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## City of Melissa Public Library Programming – May and Beyond!

Melissa, TX – This has been an exciting year so far at YOUR Melissa Public Library...and we are not slowing down one bit! We have a lot planned for the rest of May and beyond as we lead up to a fun filled summer at the Library! **Also remember that the Melissa Public Library and all other City of Melissa Offices will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in honor of Memorial Day.** Here is what is coming up in the next couple months!

**Legal Research Presentation** - Tuesday, May 31 - Collin County Law Library - “Finding Legal Information: Websites and Resources Everyone Should Know.” Ellen Heavner, Assistant Law Librarian, Curt B. Henderson Law Library. Ms. Heavner will discuss: what you can do on your own, with a little help, and what the Collin County Law Library can provide you.

This is a staff and public training session to be held in the community room, upstairs from the library from 3-4PM. Pre-registration to [librarian@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:librarian@cityofmelissa.com) or 972-837-4540 will give attendees free handouts. If you register at the door, copies will be charged at ten cents a page and will be given AFTER the presentation.

**Melissa Public Library Genealogy Classes** - Each First Wednesday of the month – Our next meeting is June 1st at 6:30 p.m. -8:00 p.m. – Ongoing Family History Class, beginning level on up, Faye Chism, instructor – come out and work together on the computers to move your past to the forward!

**Friends of Melissa Public Library** - The Friends of the Melissa Public Library (FOMPL) are now on facebook! Visit their fan page: **Friends of the Melissa Public Library, Inc.** or you can find a courtesy link on the Melissa Public Library Webpage at: [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com). This independent facebook fan page is another way to stay aware of library news from our Friends group. Be sure to ‘like’ them, because the Friends ‘like’ the library and YOU!

**Second Tuesdays – Melissa Writers’ Group** – Poets, short stories, novels, graphic novels – whatever you are scribbling! Stop by the library every second Tuesday of the month! Our next meeting is on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 p.m., Come share, compare, and get motivated!!

**Story Time** – lap babies to pre-K, every Friday, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Adult must be in attendance! Here is what we have coming up:

- May 27 – transportation day
- June 3 – no story time. This is the last day of public school in our area and there are many activities going on!
- June 10 – Intro to our summer reading event. During the summer, story time will continue to be only for lap babies to pre-K. There will be many additional activities for older children on other days!!
- June 17 – Fathers’ Day
- June 24 – Still under construction!
- July 1 – Old Glory! Let’s get ready to celebrate the Fourth of July! You are invited to walk in the Melissa Parade with the Library!!

**Community service drive by the Melissa Public Library – due to the success of this program, we will continue through the months of June, July, and August - ‘pay your fines with peanuts’** Especially for rice, peanut butter, tuna, and dried beans; nonperishable basics, canned fruits, vegetables (15 oz cans), and any type of canned tomatoes. 1 can/item pays \$1 of fines for books only (not DVDs). All goes directly to Melissa Outreach (clothing exchange and food bank).

**COMING SOON! Keep an eye out for these events coming later this summer to your Library!**

**Photography Contest** – Do you enjoy taking pictures? You can enter your photos in the first ever Melissa Public Library Photography Contest coming this summer! This contest is sponsored by the Friends of Melissa Public Library.

Photos can be submitted in four classes (People, Animals, Scenery, and Other). There will be two age groups: 13 and under and 14 and up. Contest entries can be submitted at the library between July 30<sup>th</sup> and August 12<sup>th</sup>. Winning photographs for each age group and category will be displayed at the library on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com) or come by the library to pickup your entry packet and rules beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> and start clicking!

**Summer Reading Program 2011: Dig Up a Good Book Kick-off Event** - Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Melissa City Hall. Join us for an event for the whole family! ATMOS Energy will be on hand to educate us to "Call before you Dig" and there will be free hot dogs, balloons, a tractor/trailer with backhoe and much much more! Keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks!

In addition to the great Summer Reading Program the Melissa Public Library offers, there are a number of book sellers and stores that have summer reading programs. *This is no endorsement of any individual program or store, just some ideas of nearby activities involving literacy fun.* There are varied activities and requirements and dates, so follow those closely. Please verify information. If you find more, share with us! Visit the Library Webpage at [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com) for more information.

**Dig in to our Collin County history!** Collin County Farm Museum Traveling Exhibits are coming to Melissa Public Library. Historic photographs, artifacts and implements on display in the library and city hall front lobby. Open free to the public. Look for the following exhibits:

**May 31 –July 5: ‘The Traveling Salesman’:** During the 1880s and early 1900s, traveling salesmen were a common sight in Collin County and an integral part of its rural heritage. This exhibit explores the life of a traveling salesman through historical photographs. Additionally, the exhibit reveals the various wares a traveling salesman hawked, including medicines.

**July 5-August 1: ‘The Home Demonstration Club’** During the early 1900s, Home Demonstration Clubs initiated a revival of rural traditions. This exhibit explores the variety of the club’s original activities, including canning, clothing, and cooking. The exhibit also explores the club’s later development into home management, yard improvement, and livestock management.

**Remember to keep an eye on the City of Melissa Website at [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofmelissatx](http://www.facebook.com/cityofmelissatx) for all the latest happenings at YOUR library!**

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