Mayor's Blue Ribbon Taskforce

for the Miami-Dade Public Library System

Service Needs Working Group

Miami-Dade Public Library System

Established

MDPLS Established in 1971

11 Branches

Timeline

1895 Founding of Coconut Grove Library

1902 Lemon City Library established

1905 Miami's library founded
by Woman's Club

1928 First bookmobile

1941 Dorsey Memorial Library opens
First public library building owned by the City of Miami.

1942 Miami forms Public Library System

1951 New Main Library opens in Bayfront Park

1965 Miami agrees to provide public library service to unincorporated Dade County and to municipalities that did not provide their own library service.

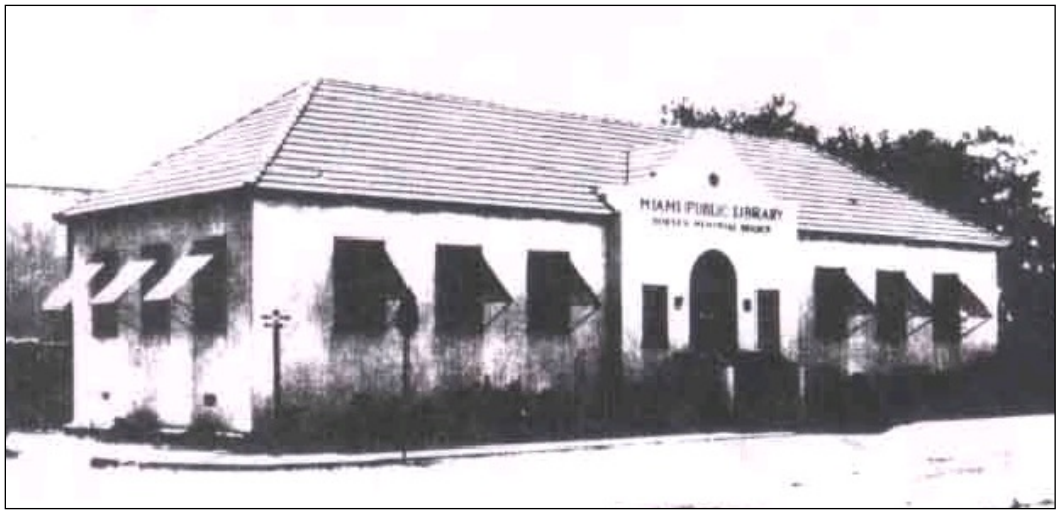
Timeline

1971 Miami transfers library system to Metropolitan Dade County creating the Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS)

1975 Homestead Public Library joins MDPLS

1976 Hispanic Branch opens

1972 Decade of Progress Bond Issue, 13 new facilities (built & opened 1976-1990)



Timeline

1983 BCC approval of a two year .5 mill increase to establish a Book Trust

1986 Miami Beach Public Library and its two branches join MDPLS

1992 Civic Center Kiosk opens at Metrorail station

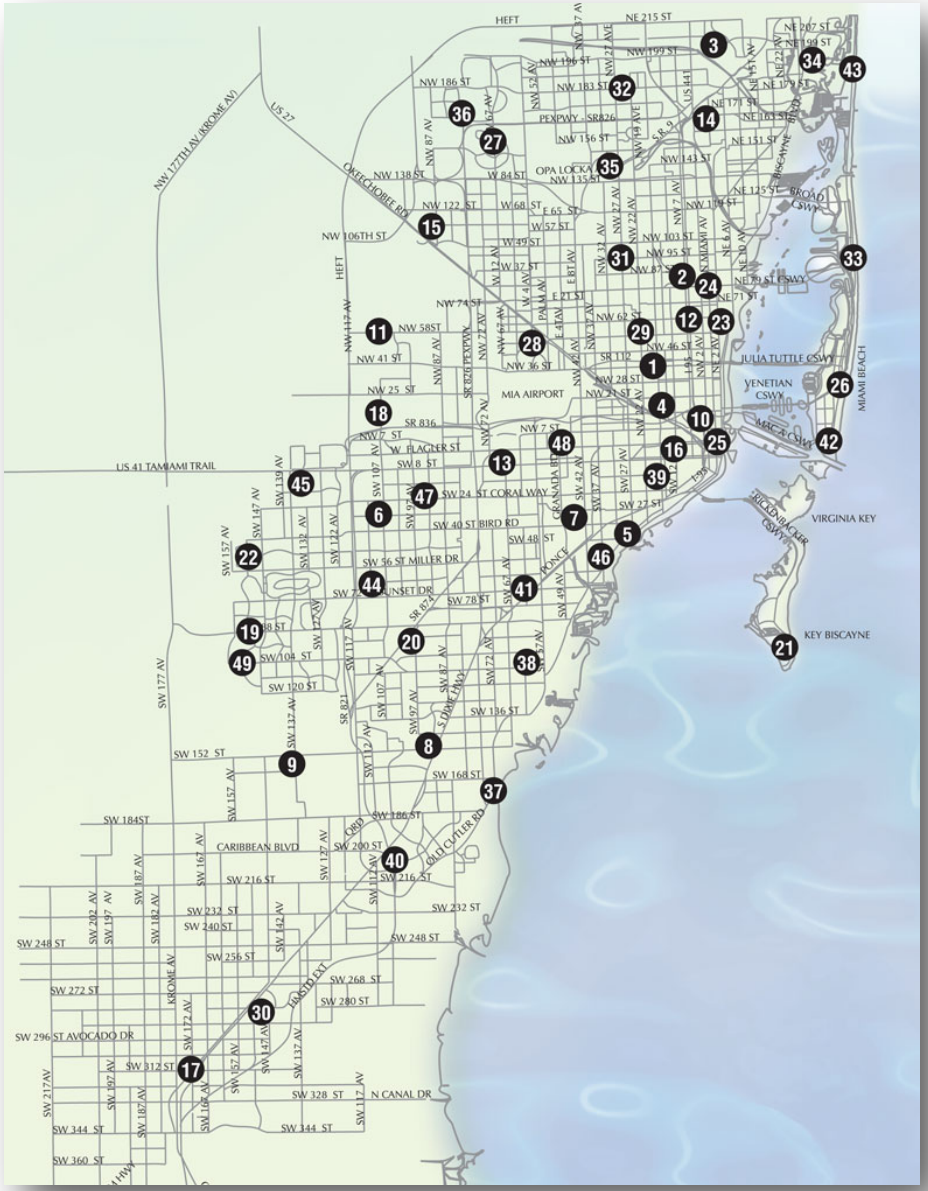
2001 BCC approval of a .125 millage increase to fund a Library Capital Plan, (2001-2011, 18 new facilities and the restoration of bookmobile services)

Our Branches

Taxing District

Special Taxing District

Unincorporated Miami-Dade County and all municipalities except *Bal Harbour, Bay Harbor Islands, Hialeah, Miami Shores, North Miami, North Miami Beach and the Town of Surfside*



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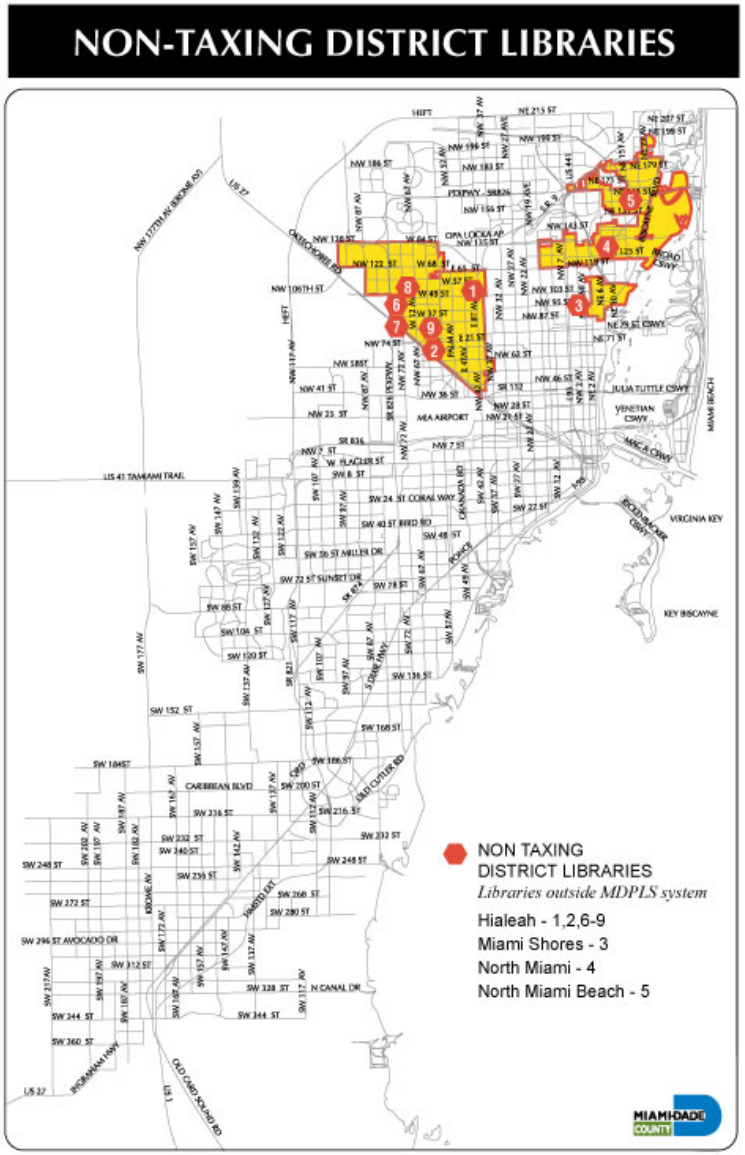
Non-Taxing District Libraries

Residents of Hialeah, North Miami and North Miami Beach are allowed reciprocal borrowing privileges.



Fast Facts

6.2 million Library Visitors

1,647 Public Computers

System Wide Wi-Fi
and Free Internet

Wi-Fi hotspots in three
adjacent county parks

Collection of
4 million items

More than 8,000 free
downloadable audio
and e-books

An assortment of free
databases on subjects from
Automobile Repair to Zoology

Vision Statement

The Library will be the compelling community destination by providing a 5-Star customer service experience.

Core Services

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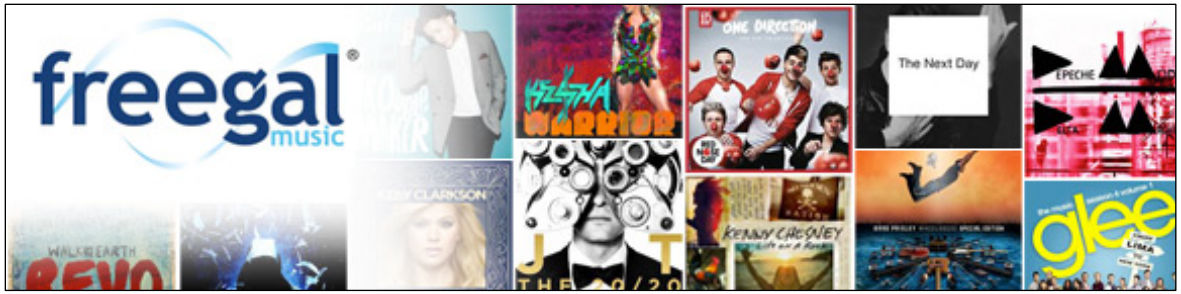
We are more than books!

We are in the people business

We inspire consumers to become creators

We strive to be the third place



Special Collections

The library system is home to several special collections that support the informational, educational and recreational needs of the community.

These include:

Cuban Collection

Florida Collection
& Romer Photography Collection

Genealogy Department

Government Documents

Orchestral Scores Collection

Schomburg Collection

The Permanent Art Collection & Vasari Project

Outreach Services

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Jump Start
Storytime Kit Program

Project L.E.A.D.
Literacy Program that Teaches Adults How to Read

Mobile Library
Library on Wheels

Talking Books
Provides Braille and Audio Materials to Visually Impaired Patrons

Connections
Offers Library Materials for the Homebound

Programming

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Childrens

Reading Ready

Bookmark Contest

Summer Reading

Teens

T-shirt Contest

Photo Contest

YOUmedia Miami

Adults

Creative Aging

Computer 101/Internet Classes

Celebrating 14 years of International Partnerships

Highlighting the important role of storytelling in education, culture and recreation

Service Needs

Guiding Questions

What services must be continued?

What services will need to be phased out, modified, enhanced, or introduced?

Service Trends

Relational: It's a place where people connect, share and create the atmosphere. Build lifelong relationships.

Authentic: Consumer trust is key. Relevance to the community and its current needs informs choices of materials & services.

Responsive: Assess the current user needs and while simultaneously looking ahead to the future trends and positioning.

Personalised: Does the community feel this is a place where they belong? Can they see themselves and their needs represented?

Creative: People work in different ways and spaces can create the vibe for meaningful experiences and lifelong growth.

"To most people it's just a place to go
for a good story, entertainment and time to be with friends."

Service Trends

Self-Service Solutions

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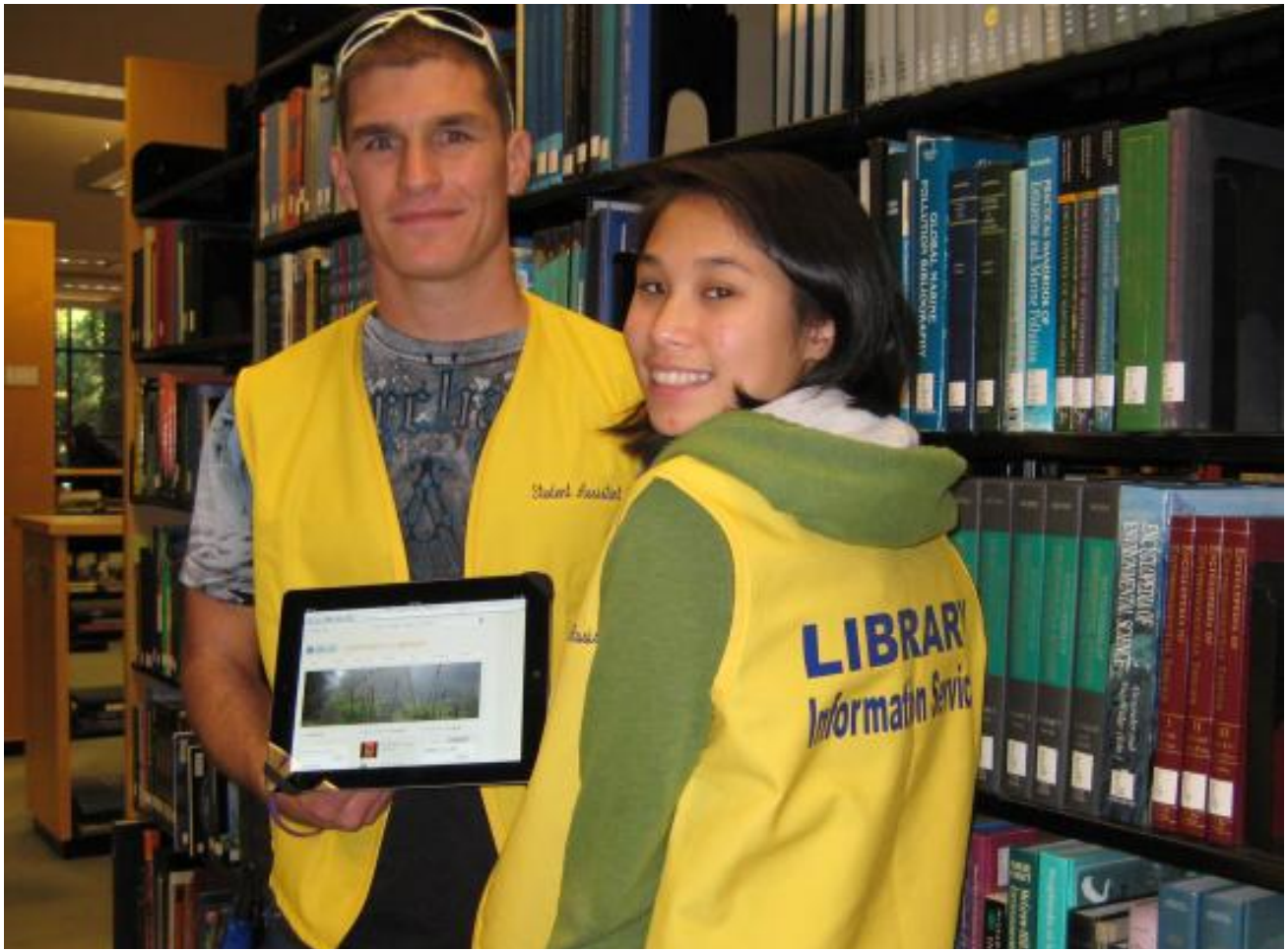
Personalized Assistance & “Life Support”

Multiple Service Points – Real & Mobile



Staff Expertise & Sharing the Wealth

The Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library Speakers Bureau brings audiences quality speakers and trainers – specialists that will entertain, inspire or inform. Think of us the next time you're looking for a speaker for your organization's events. Bookmark this page for quick and easy access to this community resource. Speakers and topics are updated periodically.

Brian Adams

- Titanic Remembered
- Kansas Biographies
- Classic Film Stars of the 30's and 40s

Charity Rouse

- Songs of the American Temperance Movement
- Kansas Songs Through the Years
- Why do I Geek Genealogy?

David Lee King

- Emerging Trends and How They are Impacting Your Organization
- Video on the Web: A Primer

Deborah Bryan

- It's Not Your Grandmother's Christian Fiction Anymore
- Stick a Book in Your Ear: Download an e-audiobook from your library

James Mosher

- Healing Music
- Harping for Hospice
- Wicca/Paganism

Jeff Imparato

- How to Find Grants for Your Nonprofit

Request a Speaker

If you want to have a speaker come to your group and talk about library services choose "Library Services" instead of a speaker on the form below under Speaker Requested.

Select Speaker & Topic

Speaker Requested

Becky Hinton

Choose a Topic for Becky Hinton *

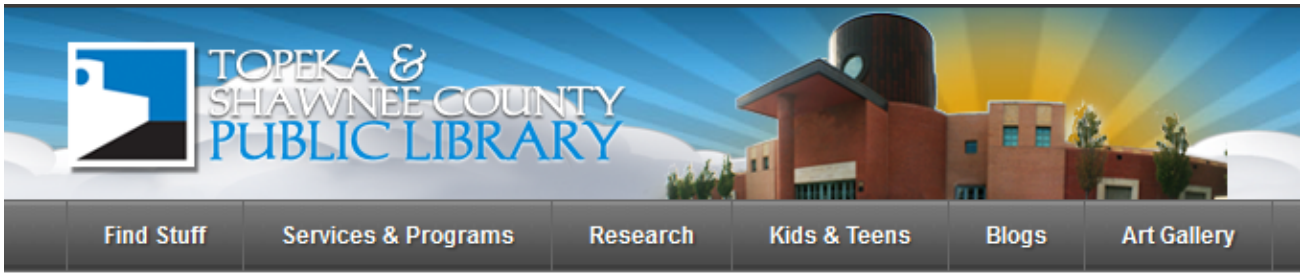
Computer Training Center

Topics

Please list one or more of the topics are are of interest to your group.

Technology Experts & Consumer Advisors

Community Sharing Knowledge & Ideas



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Recipe Assistants

Welcome to the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library's Recipe Request page. This page is designed to help you find the perfect recipe to fit your needs. Need a dish for a special occasion? Trying to duplicate a recipe that your grandmother used to make? Want something new to serve to your kids? Give us a try. We are two librarians with a passion for cooking and reading and collecting recipes and cookbooks. We hope to be your recipe "assistants" for whatever culinary mission you are on.

Idea Store Whitechapel, London, UK

A traditional library is ***combined with space for classes.***

The flagship building of a program that aimed to push libraries into the 21st century, ***including the latest digital technology***.

Technology that Matches Customer Interests

Patrons can use these Tank U stations to download digital content to their phones so they can enjoy it whenever they like.

Some Future Trends & Possibilities

Closing the gap between biology & technology

International Wireless Network

Artificial Intelligence

Increasing Entrepreneurial/Flex work force

Increased free time

Virtual Education

Prosumers' rather than Consumers (producers-consumers)

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