

Stamp club is looking for young members

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Collect stamps? Why not? Stamp collecting has been the hobby of millions of people, including President Franklin D. Roosevelt who was an ardent collector. He's featured on many stamps working on his collection.

The Tallahassee Stamp and Cover Club is looking for young people to join their ranks. On Tuesday, July 14, the club is holding a Youth Night at the Senior Center for young folks grade three and up. Starting at 7:30 p.m., experts will help guide you through the steps in assembling a collection.

The U.S. Postal Service, one of the leaders in world philately, issued beautiful stamps in 1997 featuring everything from Bugs Bunny to Frankenstein.

Some of these issues are hard to find since more and more people are using booklet and self-adhesive stamps. The post office will use a metered adhesive unless you request commemorative stamps.

That's what makes stamp collecting fun.

Many collectors specialize. Sports stamps from around the world are a popular theme. Other popular subjects are space, flora and fauna, ships, animals, pets, paintings — the list is endless.

Perhaps you have a favorite subject that you would like to develop into a stamp collection.

Get started now by checking the mail daily for stamps that will get you started in a great hobby.

And, don't forget to show up for Youth Night at the Senior Center.