New Year’s Resolutions:
1. Read
2. Read
3. Read
4. Read
5. Work around house. Read

Community/library activities going on!

- Don’t throw out your extra holiday cards and don’t pitch the cards you received. We have a partnership for Veterans! Or would you like to grab a box to donate? Cards may be dropped off in the ‘card basket’ at the Melissa Public Library. If you have any other type of holiday or general cards, bring them in!!!

- Community Coat and Outerwear Drive for the Melissa Community Outreach. The following items are STILL being collected to be given free to those in need: coats of all size (adult, child and infant), jackets, hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and sweatshirts. Any new or gently used outerwear is needed as the temperatures continue to drop. Some pickup available or bring them by the library during regular hours until February 28.

The Friends of the Melissa Public Library is beginning their new year of support and advocacy for the Melissa Library. To be part of the planning of their activities, they are looking for a new slate of officers to share ideas. Their next meeting, where they want YOU, is Thursday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m. at the library! Even if you don’t come in the library regularly, your input is appreciated. The time commitment is 1 hour of meeting monthly and a little bit of occasional participation. We are looking for your brains, not your muscles, so please consider giving of your time. Email librarian@cityofmelissa.com for a referral form and for the date of the January meeting.

In a little over an hour, you can save several lives. January is one of the ‘high need’ months for blood donations. The Melissa Library/Community Blood Drive will be held Saturday, January 26, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in front of the Melissa City Hall. Donors will receive an exclusive Dallas Mavericks Blood Drive T-shirt and a ‘buy one, get one’ ticket voucher. Go on a giving streak! Sign up at http://bit.do/melissablooddriveJan2019 (If the time slots ALL fill, they will give us more time!!)

The crewel display in the library display cabinet by Mrs W. is amazing! Such patience! She has won Texas State Fair ribbons and more. We need YOUR collections/handwork/handle favorite toys to come visit for a month! Email librarian@cityofmelissa.com and let me know what you have, and we will get you in to show it off.
Children’s Story Time targeted for lap babies to young homeschoolers is held weekly at 10:30 a.m. on Fridays at the Melissa Public Library inside Melissa City Hall. Contact Ms. Andrea at atyler@cityofmelissa.com for more information. **NOTE:** Activities listed below include all those targeted for young children so pay attention to date and time!

- **January 11** - I’m sick! Joined by CommunityMed Urgent Care  
  - Creative Music and Movement at 11:15 a.m. in the courtroom.
- **January 18** - Getting along with my friends  
  - Bilingual Music and Movement at 11:15 a.m. in the courtroom.
- **January 25** - Animals who sleep – Hibernating animals that will soon wake up.

Teen Activities Group (TAG) for ages 8-18, regular meetings held weekly on Thursdays from 5-6:00 p.m. with Ms. Jennifer in the library! Contact her at jnehls@cityofmelissa.com for more information. **NOTE:** Activities listed below include all Teen and Tween targeted events so pay attention to date and time!

- **January 10** - First Night! Let’s get to know our group with some fun!
- **January 17** - Leather Stamping! Create awesome designs with Mr. Perkins using metal stamps and leather!
- **Monday, January 21 at 10:30 a.m.** - MPL Game Day! **Notice the time and day!** School’s out, so come to the library and play games with your friends or make some new ones! We have plenty of games to play, but you’re welcome to bring your own as well. All ages welcome.
- **January 24** - Visitor Night!
- **January 31** - Fandom Night! Our first Fandom Night! Come show your love for the fandom! You can bring art pieces, show clips of your favorite movie, do a short reading of your favorite lines, etc. We are so excited to see what inspires your creativity!

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**ABOUT THE MELISSA PUBLIC LIBRARY** - The Melissa Public Library was founded in 1993 and serves the communities of Melissa, Anna, and parts of McKinney and Collin County. Hours are Monday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Thursday 12:00. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The mission of the Melissa Public Library is to enrich the community by providing resources to aid in the pursuit of information and provide recreation and cultural enhancement using print, various media products, electronic access and planned quality programs available to all. We are located at 3411 Barker Avenue, Melissa inside the Melissa City Hall.