

the Book Worms



FALL 2018

Friends of the North Miami Public Library

Friends Celebrate
35
years



Friends and guests gathered for the 35th Anniversary dinner.
Founding member and treasurer Sharon Sbrissa is seated center.

The **FRIENDS OF THE NORTH MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY** celebrated 35 years of service to the Greater North Miami community with a wonderful dinner at the Great Room of Quayside. For once the Friends did not have to work!

The volunteer group relaxed and enjoyed the beverage service, the delicious three-course dinner service and the enlightening and enjoyable talk of the keynote speaker, Dr. Marthenia "Tina" Dupree.

Affectionately known as "the chicken lady" from her many years with Church's Chicken, Dr. Dupree entertained and inspired the Friends and their guests with a humorous but motivating message. Sharon Sbrissa, the current Treasurer, is the only one of the Founding Members still active in the organization.



Keynote speaker Dr. Tina Dupree

CALLING ALL BOOK WORMS:
**IT'S ANNUAL
BOOK SALE**

TIME

BookWorms mark your calendars for the weekend of

NOVEMBER 30TH - DECEMBER 2ND

for the annual

BOOK SALE

of the Friends of the North Miami Public Library.
It is the long-awaited event of the year for book lovers.

It's a great opportunity to not only grab great reading material for yourself, but the timing is perfect for shopping for holiday gifts for others. There are always gorgeous cocktail table books for only \$8, plus a Collector's Corner with surprise treasures. Hardcover books are \$2, paperbacks \$1, children's books 50-cents, DVDs, CDs and audio books for \$1, magazines for 10-cents to 50-cents, records, cassettes and videos for 50-cents.

Friday, November 30TH, from 6 pm to 8 pm, there will be a preview sale for members of the Friends. You can join the Friends that night for \$10 and immediately participate. The sale opens free to the public Saturday, December 1ST from 10 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, December 2ND from 1 pm to 4:30 pm.

Co-chairs of the Book Sale are Barbara Stewart and Sonja Davis



North Miami Public Library

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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.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall has ushered in a new school year and activities at the North Miami Library continue to increase; E. May Avil would be very proud of our progress! Read more about E. May Avil in this edition of our newsletter. The Friends of the North Miami Library are also active, celebrating 35 years of service with a dinner and wonderful speaker last month.

Unfortunately, we lost one of our founding members recently; Joan Quinn passed away at 93. This year's book sale will not be the same without her; Friends like Joan have kept our group strong.

Remember **LIBRARIES=STRONG COMMUNITIES!** Make sure your North Miami City Council member knows how much you value the Library and staff. Stop by and experience the vitality yourself!



*Inez Couch,
PRESIDENT*

THE FRIENDS OF THE NORTH MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY
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Who Was E. MAY AVIL? NAMING THE LIBRARY FOR E. MAY AVIL

Source: Greater North Miami Historian. Winter Edition, March 2003 (Volume V Number 3)

The first library services to area residents were offered in 1932, when the Biscayne Park Women's Club established a library in the City Hall of the town of North Miami.

Women's Club member E. May Avil, who eventually served 37 years as City Clerk for the Town of North Miami, was put in charge of overseeing the library operation.

World War II brought about the close of the library as unessential to the war effort. However, the North Miami Community Library was reopened in September 1945, in larger quarters at the City Hall and, again, under the supervision of E. May Avil. Funding came largely from donations and membership fees.

In 1970 the City Council voted unanimously to rename the Library as the E. May Avil North Miami Public Library.



BookWorms is the official publication of the **FRIENDS OF THE NORTH MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The newsletter was the idea of Founder Sharon Sbrissa, who budgeted funds from the Friends' endowment fund which she administers. At her request, it was created in 2013 by its editor Susan Neuman, and was named by John Criscuolo, Susan's late husband, one of the few male members of the Friends.

We thought it appropriate at its five-year anniversary to get a little feedback from the community. Please tell us your opinions and share suggestions for future BookWorms.

You may respond by dropping off the survey at the library
or by doing the survey electronically here:

WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/PNB5MFS

1. How often have you read "The Bookworms," the newsletter published by the Friends of the North Miami Public Library?

- Every quarterly edition for the last 5 years
- Occasionally when I can get one
- Never saw one

2. Do you usually read the Bookworms newsletter in print or electronic format?

- Print format
- Electronic format
- Both print and electronic formats

3. Where Do You Usually Obtain Your Copy of the BookWorms?

4. What suggestions for content would you like to see in the future issues?

5. Would you be interested in becoming a member of the Friends & volunteering at the North Miami Public Library?

- Yes
- No

6. How often do you or your family members use the North Miami Public Library?

- 1 to 5 times a week
- More than 6 times a year
- 1 to 4 times a month
- Never have been to the North Miami Public Library
- 1 to 6 times a year

7. Tell us a little bit about yourself: What is your age?

- Under 18
- 36 to 59
- 18 to 35
- 60 and over

8. Tell us a little bit about yourself: What is your gender?

- Female
- Male

9. What is your preferred language for reading

- English
- Other (please specify)
- Spanish
- Creole

wish list

Here are a few things on the Friends' Wish List to enhance the North Miami Public Library for its patrons. If you care to make a donation to the Friends and wish for your funds to go to a specific project please indicate on your check. Thank you.

- New Street Signage in front of library on NE 8th Avenue.
- Historical Wing addition to the Library to house all photographs and documents of historical significance.
- Portable Sound System
- TV for Library Lobby to run the city channel continuously.

THANK YOU!

The Friends recognize and thank realtor **Annie Montgomery and John Stembridge of Stembridge Furniture** for their recent generous donations. Stembridge Furniture has recently moved to a new location at 849 N.E. 125 St., North Miami, just a few blocks east of their long-time location. Both donations will be used to underwrite supplies for the new Teenagers' programs at the library such as a crafts class and a cooking class.

Remember: Friends of the North Miami Public Library is an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. Donors will receive a confirmation letter for tax purposes.



BOOK CLUB



FRIENDS BOOK CLUB OFFERS CONTEMPORARY & HISTORIC INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION

The Book Club meets at 7 pm on the third Thursday of each month at **The Alaska Coffee Roasting Company, 13130 Biscayne Blvd.**
The books selected for discussion and the meeting dates coming up are:

NOVEMBER 15

The Great Alone
by Kristin Hannah

DECEMBER (NO MEETING)

Happy Hanukkah
Merry Christmas / Happy Kwanzaa

JANUARY 17

Fahrenheit 451
by Ray Bradbury

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

TEENS CAN COOK – THANKSGIVING EDITION

NOVEMBER 8TH - 3:30 pm

Teens learned how to make a traditional Thanksgiving side dish: yummy candied yams.



THANKSGIVING CRAFTS FOR TEENS

NOVEMBER 15TH - 3 pm

Teens will make a paper craft wreath.

BOOK CLUB

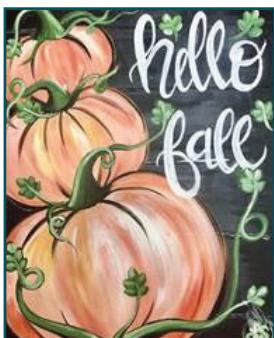
NOVEMBER 15TH - 7 pm

Meet at Alaska Coffee Roasting Co. to discuss *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah.

PAINTING WITH A TWIST FOR TEENS

NOVEMBER 19TH - 3 pm

Teens will create a Fall portrait on canvas lead by "Painting with a Twist" artist. Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



ROUND TABLE - TEEN TALK

NOVEMBER 29TH - 3:30 pm

Conversation lead by teens for teens and with teens to talk about life as a teen in North Miami.

BOOK SALE

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Friends Annual Book Sale

Preview Sale. Join the Friends tonight for \$10 and gain immediate admission to the Book Sale.

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JANUARY

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JANUARY 17TH 2019 - 7 pm

Meets at Alaska Coffee Roasting Co., to discuss *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury.

FEBRUARY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 9TH

The American Library Association's national president will visit our library, one of five libraries nation wide selected. Mark Saturday, February 9TH on your calendar. Details will follow in the Winter edition of BookWorms.

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 35 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,
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