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### **Melissa Public Library Update - August 2010**

Melissa, TX - Many thanks to the great volunteers who have helped set-up the new location for the Melissa Public Library. We appreciate the Library Board, the Friends and many community volunteers who came out to help arrange the library for the opening in our wonderful new space. Thank you, thank you, thank you from Lorelei and Victoria. Also we offer our enduring thanks to Jan Clark for smoothing the way for this wonderful move. Watch for some upcoming pictures from the first days and the open house!

Come on Back! We are having "Fine Free Days" the months of August and September. Come in to the new library at the City Hall and clear your fines from your account just by stopping by. If you have overdue or missing books and materials, come in and we will work out a plan with you. We will all start fresh in our new space!!!

Thank you, Melissa Friends and Community, for supporting the sale of materials at the little red library in July. The sale (and preparation and all the work) was done by the Friends of the Melissa Public Library. Great appreciation to all! We have the lovely painting of the red brick building in the new space to keep our remembrance bright.

What do you think? Check out a recent article published on Yahoo! News about public libraries and movie rentals. Is your library your first-stop rental location? What do you expect to see in the movie collection at the library? Visit the following link to read more: [http://news.yahoo.com/s/ytech\\_gadg/20100728/tc\\_ytech\\_gadg/ytech\\_gadg\\_tc3273](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ytech_gadg/20100728/tc_ytech_gadg/ytech_gadg_tc3273). Then email Lorelei Perkins at [lperkins@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:lperkins@cityofmelissa.com) and let her know what you think!

#### Carry-Along Collin Goes to Camp – Get your trailblazer brochure at the Library!

The "Carry-Along Collin" student program, sponsored by the Collin County Historical Commission, is designed to encourage museum visits and local heritage education. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the program and it has won an award for excellence in preservation from the Texas Historical Commission. The 2010 materials are currently available in your Melissa Public library and the museums.

Students and families are encouraged to pick up a brochure and "carry it along" for each museum visit, where it will be stamped for participation. Because there is a railroad theme this year, students can collect a different railroad token at each of the eight participating Collin County museums. This is a great activity for family outings. Scout groups are also encouraged to make group visits as they work on history, nature and

community heritage badges. The museums are varied and offer different information. The 2010 program will continue until early Oct. On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Carry-Along Collin participants will be invited to a special event at the Frisco Heritage Museum. Contact [collinhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:collinhistory@yahoo.com) for more information. While at the library getting your trailblazer brochure, check out a great children's' book, Collin McKinney, Texas Patriot and Statesman.

#### What's New in the Library – DVD Collection!

Thanks for the suggestions! Here is our new DVD list for July. Alvin and the Chipmunks and the Squeekquel, The Bounty Hunter, Clash of the Titans (Miss Victoria's favorite in the bunch! Watch out for the longggggg dragon entrance.), G-Force, Gettysburg (Mrs. Perkins' favorite!), The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, The Jensen Project, The Losers, The Lovely Bones, Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief, Race to Witch Mountain, and Secrets of the Mountain. Get the popcorn popping! We also have a number of newly donated titles in the new books section. Watch for our big end-of-the-year order of books in September!!

#### Shelby Swanson Memorial Childrens' Books Donation

The Melissa Public Library has been the recipient of over 400 children's books donated in memory of Shelby Swanson, an area infant. Watch for a future news article about this wonderful service for our community.

#### Magazine Donations

The Melissa Public Library is collecting magazines for a local group to be sent to US service people stationed overseas. Feel free to drop your magazines off in the box in the library. Thanks!

#### Story time:

Resumes Friday, August 13th: 10:15 – 10:30 a.m. for lap babies (ages 0-2) and 10:45 – 11:15 a.m. for preschoolers (ages 3-5). Adults must stay with their children during story times. Back to school/our first babysitter will be the theme this week.

#### Upcoming events:

- Banned book week : Sept 25 – Oct 2
- Wrestlemania Reading Challenge: October 16 -25
- Teen Read Week: October 17-23
- National Friends of the Library Week: October 17-24

Keep an eye out on the City of Melissa Website for more information and for the latest happenings at YOUR Melissa Public Library, sign up to receive the e-newsletter at [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com).

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