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Do what you can, with what you have, where your are.
Theodore Roosevelt



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE OF THE ADDITIONAL LIBRARY SPACE



The new addition to your library continues to move forward. Spray foam insulation and rough-in plumbing, electrical and HVAC have been completed. Special thanks to the County for approving two change orders that will greatly improve the initial plan. We will have better security for the kitchen and increased storage room capacity. Windows and doors will be installed in the next month followed by interior sheetrock, cabinetry, flooring and exterior trim, siding, gutters and paint. The State approved the \$500,000 grant and the County selected CRG Architects to oversee the project and awarded the contract to Complete Construction Creations. The nearly 1,600 square foot addition is located on the north side of the existing library and will provide additional meeting space to accommodate large lectures, book sales and community functions. The interior will consist of two new bathrooms, a warming kitchen, a 747 square foot community room, a loading dock and storage space. Many thanks to the State for providing the funding and Putnam County for the superb support to the Melrose Community!

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Do you need help filing your taxes? Free tax preparation is available at the Melrose Public Library now until April 28 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **You must have an appointment to use this service.** Please call 904-614-6688 to set up an appointment.



NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVER'S MONTH

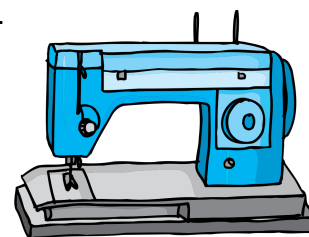


April is National Library Month and during April there will be NO fines on overdue books. So, if you have a book or two that are overdue, you can return them to the library with no fines assessed! Also, during April you can replace your lost library card at no cost. What a great deal!

SEWING AT THE LIBRARY

Melrose Public Library offers classes in sewing on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You must pre-register for each class. Please call the library at 352-475-1237 to register for classes as well as to find out what you will sew in each class. Sewing machines are provided.

The library also has open sewing from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. Do you just need to hem something or repair something but you do not have a machine of your own? You may use one at the library. You do need to have sewing experience to use the machines during open sewing.



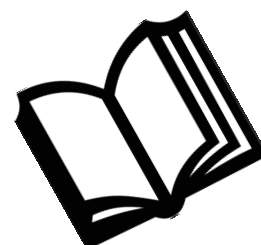
PEOPLE DRAWING AT THE LIBRARY



There is a relatively new group meeting at the library. It is called the People Drawing group. They meet on the second and fourth Friday of the month at 9:45 a.m. to noon. A live model is present for everyone to draw. New people interested in drawing live models are always welcome. Come out and try something new or refresh your skills.

MELROSE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

The Melrose Library Book Club meets on the third Friday of every month at 10:30 a.m. Come to the library and enjoy conversation and fellowship while discussing the latest read. Below are the titles and authors for the second three months of 2026. Contact the library at 352-475-1237 or come in to the library to reserve your copy each month.



April 17: *The Wager* by David Grann
May 15: *Fort Everglades* by Frank Slaughter
June 19: *The Life We Bury* by Allen Eskens



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesdays	Storytime Ages 0-5	10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays	Scrapbooking	10:00 a.m.
	After school hangout	3:00 p.m.
Thursdays	Sewing Class (Pre register)	10:00 a.m.
	Open Sewing	2:00 p.m.
Fridays	Story time Ages 6-11	10:30 a.m.
	Relax and Color	All day
April 4	Autism Awareness Film <i>"Temple Grandin"</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Easter Crafts for Kids	10:00 a.m.
April 7, 21, 28	Drop In Tech Assistance	12:30 p.m.
April 10, 24	People Drawing	9:45 a.m.
	STEM	4:00 p.m.
April 11	Movie: <i>"Bright Star"</i>	9:30 a.m.
April 14	Makers Space Creation Lab	2:30 p.m.
April 15	Learn to Use Libby	All day
April 17	Book Club (<i>The Wager</i> by David Grann)	10:30 a.m.
April 18	Basket Weaving	9:30 a.m.
	Movie: <i>"Dead Poet's Society"</i>	9:30 a.m.
April 22	Earth Day Take and Make	All day
April 25	Arbor Day Film Series "The Lorax"	9:30 a.m.
April 26	IFAS program with Julio: Pollinator Gardening	4:00 p.m.
April 28	IFAS presentation	4:00 p.m.
May 2	Movie: <i>"Coco"</i>	9:30 a.m.
May 5, 19, 26	Drop in Tech Assistance	12:30 p.m.
May 8 & 22	People Drawing	9:45 a.m.
	STEM	4:00 p.m.
May 9	Movie: <i>"Moana"</i>	9:30 a.m.
	Mother's Day card making	10:00 a.m.
May 12	Makers Space Creation Lab	2:30 p.m.
May 13	Learn to use Libby	All Day
May 15	Book Club (<i>Fort Everglades</i> by Frank Slaughter)	10:30 a.m.
May 16	Basket Weaving	9:30 a.m.
	Movie: <i>"Turning Red"</i>	9:30 a.m.
May 23	Movie: <i>"Lilo & Stitch"</i>	9:30 a.m.
May 26	IFAS program	4:00 p.m.
June 19	Book Club (<i>The Life We Bury</i> by Allen Eskens)	10:30 a.m.

Summer reading programs start in the month of June and run through July 24th.
Please contact the library for further details.

Contact the Melrose Public Library for additional information and more programs at 352.475.1237.



People often say that motivation doesn't last. Well, neither does bathing.
That's why we do it daily.
Zig Ziglar