

# the Book Worms

SUMMER 2018

Friends of the North Miami Public Library



1st Place Highschool Winner - Wodencia Paul (Apple Watch)

## FRIENDS REWARD SUMMER READERS AT FAMILY FUN DAY

SCAVENGER HUNT SENDS MORE CHILDREN HOME WITH PRIZES

The Summer Reading Program finished with a big party on August 4<sup>TH</sup> - **FAMILY FUN DAY**.

The Friends of the Library sponsored the prizes for 1<sup>ST</sup> and 2<sup>ND</sup> place winners in three categories:

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL**

### THE WINNERS AND THEIR PRIZES ARE:

High School	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Wodencia Paul	Apple Watch
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	Keyshawn Rivera	VR One Plus
Middle School	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Ernsley Dugue	HD Tablet
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	Joanika Lauriston	VR One Plus
Elementary School	1 <sup>ST</sup>	Marinaldo Belizaire	Amazon Fire Tablet
	2 <sup>ND</sup>	Messy Belizaire	HD PBS Kids Tablet



The Friends sponsored a Scavenger Hunt at the Library with prizes ranging from books to games to school supplies for the winners. Children searched the library to find books, authors, different genres of reading from poetry to mystery novels to books in foreign languages. It was a fun learning experience. And, they could pick their own prize to take home.

Costumed characters, stilt walkers, magicians entertained the crowds. A major book backpack giveaway was a popular table as were sno cones on a hot day. There was much to do - - art projects to reading to a dog. It just goes to prove Libraries Rock!

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## FRIENDS CELEBRATE 35 YEARS!

The Friends of the Library are celebrating their 35<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary this year, and plans are underway for a special recognition dinner.

*"It is a credit to the North Miami community to have an organization survive and thrive for 35 years",* said Sharon Sbrissa, Friends treasurer, past president and one of the founders.

Stay tuned for more details.



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**Website: [www.northmiamifl.gov/departments/library](http://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

While many organizations and businesses are in the summer doldrums, the library is going full steam ahead! Teens are learning to cook and work together as a team and everyone has participated in the Summer Reading program (read about Family Fun Day). Our new youth director is only part-time, imagine what programs could be implemented if she were full time! We could more thoroughly support the American Library Association's (ALA) theme this year of "LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES". Speak to your city councilperson about more funding. It's budget time in the city!

Two 'shout outs': our Friends group is 35 years young this summer and our director, Lucia, continues to bring accolades to our library. She was appointed to the very prestigious Caldecott committee, responsible for selecting the **ONE CHILDRENS' PICTURE BOOK** to receive the Caldecott award for 2018. We are extremely proud. Be sure and thank Lucia and her staff for the tremendous work that they do.



*Inez Couch,*  
**PRESIDENT**

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## Talking BOOKS SERVICE OF LIBRARY

*Talking Books Library and Braille*

The Talking Books Library loans audio and Braille books and magazines, along with a player, FREE by mail to persons who have difficulty reading or using printed books and other materials because of blindness, or visual, physical or reading disabilities. An outreach service of the Miami-Dade Public Library System and the Library of Congress National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, the Talking Books Library serves all of Miami-Dade

and Monroe counties regardless of municipality.

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### Middle School Winners

1<sup>ST</sup> Place - Ernsley Dugue (Black Jacket next to Curious George) - Samsung HD Tablet  
2<sup>ND</sup> Place - Joanika Lauriston (brother in blue jacket here on her behalf) - VR One Plus



The end of summer is a good time to look back and to look inward as we prepare to move forward. September 30<sup>TH</sup> marks the end of FY 2018 and the start of the new FY 2019, a new fiscal year for which we will diligently prepare. On Friday, September 7<sup>TH</sup> the Library will close to the public to hold its first Staff Development Day, an all-day workshop facilitated by Dr. Keita Joy and hosted by the City's Personnel Department. This summer, attendance at programs and enrollment in the Library's Reading Program saw record hikes! Also, this year, our library was selected to be one of five libraries to host a future

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

*Lucia Gonzalez*  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

visit from the President of the American Library Association (ALA) on February 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2019. North Miami Library will be highlighted as part of ALA's national advocacy campaign "Libraries = Strong Communities." I am also very honored and excited to have been selected as a member of the 2019 Caldecott Award Selection Committee. Serving on the Caldecott Committee is a yearlong commitment culminating in January 2019 to select the best picture book for children published in the United States in 2018. Be on the lookout for new and exciting programs and initiatives because "Libraries = Strong Communities!"





# 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., and is open to the public. Come join us for a beverage, a bite and a bit of stimulating conversation. The books selected for discussion and the meeting dates coming up are:

**AUGUST 16**

**Before We Were Yours**

by Lisa Wingate

**SEPTEMBER 20**

**The President is Missing**

by Bill Clinton & James Patterson

**OCTOBER 18**

**Hillbilly Elegy**

by J.D. Vance

**NOVEMBER 15**

**The Great Alone**

by Kristin Hannah

**JANUARY 17**

**Fahrenheit 451**

by Ray Bradbury

## NEWS & NOTES



### NORTH MIAMI HISTORY PRESERVED

The Greater North Miami Historical Society Digitization Project, which was funded by a Southeast Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) grant and funds from Councilman Scott Galvin, has been completed!

Ximena Valdivia, a member of the Historical Society, an archivist by profession and manager of the Barry University Archives, first completed the description and enhancement of descriptions for the original 375+ images that were scanned during 2017. Ximena went through materials in the Society's Archive in the basement of City Hall and at the Library. She added another 400+ images from photographs and various documents. There are 801 images in FIU's dPanther Repository. The Society purchased a 4TB external hard drive, so all our digitized items have been saved which allows access to those materials. Work continues the digitization of GNMHS archives on a volunteer basis.

### NEW LIBRARY STAFFER:

## GEORGETTE SPRATLING

Georgette Spratling is the Library's new Teen Coordinator. She has had 6 years of Program Management experience at the University of Miami in the College of Arts and Sciences, where she created, initiated and managed programming for all liberal arts programs. She has a degree in sociology from Florida A & M University and Master's in Liberal Arts from the University of Miami. Since joining the library staff, she has created a number of successful Teen programs. Her latest project is the Career Online High School.

### TEENS LEARN ONLINE, GET DIPLOMA

The Career Online High School student earns an accredited high school diploma as well as a workforce readiness certificate. The program is 100% online, which means students can access their course materials from anywhere, at any time. There's no need to purchase any additional materials, as the program is all-inclusive. And, unlike traditional schools, our cutting-edge high school diploma program was designed with the adult learner in mind. As an accredited high school program, students can transfer in previously earned high school credits, which means they do not have to repeat courses they've completed in the past, helping them graduate faster.



Georgette Spratling

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

#### MY NOMI: A TEEN GUIDE BOOK DESCRIPTION

TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & THURSDAYS, THRU - 8/16, 1 pm - 4 pm

In this four-week series teens will produce a community guidebook, highlighting local places, services and things-to-do in North Miami that interest teens. Teens will document themselves, their friends and neighborhoods and will produce a hand-bound Teens' Guidebook to be exhibited and shared with library patrons and the public. The final books will be published to the web. For those teens who have an interest in art and various artistic mediums, register at [nomilibrary.eventbrite.com](http://nomilibrary.eventbrite.com)

#### MEDITATION WORKSHOPS

4TH SATURDAYS, AUGUST 25TH - DECEMBER 28TH 10 am -12:30 pm

Meditation Instructor Lawrence Huff invites you to learn the most advanced, yet most ancient, method of inner meditation. Now used in veterans hospitals, heart clinics and by professional athletes, participants will learn and do guided meditation, simple stretching exercises and partake in a post-meditation discussion.

### SEPTEMBER

#### SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

It is a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning.

### SEPTEMBER

#### KICK OFF FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 12 IS HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

The North Miami Public Library will celebrate all month long with author presentations, storytelling, & different cultural events to commemorate Hispanic heritage. Stay tuned and visit our website [northmiamifl.gov](http://northmiamifl.gov), our social media pages, [facebook.com/nomilibrary](https://www.facebook.com/nomilibrary), our Instagram page @NoMiLibrary and the City of North Miami website, [northmiamifl.gov](http://northmiamifl.gov) for more updates!

#### ENGLISH CAFÉ

THURSDAYS 11 am - 12:30 pm

Practice English in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere, through guided casual conversation, over a cup of coffee or tea. Guided by a qualified volunteer instructor, this class gives new English language learners a chance to enhance and refine conversational English skills.

## 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:

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