

January,
February,
March 2022



Keyna Ward,
Editor

Do your little bit of good where you are;
it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.
Desmond Tutu



CAMELLIA SALE AND BREAKFAST 2022

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Melrose Library Association's 2022 Camellia Sale and Breakfast. It will be held on Saturday, January 29th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Melrose. Camellias from Loch Laurel Nursery will be available for purchase for \$30.00 per plant with a portion of each sale going back to the MLA. Homemade breakfasts will also be available at \$7.00 per plate. Come out on January 29, 2022, have breakfast and get a new plant for yourself or a loved one (think Valentine's Day!) All proceeds from the sale and breakfast will be used by the MLA for improvements to your Melrose Library. See you there!!

RECOGNITION BY THE DAR

Susan Cooperman, a member of the MLA board, was recently recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), Colonel Samuel Elbert Chapter NSDAR in Keystone Heights. Susan was given the Literacy Champion Award for outstanding work in literacy promotion. Susan reads to preschoolers at the Melrose Library. She is also the chair for the MLA's participation in the Melrose Elementary Pony Pack program supplying books that go in backpacks for the program. Congrats, Susan!



FREE TAX PREPARATION



Federal taxes are due April 15, 2022. Do you need help preparing your taxes? Starting January 18, 2022 and continuing until April 28, 2022, Mr. Sterling will be at the library to help you with tax preparation. Mr. Sterling will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the stated dates. Please call the library for more information and to schedule an appointment.

LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

The library expansion and renovation continues to progress. Exterior work is nearly completed and the interior is a work in progress. Exterior paint is done, insulation has been installed, and sheetrock on the walls and ceiling is completed. Air conditioning, paint, windows, flooring and interior doors are next. We look forward to inviting the community to the dedication of this 500 square foot multipurpose room in early 2022. The MLA appreciates the support of our Melrose community and Putnam County Board of County Commissioners in this effort. We also appreciate the professional work being overseen by Blackwater Construction Services.



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: Dara Witty
Corresponding Secretary: Keyna Ward
Members-At-Large: Maggie Blizzard and Kathi Warren



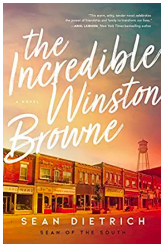


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ** Story telling and crafts for ages 0-5 on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.
- ****NEW!** Every Friday ‘Movie Afternoons’ at the library from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Questions about library programs?
Please, call the Melrose Public Library at 352-475-1237.



ONE BOOK, ONE PUTNAM

The 2022 One Book, One Putnam selection is *The Incredible Winston Browne* by Sean Dietrich. Look for the display in the library under the TV in the atrium. Sean Dietrich is a columnist, novelist, and creator of the blog and podcast, “Sean of the South.” Mr. Dietrich is know for his commentary on life in the American south and he has authored 13 books.

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR BOOK HOUSES!

The Melrose Library Association sponsors four book houses in the Melrose area. They have been in use for about a year. A variety of books for all ages are available for the community to use. Take a book and leave a book is the premise of a book house. Initially, even if you don’t have a book to leave, you can take a book to enjoy and when you come back for another, you could leave the last one you borrowed. Thank you for supporting our book houses! The locations of the book houses are:

- Earleton, beside the Post Office, 10012 County Road 1469
- Melrose Beach Park, 25500 Devonia St., Melrose
- St. John’s Missionary Baptist Church, 540 County Road 219
- Faith Presbyterian Church, 2738 SR 21, Melrose



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Yep! It’s that time again! Not a member?
Consider becoming one and supporting your library and its programs.

NAME_____

ADDRESS_____

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

The older you get, the better you get. Unless you’re a banana.
Betty White