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Melissa Library is Falling for Information!

Melissa, TX – Fall is officially here and we are getting ready to enjoy a new season in the library!

This week: Catcher in the Rye . . . Of Mice and Men . . . Bridge to Terabithia . . . Gone with the Wind . . . What's your favorite book? Chances are good that someone has tried to ban it. Celebrate YOUR freedom to read during **Banned Books Week, September 25 – October 2**. Since its inception in 1982, Banned Books Week has reminded us that while not every book is intended for every reader, each of us has the right to decide for ourselves what to read, listen to or view. Stop by the library and see our display of banned books and check them out! For more information, visit <http://www.ala.org/bbooks>.

Starting Monday, October 11, 1pm, ASK THE GEEK! Paul G, our neighborhood computer volunteer, will be in the library every Monday to answer questions, give 'how-to's, and unravel the mysteries of your computer and its uses. He will only demonstrate PC hints (no MACs) and primarily Windows 7. If you want to learn how to open an email account, download pictures, create documents, just have a question or two about how to do almost anything, Paul will help you work through it. This is very informal, no set classes. Stop in and unsnarl your computer issues. Watch the webpage and check to see if there are any cancellation dates.

The Melissa Library is looking to start a Teen Advisory Council. If you are between the ages of 12-19 and have an interest in science fiction writing or helping to develop other programs and activities for teens, please email Mrs. Perkins at lperkins@cityofmelissa.com or call 972-837-4540 . You can have a voice and space in the library!

Want to be connected, but on your own laptop? Come on in to the Melissa Public Library and link up wirelessly. With your Melissa Library card, you can receive the 'key' to log-on in a comfortable environment. Thanks to the City of Melissa for making this possible.

Hello! Hola! Konnichiha! Nǐ Hǎo! 你好! Bonjour! Coming soon, watch the website!! **MANGO languages**, an online language program, will be available from home (with log-on and passwords with your library card) or in the library.

FINE FREE MONTHS ARE OVER ☹ We will return to overdue charges being assessed from October 1 onward. Unfortunately, our book and video collections are not large enough to 'cover' when materials are kept longer than 2 weeks for books and 2 days for videos. To be courteous and responsible to all, we will return to assessing 25 cents a day for books and \$1 a day for videos starting October 1. Remember, you can renew books during library hours by calling 972-837-4540. Videos CANNOT be renewed. Our next fine amnesty will be in January, when we will collect food for fines for the Melissa Food Bank.

Per patron suggestion, we will begin checking out 3 videos per adult library card starting October 1. This works for those of you who MUST HAVE enough videos for your personal marathon movie sessions! Reread that, **3 videos per adult card for 2 days**. (Yes, you get it an extra day on Fridays because we are not open on Sundays!)

Thank you to all who have been donating books and movies to the library. Your generosity makes it possible for the library to expand our collection and use our funds in many more ways. Drop offs are accepted in the book drop or at the circulation desk. If your donation is not used in our library, it may be sold to our patrons to purchase other materials, donated to the Veteran's hospitals, or given to an area shelter. Your old books and movies will continue to be appreciated.

Remember, your old magazines are collected at the circulation desk for an area church to send to our troops overseas. Thanks!

Would you like to help organize and digitize historical materials from the Melissa area?

The library has a small collection of photos and other archival materials that need to be scanned and could be made available online. Please email your librarian at librarian@cityofmelissa.com to discuss this volunteer opportunity.

Story time is great! Come Friday mornings at 10:15am and enjoy a special time with your child in the library. We have talked like pirates (Arrggh, matey!), made a grandparent hug-card, tried to be tidy, and prepared for school and preschool by reading books, singing, and creating memories. Remember, parents must stay with their child. Here is our upcoming calendar:

October Story Times: Dinosaur morning, I can stay healthy, and Reading Reptiles.

November: Fly away, Veteran's Day, I am Thankful. There will be no story time on Friday, November 27.

Two special events are in October,

1. Friday, October 8, 10:15AM Two Melissa firefighters and a fire truck will come to story time for Fire Prevention Week. See what a firefighter wears and does up close and listen to a story. Afterward, we will go outside to explore the truck. If YOU bring a camera, you will be welcome to take pictures! There is no age limit for this activity, homeschoolers are welcome!
2. Fun Friday! October 30, 10:15am, will include 2 book readings and a fun activity for Halloween. After the activity, the children and families will trick-or-treat through the city center, being escorted by the librarian and their parents. Come dressed in your costume (parents too!) and enjoy the morning!!

Let's see you in the library this week!! Lorelei Perkins and Victoria Villegas

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