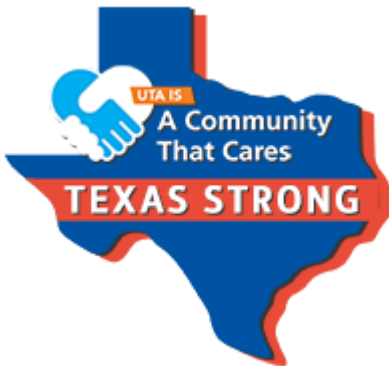


# Your Melissa Public Library is a partner in this effort. We need your Help!



## TEXAS STRONG: DFW LIBRARIES FOR HARVEY RELIEF

Almost one dozen libraries in Dallas/Fort Worth are banding together to help our neighbors impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Here are two ways in which you can help right here in the Melissa area.

**Project 1 - DROP OFF BOOKS AND GAMES:** The academic and public libraries listed below are sponsoring a drive to collect books and board/card games to give to those displaced who are currently residing in Dallas area shelters. **We invite community members to drop off new and gently used books for all age groups and new and gently used board/card games at donation boxes in the following libraries:**

- UT Arlington's Central Library, AFA Library or SEL Library
- Bedford Public Library
- Betty Foster Ponder Public Library
- Dallas Public Library - all locations
- Lake Dallas Public Library
- Mansfield Public Library
- Sachse Public Library
- **Melissa Public Library – 3411 Barker Avenue, Melissa**  
**Collection boxes are in the Melissa City Hall lobby outside the library. Open 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Saturdays. Collection runs NOW through Monday, September 18.** Books should be new or near-new condition, popular fiction for all ages; adult, teens, children. Games should have all pieces. Unsuitable items will be disposed of.

**Project 2 - MAKE BLANKETS TO DONATE:** For those who want to help in a creative, hands-on way, Melissa Public Library will host an event where community members can make no-sew fleece blankets. These blankets will be donated to shelters housing evacuees and maybe given to children, adults, and even family pets. We hope these will bring comfort to those who reside in area shelters. **We are currently in need of volunteers to put together these blankets and to donate fleece materials to support these efforts.**

**Sessions for blanket making will be the next two Saturdays, September 9 and 16, at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Melissa Public Library.** Fleece can be dropped off any time before or then. We also welcome community groups, such as Girl Scout or Boy Scout troops, who could volunteer time to make blankets or would sponsor a session.

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