

# Friends Of The Miami-Dade Public Library



## Strategic Plan Overview

### Vision

A Miami-Dade where the library is the go-to destination for resources and services that connect and strengthen our community.

### Mission

The Friends advocates and fundraises for the Miami-Dade Public Library System while championing the use of its valuable services and programs.

### Values

- **Focus:** Our goals are informed by the community and reflect mutual priorities with the Library.
- **Stewardship:** We transparently leverage our resources to strengthen our long-term impact in alignment with our mission.
- **Volunteerism:** We foster a team of community volunteers who bring passion, time, and talent to support libraries across Miami-Dade.
- **Partnership:** We cultivate meaningful collaborations with civic, cultural, educational, and philanthropic partners.
- **Nonpartisanship:** We value free access to information and respect for all viewpoints, and we operate without affiliation to any political or partisan interests.

## 2026-2031 Goals

- ✓ **Fundraising:** Grow community giving, major philanthropy, and the Friends endowment to support our mission.
- ✓ **Engagement:** Support the library to expand utilization of library materials and services.
- ✓ **Advocacy:** Position the Friends to effectively advocate for the Library.
- ✓ **Professionalization:** Adapt our organizational structure to implement the 2026-2031 strategy.



## Funding Priorities



Each year the Friends and the Library identifies high-demand resources or services and provides targeted funding to expand access. Recent examples include tutoring programs and mobile device lending.



Increased promotion of the Library's programs, services and resources to Miami-Dade residents.



Capital improvements that enable new libraries or modernize older libraries.



Employee recognition and professional development for our dedicated library workforce.

