NEWS RELEASE
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Time to Share the Joy of the Holidays at YOUR Melissa Library

Thank you for your support to the community/library activities. Some are still going on!

- McKillop Elementary School partnered with the Melissa Public Library for ‘Hats for Hunger’ to assist the Feed the Need Program by raising $38 in cash! Feed the Need donations of food is an ongoing donation, one location is always in the Melissa Library.
- Santa’s Elves with ‘Pay It Forward’ and others helped get letters to almost 50 area children wanting to check in with the jolly fellow. Wishes do come true!
- 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. We will save them for next year!
- ‘Toys for Tots’ was a great help for the area.
- 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.

Library/Homeschool Roundtable to be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at the Melissa Public Library in the community room from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This forum will discuss what could happen at the new library/homeschool activity group. The group could be individual schoolers or a homeschool group. Ages will start 8-18, but will be able to split depending on the books/activities. Parents, bring the kids so everyone has a say! If you cannot be there that day/time, send your suggestions to Jnehls@cityofmelissa.com

Here are the current top 11 DVDs being checked out at the Melissa Public Library. Something for everyone!

- The Magic School Bus: the complete series
- Overboard – the new 2018 one!
- Solo: a Star Wars story
- Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom – loved this!
- Ocean’s 8
- Wonder – a real tear-jerker
- Adrift – makes me glad I don’t live by the ocean
- Hereditary
- Marvel Avengers – Infinity War – rock ‘em, sock ‘em
- Life of the Party
- Rampage – No more gorillas, please!!
Ms. Winkle W. will be placing her beautiful hand-made crewel work in the library display cabinet later this month. We need YOUR collections/handwork/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.

We have interest in restarting an adult book club again in January. Email us at librarian@cityofmelissa.com to let us know a day/time that works for you and we will schedule one or two to start! Fun, fun! This could be days, evenins or weekends!! We are looking to share some good books!

Saturday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Core CPR Babysitting Class for boys and girls ages 11ish – 15ish! You MUST preregister at the library before 6pm Wednesday, December 26 and we MUST have 5 participants to hold the class (we have 2 already, get your friends signed up). Email jnehls@cityofmelissa.com or visit our Library webpage for registration form.

Please note that our regular weekly youth and teen activities will take a break during the winter holiday break. We will resume on Thursday, January 10 for Teens and Friday, January 11, for storytime. Bilingual music and movement will resume on Friday, January 18.

Instead there will be fun family activities hosted by the Library daily at 10:30 a.m. during the break. Please see schedule below:

- December 26 – Acrylic Painting with Mr. Klark. A repeat of last month’s super activity. All supplies provided but wear something you can get paint on! MUST PRE-REGISTER TO GUARANTEE A SPOT, sign up for an alternate space if full. You will do a new outdoor scene! Ages 10 and up.
- December 27 – Game day! Members of the Senior Gaming Club will be on hand to teach the children and teens and adults how to play lots of different games. Or bring your own games and show us how to play!
- December 28 – Building blocks. Be ready to be creative!
- December 31 – Noon Year’s Eve Dance Party! Our first countdown to the noon hour. This will be totally fun and will happen at NOON, NOT MIDNIGHT!! Starts at 10:30 am and ends at high NOON!
- January 2 – Movie day! Enjoy the original Mary Poppins
- January 4 – Make your own bookmark! Make a bookmark to go with your new books.
- January 7 – Do you want to build a snowman? In the Library? We will!

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. 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.

Melissa Public Library and the City of Melissa offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, for New Year’s Day.

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.