

# Melrose Library Association

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

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Those who attended the award session representing the Melrose Library were Eric Arenberg, Megan Arenberg, Stella Brown, Katy Jordan, Keyna Ward and Pat Ward.

The Florida Library Association gave their Excellence in Marketing and PR award to Melrose Library and Megan Arenberg and Katy Jordan for their outstanding work in promoting the Four Days in Melrose event. Last November, Melrose was involved in a four-day, community wide event that culminated with the dedication of the Melrose Library Butterfly Garden. Megan and Katy were

instrumental in soliciting involvement from local businesses and galleries as well as spreading the word to our community and

surrounding communities in the form of posters, newspaper articles and venues around town.

To be considered for this award, Katy and Megan had to submit a package to the Florida Library Association describing what was done to promote the event and why the Melrose Library group should be considered for the award. Supporting documentation in the form of files of the posters and other promotional material, meetings with local businesses, and how it was all implemented was submitted for the award. An essay was included that explained why

Melrose Library should receive the Excellence in Marketing and PR award.

Many thanks and hearty congratulations to Megan Arenberg and Katy Jordan for taking on the challenge of Four Days in Melrose and for submitting all the information to the Florida Library Association. We are very proud of you both and feel lucky to have your support at the

### Building Expansion Update

The Melrose Library Association's Building Committee is moving forward with plans to expand and remodel the Melrose Library. The committee met with Acting County Administrator, Stacy Poppell, County Commissioner, Larry Harvey and the Acting Putnam County Library Director, Stella Brown to move ahead with applying for the Florida Public Library Construction Grant. If approved, the grant will be submitted this year, awarded next year and Putnam County will distribute the funds the following year. While it is a three-year process, the planning, fundraising and acquiring contractors, etc, will proceed during that time. Also, money is available from Better Place Plan to start work on some projects needed around the library. The MLA and the county are exploring roof replacement on the existing library. If approved by the county commissioners, it would be approximately a two-month process to begin to replace our currently leaking roof. The MLA appreciates everyone who has contributed to our building fund. Stay tuned for new fundraisers in the future. We look forward to making our library an even better place for our community.

### Technology Coming to the Library

The "How-to Fest" held at the library in June was a great success – and also a glimpse of greater things to come at the Melrose Public Library! Jeremy Yates, of the Palatka Branch of the Putnam County Library system, showed off some of the new technology that headquarters hopes to bring to all the branches in Putnam County. Be on the lookout for amazing new technology surprises at the library that will help launch Melrose into our technology infused expansion!

## Melrose, Back-In-The-Day

Travel back in time on September 28th at 2:00 pm - when the Melrose Public Library will host a celebration to honor historic Melrose, Florida! "Melrose Back in the Day" will bring to life the



Indian Princess on Lake Santa Fe,  
State Archives, Florida Memory,  
<https://floridamemory.com>

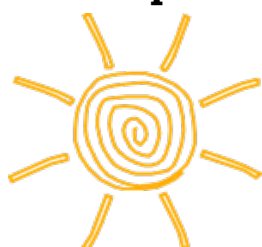
rich history of our small town in a premiere library event! The purpose of the program is to gather photos, stories and other history of Melrose. Speakers will be featured presenting all parts of our town's story. The library is encouraging the community to share their historical photos and documents about their families and friends - with a focus on the business history of Melrose. The Melrose Library, in conjunction with our MLA, Melrose Community and Senior Center, MBCA and HMI

organizations will host this event. The 'Under the Porch Singers' will be here at 1:40 - so arrive early for a good seat to hear them perform! See you there!

## Calendar of Events

Tuesdays	Story Time (0-5 years)	10 a.m.
July 4	CLOSED for holiday	
July 6	Family program "Melrose Rocks" (rock painting)	1 p.m.
July 6	Clyde the Wonder Dog	2:30 p.m.
July 7	Mini Maker Space	1 p.m.
July 12	Adult Book Discussion ( <i>Hamilton</i> by Ron Chernow)	10:30 a.m.
July 12	Special Family event! Magician Phil Meyer	1 p.m.
July 13	School Age (Building Tools of the Trade - Melrose Fire Dept.)	1 p.m.
July 14	LEGO BATMAN movie	1 p.m.
July 20	School Age (Ice Cream Party - Building Strong Readers)	1 p.m.
July 20	Clyde the Wonder Dog	2:30 p.m.
August 9	Adult Book Discussion ( <i>Hamilton</i> by Ron Chernow)	10:30 a.m.
September 2	CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday	
September 13	Adult Book Discussion ( <i>Roses</i> by Leila Meachum)	10:30 a.m.
September 28	Melrose, Back-In-The-Day (Seating begins at 1:30 p.m.)	2 p.m.
September 30	Read With Trees - Smokey the Bear - Gold Head Branch State Park	2 p.m.

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



# HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!