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Bad libraries build collections. Good libraries build services. Great libraries build communities. —R. David Lankes

## THE LIBRARY IS FULLY OPEN



Welcome back to the Melrose Public Library. All Putnam County libraries are now fully open. The children's summer reading program will be held at the library as well as virtual story time being available. Also, "On the Go" take-and make craft bags will be available for those unable to come to story time in person. Watch for more information concerning upcoming events and programs at your Melrose Public Library.

## LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION UPDATE

The library expansion and renovation project is underway! We received our permit from the County on June 28th and Blackwater Construction Services started demolition on July 6th. The east side of the library between our building and the Post Office will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic for approximately three months as the project progresses. In the next few months, you can expect to see footers poured, block and brick laid and a new roof for the entire library installed. The MLA deeply appreciates the support of Putnam County and our community and are pleased to welcome Blackwater Construction Services to Melrose!



Ground breaking on July 6, 2021 for the new library expansion.

## BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

The Melrose Library Book Club will begin on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. After the first meeting, book club will be held monthly on the third Wednesday of each month. John Stephenson and Athena Scodellaro will host the book club. At the first meeting, everyone attending will go over the book list and collectively decide which book the group will read. Come join the fun!

### Book List

*The Golden Hour* by Beatriz Williams  
*Fly Girls* by Keith O'Brien  
*Educated* by Tara Westover  
*Mayflower* by Nathaniel Philbrick  
*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien  
*A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles  
*Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann  
*Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

## \*\*\*NOTICE! CHANGE OF DATE\*\*\*

The date for the MLA Camellia Sale and Breakfast, originally planned for February 19, 2022, has been changed. The new date is **January 29, 2022**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our fundraising event. You don't want to miss the beautiful plants and the yummy breakfasts available for purchase!! See you there.





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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Daily (summer)	Movie	11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays	0-5 year Toddler Story time	10:30 a.m.
Fridays	6-11 year Kid's Story time	10:30 a.m.
July 9	Bingo for Books	1:00 p.m.
July 14	Family Board Games	3-5 p.m.
August 7	Summer Finale Party (To be announced)	
August 25	Book Club	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 15	Book Club	10:30 a.m.



### Questions about library programs?

Please call the Melrose Public Library at 352-475-1237

### Library Program Descriptions

**Story times (Ages 0-5 and 6-11)** Our story times are broken into age groups but anyone is welcome. Age groups are included to give guidance on what guardians may find appropriate for their little ones. Older children's story time are a little longer with more complicated stories and crafts. Each story time includes about half an hour of educational fun and reading, followed by a craft to make and take home.

**Bingo for Books:** Come play bingo with us and if you're lucky, you'll get to take home a book or two to keep!

**Family Board Games (All ages)** Setup and cleanup are the worst parts of board games, but we take care of that for you! We'll have games out and ready to play. Just come and have fun!

### BOOK DONATIONS



Yes! You can, once again, donate your gently used books at the Melrose Public Library. Donated books are sorted, set up on the shelves in the meeting room and available for purchase.... just \$2.00 for a bag of books. What a deal!

More good news....

The Melrose Library Association used book sale is coming back sometime in the fall! More information will be available soon.

Money raised at bag sales or the used book sale is used by the Melrose Library Association for programs and events at the library.

We look forward to seeing you all at the library for the on-going bag sale or at the fall book sale, when scheduled.