NEWS RELEASE

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‘You Save Lives by Making Transfusion Possible!’ Thank you, Mellissa Library Community! On Saturday, January 26, Carter BloodCare Team collected 22 units of whole blood and 1 unit of red blood cells. Giving your time and blood during this critical time was greatly appreciated. Please return this spring!!!

Family Place is coming soon! What is Family Place? Family Place is a 5-week program beginning in April that will meet once a week on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Children must be ages 0 to 5 years, preferably infants to age 3. Class size is limited to 10 children. Watch for registration information soon! Come in to the library now or email atyler@cityofmelissa.com to participate.

Family Place provides opportunities to:

- Play with your child without interruption or distraction.
- Allow your child to play with a variety of toys, instruments and art.
- Talk with professionals in children’s health and development.
- Discover parent resources for checkout.

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. Some pickup available or bring them by the library during regular hours until February 28.

The Friends of the Melissa Public Library are making their leadership changes right now! If you are interested in serving on the leadership board for this advocacy and fundraising group, please email librarian@cityofmelissa.com NOW. Join us now!!

The Book Gathering at Melissa Public Library will begin this month! Stop by to help organize book clubs YOU want: Monday, February 11 at 9-10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 14, 9-10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 14, 7- 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Come decide how you want to read, when, what! Email librarian@cityofmelissa.com if you cannot attend and have your voice heard.

Saturday, February 16, 10:00 am to noon, drop by the Melissa City Hall lobby and meet our friends from Knight Family Chiropractic of Anna. You can obtain a FREE spinal evaluation in 2-3 minutes. Get any questions answered!

The John F. Greer Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be presenting a special Genealogical research workshop on Saturday, February 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Melissa City Hall. Reservations along with $25 registration fee are due by February 18 as seating is limited and box lunches provided. ‘Hidden Genealogical Treasures in Revolutionary War Pensions’ and ‘How to Use the Genealogical Research System’ will be presented by Julie Avedikian. Join for the day and join the chapter for life! Come see the President’s Day Display case at the library, done by our DAR folks!

Fly-tying for beginners and intermediates is back! Starting for four Saturdays; February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Melissa City Hall lobby! The weather is perfect, and the water is stocked! All supplies furnished, IF YOU PRE-REGISTER! If you have a tying vice, bring it. Adults and kids (with an adult). librarian@cityofmelissa.com
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 and to be put on her email reminder list.

- **February 15 – Valentine’s Party!** – Please bring 30 Valentines with the “from” prefilled. If you forget, we have some for you, but come early! We will pass out to your friends during the party. Individually wrapped snacks or candy is welcome! Valentine bags provided.
  - 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Bilingual music and movement in the courtroom.
- **February 22 – Dogs!** Meet a service dog and learn what they do

We heard you! BRAND NEW HOMESCHOOL TEEN ACTIVITIES GROUP FOR AGES 6-18. Notice the ages have dropped, there will be 2 (yes, 2) groups meeting at the same time! One group is ages 6-11 and the other is ages 12 and up. REGULAR MEETINGS will be every Wednesday from 2-3:00 p.m. in the library. Upcoming events are being scheduled. Watch the web page or get on the email list jnehls@cityofmelissa.com. Here is what we have planned to get started:

- **Wednesday, February 13 – Valentine’s Day Party!** Come decorate baked yummies and take notes! We will be having a decorating contest in a bit!
- **Wednesday, February 20 – Create your own book!** Let’s make an easy children’s book, comic book, or your own novel!
- **Wednesday, February 27 – Game day!** Create your own or play some classics!

**VERY, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT!** Due to low participation we have decided to end the previous Teen Activities Group which was targeted to school kids with the last meeting being held on January 31. We encourage you to come out and join in with our new groups during the daytime come spring break! Any questions, please email Jennifer Nehls at jnehls@cityofmelissa.com**

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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.