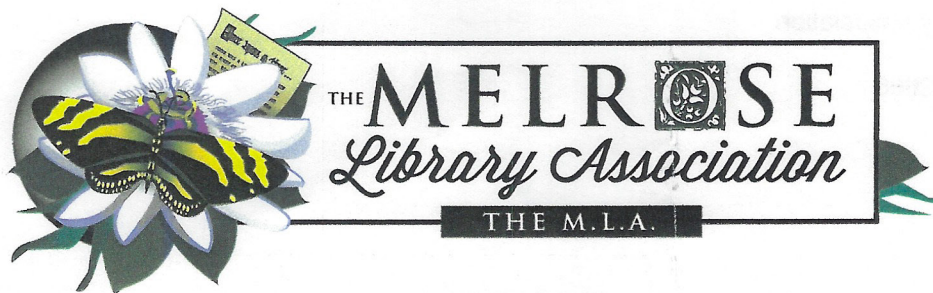


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"Yellow butterflies look like flowers flying through the warm summer air."
— Andrea Willis



STEM CAMP at the Melrose Public Library!

STEM camp is all about Science, Technology, Engineering and Math happening on July 10 at the library! We are so excited to see all of you at camp for a day of fun and engaging STEM activities held at the Melrose Public Library. This camp is limited to 35 students and open to grades K-12. Please contact Isaac Washington at (650) 308-4340 or IBW@USF.EDU for more information. To register for camp use the following link: phstemcamp.com. The schedule for camp on July 10 is as follows:

Check-In: 10:00 a.m.
Camp Begins: 10:30 a.m.
STEM Speaker - Tyrone Jacobs Jr. 11:00 a.m.
Lunch 12:00 p.m.
Camp Ends: 3:30 p.m.



BUILDING UPDATE



Your new addition to the library is moving forward at a rapid pace. Interior progress includes installation of sheetrock, drop ceiling in the Community Room, kitchen cabinets, countertop, and bathroom tile. Interior painting is currently underway. Windows have been installed and Hardiboard siding is being applied to the exterior walls. Doors will be installed soon, followed by flooring, exterior trim, exterior paint, gutters and a patio. Project completion is slated for late Summer. Watch for news about our grand opening in a future newsletter!

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!

MELROSE LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

It's time for summer reading! The book club meets on the third Friday of the month at 10:30. Contact the library at 352-475-1237 to reserve your copy of the books. Titles for the next three months are as follows:



July 17: *Salt to the Sea* by Rutha Sepetys

August 21: *Southern Lady Yankee Spy* by Elizabeth Varon

September 18: *Five Presidents* by Clint Hill

BOOK HOUSES UNDERGOING REFURBISHING



The MLA has provided book houses to the Melrose area since 2020. They are a take a book, leave a book program. Now, it is time for them to be repaired one by one. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, our dedicated users of the book houses. They will be repaired one at a time and there will be a note posted on the one under repair with the locations of our other book houses. Thank you for your patience as we spruce up! The