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TURPENTINING IN THE PANHANDLE

Few industries have influenced the Florida Panhandle like Turpentine.

The Friends of the Niceville Library invite you to attend “Turpentine in the Panhandle” a local history program. This free program will be held in the Niceville Community Center on Wednesday, July 23, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. for ages 10 – adult. Please call the Niceville Library at 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

This informal discussion will be led by Michelle Severino, Director of the Heritage Museum and Raymon Melvin of Holley, a fourth generation Panhandle resident. Mr. Melvin has been collecting the remnants of this once thriving industry for over 40 years. He will share his extensive knowledge of how these obsolete tools were made and used in the pine forests of Northwest Florida. Listeners will be captivated by his description of the men who invented, made and used these tools to forge this once thriving industry.

Niceville Public Library is a member of the Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative (OCPLC). Other OCPLC Members include the Destin Library, Ft. Walton Beach Library, Mary Esther Library, Robert L.F. Sikes Library in Crestview, and the Valparaiso Community Library. For bookmobile information call 850.689.5581 or 974.5890. For more information about OCPLC call 850-609-5101 or visit OCPLC on the web www.readokaloosa.org for city library information and calendars.

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