

# the BookWorms

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Publication of the Friends of the North Miami Public Library

**Haitian Heritage Month** is a nationally recognized month, celebrated every year. It's a time to highlight its vibrant culture, distinct art, delectable cuisine, and to get to know people of Haitian origin.

Here at the Library there was the **Haitian Flag Teen T-Shirt Contest** (see below); authors of books about the Haitian experience who read their books at the Library (pg. 3); Kompa (a dance originating in Haiti) classes held on Saturdays (pg. 2).

**Message from Paul Bazile, new North Miami Public Library Director**

My name is Paul Bazile and as of January 2022, I am the new Library Director here at the *North Miami Public Library*. I have been with the City of North Miami for eleven years. During my time here I have held positions such as Library Aide I, Library Aide II, Librarian Trainee, Tech Services Librarian, and now Library Director. I am also a North Miami resident since 2004 and nothing is more rewarding than serving the same community I was raised in.



I am excited to work with the *Friends of the North Miami Public* and the city's administration to bring new and innovative programs, services, and resources to the library. My top priority at the moment is to restore our current Library hours to the pre-pandemic service hours. In the next five years, I hope to see the Library have more programs and resources connected to STEAM, a modern maker space, and a strong and effective partnership with local schools and non-profit organizations. With the support of the Friends of the North Miami Public Library and the dedicated staff here, the Library will continue to thrive here in the City of North Miami.

To reach me you can email me at [pbazile@northmiamifl.gov](mailto:pbazile@northmiamifl.gov) or call me at 786-526-1123.

## Haitian Flag Teen T-Shirt Contest and Winners

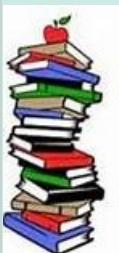


Congratulations to the winners: **Manelson Duverge (sophomore)** and **Diamond Brown (junior)** of North Miami Senior High School. **Sponsor: Friends of the North Miami Public Library.**

**If it's June, it must be  
PRIDE MONTH!**



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!



PRIZES awarded according to age group: children, teens, and adults.

Visit <https://www.northmiamifl.gov/681/Calendar-Programs> for details, under "Summer Reading Challenge." Begins on June 13.

Then go to [nomilibrary.readsquared.com](http://nomilibrary.readsquared.com) to register (with your library card), log your books that you've read at the end of the summer. Deadline: **Saturday, July 30 at 2:00 p.m.**

## Introducing Ivonne Vasquez, our new Technical Services Librarian!



The North Miami Public Library would like to introduce our newest Technical Services Librarian, **Ms. Ivonne Vasquez**. Ms. Vasquez is from the beautiful island of Puerto Rico where she worked as a librarian at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, José M. Lázaro Library. Welcome!

## Congratulations to Georgette Spratling!

The North Miami Public Library would like to congratulate our very own Youth Services Librarian, Ms. **Georgette Spratling** for being selected City of North Miami Employee Of The Quarter Spring 2022.



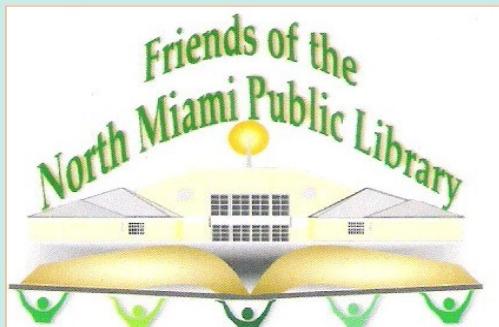
Georgette Spratling (pink blouse), flanked by members of the NoMi Public Library Friends and North Miami City officials.

## NEWS

**June 14 -July 30 -Tuesday morning programs at the Library:** Summer Reading Special Performances, featuring the Miami-Dade Dive Team; Miami Seaquarium discussing Corals in Crisis, a Magic Show, etc. See schedule <https://www.northmiamifl.gov/681/Calendar-Programs>.

North Miami Public Library now offers **free mobile WiFi Hotspots** for check-out. Internet service is provided on T-Mobile 4G LTE network allowing access to high-speed internet service anywhere a cell phone signal can be received. Check-out requirements: Patrons must be 18 years of age or older and have a current North Miami Public Library card, in good account standing. For more information and to get started, visit [NorthMiamiFl.gov/hotspot](http://NorthMiamiFl.gov/hotspot).

**NO MORE LATE FINES!** See page 4.



**Friends of the  
North Miami Public Library**

**"Uplifting Our Community"**

**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**

### **LIBRARY HOURS**

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**

10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

12:00 PM to 8:00 PM

**Friday and Saturday**

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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 Systems. 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 the application is completed. Anyone under 18 years of age must have parental authorization to obtain a card.

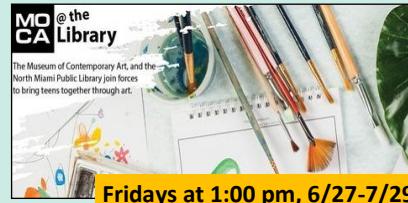
## **LEARNING AT THE LIBRARY**

### **MAD SCIENCE**



June, Wednesdays at 12 noon. A STEM program for teens, providing hands-on experiments covering engineering, biology, etc.

### **MOCA at the Library Summer Art Series**



Fridays at 1:00 pm, 6/27-7/29

### **YOUTH SEWING CLASSES**

June, Thursdays at 12 noon.

Learn various hand-sewing techniques, etc., and sewing-machine use.

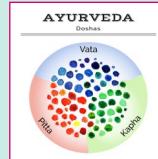


### **ONLINE RESOURCES: Tutor.com**



## **FOR YOUR HEALTH**

### **WELLNESS MONDAYS**



#### **AYURVEDA** classes

An introduction to Ayurveda, considered to be one of the oldest healing sciences.

June 13—July 25, 11:00 a.m.



### **KOMPA Dance Classes**

We learned to dance the "Kompa," the modern merengue dance of Haiti, at the NoMi Library! (With instructor Tony La Venture).



### **RESTORATIVE YOGA Classes**

*Instructor: Paula Londono*

**Mondays, 11:30 a.m.**

## **COMMUNITY**



### **FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS WORKSHOP In Creole**

Held **every fourth Saturday, 11:00 am—5:00 pm.** Register by calling 305-652-7616.

### **CITIZENSHIP CORNER—North Miami**

Mayor Philippe Bien-Aime's Citizenship Corner is an area within the Library that provides resources to empower and support immigrants eligible for naturalization.



**English Cafe**  
Every Thursday  
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Starting June 16, 2022

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



### **DMV (Dept. of Motor Vehicles) @ the Library**

By appointment only, on **June 28, 9:30 am to 1:30 pm.** Call the Library at 305-891-5535.



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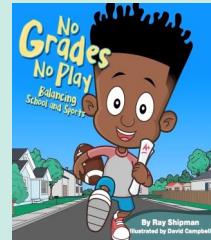
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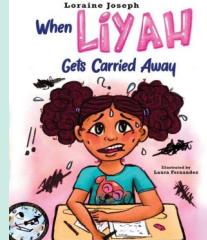
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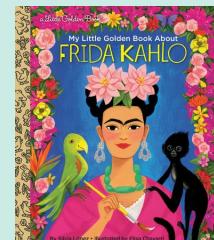
*The Spring 2022 Storytime—These books were read by their **Authors** at the Library*



*No Grades No Play* by Ray Shipman



*When Liyah Gets Carried Away* by Loraine Joseph



*My Little Golden Book about Frida Kahlo* by Silvia López



*Real Estate Around Me* by Laurie Joseph

**SUMMER READING FUN HAS BEGUN AT NORTH MIAMI PUBLIC LIBRARY**

### Summer Reading Challenge

June 13 - July 30

**THE RULES ARE SIMPLE:**  
1. Visit [nomilibrary.readsquared.com](http://nomilibrary.readsquared.com) to register (Library Card needed).  
2. Log each book you read.  
3. The participants that has read the most books at the end of the summer reading program will receive a prize.

The deadline to log all books read and a chance to enter the annual raffle for prizes is Friday, July 29th at 4:00 p.m. No exceptions!  
Winners will be announced live on the Library's Facebook page @NoMilLibrary on Saturday, July 30th at 2:00 p.m.

For program information and official contest rules, call us at 305-891-5535 or visit us online at [NorthMiamiFL.gov/NoMilLibrary](http://NorthMiamiFL.gov/NoMilLibrary).

**Summer Reading Challenge prizes for top readers in each of the following categories:**



#### TEENS

1st Place: Apple Watch Series 7  
2nd Place: AirPods Pro  
3rd Place: Amazon Gift Card

#### ADULTS

1st Place: \$150 Shell Gas Card  
2nd Place: \$100 Target Gift Card  
3rd Place: \$75 Gift Card



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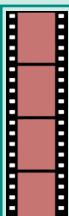
## KIDS Summer CAMP

June 13 -  
July 30  
8 AM-  
5:30PM

### The North Miami Library Presents SILENT MOVIES

**Ages 13 to 18**

Enjoy the movies with closed captions or with our special headphones.  
**Mondays, 1 pm to 3 pm**



Councilwoman Kassandra Timothe, MPA presents the



### Treasure Chest Experience



Every Tuesday between  
June 13 and July 30 at 11:30 a.m.

**GRADES  
K-12**

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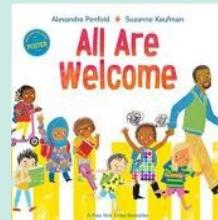
Receive a prize from the treasure chest by signing up for the summer reading challenge, writing a review of the books on Readsquared, or log the most books each week.  
Library Card needed.

Sign-up at  
[nomilibrary.readsquared.com](http://nomilibrary.readsquared.com)

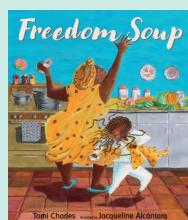


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*... And for the Spring 2022 Haitian Heritage Month **Celebrity Storytime** readings:*



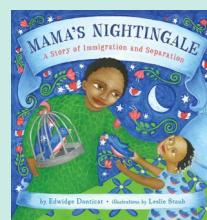
read by Theresa Therilus, Esq., City Manager



read by Katia Philippeaux, Sr. Mgmt. Analyst



read by Arlette Blake, Special Events Supervisor



read by Vanessa Joseph, Esq., City Clerk



### Tuesdays @ 10: a.m.

- 6/14—Miami Seaquarium Presents Corals in Crisis
- 6/21—Miami Children's Museum Presents Musical Storytime
- 6/28—Pangea Presents LIVE Animal Encounters
- 7/05—Magic Show
- 7/12—Miami Children's Museum Presents The Lost Pirates Show
- 7/19—Miami-Dade Police Department's Underwater Recovery Team
- 7/26—Character Storytime with Pete the Cat

### Saturdays @ 2:00 p.m.

- 7/16—Pangea Wild Animal Encounters
- 7/30—Summer Reading Finale

**All programs are in person and RSVP is not required.**

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# Friends of the North Miami Public Library

There's an **ongoing Book Sale** by the entrance of the Library. **Book DONATIONS** are welcome!

## Message from the President of the NoMi Library Friends

It is officially Summer!! School is out, universities are on break, workplaces are in vacation mode. The Library has many programs to facilitate hot fun in the summertime. Of course, books are high on the list. During the summer we have more time for leisure reading. You can read at the beach, in a hammock, lounging by the pool, on an airplane, a cruise ship, at camp or in bed in the middle of the day!! The Library will reward you for reading. There is a contest that will award the winners of the most read books in several categories. Check the website or Facebook page for contest rules.



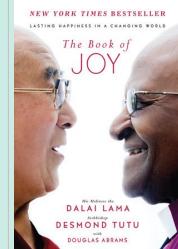
There is a program or activity for every age group: children, youth, teens, adults, and seniors. The library is a great place to spend your summer days. We have Movies, Mad Science series, Sewing classes, MOCA Art series, Wellness classes, Musical Storytime, Live Animal Show, Magic and Juggler Show, Character Storytime and many Ocean-related activities.

Enjoy your Summer at the Library!

Sending Good Vibes,

**Becky Jones, President**

## Review of The Book of Joy by the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu



Reviewer: Donna Hanley, Friends of the Library member

This book consists of inspiring conversations between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu with their answers to the question: how do we find joy in the face of inevitable suffering? They explore the nature of true joy as well as the obstacles, sharing their personal stories of pain and turmoil, exploring methods of attaining peace and living a life of joy. They offer a message of kindness and compassion, affirming that the source of happiness is within us all.



## FAMILY GARDENING PROGRAM

A grow and take program for children and families

**Saturdays June 25 - July 30  
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**

Hosted by  
**MASTER GARDENER GERRY ANN BARROS**  
with University of Florida IFAS Extension Miami-Dade County



**Six sessions**

Sun block and gardening tools provided.

To register: call Library at  
**305-891-5535**

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## 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, and professional services—programs that are free to the public 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.

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends of North Miami Library>

**Instagram:** NoMi Library

**Friends of the Library Book Sale**  
at the **Jazz at MOCA** event, held  
on the last Friday of each month.



**Carl Sagan**, astronomer, cosmologist, and science writer, wrote this about books:

"What an astonishing thing a book is. It's a flat object made from a tree with flexible parts on which are imprinted lots of funny dark squiggles.

"But one glance at it and you're inside the mind of another person, maybe someone dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, an author is speaking clearly and silently inside your head, directly to you.

"Writing is perhaps the greatest of human intentions, binding together people who never knew each other, citizens of distant epochs.

"Books break the shackles of time. A book is proof that humans are capable of working *Magic*."



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

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