

Date: September 10, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Javier Souto and Members,
Recreation and Cultural Affairs Committee

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager 

Subject: Report on Upcoming Special Events, Openings and Groundbreaking Ceremonies

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Agenda Item No. 7(B)

The following is a list of special events for County Departments and programs as outlined below:

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

For additional programs/events information, please visit us at www.mdpls.org. All programs are free and open to the public.

LIBRARY OPENING

No library openings during this report period.

SPECIAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Teen Read Week T-shirt Design Contest

Enter the Miami-Dade Public Library System's first ever Teen T-Shirt Design Contest. The winner will have their design put on the Teen Read Week T-shirts which will be worn by all participants at the Miami Dolphins Word-A-Thons. See your local branch for an entry form beginning August 24, 2007 through September 21, 2007

Teen Read Week Word-A-Thon

Express yourself with words by reading a poem, short story or part of a book for 3-5 minutes. In return you will receive...

- An opportunity to meet a Miami Dolphins football player.
- A 2007 Teen Read Week T-shirt, designed by a local teen.
- Community Service Hours
- And most importantly, a chance to share your talent

South Dade Regional, 10750 SW 211 Street

Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 2-4 PM

West Dade Regional, 9445 Coral Way

Saturday, October 13, 2007 from 2-4 PM

*Miami Dolphins Foundation and Friends of the Library

Tai Chi for Your Health

Tracing its origins back to the East, Tai Chi offers a holistic approach to promoting health and exercise. The six week training program is designed to guide you through the Tai Chi forms that combine soft martial arts and soothing movements.

Coral Reef Branch, 3443 Segovia Street

Fridays, September 21, 28, 2007 and

October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2007 from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Miami Beach Regional, 227 22nd Street

Tuesdays, September 18, 25, 2007 and

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2007 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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Become an Adult Literacy Tutor – Tutor Training Workshop

If you're at least 18 years old and a high school graduate, Project L.E.A.D. (Literacy for Every Adult in Dade) invites you to be part of its one-on-one tutoring program for adult new-learners. No experience necessary.

Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street
Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 9:30 AM–4:30 PM

Raptors & Reptiles

Presented by the Miami Science Museum, this interactive program gives an up close and personal look into the world of reptiles.

Miami Lakes Branch Library, 6699 Windmill Gate Road
Monday, September 17, 2007 at 11:00 AM

*This program is presented with the support of the Town of Miami Lakes.

LIBRARY ART EXHIBITIONS

To the Barbershop: Call and Response Series #2

For this exhibition, the Library invited Miami photojournalist and documentarian Noelle Theard to create a new body of work in response to a series of photographs by Richard Davenport from the Library's permanent collection. Theard responded to the Davenport photographs, which depict black barbershops in Miami during the early 1980s, by revisiting some of the same barbershops in December of 2006. Both sets of photos are included in the exhibition.

North Dade Regional Branch - 2455 NW 183rd Street
Through December 16, 2007

Agustín Fernandez: Translating Martí

The late Agustín Fernandez's intriguing portfolio of lithographs, *20 Años de Exilio 1959-1979*, juxtaposes eighteen of Jose Martí's best-loved poems with Fernandez's surreal dream imagery. The poems were translated from Spanish to English by Cuban-American children, ages 8–16, from Paris, Havana, and Miami.

West Dade Regional Branch, 9445 Coral Way - Through June 1, 2008

Stargaze and Other Tales, or More Artist-Poet Collaborations from the Permanent Collection of the Miami-Dade Public Library System

As a complement to *Place of Mind*, the upcoming collaborative exhibition by visual artist John Bailly and poet Richard Blanco, a selection of artists' books and portfolios from the library's permanent collection manifest the rich tradition of collaboration between artists and poets.

Main Library, 2nd floor exhibition space - 101 W. Flagler Street,
Through December 19, 2007

Place of Mind, By John Bailly and Richard Blanco

The Miami-Dade Public Library System continues its rich tradition of exhibiting artwork with literary themes with *Place of Mind*. The work for this exhibition is the result of a collaboration between critically acclaimed Cuban-American poet Richard Blanco (*City of a Hundred Fires*, *Directions to the Beach of the Dead*) and painter and printmaker John Bailly, South Florida Cultural Consortium Fellowship winner for 2006. Bailly's work for this project consists of prints, paintings, and book art created in dialogue with Blanco's poems, which will be printed and mounted for the exhibition. Often subtle, sometimes vague, and rarely obvious, the relationships between the poems and paintings will rely on the viewer's own intuition and associations.

Main Library Auditorium, 101 W. Flagler Street, Miami - 305-375-2665

October 4 - December 15, 2007

Reception: October 4, 2007, 6:00 – 8:30 PM

Surrealist Games

Play Dada and Surrealist art games to create new art and poetry with John Bailly and Richard Blanco. Cut up newspaper articles and magazines to come up with random combinations of words. Learn how to play Exquisite Corpse to create a group drawing or writing project. Best for ages 13-18.

West Kendall Regional Library, 10201 Hammocks Blvd – Miami – 305-385-7135

Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 4 – 6:00 PM

California Club Branch Library, 850 Ives Dairy Road, Miami – 305-770-3155

Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 4 – 6:00 PM

Artist's Talk with John Bailly

Coral Reef Branch Library, 9211 Coral Reef Dr. - Miami -305-233-8324

Wednesday, October 30, 2007, 4:00 PM

Lox with Black Beans and Rice:: A Portrait of Cuban-Jewish Life, By Randi Sidman-Moore

With this project, photojournalist Randi Sidman-Moore set out to depict a side of Miami that wasn't about fancy cars, hot nightclubs and bikini-clad models. These photographs and oral histories tell the stories of Cuban Jewish families and life in South Florida. They document the births, dinners, work and worship of the very religious and secular alike, from successful businessmen to cabaret singers to prison inmates.

Miami Beach Regional Library, 227 22nd St, Miami Beach – 305-535-4219

October 13 – January 11, 2008

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

ONGOING EXHIBITION

Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida

On display year-round

Explore 10,000 years of South Florida history as you wander through the Historical Museum of Southern Florida's permanent exhibition, Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida. Visit a re-creation of the Miami Circle and view a sea turtle shell and other artifacts from this 2,000 year-old settlement at the mouth of the Miami River. Walk through the homes of Seminole Indians and Anglo-American settlers in South Florida. Climb on board an actual 1920s trolley and take a video tour of downtown Miami, Miami Beach and Coral Gables. View photographs of the African American community of Overtown, and see a Haitian boat and a Cuban raft that brought refugees to Miami. Also on permanent display are original prints of John James Audubon's paintings of Florida birds.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Water Stories – On display through January 20, 2008

Water Stories will explore our interaction with water in South Florida over the past 10,000 years through a family-friendly, multi-sensory experience with four main themes: nourishment, transportation, recreation and environmental impacts. Hear over 25 stories about survival and recreation in South Florida's aquatic world. See prehistoric maritime artifacts, a commercial fisherman's gear spanning from the nineteenth century to the present. View a chronology of water vessels, including an Indian canoe, a trapper's skiff, a sailboat designed for Biscayne

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Bay's shallow waters and a Cuban refugee raft. Catch a sailfish using a fishing simulator. Visit a hurricane safe room, and track hurricane activity with a live feed from the National Hurricane Center.

Rob Storter: Art of the Everglades - Lobby Exhibition

September 27, 2007 through January 20, 2008

View over 35 original drawings and carvings by fisherman and folk artist Rob Storter (1894-1987). Born in the Everglades, Storter spent his last years recording his memories of growing up, living and working in southwestern Florida, when it was still a road-less and watery wilderness. His drawings and handwritten commentary capture the resilient spirit, natural environs, and dangerous encounters of frontier life in early Everglades City and the Ten Thousand Islands. Among his many images are depictions of natural landscapes, fishing trips, local architecture and the devastating hurricane of 1910. On loan from the Collier County Museum, Storter's artwork is exhibited for the first time in Miami.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Symposium: The Five Weeks of Giuseppe Zangara

Thursday, September 20, 6 pm

101 West Flagler Street, Downtown Miami

The speaker and author Blaise Picchi will lead the discussion regarding his book *The Five Weeks of Giuseppe Zangara* about the assassination attempt on President-elect Roosevelt in 1933. 11th JCHS and museum members Free; Non-members \$5. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP to 11JCHS@hmsf.org or 305.375-1619.

Annual Season Kick-off

Thursday, September 27

101 West Flagler Street, Downtown Miami

5:30 – 9 pm

Celebrate with the Historical Museum of Southern Florida as it hosts its annual season kick-off event with food, drinks, entertainment and a preview of the upcoming exhibits, programs, and events. Get a Sneak Peek of the 2007 – 2008 Season, "A Year of Art & History." HMSF members and children under 12 free; Non-members \$5.

Judge Gelber Book Signing

Tuesday, October 2

101 West Flagler Street, Downtown Miami

6 – 8 pm

Seymour Gelber, Dade County judge, former Mayor of Miami Beach, and legal legend has published his first book, *On Behalf of Children*. This book delves into juvenile delinquency in Dade County, highlighting seven Dade County judges that have significantly impacted the Dade County system, which has, in turn, set the precedence for other juvenile legal system across the nation. Join Judge Gelber for his book signing, special remarks and refreshments. Free. RSVP to 11JCHS@hmsf.org or 305.375-1619.

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The Exhibition Code: Unlocking the Mystery Behind Exhibition Selections

Thursday, October 11, Miami Art Museum
101 West Flagler Street, Downtown Miami, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Ever wondered how exhibitions are selected and organized? Come hear experts from Miami cultural institutions, arts organizations and galleries discuss the behind-the-scenes process of exhibition selection and development. Attendees will learn key elements such as strong proposals, selection criteria and timeframes. Free.

Panelists: Peter Boswell, Senior Curator, Miami Art Museum
Claire Breukel, Executive Director, The Locust Projects
Rem Cabrera, Senior Cultural Administrator, Miami Dade County Cultural Affairs

HISTORIC TOURS WITH DR. PAUL GEORGE

Freedom Tower Exploration Walking Tour

Saturday, September 29
9-11 am

Explore Miami's iconic Freedom Tower, also known as the Miami News Building, with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George. View amazing murals and other hidden delights. Hear about the history of the building, from its days as a newspaper plant and its use as a refugee processing center, to its setting for the funeral of Cuban salsa star Celia Cruz, when crowds lined up around the block. HMSF members only, \$20 Advance reservations and payment required. Limited to 28 people.

Moon Over Miami River Boat Tour

Sunday, September 30
5-8 pm

Embark on this journey down the river with the Historical Museum's Dr. Paul George before sunset and return under the moon's magical glow for a view of the dramatic nighttime skyline. See the Miami Circle archaeological site, as well as locations of the Brickell mansion, early tourist attractions, WWII boatyards, and Flagler's Royal Palm Hotel. Glide by the well-lit riverside and glimpse Caribbean freighters and houseboats. Experience the mystery of the river at night. HMSF members \$37, Non-members \$42. Advance reservations and payment required.

THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

Fish Tales: Stories of Recreational Fishing in South Florida

Thursday, October 18
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Recreational fishing in South Florida has a long and rich history. Participate in this conversation with some of South Florida's legendary fishermen, such as Captain Bill Curtis, Captain Jim O'Neill, Al Pflueger Jr. and Norman Duncan.

FAMILY PROGRAMMING

2nd Saturdays FREE Family Fun Days

Saturday, October 13, 1-3 pm

South Florida Coral Reef Mobiles

Build a colorful mobile of the fascinating marine life which dwells in the only living tropical coral reef in the continental United States.

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Saturday, October 13, 1-3 pm

Chinchorro Mask Making

Explore Chile's ancient Chinchorro Mummies, the oldest mummies in the world, with Animate Objects Physical Theater and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida. Learn about the Chinchorro culture and their artistic mummification process. Come make masks in the Chinchorro style with local artists Ileigh Reynolds, Andrea Preston and Hannah Logan of AOPT.

DISCOVERY DAYS (ON TEACHER PLANNING DAYS)

Children are invited to spend fun-filled and activity-packed days at the museum. Activities are unique and encourage children to think, imagine, create and have fun.
HMSF Members \$30 per day, Non-members \$35 per day.

High Seas Adventure

Thursday, September 13

9 am – 5 pm (early pick-up 8:30, late pick-up 5:30)

Spend a day exploring the wonders of the vast, blue oceans. See the bounties of nature that call these waters home while making your own edible model of our local marine environment and inhabitants. Re-enact the dangers of sea travelers with a play about methods of travel and high seas rescues.

Fun and Sun in Miami

Monday, October 8

9 am – 5 pm (early pick-up 8:30, late pick-up 5:30)

Find out why people from all over the world flock to our sunny shores. Make your own Shoebox model of the glittering beauty of Downtown Miami. Learn about the remarkable cultural diversity of our area while listening to music and handling authentic artifacts. Make your own map of the many neighborhoods of our dynamic community.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA – GENERAL INFO

The Historical Museum of Southern Florida tells the stories of South Florida and the Caribbean. The museum promotes understanding of the past in order to inform the present and create a better quality of life. The Historical Museum hosts a permanent exhibition gallery and a special gallery with several changing exhibitions each year. In addition, the museum houses a Research Center, a non-circulating library, archives, and store, which offers a unique array of Florida-themed books and gifts. The Historical Museum is located in downtown Miami in the Miami-Dade Cultural Center, across the street from Metro-rail's Government Center Station at 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. Hours are Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Third Thurs. 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. and Sun. noon - 5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$5, children (ages 6-12) is \$2, and children under 6 are free.

MIAMI ART MUSEUM

Miami Art Museum

101 West Flagler Street

Phone Number for Event Information: 305-375-3000

Website Providing Event information: <http://www.miamiartmuseum.org>

September 15, 10am-1pm

MAM Art Caravan - Girl Scouts' Camp Choee

11347 SW 160th St.

Create art to wear

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September 15, 1-3pm

MAM Art Caravan

Bloomingtondale's at The Falls Shopping Center and Bloomingtondale's at Aventura Mall
Create art to wear

September 20, 5-8:30pm

JAM at MAM - Happy hour with an artful twist.

September 25, 6:30-8:30pm

Reading Art - Books and Books - Antiquarian Room, 265 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables
Discussion of *Pearl*, facilitated by MariJean Miyar

October 11, 6:30-8:30 pm

The Exhibition Code: How Museums and Arts Organizations Choose Their Exhibitions
Panel discussion - MAM Auditorium

October 13, 1-4pm

Second Saturdays are Free for Families – Painting Pizzazz

Presented by MetLife Foundation

Make a strong statement with paint on big paper.

October 14, 12:30 -2:30pm & 2:45-4:45pm

Art 21 Season Sneak Preview - MAM Auditorium

October 17, 6-7pm

Art Talk - Books and Books, 265 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables

MAM Director Terry Riley and Cooper, Robertson & Partners will discuss *Cities to Gardens*

October 18, 5-8:30pm

JAM at MAM

Happy hour with an artful twist.

October 20, 6-8pm

MAM Members Preview: Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller: The Killing Machine and Other Stories

October 24, 10am coffee, 10:30 lecture

Morning Lecture Series

Architecture in the 20th Century – Opening Lecture

October 26, 8am-5pm

Teacher Workshops on Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller: The Killing Machine and Other Stories

October 28, 3-5pm

Film series related to Janet Cardiff

MAM Auditorium

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On view at MAM

Power of 10: Gifts in Honor of Miami Art Museum's Tenth Anniversary
May 4-October 28, 2007

Tamayo: A Modern Icon Reinterpreted
June 24-September 23, 2007

Jan Dibbets: Perspective Collection
July 20-October 14, 2007

Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller: The Killing Machine and Other Stories
October 21, 2007-January 20, 2008

PARK AND RECREATION

The following is a list of upcoming Park Dedications, Groundbreaking Ceremonies and Special Events as scheduled by the Park and Recreation Department for inclusion on the September RCAC agenda:

DISCOVER YOUR ARTISTIC SIDE IN A NATURAL AND HISTORIC SETTING

Deering Estate at Cutler - 16701 SW 72nd Avenue

To support artists and cultural education, the Deering Estate at Cutler is offering opportunities for painters, photographers, sculptors, weavers, carpenters, potters, and other traditional American craft artisans to create and display their art in one of several artist studios located in the Artist Village on the Estate. A series of art classes, including the *Introduction to Pastels*, the *Introduction to Acrylics* and *Oriental Brush Painting: the Art of SUMI-E*, are being offered at the Deering Estate at Cutler. Cost: \$150 per course (six-week session). For more information call 305-235-1668 ext. 233

Introduction to Pastels: Session I

Saturdays, September 15 – October 20
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Introduction to Acrylics: Session I

Mondays, September 17 – October 29 (no class on October 1)
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Oriental Brush Painting: Session I

Saturdays, September 29 – November 3
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Jose Augusto in Concert

Dade County Auditorium
2901 W. Flagler Street

Saturday, September 15, 2007

8:00 p.m. - Brazilian Pop singer Jose Augusto performs live.

Tickets \$65, \$49, \$35. Call 305-547-5414 for more information

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EcoAdventures: Outdoor Skills Workshop

Castellow Hammock Park
22301 SW 162 Avenue

Saturday, September 15, 2007

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Improve your camping and fishing skills during this two-hour workshop on outdoor skills. Topics include selecting the proper camping gear and safety equipment, places to camp and explore in South Florida and more.

\$15 per person. Reservations required, call 305-242-7688

Goalball Team

Y.E.T. Center

7090 NW 22 Avenue

Saturdays, beginning Sept 15, 2007

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Competitive goalball for persons with visual impairments.

Free: Ages 14 and up. Pre-registration is REQUIRED.

Contact Zarron Brown at 305-380-9106 for more information

Chico Anisio in Concert

Dade County Auditorium

2901 W Flagler Street

Sunday, September 16, 2007

5:00 p.m. - Brazilian singer performs live.

Tickets \$65, \$49, \$35; Call 305-547-5414 for more information

Deering Sunset Cruise – Pelican Skipper Pontoon Boat Tour

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Avenue

Sunday, September 16, 2007

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Take a relaxing trip on the Pelican Island Skipper Pontoon boat and discover South Florida's nature and history.

Cost: \$35. Call 305-235-1668 ext. 233 for reservations

Miami Dog Obedience

Tropical Park Equestrian Center

7900 SW 40th Street

Sunday, September 23, 2007

7:00 a.m – 5:00 p.m.

Free. Contact Nancy Atkins at 305-226-7886 for more information

EcoAdventures: Crandon Sunset and Moonlight Kayaking Adventure

Crandon Park Marina

4000 Crandon Blvd.

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Watch the sun set and the moon rise. Discover the endless mangrove forest of Biscayne Bay by moonlight

Cost: \$40 adults; \$15 ages 14 and younger

Reservations required, call 305-365-3018

Wine on Harvest Moon

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72nd Avenue

Friday, September 28, 2007

7:00 p.m. -10:00 p.m. - The Deering Estate Foundation presents its 6th Annual Fall Wine Event, "Wine on Harvest Moon." Enjoy an evening that embodies Charles Deering's love and appreciation for fine wines, fine food and the fine arts with an introduction to the Deering Estate's Fall 2007-2008 "Living Artist Series" featuring principal players of the *Florida Classical Orchestra*, an installation art exhibit "The Colors of Wine," and a juried art exhibit "Out of Eden" in partnership with Bakehouse Art Complex.

VIP tickets – Members \$120; Non-members \$150

General tickets – Members \$60; Non-members \$75

For more information about this enchanted evening or to purchase tickets, please call 305-235-1668 ext. 263.

Visit our website at <http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/> for additional program/event information.


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