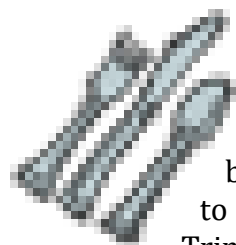


- One benefit of summer is that each day we
- had more light to read by. Jeannette Walls



SUMMER LUNCHES

The Summer Break Spot program will be at the Melrose Public Library this summer. Starting June 12 and running through July 27th, a nutritious meal will be served at NO COST to CHILDREN ages 18 and under during the week from 12 to 12:45. On Mondays, when the library is closed, the meals will be served at the Trinity Episcopal Church from 12 to 12:45. Pre registration is recommended. Call the library at 352.475.1237 for information. No meals will be served July 2-6.

Library Expansion and Renovation Update

In past newsletters, our updates included information regarding the grant proposal for funding the expansion and renovation of our library. In January 2018 the Florida Legislature, when working up the new budget, decided not to fund grants for the second consecutive year. Therefore, no money was awarded to Melrose or any other Florida libraries that submitted grant paperwork. In response, Putnam County will be submitting the proper paperwork to roll over our current application for consideration next year. The MLA will conduct another legislative outreach effort later in the year in hopes of influencing our Representatives and Senators to positively support our library.



The MLA plans to begin renovations to our existing library this year using funds that have been raised to this point within the community. The MLA applied for a grant from the Clay Electric Cooperative Foundation program to install handicapped accessible switches on the front door and bathroom doors at the library. We hope to hear positive news regarding this grant in the next month. This will be helpful not only to those with limited mobility, but also to others with their hands full when approaching the library door. Please look for these improvements and continue to support our efforts to renovate and expand your library.

How To Fest

This is your opportunity to learn 10 things in 2 hours! DIY stations, mini maker workshops and short how-to presentations will be set up throughout the library. This is a fun, family-friendly program. You will get to sample upcoming library programs and get a taste of the kinds of services the library offers. There will be workshops for all ages including children, teens and adults. Please join us on July 25th from 1 – 3 p.m. for a fun and informative afternoon!

SHINE on Medicare

Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders (SHINE) is a local, free program designed to help people with Medicare and is offered by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and your local Area Agency on Aging. Get more information by contacting the local liaison: Cheryl Harris at 1-800-963-5337. SHINE representatives will be at the Melrose Library on July 18 at 2 p.m., August 15 at 2 p.m., and September 19 at 1 p.m. Please bring with you: Driver's License or Photo I.D., any letter from Social Security, Medicare or Medicaid you may have received, Medicare and Social Security cards, a printout of medications from the pharmacy or the bottles and proof of annual household income to determine if you qualify for extra help.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays	Story Time (0-5 yrs)	10 a.m.
July 4	Library CLOSED for holiday	
July 10 – 27	Free CHILDREN’S Lunch	12:00 p.m.
July 11	Adult Book Discussion (<i>A Man Called Ove</i> by Fredrik Backman)	10 a.m.
July 11	Hands on Science with Dr. Holly	1 p.m.
July 12	Summer Program: Singing Strings (6-10 years)	1 p.m.
July 18	Lego Contest	1 p.m.
July 18	SHINE	2 p.m.
July 19	Summer Program: Pipes & Piper, Mozart & more (6-10 years)	1 p.m.
July 21	Last day to turn in Summer Reading Logs	
July 25	How-To-Fest	1-3 p.m.
July 26	Summer Program: Guitar Hero (6-10 years) Ice Cream Party	1 p.m.
Aug 8	Adult Book Discussion (<i>Three Men in a Boat</i> by Jerome K. Jerome)	10 a.m.
Aug 15	SHINE	2 p.m.
Aug 23	James Williams speaking on Bellamy Road	2 p.m.
Sept 12	Adult Book Discussion (<i>Girl Waits With a Gun</i> by Amy Stewart)	10:30 a.m.
Sept 19	SHINE	1 p.m.
Sept 29	Read With Trees @ Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park	2 p.m.

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

Author James Williams to speak at the Melrose Library



On August 23rd, at 2 p.m. come to the library to hear James Williams speak on the topic of Bellamy Road. Mr. Williams is a Hampton native, Gainesville resident, former Editor of the Lake Ridge Monitor and a member of the Keystone Heights Rotary Club. His second book, *Four Florida Roads*, will be published this fall. The four roads include the Pensacola-St. Augustine Trail, half of which is also popularly known as Bellamy Road. Rounding out the set are the Tamiami Trail, U.S. 301 (especially in Bradford County) and Interstate 95. The book also notes native and Spanish trails, and roads of tomorrow. *Four Florida Roads* is a narrative of the planning and construction of four roads which taken together, form a highly individualistic history of our state. A light lunch will be served at 1:15 and reservations are required. Call the library at 352.475.1237. The Melrose Library Association and Historic Melrose are co-sponsoring this event.

Commemorative Bricks at the Library

When walking along the sidewalk at the library, or entering the Butterfly Garden you may notice bricks lining those areas. The MLA has an ongoing commemorative brick project. 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 bricks are located in the library.