

the Book Worms

Friends of the North Miami Public Library

Library Closed for \$1.5 million Renovation Limited Services Available

TAKE A FABULOUS, FUN TRIP WITHOUT LEAVING YOUR SEAT

The Friends of the North Miami Public Library experienced the power of storytelling to unite communities as about 70 residents took a fabulous, fun trip without leaving their seats at *Noche de Cuentos*, the Night of Stories, on a balmy Thursday evening, October 9th at the MOCA Plaza.

Families, including grandparents and parents, babies, toddlers and preteens, gathered around to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month with a guitarist, a puppet show, and, of course, a bilingual storyteller!

Carrie Sue Ayvar, a well-known bilingual storyteller, wove her magical tales



for all, emphasizing that everyone comes from somewhere, even though the event celebrated Hispanic culture.

"We took a trip thru Latin America without leaving our seats," Carrie Sue said, explaining that with storytelling "we can travel to fabulous places by painting pictures in our minds, and be back in time for supper."

As an interactive bilingual storyteller she taught language as she entertains. "Even if you do not know a word of Spanish, by the end of the story you will have learned some of the language."

Each family took home free beautiful, hard-cover books for the children and adults to read together at home.

Storytelling is important for the transmission and preservation of culture as well as a significant tool in developing literacy skills. The event is part of the Family Literacy Program of the North Miami Public Library and sponsored by the nonprofit Friends of the North Miami Public Library.



The Library Renovation Project is underway... finally!

While the Library is "temporarily closed" during renovation, North Miami residents will have ongoing, limited library services available at a new Annex, a double-wide trailer set up on the north side of the Library building, and at other city locations.

All Library books have been packed up and secured in climate-controlled storage.

The Library Renovation Project is a \$1.5-million effort, which includes the interior, exterior, parking lot and landscaping. Additional fund-raising will be needed to complete the parking lot and landscaping portion of the project. The Friends will spearhead that fund-raising effort. Look for more details in the Winter newsletter.

In addition, the North Miami City Council voted a \$50,000 budget for purchase of new books and subscriptions, at a recent Council meeting, thanks to the efforts of Council persons Carol Keys and Scott Galvin.

The Library Renovation Project on the interior includes reconfiguration of all internal space, tearing out shelving and replacing it with new book shelves in the children and teen sections, plus new cabinets, tables and chairs.

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North Miami Public Library
 835 N. E. 132 Street
 North Miami, FL 33161

Tel.: 305-891-5535

Email: library@northmiamifl.gov

Website: www.northmiamifl.gov/departments/library

Hours

Monday-Thursday: 11:30 am to 8 pm
(computers close at 7:30 pm)

Friday-Saturday: 9:30 am to 5 pm
(computers close at 4:30 pm)

Sunday: Closed

The library offers free WiFi to the public. Public access computers are available on a first-come, first-served basis for all library card holders.

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Library Cards

Library cards are free to North Miami residents and City employees regardless of residency. Reciprocal borrowing privileges are available for residents of Hialeah, North Miami Beach and the Miami-Dade Public Library System Taxing District at no charge. There is a charge for residents of Bal Harbour, Miami Shores, Surfside and out-of-the-area residents who wish to apply for a library card.

All applicants must be present when application is completed. Anyone under 18 years of age must have parental authorization to obtain a card.



Library Closed for Renovation

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In addition, the complete collection will be upgraded to RFID technology, a state of the art method of providing security and identification of all books. There will be more and newer computers including 3 MACs in the Teen Room, 21 PCs for general public use and 2 computers in the Early Literacy Station, which will be specifically programmed with children's materials.

Meanwhile, while all construction is underway, limited Library Services are available in the Annex, and Library Programs have been temporarily relocated elsewhere in the City. The Science Camp is at Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park; Story Time is at the Joe Celestin Center; Family Reading is at Enchanted Forest Elaine Gordon Park on Saturday and North Miami Middle School on Tuesday and Wednesday; Yoga and Meditation is at the Cagni Gymnasium on Monday.

At the Annex, eight computers are available for public use, and e-books are available for checking out. The Library has subscribed to all e-books on the New York Times Best Seller Lists. You may also make an appointment for free tutorage to learn how to use e-books on a smartphone, tablet, e-reader, laptop or computer. Library staff is looking into providing e-reader loaners also, but arrangements for that was not complete at press time. At the Annex, you may also return books previously checked-out, apply for a library card, pay fees, make copies and consult with librarians.

the President's Message

This year seems to have flown by; here we are welcoming the cool fall weather and preparing for the holidays.

The Library renovations are moving along with the program room open for early voting and the Annex is up and running. Kudos to the exceptional work by the Library staff; they have worked diligently to sort and store the book collection. They have also shown great steadfastness in preparing to support our citizens during this transitional time.

The Friends have rented an air-conditioned storage space for book donations; we are now accepting donations for the 2015 Book Sale. Books, boxed and marked for the "Friends", can be dropped off at the Annex.

Last but not least, we sincerely thank the North Miami City Council for allocating \$50,000 for the purchase of new books for the Library's book collection and subscriptions. The Friends are thankful for all of the support from the community and anticipate more interaction with other agencies in the future; more info in months to come...



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Library Director's Message



This is a time of great achievements, transformation, and innovation for the North Miami Library. The construction work continues to move forward as planned. By spring of 2015, our library will be that modern and open library with new contemporary furniture, multiple meeting rooms, spacious reading areas, friendly exterior spaces, new technologies, appealing collections, and much more. Furthermore, I am delighted to share the many exciting events and accomplishments with which we wrap up this year 2014. The most exciting news: our book budget for FY 2015 will allow us to bring sensational new titles for adults, teens, and children, as well as new subscriptions to popular magazines, and a rapidly expanding e-book collection. Also, be on the lookout for new programs coming in spring 2015. We are grateful to the generosity and continued support for programs from the Friends of the Library. We are also excited to be the recipients of two new grants awarded by the Florida Humanities Council and the Target Foundation to host Prime Time, a family literacy program series. For the latest information about the Renovation Project, or new programs please visit the library website at www.northmiamifl.gov/nomilibrary.

— *Lucia Gonzalez*

Florida 'Prime Time' \$10,000 Grant

North Miami residents will enjoy the benefits of a \$10,000 Florida Humanities Council Prime Time grant.

The Friends of the Library and the North Miami Library staff will present the program in three series of six-weeks each, starting with the spring 2015, and continuing in the fall of 2015 and the spring of 2016.

In each of the three series, 15 families will be qualified to participate. Each family will receive 18 books, which will be theirs to keep. They will meet each of six weeks to discuss the books that the children and adults are reading that week, and the books assigned for the coming week.

The sessions will be interactive with storyteller Carrie Sue Ayvar and scholar Lucia Gonzalez (our Library Director), leading the discussions. The Friends of the Library will provide a dinner each evening for the participants.

Elementary school-age children and their families are eligible, and should indicate their interest to the principal of their school to be considered for the program. All elementary schools in the North Miami feeder pattern are eligible to participate.

LIBRARY ANNEX

835 NE 132 St., North side

Open:

Mon-Thurs 11:30 am to 8 pm

Fri & Sat 9:30 am – 5 pm

Sunday Closed

PROGRAMS:

STORY TIME (Ages 4-7)

Joe Celestin Center

1525 NW 135 St.

Wednesday 6:30-7:15 pm

(Except Dec. 24 and 31)

FREE – Enjoy books, stories, rhymes, puppets and more. Laugh, play, jump and shout, that's what story time is about!

YOGA & MEDITATION

Cagni Gymnasium

791 NE 135 St.

Monday 6:30 to 8:15 pm

FREE – Bring Your Own Yoga Mat and work your way towards a healthier life with certified instructor Lawrence Huff.

FAMILY READING

Enchanted Forest Elaine

Gordon Park

1725 NE 135 St.

Saturday, 9 am to 12 pm And

North Miami Middle School

700 NE 137 St., Room 4002

Tues & Wed, 6 pm to 7:45 pm

FREE – Adult literacy program has been developed to connect the bridge between generations. Adults and their children begin their learning process under the direction of qualified tutors.

SCIENCE CAMP

Enchanted Forest Elaine

Gordon Park

1725 NE 135 St.

2nd Saturday each month 1-3 pm

FREE interactive hands-on science experiments are conducted by 5th grade students who qualify and register



COXIE'S ARMY STRIKES AGAIN!

They came on Halloween Night! Jack-o-lantern, the only witness, smiles in the light of the morning sky. Coxie's Army, adventurous Wendies and Peter Pans... Must be a long flight from Neverland!



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Book Club



Friends Book Club Offers Contemporary & Historic Intellectual Stimulation

Book Club members will meet to discuss Ann Pachette's State of Wonder novel at 7 pm on Thursday, November 13th at the Alaska Coffee House, 13130 Biscayne Blvd. The meeting is open to the public and prospective new members are welcome to attend.

If you love to read and enjoy talking about the books you have read, come join the group. Order a bite to eat or drink from Alaska Coffee House's delicious menu, relax and join us. We will be picking the book for the next meeting which will be in January, on the third Thursday of the month.

~Barbara Stewart



Calling All Donors

Help our organization uplift the North Miami community by sending us a donation to further expand our mission.

MISSION STATEMENT: Advocate for the North Miami Public Library patrons, staff, volunteers, and citizens by raising funds to purchase reading materials, equipment, supplies, refreshments, field trips, professional services, and free to the public programs that enhance intergenerational literacy.

This 30 year old organization has a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service. Donations are tax deductible and an official letter of receipt will be sent to each donor.

Send donations to Sharon Sbrissa, Treasurer, Friends of the North Miami Public Library, 835 NE 132 Street North Miami, FL 33161



UPcoming EVENTS

November 8, 2014 Friends of the North Miami Public Library meet, 10 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 12100 West Dixie Highway, North Miami

November 20, 2014... Book Club meets, 7pm at the Alaska Coffee House, 13130 Biscayne Blvd.

February Black History Month program at MOCA

April 2015 Grand Re-Opening of the newly renovated North Miami Public Library!

April 12-18, 2015 National Library Week