

## **Program Plan / Calendar of Events**

Programming supports the mission of the Miami-Dade Public Library System by providing customers with information, education and recreational opportunities. For many Miami-Dade County residents, the Library System is one of the most significant representatives of their tax dollars at work. The public has come to rely on the library for crucial training on real-world skills, such as career planning, access to e-government and small business management. The library is also a major source for culture and entertainment – offering more than 15,000 programs each year. These programs are part of a comprehensive plan that is developed with the input of librarians, library administrators, and the public. Contents of the plan are developed based on public feedback on prior years programs, and are also guided by national and international standards/ trends in library services, through the American Library Association(ALA), Public Library Association(PLA), Florida Library Association (FLA), and the International Federation of Library Associations(IFLA). Best practices from local and national library systems are employed in the development of the plan. The library's delivery of its programs, both inside its building and outside in the community, fill a great void for residents who would otherwise have no access to these sources of education and entertainment. It is essential for the well-being of Miami-Dade County and for the public's perception of County government that the library system continues to provide these programs so vitally needed by all of its residents.

The library's Program division wears many hats. They plan the program schedule on an annual basis making sure to coordinate with the calendars of elected officials who are participants in many of the programs. They contract all artists and facilitators work with the Communications unit to design and disseminate publicity materials both in print and online. They order all necessary supplies. Place and monitor all work orders for set-up. They collect and assess evaluations from the performer, the audience and the librarian in charge.

Following is the Annual Program Plan that includes activities, resource and programs focusing on:  
(in alphabetical order)

- o Culture
- o Environment
- o Health & Wellness
- o Language Classes
- o Learning
- o Partnerships
- o Seniors
- o Technology

In this Program Plan, is the Annual Calendar of Events based around themes including:

- o Art of Storytelling Festival & Related Activities
- o Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
- o Back to School
- o Book Mark Contest
- o Black History Month
- o Caribbean Heritage Month
- o Children's Book Week
- o Cuban American Independence Day
- o Haitian Heritage Programming
- o Hispanic Heritage Month & Viva Florida 500
- o Jewish American Heritage Month
- o National Library Week
- o National Poetry Month
- o Summer Reading Programs
- o Teen Read Week
- o Women's History Month
- o World Cup Soccer 2014

It is important to note that this list does not include the many ongoing storytimes, book discussion groups, computer classes, etc.

## **Miami-Dade Public Library System Programming Plan FY 13/14**

### **Programming Theme: *Learn for a Lifetime @ Your Library***

#### **Programming Priorities for Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

- Programming Partnerships
  - South Florida Workforce
  - Office of the State Attorney
    - Kendall Branch
    - West Kendall Regional
    - West Dade Regional
  - Classical Music with Marina
  - Florida Grand Opera
  - Disability Services and Education
    - Anti-Defamation League - Reading Ready Storytimes
    - Rina Yoga
    - Parent to Parent
    - VSA Arts
    - Awareness Advocates
    - Signing Stories/ASL
    - Arts 4 Learning
- Seniors
  - Alliance for Aging
  - Computer Literacy
  - Social Media Classes
  - Art Classes – Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Etc.
- Environmental
  - IFAS/UF Extension – Green Yard Programs
  - Farmer's Markets

- Technology
  - Petting Zoos
  - Graphic Design Classes
  - STEM Programs for Children
  - Code Writing Classes
  - Learning how to use new technology
    - Smartphone Classes
    - Tablet Classes
    - Downloading Ebooks and Music Classes
- Learning
  - Hands-on Learning – Sewing, Bike Repair, Making Things
  - Financial Planning – Saving, Home Buying, Retirement
  - Cooking Classes – Thai, Caribbean, French, etc.
  - Language Classes
    - ESOL
    - Haitian-Creole
    - Spanish
    - French
    - Portuguese
- Health & Wellness
  - Physical Fitness Programs –
    - Zumba
    - Mobile Gyms
    - Tai Chi for Mind, Body and Soul
    - Yoga Meditation
  - Nutrition Programs -
    - Getting Kids to Eat Healthy– Nutrition expert Peggy Gaines will share recipes that are packed full of healthy foods, but are appetizing for children. Participants will learn how to make spaghetti out of squash, muffins with secret spinach and many more fun foods that pack a vitamin punch.
    - FLIPANY – Florida Introduces Physical Activity and Nutrition for Youth  
Parents and children can learn about new foods and start building the skills necessary to help children make healthy food choices.
    - Botany & Medicine – This program will provide information on healing with plants and herbs.

- Healthy Eating, Local and Organic – Representatives from Whole Foods Market will provide tips on selecting organic produce that is grown close to home.
- Book n' Cookin -A fun-filled storytime that offers a handy lesson in nutrition. Children will learn about the food pyramid; what a balanced meal looks like, and how to make healthy, satisfying lunches.

## General Themes and Special Events by Month

### October 2013

- Culture and Language Series
  - Fantasy Theatre Factory, Halloween Programs
- Hispanic Heritage Month & Viva Florida 500
  - Screening of Cuban America, a film by Adelin Gasana
    - Coral Reef Branch – Wednesday, October 9, 6 p.m.
    - Kendale Lakes Branch – Saturday, October 19, 4 p.m.
  - Stories *con Sabor* with Carrie Sue Ayvar
    - Golden Glades Branch - Wednesday, October 16, 3:30 p.m.
    - North Dade Regional – Wednesday, October 23, 3:30 p.m.
    - Palm Springs North Branch - Wednesday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.
- Teen Read Week Programs - October, marks the official observation of Teen Read Week, a national initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA) to encourage teens to read for the fun of it. The library system will celebrate this event with a number of special programs and activities for teens to enjoy. The program is presented in partnership with the Miami Dolphins Foundation.
  - County-wide T-shirt Design Contest
  - County-wide Outloud! Programs: Share a favorite poem, song, short story or excerpt from a book and receive community service hours and a Teen Read Week T-shirt designed by a fellow teen. \*Dates, times and locations subject to change
    - Allapattah – October 17, 3:30 pm
    - California Club – October 15, 6:30 pm
    - Coral Gables – October 18, 3:30 pm
    - Coral Reef – October 19, 4:30 pm
    - Culmer – October 26, 3 pm
    - I-Mall – October 22, 5:30 pm
    - Main Library- October 22, 4 pm
    - Miami Beach Regional – October 15, 3 pm

- Miami Lakes Branch on Saturday, October 12, 3:30 p.m.
- Naranja Branch – October 24, 4:30 p.m.
- North Dade Regional – Tuesday, October 22, 5 p.m.
- Shenandoah – Tuesday, October 22, 4 p.m. 10/22 @ 4pm
- West Kendall Regional - Tuesday, October 15 at 3:30pm

### **November 2013**

- Culture and Language Series
  - Florida Grand Opera – Read a Long, Sing a Long at West Flagler Branch
- National Gaming - Wii Gaming for Teens - Wii gaming is a popular activity, and a great way to help teens get fit.
- Make A Bookmark Contest – Why I Love My Library
- “The Whole Wide World @ Your Library” - Challenging kids to create a bookmark celebrating what the library’s treasure means to them and their families. Art programs accompany the contest at every branch of the library system.
  - Children’s Programs with Viva Florida 500 Twist
    - Florida Illustrators
    - Florida Stories: Native American Stories: Miccosukee, Seminole and Others

### **December 2013**

- Viva Florida 500 – Quilt Making Workshop, Christmas in Florida?
- Make A Bookmark Contest Grand Prize Party at Main Library on Saturday, December 7 or 14
- Culture and Language Series
  - Florida Grand Opera – Read a Long, Sing a Long

### **January 2014**

- Metlife – “Get Social @ Your Library”, A 6-Week Series
  - Miami Lakes Branch
  - Homestead Branch
  - Miami Beach Regional (Using their grant and Conni Gordon)
  - Kendale Lakes
  - North Central Branch

- *International Art of Storytelling*
  - *Reading Ready* Program – Programs inclusive of storytelling, dance, music, art and movement designed for parents of children 0-5 years - to help them develop early literacy skills in their children at all branch libraries.
  - Teen Showcase - Gaming tournaments leading to the International Festival Day at selected branches.
- Black History Month
  - Teen Photography Contest
  - Family Programs
    - African Dance & Drumming
    - Arts & Crafts
    - African American & Floridian Authors
- Culture and Language Series/Viva Florida 500
  - Florida Grand Opera – Read a Long, Sing a Long at West Flagler Branch
- Teen Programs
  - SAT/ACT Workshops

## **February 2014**

- *International Art of Storytelling*
  - Teen Showcase - Gaming tournaments leading to the International Festival Day at selected branches.
  - Mini festival – AOS tellers, Arts & Crafts, face painters.
- Black History Month, cont'd
- Culture and Language Series
  - Florida Grand Opera – Read a Long, Sing a Long
  - Special Programs at Select Branches
- Environmental Awareness Programs with University of Florida / Miami-Dade County Extension Services. Includes how to grow native plants, making rain barrels and general landscaping.
- Teen Programs
  - SAT/ACT Workshops

## **March 2014**

- International *Art of Storytelling* – Pre-festival programs scheduled at select branches
  - Professional Storytelling Workshops
  - Literary Art Showcase Series – Series of cultural and literary programs at various branches geared towards children 6-12 years. Occurring during Spring Break.
  - Teen Showcase - Gaming tournaments leading to the International Festival Day
  - Story Slams & Open Mic – Teens tell their own true-to-life stories without preparation.
- Culture and Language Series
  - Florida Grand Opera – Read a Long, Sing a Long
- Environmental Awareness Programs with University of Florida / Miami-Dade County Extension Services. Includes how to grow native plants, making rain barrels and general landscaping. Other possible partners include Deering Estate.
- Teen Programs
  - SAT/ACT Workshops
- Women's History Month - Programs, Book Displays, Bibliography and Author Readings at all branch libraries.

## **April 2014**

- International *Art of Storytelling*
  - International Exchange with Italy – Librarians from Italy will visit MDPLS to present workshops and share information on their culture with library staff and the community.
  - Tales Under the Stars – a celebration of tales old and new at selected branches and other county locations- Fairchild and Deering Estate.
  - Mini-festival – Celebrating Italy at the Branch.
  - Professional Storytelling Workshops geared towards parents, educators and storytellers
  - International Festival Day on April 27- Celebrating the wonderful sights and sounds of various cultures through music, dance, storytelling and more at Main Library.
- Culture and Language Series
  - Florida Grand Opera – Read a Long, Sing a Long
- Earth Day – Recycle Craft Activities and “Green” Extension Programs at selected branches.
- National Library Week – A national celebration commemorating the contributions of the nation's libraries and librarians. Community leaders will visit library branches and read to children at all branch libraries.



- National Poetry Month - first introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States. It is celebrated every April in the United States and Canada at all branch libraries.
  - Teen Poetry Contest – Teens write poems and enter for a chance to win prizes at all branch libraries.

## **May 2014**

- Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month
  - Thai Spice – A Savory Cooking Expedition: An Introduction of Flavors and Ingredients used in Thai dishes
- Children's Book Week - the national celebration of books and reading for youth. Since 1919, Children's Book Week has been celebrated countywide with author & illustrator appearances, storytelling and other book-related events at selected branches.
- Cuban American Independence Day
- Culture and Language Series
  - Special Programs at Select Branches
  - Spanish Cinema - film clips and discussion of cinematic styling, technology, form and narrative of the Spanish cinema led by Barron Sherer.
- Haitian Heritage Programming
- Jewish American Heritage Month

## **June 2014**

- Caribbean Heritage Month
- Culture and Language Series
- Summer Reading Program for All Ages- "Let's Move at the Library" Provides six-weeks of special programs and activities to encourage kids to read while school is out. Children can win prizes including laptops, iPods and more. Presented in partnership with the Miami Dolphins Foundation at all branch libraries.
  - World Cup Soccer 2014 - The Library System will continue to highlight the Brazilian cities that will be hosting the 2014 World Cup. This celebration includes a history lesson on the city and indoor/outdoor soccer fun and activities.

## **July 2014**

- Summer Reading Program for All Ages - "Let's Move at the Library" Provides six-weeks of special programs and activities to encourage kids to read while school is out. Children can win prizes including laptops, iPods and more. Presented in partnership with the Miami Dolphins Foundation

## **August 2014**

- Back to School
  - Interactive science and art programs for children.
- Culture and Language Series

## **September 2014**

- Back to School
  - Interactive science and art programs for children.
- Culture and Language Series
- Hispanic Heritage Month