

the Book Worms

Friends of the North Miami Public Library

Friends Sponsored Youths Excel at Science Fair

The Friends of the North Miami Public Library and the Oscar Thomas Foundation were among ten sponsors of the Miami Gardens Fourth Annual Science and Engineering Fair held at St. Thomas University on December 8 and 9th. Over 100 students from Miami Gardens elementary schools submitted science projects.

Science Fair winners were announced at the Betty T. Ferguson Center in Miami Gardens on the closing day. The standing room only crowd consisted of parents, students, teachers, administrator and partners.

The winners are: 1st Place (\$500) to Bryce Lewis of Rainbow Park Elementary; 2nd place (\$300) went to Nyjah Hyde, a fourth grader at Parkview elementary; 3rd Place (\$250) to Alexander Tejado, a fifth grader at North Dade Center for Modern Languages. A special award went to Mitchell Gallardo, a third grader at Bunche Park Elementary. He won the St. Thomas University Promise Award of \$500 prize.

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Assistant Police Chief Lewers, 1st place winner \$500 - Bryce Lewis of Rainbow Park Elem, Mrs. Lewis and Dr. Holloway



Nyjah Hyde (4th grade, Parkview Elementary) wins \$300, 2nd place award.



Alexander Tejado - 5th grader (North Dade Center for Modern Languages) wins \$250, 3rd place award.

"Friends" Take Programs To Underserved Libraries



The Friends of the North Miami Public Library took programs out to four underserved libraries in north Miami-Dade in December, thanks to their endowment from the Miami Foundation.

Malinda Munger, a storyteller, who also brings arts & crafts and games to her programs for the children, traveled to Edison Center Library on December 12, Lemon City Library on December 20th, North Central Library on December 27th, and Allapattah Library on December 29th.

Holiday stories were the theme for these sessions.

Munger, a retired children's librarian, loves to inspire children to read. She watches as her storytelling proceeds for when she sees the children's imaginations light up. Then she knows they will become readers. Participation is an important part of storytelling, to get the children actively involved in the story itself.



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.



the President's Message



At our last meeting Library Director Lucia Gonzalez and her staff gave us a flash light tour of the library renovation project, presently under construction. We were all impressed with the vast open space that once was home to so many shelves of books! It is much larger looking empty. As we were taken carefully around, ducking and stepping over construction hazards, we were treated to an "imagination tour" of what the new library will look like...here will be the children's Early Literacy computers; here the teens area; the reference section over there; a reading lounge here with the current magazines; and on and on. What a fabulous new library we will have! Be patient. It will be open this spring.

Inez Couch, President

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FREE TAX HELP!



The Friends of the North Miami Public Library will assist the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Program on Mondays beginning February 2 thru April 13 from 11 am to 3 pm at the North Miami Police Dept. The program assists low and moderate-income residents, with special attention to those over 60 years of age, in preparing their tax returns and submitting them electronically.

Volunteers from the Friends assist with checking documentation and preparing the people in the waiting area for their appointment with the tax preparer.

Target Provides \$2,000 Grant For Library Prime Time Family Nights

Target is providing a \$2,000 grant for the purchase of books for families to take home as part of the 'Prime Time' Family Night program at North Miami Public Library. Prime Time is a \$10,000 grant from the Florida Humanities Council for a series of three six-week programs starting in the spring of 2015, and continuing in the fall of 2015 and spring of 2016. Fifteen families will be qualified to participate in each series. They will meet to discuss the books being read, and the children and adults will take home books to read and return to discuss the coming week. The Friends of the Library will assist with the dinners provided to family participants. Elementary school students and their families are eligible and should indicate their interest to the principal of their school.

Since 1946 Target has given five per cent of its profit, which today equals over \$4 million a week, to local communities. Over 1,700 Target stores carry on the tradition by making local grants.



Mitchell Gallardo (3rd grade, Bunche Park) wins St. Thomas University Promise Award



Partners in Literacy and Education: David Williams, Nanci Thomas, Sharon Sbrissa and Irv Kiffin

AWE Learning Stations Awarded to Library

The North Miami Public Library has been awarded two new Early Learning Stations by the Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services, with a value of over \$5,000.

The two computers are self-contained and do not have to have Internet connection. They offer a dynamic all-in-one digital learning solution for early learners, ages 2-8, with more than 70 educational software applications spanning seven curricular areas. The expansive library of educational applications are eclectic and engaging from Math Doodles and Speakaboo e-books to Dora the Explorer.

Library Director's Message



Winter will soon give way to spring as renovation work at the Library continues to advance rapidly, creating a beautiful new space that will be thoroughly enjoyed by all. While we prepare for the Grand Opening of the renovated building, staff continues to work from the Annex location preparing the collection; acquiring new materials; updating the bibliographic and patron records in the database; researching new digital resources; providing public access to computers and to basic reference services; and presenting programs at alternate locations. The very popular AARP Free Tax Aide program will be offered at the North Miami Police Station's Conference Room starting February 2, 2015. The New Year brings new opportunities for growth and innovation! Our City is moving forward, and the Library is at its forefront, implementing innovative ways to meet the education, information, and recreational needs of our community.

— Lucia Gonzalez

North Miami Green Teens 4-H Club



North Miami Green Teens 4-H Club has 30 members in grades 9-12. The group holds weekly meetings at North Miami Senior High School. Currently, this club has plans for volunteering, academic enrichment, science activities, container gardening, cooking, visual arts and fair exhibitions, among other activities. It is jointly sponsored by Friends of the North Miami Public Library and the Oscar Thomas Foundation. Interested members should contact the Oscar Thomas Foundation 877.986.7227 or OTFoundation@aol.com

North Dade Science & 4-H Club



The North Dade Science and 4-H Club, a new addition to the 4-H clubs roster, has 20 members in grades 3rd thru 5th, 17 of those submitted projects for the Science and Engineering Fair, including the top three winners!

Sponsored by the Friends of the North Miami Public Library, the Miami Foundation, the Oscar Thomas Foundation, Councilman David Williams, the Irv Kiffin Foundation and Informed Families, the 4-H club meets one Saturday a month for three hours at the North Dade Regional Library.

The program seeks to encourage library usage, improve reading and test-taking skills and increase exposure in the field of science. Enrollment is open for new members. Contact the Oscar Thomas Foundation 877.986.7227 or OTFoundation@aol.com

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Book Club



Friends Book Club Offers Contemporary & Historic Intellectual Stimulation

Book Club meets the third Thursday at Alaska Coffee House, 13130 Biscayne Blvd., to discuss the book selection of the month. "Death of a King" is the book for January, and the meeting will be on January 15th. The book is about Martin Luther King, an appropriate selection with Black History month which is celebrated in February annually.

~Barbara Stewart



Annual Joint Holiday Luncheon

The Friends of the North Miami Public Library along with the Greater North Miami Historical Society and the Arch Creek Trust celebrated the holidays together on Saturday, Dec. 6th with a noon pot luck luncheon at the Elaine Gordon Enchanted Forest Park. About 50-plus members each brought something to share, enjoyed the food, companionship and holiday music at the social event.



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



January 10th, Saturday, at 10am Friends of the Library will meet in the Board Room of the North Miami Elks Lodge, 12495 N.E. 2 Avenue. Prospective members are welcome.

January 15th, Thursday, at 7pm ... Book Club meets at the Alaska Coffee House, 13130 Biscayne Blvd. Newcomers welcome.

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

April 12-18, 2015 National Library Week