



## Summer 2025, Issue XII

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



Dear Patron,

I am thrilled to share the exciting developments at our library this summer! We recently celebrated the playground's grand opening behind the library, named in honor of our beloved former director, Lucia Gonzalez. Seeing so many of you at the event was terrific, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended. A special thank you goes to Vice Mayor Kassandra Timothe of District 2, the City of North Miami CRA, and the City of North Miami Social Services Department for their unwavering support in making this playground a reality.

In addition to the playground, we have significantly upgraded our Children's and Teen Rooms. The Teen Room now boasts a brand-new carpet, creating an

inviting space for our young patrons. We are also delighted to introduce Superspace life-sized building tiles, generously funded by the Friends of the Library. These tiles offer endless opportunities for creativity and fun, and we can't wait for you to experience them.

As we look forward to the summer, I am excited to announce our 2025 Summer Reading Program, themed "Color Our World." We will kick off the program with a Wild Animal Super Show on Saturday, May 31, at 1 p.m. This event promises to be a thrilling start to a summer filled with reading adventures. I encourage all patrons to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge using Beanstack at [northmiamifl.beanstack.org](http://northmiamifl.beanstack.org) to win incredible prizes. The challenge runs from June 2 to July 25, culminating in our Summer Reading Wrap-up/Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Let's make this summer unforgettable together!

Happy reading,

Paul Bazile, Director, North Miami Public Library

# SUMMER EVENTS FOR FAMILIES

The North Miami Public Library brings families together this summer with fun and engaging events. Here's what we have planned:

## **Community Gardening**

Join us **every Saturday at 10 a.m.** for Community Gardening. It's a fantastic opportunity for families to work together, learn about plants, and contribute to beautifying our library grounds. Get your hands dirty and watch your garden grow!

## **Summer Reading Kickoff Wild Animal Super Show**

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 31, at 1 p.m.** for the Summer Reading Kickoff Wild Animal Super Show. This exciting event will feature amazing wild animals and is the perfect way to start our Summer Reading Program. Bring the whole family and enjoy the show!

## **Family Fun Day & Summer Reading Wrap Up**

Celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Program with Family Fun Day on **Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** This event will be filled with activities, games, and prizes as we wrap up a fantastic summer of reading. Join us as the Summer Reading Challenge winners are announced, and celebrate your reading achievements with family and friends!

**📌 Sign your entire family up for the Summer Reading Challenge at [www.northmiamifl.beanstack.org](http://www.northmiamifl.beanstack.org)!**





# SUMMER PROGRAMMING FOR KIDS



Get ready for a summer packed with fun and learning at the North Miami Public Library! Our lineup of events for kids is designed to entertain, educate, and inspire. Here's what we have in store:

## **Summer Zumbini**

Mondays | 10 a.m.

Kick off your week with Summer Zumbini every Monday at 10 AM. This lively music and movement class is perfect for young children and their caregivers to dance, sing, and play together.

## **Show Days**

Tuesdays | 10 a.m.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. are all about excitement and wonder with our special shows:

- **June 10:** Bubble Show – Watch bubbles of all shapes and sizes float and pop!
- **June 17:** Magic Show – Be amazed by incredible tricks and illusions.
- **June 24:** Glow-in-the-Dark DJ Party – Dance to the beats in a glowing atmosphere.
- **July 1:** Miami Children's Museum Not a Box Show – Discover the endless possibilities of imagination.
- **July 8:** Wild Animal Show – Meet fascinating creatures up close.
- **July 15:** Frost Museum Portable Planetarium – Explore the stars and planets.
- **July 22:** Frost Museum Science Show: Fire & Ice Science Showdown – Experience thrilling science experiments.

## **Summer Wags & Tales**

Tuesdays | 11 a.m.

Right after Show Days, at 11 a.m., kids can read aloud to friendly therapy dogs in our Summer Wags & Tales program. It's a great way to improve reading skills and enjoy furry companionship.

## **Sing & Read Storytime**

Wednesdays | 10 a.m.

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. are for Sing & Read Storytime, where we blend singing and reading to create a fun and interactive experience for young children. It's an excellent way to foster a love of reading.

## **Girls Who Code Hybrid Program**

Thursdays | 4 p.m.

Empower young girls with coding skills every Thursday at 4 p.m. in our Girls Who Code Hybrid Program. This program offers a supportive environment for girls to learn and explore technology online and in person.

📌 Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at [northmiamifl.beanstack.org](http://northmiamifl.beanstack.org) to earn prizes all summer long!

# TEEN SUMMER READING EVENTS

This summer, the North Miami Public Library is thrilled to welcome our teen patrons to a lineup of exciting and creative events! Dive into these amazing activities:

## **NoMi Anime Society**

Tuesdays | 2:30 PM

June 10 - July 29

Join the NoMi Anime Society to watch and discuss anime, read manga, play games, and have fun! It's the perfect place to share your love for anime and manga with fellow enthusiasts.

## **MOCA @ The Library**

Thursdays | 2 p.m.

June 12, 26 | July 3, 10, 17, 24

Experience art in a new way with hands-on creativity and storytelling inside the library. In collaboration with the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), these sessions will inspire your artistic side and let you explore new forms of expression.

## **Game On For Teens**

Fridays | 12:30 p.m.

June 6 - August 1

Take some time to unwind with video games and board games. Whether you're a gamer or just looking for fun, this event is a great way to relax and connect with friends.

## **Keep Moving Shoe Painting**

Saturday, June 14 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bring your style to life by painting your custom Vans. This creative workshop allows you to express yourself through art and fashion, making your shoes unique. Register at <https://bit.ly/NoMiShoePainting>

## **Let's Build It: Youth Empowerment Camp**

July 7-12 | 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Learn confidence, skills, and leadership methods through workshops and fun activities. This camp is designed to empower teens and help them develop valuable life skills in a supportive environment.

📺 Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge - first place for teens is a GoPro Camera Creator Edition set to make your summer memorable!





# SUMMER READING EVENTS FOR ADULTS



This summer, the North Miami Public Library is excited to offer engaging events for our adult patrons as part of our Summer Reading Program. Join us for these fantastic activities:

## **Books and Bites Literary Soiree**

Indulge in a delightful evening of literature and refreshments at our Books and Bites Literary Soiree. This event occurs on the **first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.**, starting **June 5**. Attendees will receive a free copy of the discussed book, while supplies last. Please note that this is a 21+ event.

Enjoy lively discussions about your favorite books while savoring delicious bites. It's the perfect blend of intellectual stimulation and culinary delight.

- **June 5: Presumed Guilty by Scott Turow** – Rusty is a retired judge attempting a third act in life with a loving soon-to-be wife, Bea, with whom he shares both a restful home on an idyllic lake in the rural Midwest and a plaintive hope that this marriage will be his best, and his last.
- **July 3: Playground by Richard Powers**—Four lives are drawn together in a sweeping, panoramic new novel from Richard Powers, which showcases the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of “The Overstory” at the height of his skills.
- **August 7: Lies and Weddings by Kevin Kwan** – From the iconic internationally bestselling author of the Crazy Rich Asians trilogy: A forbidden affair erupts volcanically amid a decadent tropical wedding in this outrageous comedy of manners.

## **Sole Step Line Dancing Class**

Get your groove on with our Sole Step Line Dancing Class, held **every Wednesday at 6 p.m. starting June 11**. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a beginner, this class is a fun way to stay active and meet new friends. Come and dance your way through summer! 🥿🌻💃🕺

📣 Don't forget to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge - first place for adults is a \$500 gift card! We look forward to seeing you at these events and making this summer memorable. 🇪🇺☀️🇪🇺

# SUMMER LIBRARY CLOSURES

Please note that the North Miami Public Library will be closed on the following dates:

- **Scheduled Closures:** The library will be closed on **Friday, May 30, and Wednesday, June 18.**
- **Juneteenth:** We will be closed from **Thursday, June 19, through Saturday, June 21,** in observance of Juneteenth, a day to honor and reflect on the significant history and contributions of African Americans.
- **Fourth of July Holiday:** The library will also be closed for the Fourth of July holiday from **Friday, July 4, through Saturday, July 5.** We encourage everyone to enjoy the celebrations, parades, and fireworks commemorating Independence Day.



We apologize for any inconvenience these closures may cause, and thank you for your understanding. The library will resume regular hours following these dates. Remember, our digital resources are available 24/7 at [www.northmiamifl.gov/library](http://www.northmiamifl.gov/library) for your convenience. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

## SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE AND WIN!

Register at  
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and win incredible prizes!

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