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## **Melissa Public Library Update for March/Early April 2011**

Melissa, TX – Spring is just around the corner and the Melissa Public Library has something for everyone to enjoy! Come on in and see all the exciting things that are happening at YOUR library!

Our beginning family history class was a great success and concluded on March 16. **Going forward monthly classes will be held the first Wednesday of each month for intermediate researchers.** We begin at 7:00 p.m. and end promptly at 8:30 p.m. Park on the east side (front) of the City of Melissa building, class is upstairs in community room. **On Wednesday, March 23, we will do an intro to genealogy online in the library.** (We have 7 computers, so bring your laptop and connect up to the wireless before the class starts.) There will be a copying fee for class handouts, pay as you attend. Send an email to [librarian@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:librarian@cityofmelissa.com) or call 972-837-4540 to reserve your place. There are now several new genealogy reference books available for 3 day check-outs, here are three of them; *The Genealogist's Address Book*, *The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy*, and *The Handybook for Genealogists*. There are more, so stop by the circulation desk. Genealogy is the number one hobby in America!

Spring is here, it is time to clean out your closet! **Please join us in our Melissa Library Coat Drive and drop off your gently worn coats (must have working closures, no rips or stains) anytime in March and library card holders can check out 4 movies on an adult card or 3 movies on a child card per family.** The donated coats will be distributed to those in need in the community through the Melissa Community Outreach! Watch for a food drive/pay your library fines activity in April (\$1 fines paid by 1 can of food. Looking for rice, beans, peanut butter, oatmeal and canned fruit, but will take anything.)

Just a quick reminder that the **Melissa writing group is still underway and we will meet again on April 5 at 6 p.m.** Remember to bring a hard copy of your writing with you (either the short story exercise we are doing or something else you have written). New adult or teen writers are invited to join us at any time. April is National Script Writing month, so if you are interested in trying your hand at 30 days of script writing, come on over. Poets, short story writers, authors of any type are welcome!

**Homeschoolers ages 11 and up, if you would like to attend a presentation by Neil Shusterman, a very creative and successful young adult author, on April 1,** please contact Mrs. Perkins at [librarian@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:librarian@cityofmelissa.com). Read at least 1 of his books and you could attend.

**On Thursday, April 14, from 4-5 p.m., the library is hosting a public presentation by Ellen Heavener, Assistant Law Librarian at the Henderson Law Library. The topic is "Finding Legal Information: Websites and Resources Everyone Should Know."** She will provide free online information about what you could do with resources on your own or with a little help.

If you pre-register, hand-outs are free. If you walk-in, there will be a cost for hand-outs. Registration by email to [librarian@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:librarian@cityofmelissa.com)

**Teen Advisory Movie Event and Planning Meeting will be held at the library on April 9.** The planning meeting is at 2:30 p.m. to make plans for our teen fun in the library, anyone is welcome to come plan activities, games, movies, let's hear it!! **Teens ages 13 – 19 can then come out for only \$1.00 donation to see the complete version of 'Avatar' from 3-6 p.m.!!!** So, come out and plan or come to the movies. You MUST have a ticket to attend, so stop by the Melissa High School library or the Melissa Public Library with your \$1.00!!!!

**Getting ready for summer! The Friends of the Melissa Public Library will be having a DVD and CD donation drive to increase the size of our video/sound collection.** Start sorting through your favorites that you would like to share. Watch for the drop-off location in the library in April and May.

**Story times! Come each Friday from 10:15-10:45 for fun stories and activities geared to ages 2 through 4.** Here are the upcoming dates and themes:

March Story times:

- March 18 – Spring break!!! Older kids welcome too!!
- March 25 – make some music!

April Story times:

- April 1 – I am Unique! Tacky the Penguin.
- April 8 – Under the Sea
- April 15 – National Library Week
- April 22 – NO STORYTIME
- April 29 – Arbor Day celebration

May Story Times:

- May 6 – Mothers' Day
- May 13 – Kite day
- May 20 – Police Day
- May 27 – Transportation Day

**'Stitch and Turn' – take a stitch, turn a page!** Young adult and adult readers unite to talk about books and do some handiwork. Stop by the library at from 7-8p.m. Bring your handiwork (knitting, crocheting or nada) and let's talk about some of your favorite old books or new ones you just discovered.

**Summer Program Need:** If you have little 'trinkets and treasures' that can be used for reading incentives for the summer program drop them by the library. We would appreciate anything that children to age 12 would enjoy as a reward.

**Interested in a group tour or event at the library?** Cub Scout Pack 26 from Melissa came to library on Tuesday, February 15, for a library tour, badge work and check out. There were 6 Cubs and families and 2 Den Mothers. Contact [librarian@cityofmelissa.com](mailto:librarian@cityofmelissa.com) to schedule your group.

Don't forget that we have a **notary public available for you by appointment** in the library. Call ahead to schedule, cost is \$6.00 per signature.

**Friends of the Melissa Public Library:** The Friends invite all interested parties to join with them in supporting YOUR library! The Friends of the Melissa Public Library meet at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the odd calendar months (January; March; May; July; September; November) at the Melissa Public Library, 3411 Barker Avenue. Watch for information on our next meeting in May!

Remember to regularly check our website at [www.cityofmelissa.com](http://www.cityofmelissa.com) for a calendar of events and updates! Want to be kept up to date on the latest information? Visit the website to sign up for the City's various social networking options!

Keep on reading and researching!

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