of Florida. Dr. Warren will discuss the process involved in the identification of skeletal remains as well as some of his high-profile cases. Dr. Warren's presentation will lend insight into how things were accomplished in the story line of *City of Bones*. The event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

## CHIAPPINNI'S CHILI COOK OFF

It's time for the annual Chili Cook-Off at Chiappinis. This year it will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2017. If you are looking for a nice way to spend a chilly February Saturday, come out and sample the many pots of chili that will be judged for top honors. It is a fundraiser for the Melrose Public Library, too! Come out and support a local business and your library, as well.



## AL BURT FESTIVAL COMING!

Mark your calendars for March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2p.m for the Al Burt Festival. Please stay tuned for more details about the event.

## IN MEMORIAM



The MLA and the Melrose Library said goodbye to two special members of our library community in December. Virginia "Ginny" Bird passed away on December 13, 2016. She was part of the inaugural Building Committee to set up the interior of the Melrose Library prior to its opening. Ginny was the first librarian at the Melrose Library and was always a friend of the library. She was instrumental in opening the Melrose Library, the Union County Library and was the founding Director of the New River Public Library Cooperative. Ginny was also a

member of the Melrose Library Association.

Donna Adams was a part time employee in the Melrose Library and passed away on December 13, 2016. Donna shared her many talents with the children of our library. She was responsible for doing crafts for

story time for the 0-5 year old children. She did a fantastic job of putting the crafts together for little hands to create.

## ELECTRONIC PAYMENT OF DUES OR DONATIONS TO THE MLA

The Melrose Library Association now accepts payment of your dues renewal or donation payments to the MLA to help support the library programs or for the building fund for future expansion of the library. Here are the steps to make your secure payment:

1. Go to the MLA webpage at [MelroseLibraryAssociation.org](http://MelroseLibraryAssociation.org)
2. On the Home Page, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "Donate" button.
3. Then, you will be taken to a page that says "Donate with PayPal" or "Donate with a Card"
4. For donating with PayPal, you must have a PayPal account. Follow the prompts on the screen to complete your payment through PayPal.
5. There is a "notes" section on the screen so you can designate whether the money is for donation or dues payment.
6. For donating with a card, fill in the information required to charge to your card and click on 'donate now.'

## LAND FOR SALE



Special thanks to Jim and Mary Burt for donating 2.2 acres of lake front land to the MLA on Long Pond. This parcel, located at 102 Long Pond Way, is for sale by the MLA with an asking price of \$49,900. Proceeds of the sale will be used for the future expansion of the library. If interested, please contact Roger Buz at Century 21 Realty in Melrose at 352-514-7000.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays	Story Time ages 0-5 years	10 a.m.
January 6	Maker Space (8+ years)	3:30 p.m.
January 11	Book Discussion <i>Devil in the Grove</i> (G. King)	10:30 a.m.
January 13	CLYDE the Wonder Dog (5-10 yrs)	3:30 p.m.
January 17, 24, 31	VITA Tax Preparation	9:30-5:30
January 29	Camellia Day	12-4 p.m.
February 3	Maker Space (8+ years)	3:30 p.m.
February 4	Chili Cook Off at Chiappini's	
February 7, 14, 21, 28	VITA Tax Preparation	9:30-5:30
February 8	Book Discussion <i>City of Bones</i> (M. Connelly)	10:30 a.m.
February 10	CLYDE the Wonder Dog (5-10 yrs)	3:30 p.m.
March 3	Maker Space (8+ years)	3:30 p.m.
March 4	Al Burt Literary Festival	2 p.m.
March 7, 14, 21, 28	VITA Tax Preparation	9:30-5:30
March 8	Book Discussion: <i>to be determined</i>	10:30 a.m.
March 9	Author of Promise (James Williams- <i>Pedestrians</i> )	10 a.m.
March 10	CLYDE the Wonder Dog (5-10 yrs)	3:30 p.m.

\*\*\*If you have any questions about any of the library programs please call the Melrose Public Library at 352.475.1237