

January,
February,
March 2024



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Editor



**Every year you make a resolution to change yourself.
This year, make a resolution to be yourself.** Unknown

MIKE ADAMS AS WILLIAM BARTRAM

January 18, 2024 3:00 p.m.

Mike Adams is an environmental consultant and biologist who brings history and William Bartram to life with his stories and costumes. When Mike Adams can't sleep, he pulls out a battered, taped and highlighted copy of William Bartram's *Travels* and sits down to read. Mr. Adams said, "I have a vivid enough imagination that with Bartram's descriptions I can see Bartram sitting on the edge of Salt Springs from his descriptions 250 years ago." That imagination also helps make Adams the perfect 21st century stand-in for Bartram, who has been called the first native born naturalist in the U.S. and the first naturalist who penetrated the dense tropical forests of Florida." Join the



MLA for this very interesting presentation. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE OF THE CAMELLIA SALE HAS CHANGED.
IT IS NOW FEBRUARY 3, 2024.**

Please join the Melrose Library Association at their annual Camellia Sale and Breakfast on February 3, 2024. The event starts at 9 a.m. and goes until the plants and breakfasts are sold out. Last year it all went quickly, so come out early! There will be no sales before 9:00 a.m. Breakfasts will sell for \$7.00 per plate, including one beverage (coffee, tea or orange juice). Breakfast casseroles, muffins, fruit, and biscuits and gravy will be served. ALL HOMEMADE! Mark Crawford of Loch Laurel Nursery will bring his beautiful camellia plants that can be purchased for \$30.00 each. We hope to see you there!!



"SOUTH KOREA FROM THE EYES OF A FOREIGNER"

Please join the MLA on March 21, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. when Carol Kreese will speak about her experiences while living in South Korea. Ms. Kreese has an art and teaching background. She signed a one year contract to teach at an International school in Seoul and loved the country and its people so much that she stayed for 12 years! Even though she spent many years abroad, Melrose has always been her home. Ms. Kreese will speak about the costumes, culture and food of South Korea.



MELROSE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB 2024

The library book club titles are set for 2024. Below, is a list of the books that will be discussed during the book club meetings in the first three months of 2024, on the third Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the library, with the exception of February when the community book discussion will be at 1:00 p.m.



January 19: *The Judge's List* by John Grisham

February 16: *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith at 1:00 p.m.,

March 15: *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown

S.T.E.A.M. ROOM COMPLETE!!

In our last newsletter, the renovation of the library's new S.T.E.A.M. room was just getting underway. Now, it is finished! There is new paint on the walls, new flooring, new cabinetry, new lighting, ceiling fans, and new shelving for the books the MLA has for sale. Stop by the library to see how wonderful everything looks.



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Melrose Library Association Nominating Committee announces the following slate of officers to be voted on at their February 17, 2022 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: Faye Martin
Corresponding Secretary: Keyna Ward
Members-At-Large: Maggie Blizzard and Kathi Warren





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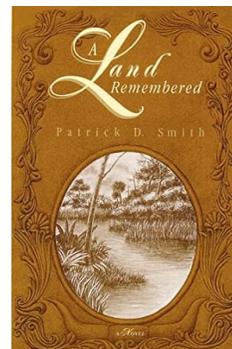
TEMPORARY LIBRARY HOURS

**The Melrose Public Library will be open
 Tuesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



2024 COMMUNITY READ

This year's community read is *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith. Written in 1984, it was the first book chosen for the One Book, One Putnam Community Read's inaugural season. A classic tale of the heartache and triumphs of Florida's early pioneer settlers, it has been a recommended classroom book and an award-winning choice for Florida historical fiction lovers for decades. The library has copies of this classic in its original format, as well as a version made especially for young readers. It's also available on audiobook and graphic novel format. The community book discussion for Melrose will be Friday, February 16, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. with the Melrose Library Book Discussion group.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2024

It's time to renew your membership for the Melrose Library Association!
 Not a member? Consider becoming one and supporting your library and its programs.

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PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

INDIVIDUAL (\$10) _____ FAMILY (\$15) _____

This form, along with your payment, can be taken to the Melrose Library front desk or mail it to
 Melrose Library Association, PO Box 54, Melrose, FL 32666

DONATIONS TO THE MLA 2024

The Melrose Library Association continues to work to improve our library and community. Donations to the MLA will help us to continue this work. Please consider donating to the MLA. Send your donation, made payable to the Melrose Library Association to P.O. Box 54, Melrose, FL 32666 Thank you!

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**Do what you can to show you care about other people,
 and you will make our world a better place.**

Rosalynn Carter