NEWS RELEASE

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

The Melissa Public Library is proud to partner with several Community organizations this holiday season. These holiday activities are locally managed for local benefits! Please consider supporting the partners of Melissa Public Library in any way you would prefer! Contact librarian@cityofmelissa.com with questions!

- McKillop Elementary School partnered with the Melissa Public Library for ‘Hats for Hunger.’ Every Friday in November, city staff and library visitors wore a hat and gave a donation to assist the Feed the Need Program raising $38 in donations! Donations are still being accepted at the school office.

- Community Coat and Outerwear Drive for the Melissa Community Outreach. The following items are 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.

- Santa’s Elves will pick up letters to Santa in the library this season! Bring your letter to the jolly fellow (we have fill-in ones, also) and put them in the big, red box in the library. A merry band of helpers will take them to be answered and hopefully your child’s wishes may come true.

- We have a partnership for Veterans! Do you have extra holiday/Christmas cards? Or would you like to grab a box to donate? With a little help from you, hundreds of Veterans across the country will get a card to hopefully make their holiday a little merrier! Cards may be dropped off in the ‘card basket’ at the Melissa Public Library or at 104 Covey Ln., Melissa. THANK YOU! Also grateful for used cards that can be taken apart to make new cards or postcards AND donations of stamps as cards are sent regularly per occasion. One participating group is the Military Mama Network and the other is Operation Support and Encouragement. Thanks to Carolyn S. for her efforts!

- We have a ‘Toys for Tots’ box for new, unwrapped holiday toys for children being managed by a local Eagle Scout for the Marine Corps Reserve. The box is in the lobby outside the library, so stop by!

Stop by the library and see the new section of book/vids we have by the front door. ‘Great Courses’ provides books and digital content for life-long learners in categories like: history, fine arts, literature, philosophy and foods. Our collection is beginning, you can request areas anytime. These are engaging, immersive courses you won’t get in lecture halls so come peruse here or look at www.thegreatcourses.com!

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!
Children’s Story Time 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 questions or to be put on an email list.

- December 14 - Run, run as fast as you can! We can catch and decorate gingerbread men cookies.
- December 21 — No formal storytime, instead come in your PJs for hot cocoa and the Polar Express Movie!

Teen Activities Group (TAG) for ages 8-18, will rock out with Ms. Jennifer! Come join us Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the library! Contact jnehls@cityofmelissa.com for more information or to join the TAG emailing list!

- Join us on December 13 for our Teen Holiday Party! Bring treats and snacks and celebrate the season.
- 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 and we MUST have 5 participants to hold the class (we have 4 already). 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 beginning the week of December 17. 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.
- 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 Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 for the Christmas holiday and again on Tuesday, January 1, for New Year’s Day.

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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 8:30 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.