Reading is a discount ticket to everywhere. ---Mary Schmich

BOOKS AVAILABLE!
With all the changes in our lives, many of us are reading more books as we stay at home. But, since the library is closed until further notice, where do you get those books? There are three locations in Melrose that we have discovered to get books. Chiappini’s has books you can take home. Also, outside the Melrose Center, right at the end of their sign is a cute little box that houses books for you to take. Finally, the Sandhill Forest Apartment complex has books to share outside the laundry area. Happy reading!

USED BOOK SALE POSTPONED
The spring book sale scheduled for April 21st - May 1st has been postponed. But, don’t worry; it will be back in full swing as soon as it is safe to do so. We’ll get the word out to you then. Think of all the wonderful books that will be available for purchase at that time! Stay safe and keep reading!

LIBRARY EXPANSION AND RENOVATION UPDATE
The Library Expansion and Renovation project continues to move forward. Special thanks to the Board of County Commissioners for their steadfast support and the superb relationship that we have with the County Administrator in making this project a reality. In November of last year, our architect submitted preliminary plans encompassing all of the County’s and the MLA’s desires for expansion, renovation and reroofing along with preliminary cost estimates. The cost estimates were well above our proposed budget and in January 2020 the County and the MLA agreed to rescope the project to include a new roof, a 500 square foot expansion, and an additional gable on the north end of our library for future expansion potential. The desired internal renovation projects that were excluded to maintain budgetary constraints will be completed separate from the reroofing and expansion as funds become available. On February 28th, the architect submitted the Design and Development Plans to the County and the MLA. On March 11th, the County and MLA approved the Development Plans with minor modifications. Next steps are Construction Documents submittal, site preparation and then the bidding process. We are optimistic in our outlook but also realistic—dates may shift given current COVID-19 concerns.
AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support the MLA building fund every
time you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com you’ll find
the exact same prices, selection and convenient shopping experience as
Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the
purchase price to the MLA. If you currently use Amazon.com, your
account is the same on Amazon.com and Smile.Amazon.com. Your
shopping cart, Wish List, and other account settings are the same. On
your first visit to smile.amazon.com, you need to select a charitable
organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you
begin shopping. Amazon will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you
make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation. Remember, when you plan to shop and
donate you must enter through smile.amazon.com. Thank you for your continued support of
the MLA and the Melrose Library.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

No events or meetings are scheduled at the Melrose Public Library until further notice.

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THANK YOU!!!!

The January Chili Cook-Off at Chiappini's was a great success. Debbie Ellingham is seen at right presenting a check for the proceeds to Jean Giesel, MLA Treasurer and Virginia Walkup, MLA President. Thank you to Debbie and her crew for their continued support of the Melrose Public Library.

-A huge thank you is in order to everyone who came out to the 2020 Camellia Sale and Breakfast in January. Your support made this event the most successful Camellia Sale yet! Also, thank you to the many folks who helped out the day of the sale. It would not be possible without our great team effort.

--Special thanks to the Hogtown Brewers Home Brew Club. Their generous $500 donation is very much appreciated as we move forward with plans to expand and renovate our library. We appreciate you choosing the MLA for your donation!

Commemorative Bricks at the Library

When walking along the sidewalk at the library, or entering the Butterfly Garden you may notice bricks lining those areas. Many of the bricks have words on them and are part of the MLA commemorative brick project. These bricks may be purchased to commemorate a special day or achievements, as memorials for a loved one, or to recognize someone special. Three lines of 11 letters, spaces and punctuation will fit on one brick. The minimum donation is $75 per brick. Forms for the bricks are located in the library. Isn't there someone special you would like to commemorate?

******Take a moment to say Hmmmmmmm ... ******

These words popped up on social media and are something we should all consider as we weather these trying times:

ALSO HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS IS-
Kindness, Patience, Love, Enthusiasm, and a Positive Attitude.

Don't wait to catch it from others.
Be the Carrier!