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### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE PAUL BAZILE, MLIS, MPA



Dear Library Community,

As I sit down to write this message, I reflect on the incredible journey that has brought me to this moment. This month marks 11 years since I first walked through the North Miami Public Library doors as a full-time employee. Back then, I could never have imagined this institution's profound impact on my life—and the privilege I would have to serve as your Library Director. When I started, I was eager to learn, grow, and contribute to a place that has always been a cornerstone of our community. Over the years, I've had the honor of working alongside dedicated colleagues, engaging with passionate patrons, and witnessing the transformative power of libraries firsthand. From helping a student find their first research book to seeing families gather for storytime, I've been continually inspired by the ways our library connects, educates, and empowers.

My journey from front desk staff to Director has been shaped by the support of this community and the belief that libraries are more than just buildings—they are spaces of opportunity, inclusion, and discovery. Together, we've expanded programs, embraced new technologies, and found innovative ways to meet the evolving needs of our patrons. None of this would have been possible without your trust, feedback, and enthusiasm.

As I look ahead, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for what's to come. The North Miami Public Library is not just a place I work; it's a place I love. It's where I've grown personally and professionally, and where I've seen countless others do the same.

Thank you for being part of this journey with me. Here's to many more years of learning, growing, and serving this wonderful community together.

With gratitude,

Paul Bazile

Director, North Miami Public Library

# CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH @ YOUR LIBRARY

Join us for a series of engaging and inspiring events throughout February as we honor Black History Month. There's something for everyone:

- Sole Step Line Dance Class: **Every Thursday at 6:00 p.m.**, get moving and groove to the rhythm in our fun and energetic line dance class.
- Freedom Soup with Author Tami Charles: On **Thursday, February 13, at 5:00 p.m.**, meet author Tami Charles for a delightful discussion about her children's book "Freedom Soup". Attendees will also enjoy a serving of traditional Haitian soup joumou.
- Black History Month Book Talk: Join us on **Friday, February 21, at noon** for an insightful introduction to "James" by Percival Everett. Enjoy a delicious lunch while participating in a lively book discussion, and you'll receive a free copy of the book!
- Resource Fair: On **Thursday, February 27, at 2:30 p.m.**, discover valuable community resources for high school students. The event will also feature a Talent Show showcasing the talents of young people from North Miami!

We hope to see you there!



# DISCOVER THE WORLD OF CLOUDLIBRARY



CloudLibrary

Are you looking for a convenient way to access a vast collection of eBooks and audiobooks from the comfort of your home? You can look no further than CloudLibrary, a fantastic digital service the North Miami Public Library offers. Here's everything you need to know to get started with CloudLibrary.

## What is CloudLibrary?

CloudLibrary is a user-friendly digital platform that allows library patrons to borrow eBooks and audiobooks. With a wide range of genres and titles, CloudLibrary ensures something for everyone, whether you're into fiction, non-fiction, young adult, or children's books.

## How to Use CloudLibrary

1. **Download the App:** Start by downloading the CloudLibrary app, available for free on the App Store and Google Play Store. You can also access CloudLibrary on your computer by visiting the CloudLibrary website:  
<https://ebook.yourcloudlibrary.com/library/northmiamipl/>.
2. **Log In:** Open the app and select your country, state, and library (North Miami Public Library). Enter your library card number and PIN to log in.
3. **Browse and Borrow:** Once logged in, you can browse the extensive collection of eBooks and audiobooks. Use the search function to find specific titles or explore curated collections and recommendations.
4. **Read or Listen:** After borrowing a title, you can read eBooks directly in the app or listen to audiobooks on your device. The app also allows you to adjust font sizes, bookmark pages, and track your reading progress.
5. **Return and Renew:** Titles are automatically returned at the end of the lending period, so you never have to worry about late fees. If you need more time, you can renew your borrowings if no one else has placed a hold on the title.

## Benefits of CloudLibrary

- **Convenience:** Access your favorite books anytime, anywhere.
- **Variety:** Enjoy a diverse selection of titles across multiple genres.
- **No Late Fees:** Automatic returns mean no more overdue fines.
- **User-Friendly:** Easy to navigate and use, even for beginners.

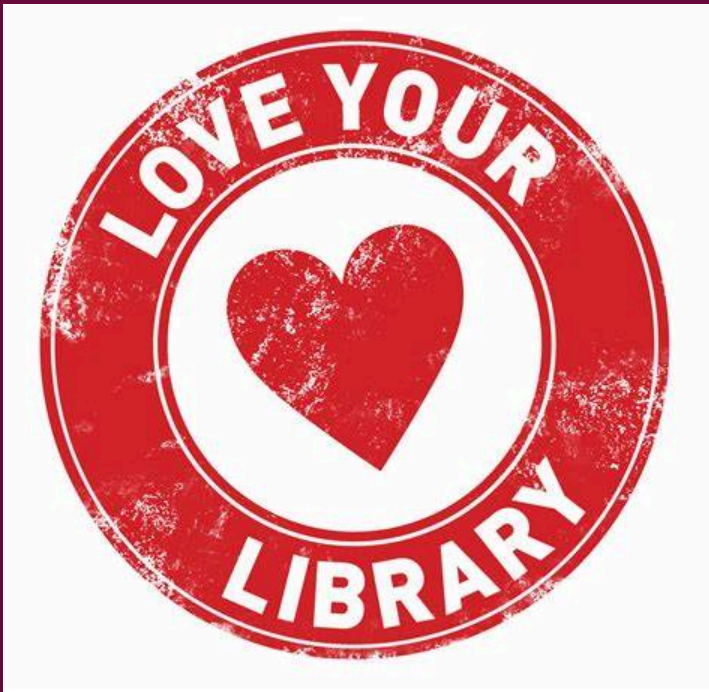
Embrace the future of reading with CloudLibrary at the North Miami Public Library. Happy reading!



# LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

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What do you LOVE  
about your library?



February is National Library Lovers Month, a time to honor and appreciate libraries' invaluable role in our communities. At the North Miami Public Library, we provide a welcoming space for learning, exploration, and connection. We invite you to celebrate by visiting our social media pages. Use the hashtag #LibraryLoversMonth to share what you love most about the North Miami Public Library.

Whether it's a favorite book, a memorable event, or the friendly staff, we want to hear your stories!

Let's spread the love and show appreciation for the library that brings us together. Happy National Library Lovers Month!

Warm regards, The North Miami Public Library Team



# FEBRUARY LIBRARY CLOSURES

## **Notice: Presidents' Day and NoMi Fest Closures**

The North Miami Public Library will be closed on **Monday, February 17**, in observance of Presidents' Day. We will reopen and resume regular hours on Tuesday, February 18.

Also, the Library will be closed on **Saturday, February 22**, as part of NoMi Fest. We will reopen for regular hours on Monday, February 24.

We appreciate your understanding and look forward to serving you when we reopen.

