

Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library

Newsletter



August 2025

Since our last newsletter, the Friends participated in nine different Back-to-School events and distributed 3,500 books to under-resourced children across the County. The next few months are full of exciting events - shout outs for our [Benefit](#) on October 11th and our first Member Social on September 9th. There are also a number of ways to get involved, from officially joining our [Membership Program](#) (with perks!), to writing Librarian Thank You Notes, to joining our new [Youth Advisory Committee](#).

Keep reading to learn more about upcoming events, what we've been up to, and how we've been supporting the library!

You are invited to celebrate our 51-year legacy of supporting Miami-Dade
County's Public Library System

Late at the Library

THE BEYOND BOOKS BENEFIT



SATURDAY

10.11.25

7:30 PM

CORAL GABLES BRANCH LIBRARY

With less than 2 months before our signature event, now is the time to buy your tickets. There will be food, drinks, entertainment and a crowd of people enthusiastic about their Library. Last year's event sold out - don't miss it!

We'd also love to have you involved! Whether you'd like to join the committee, help us on event day, or explore sponsorship and other ways to support, please reach out to kristy@friendsofmdpl.org.

Register Now



MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

\$25
Annually

Story Supporter



Members receive a Friends bookmark and two free book coupons to use at any Library branch book sale

\$100
Annually

Branch Advocate



Story Supporter rewards plus one ticket to a Friends' community event and two tickets to the Member Appreciation Social

\$500
Annually

Library Champion



Branch Advocate rewards plus one ticket to our Annual Benefit and acknowledgment on our Donor Recognition site

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new membership program! Membership is a great way to show your support for the Miami-Dade Public Library, help fund library programs, and encourage reading in our community. We will be having our first Member Social on September 9th, so join before then to meet fellow members for a book swap and literary trivia night.

Become a Member

*Join our Library Champion Membership before September 15 to receive a ticket to the 2025 Late at the Library: Beyond Books Benefit.

Over 3,500 Books Distributed at Back-to-School Events



In partnership with County Commissioners Marleine Bastien, Eileen Higgins, Raquel Regalado, Danielle Cohen Higgins, Kionne McGhee, Anthony Rodriguez, Juan Carlos

Bermudez, and René Garcia, the Friends of Miami-Dade Public Library was thrilled to participate in nine Back-to-School events where we distributed over 3,500 books to children. A very special thank you to all of you in the community who donated books for this event, the many volunteers who came out to help us sort thousands of books and work the events, and of course to our County Commissioners and their staff for their partnership and leadership.



Help Us Write Thank You Notes For Library Staff

THANK YOU LIBRARIANS



We are collecting thank you notes to show our Library staff that we appreciate them. In just a few minutes, you can put a smile on your local librarian's face. Here are guidelines to help as you craft these letters:

- Thank you notes should be addressed "Dear Library Staff,".
- Use proper stationery (not copy paper). No need to use individual envelopes, just send all the letters you write in one package and we will deliver them. Any size paper will work.
- Use nice, legible handwriting.
- Use proper grammar and spelling.
- Feel free to decorate your note beyond the written word.
- Possible topics to write about:
 - Tell us why you love the library.
 - Share something special a librarian has done for you.
 - Describe your favorite memory involving a library.

- Recommend a great book you have read recently.
- Detail the resources you use from the library.

Community service credit will be offered in increments of 15 minutes. [Send us an email](#) to receive credit.

Mail the cards to:

Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library

11600 SW 64th Ave

Pinecrest, FL 33156

Youth Advisory Committee



We are launching our Youth Advisory Committee and invite high school students from around Miami-Dade to join and make a difference. This committee will lead and recruit other teen volunteers and plan its own initiatives to implement with mentorship from the Friends. The first meeting is scheduled for August 21st at 8pm.

Apply Now

Buy Friends Gear



We are excited to announce the launch of our Merch Store! We'd love to add more designs - so if you have one you'd like to share, please [email](#) us.

Shop Now

CELEBRATING OUR IMPACT: RECENT PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS

- **Summer Reading Challenge Kick-Offs:** Sponsored the Summer Reading kick-off events systemwide.
 - **Autism Acceptance Month Programs:** Contributed the presenter fees for branch programs plus funds towards music therapy and sensory-friendly presentations.
 - **Older Americans Month Programs:** Paid the presenter fees for age-friendly programming including journaling, music and flower arranging.
 - **Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month:** Supported the presenter fees for Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian-themed programming.
 - **Caribbean Heritage Month:** Supported themed programming for countries like Jamaica and the Bahamas.
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