

the Book Worms SUMMER 2017



Friends of the North Miami Public Library

YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION OF ESPHYR SLOBODKINA'S LIFE

FRIENDS **AWARDED for OUTSTANDING PROGRAM**

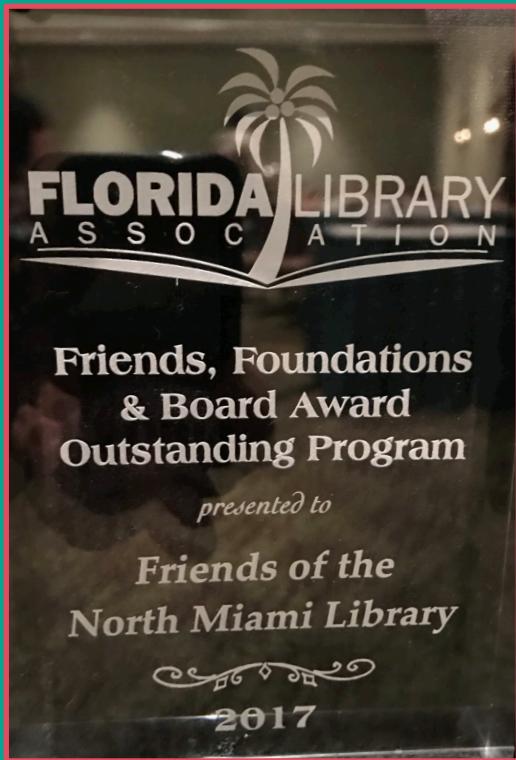
The Friends of the North Miami Public Library received the "Outstanding Program" award for their special programming activities and public relations events to attract the community to the library from the Florida Library Association. "The Wonderful Feast: Celebration of the Life and Work of Children's Author and Artist Esphyr Slobodkina" was a year-long celebration.

The celebration began with the restoration and rehanging of The Wonderful Feast, a large wood-painted two-wall mural, a gift from the artist, which illustrated her children's book of the same name. Events continued thru Earth Day, the Summer Reading Program and culminated with a world-class traveling exhibition of 32 of Slobodkina's creations in November and December 2016.

This included paintings, sculptures, collages, wall hangings, dolls and original book illustrations from the New York-based Slobodkina Foundation. Musical presentations of Caps for Sale, another of Slobodkina's books, and the gifting of over 600 hardcopy books to children attending library events, captivated and enriched our community children.



Representing the "Friends" and accepting the Outstanding Program Award at the Florida Library Association conference on May 11, 2017, in Orlando, FL, are Rose Achong and Barbara Stewart, Secretary of the Friends.



BUILD **A BETTER WORLD**TM

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

RUNS TO AUGUST 12TH

The Friends of the North Miami Public Library and the library staff have an exciting summer planned for all age groups from toddlers to teens in the 2017 Summer Reading Program, with prizes for the winners and many raffle rewards along the way. The program runs from June 1 to August 12.

This year's theme, "Build A Better World", will include storytelling, movies, arts and crafts, book clubs for children, magicians and animal shows.

In 2016, over 700 people signed up for Summer Reading activities, making weekly visits to the library to enjoy activities, borrow materials, and vie for prizes. Excited participants turned out for the final drawing at the end of the summer reading program.



North Miami Public Library

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Hours

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

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

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

Our library is a very important part of our community, in addition to the advocacy by the Friends of the Library, the City of North Miami established a five-member Advisory Board for the Library many years ago. The members are appointed by the Mayor and each council person, serving for a two- year term. Library Board members serve as a liaison between the community and Library, setting policy and making recommendations to improve Library services. One of the initiatives is to restore the critical points of service that the Library offered prior to the budget cuts. The Friends are supporting this endeavor and communicating this need to all appropriate officials. There is a richness in this synergy that will benefit all the patrons of the library as well as the whole community. Don't forget to take advantage of the Online resources - ebooks, movies, music & Zinio magazines. A big thank you to Lucia and the staff for the recent events and all they



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HAITIAN HERITAGE

The Friends sponsored the opening reception of a photo art exhibition "Through the Eyes of the Malfini" by Conrad Schutt at the North Miami Public Library on Friday, May 12th which will run this summer. It was the opening of Haitian Heritage Month in the City. Schutt showcased his fabulous aerial photography of northern Haiti's beauty.



Wine and cheese opening reception sponsored by the Friends, shown here with Library Director Lucia Gonzalez and staffer Paul Bazile.



Photographer Conrad Schutt with Oliver Loaiza, Art Installer

Haitian photographer Conrad Schutt points out a particular work of art to North Miami Mayor Smith Joseph, accompanied by Patricia Joseph, Esq., (left) and Linda Schutt

PARTNERSHIPS ARE EDUCATIONAL...AND FUN

Take, for example the partnership between the Friends of the North Miami Public Library and the Oscar Thomas Foundation. These two entities have created an impact in the community exponentially stronger than they could have separately through taking programs out to northern Miami-Dade County libraries and schools. Working with the 'Friends' and the 4H program, they have expanded their reach by partnering with Miami-Dade County Schools and The Miami Foundation.

Here are two recent projects:



North Dade 4H Students with Jeremy Smith, 4H agent. Mr. Smith visited the program and supervised the community garden project.



BEFORE



AFTER

The North Dade 4H & Science Clubs are working together to bring life to a dreary strip of landscape on the campus of Barbara Hawkins Elementary School. The students are excited about beautifying the area and attracting the attention of students, teachers and butterflies. Here are "Before" and "After" photos of their work.

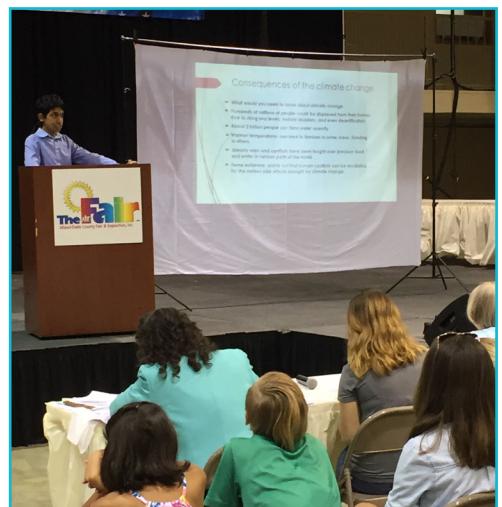


University of Miami Medical students discuss nutrition, germs, infection and hygiene with the Science Club.



The North Miami Green Teens, comprised of 30 members, sponsored by the Friends of the North Miami Public Library, submitted 200 projects to the Dade County Youth Fair. Students brought home 150 first place blue ribbons and 50 second place red ribbons.

Congratulations to the North Miami Green Teens for their hard work and sacrifice!



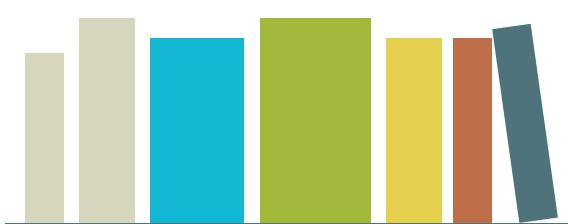
Raju Sethuraman, a member of the North Miami Green Teens 4H Club, delivers a presentation on Global Warming at the Dade County Youth Fair.

The North Miami Library is getting ready for another exciting Summer Reading Program filled with activities, special performances, and books...lots of books in support of this year's theme, **Build a Better World!**

The program runs June 1st – August 12, 2017. We encourage children and youth to sign up to read and be eligible to win great raffle prizes at the end of the summer for all participants. Parents, care providers, and camp leaders can sign up to read to younger children who are in the pre-reading stage.

The library's Summer Reading Program is about much more than

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Lucia Gonzalez
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

fun. Children who don't read over the summer experience summer learning loss, and the effect is cumulative. During the summer, children have the opportunity to read whatever they want at their own leisure. The wide-ranging line-up of special programs entices them to read and explore about new subjects. Most importantly, it helps to instill a love of reading for recreation. Studies show that children who read for fun often out-perform those who don't. And finally, the Summer Reading Program and all of its associated activities are free, offering everyone safe, educational opportunities throughout the summer.



BOOK CLUB



FRIENDS BOOK CLUB OFFERS CONTEMPORARY & HISTORIC INTELLECTUAL STIMULATION

The Book Club meets at 7:00pm the 3rd Thursday of every month. Please join us for a lively discussion of the following

JUNE 15

**"A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman and
"A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles**

JULY 20

**"A Land Remembered"
by Patrick D. Smith**

AUGUST 17

**"In the Shadow of the Banyan"
by Vaddey Ratner**

You can call the North Miami Library for meeting locations throughout the summer. - Barbara Stewart -

NEWS & NOTES

- Long-time "Friends" member Julia Barton moved to Massachusetts. She will be missed.
- Let's welcome two new "Friends" members Zoe Lattimer and Claudia Pazmino, who joined "Friends" in May.
- Congratulations to "Friends" President Inez Couch's choir at the Church-By-The-Sea. They have been invited back for a second performance at NYC's Carnegie Hall.
- Adult Movie Club anyone? The "Friends" are considering a free monthly movie for the community featuring Academy Award Nominated movies.

If you're interested in participating, please email:

- Kudos to Librarian Audrey Ryan who assists a home-bound patron with book selections on a regular basis and received this e-thank you note from her recently. We've omitted her name for her privacy. Her humor truly demonstrates the positive influence reading has on a person's state of mind, and how important our library service is to several patrons confined to home!



Anika Augustin is getting ready to leave for Duke University, where she has a full-ride scholarship. Anika attended the first Science Camp in 2009-2010, out of curiosity, and every one since, first as a student, then as an instructor's assistant. She will major in math and physics, planning to be an astronomer when she graduates and specialize in space and space travel. Science Camp is a program of the Friends, and is held at North Miami Public Library and the North Miami Beach Public Library monthly under the direction of Brenda Crow. It is open to fifth grade students with the recommendation of their school principal.



Calendar of Events

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off

The library will be holding exciting programs for all age groups this summer, including story times, movies, arts and crafts, book clubs for children and special guests such as magicians...animal shows...puppet shows...and more! Sponsored by the Friends of the North Miami Public Library.

Special performances and ongoing programs scheduled throughout the summer months:

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH
Building Better Magic
Magic show

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH
Magical, Mysterious
Buildings of the World
Entertainer Extraordinaire Suzy Hammer takes audience on an imaginary world tour of amazing magical places

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST
Under Construction with DoDad's Lab
A fun science show about simple machines and construction science with hands-on experiments and demonstrations, original music, and lots of laughter!

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH
Live Animals Presentation
By Pangaea Productions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

FAMILY FUN DAY!

Puppetry, storytelling, jugglers, strolling book characters, and book giveaway!!!! For all ages! Winners will be selected on this day.

ONGOING PROGRAMS:

EVERY TUESDAY,

June 13TH & 25TH; July 11TH & 25TH; August 15TH

Stories for a Better World!

Storyteller Melinda Munger shares world stories with follow up activities for camp leaders to follow up after.

SECOND WEDNESDAYS AT 4:30PM,

June 14TH; July 12TH; August 9TH; September 13TH

Story time with North Miami Mayor Dr. Smith Joseph

Each second Wednesday of the month our mayor volunteers his time to share stories of courage, character and conviction with elementary school children.

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.

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