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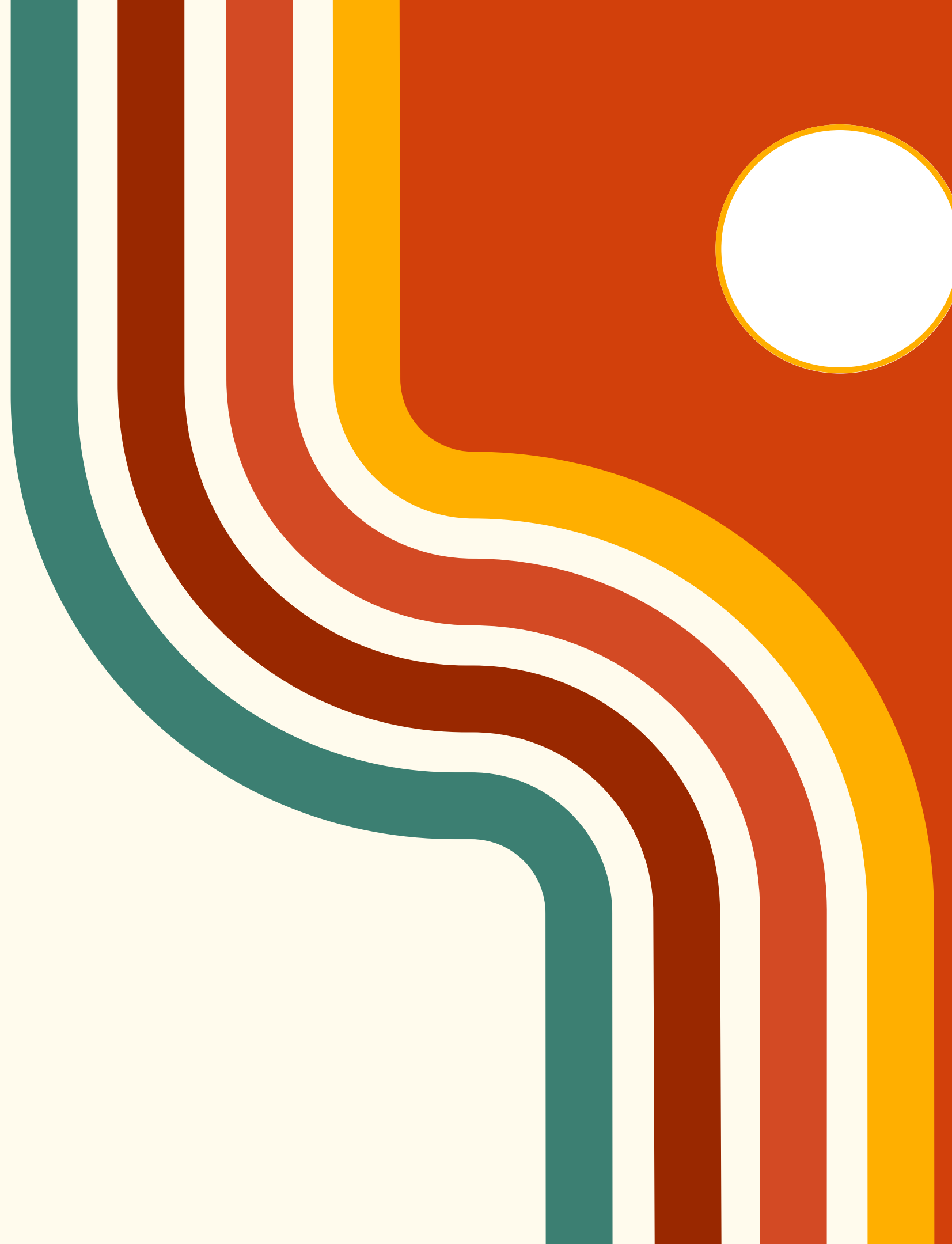
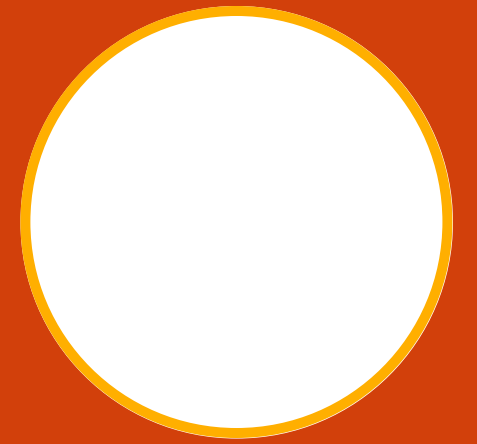
*Public programming as a tool
for archival advocacy*

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Miami-Dade Public Library System

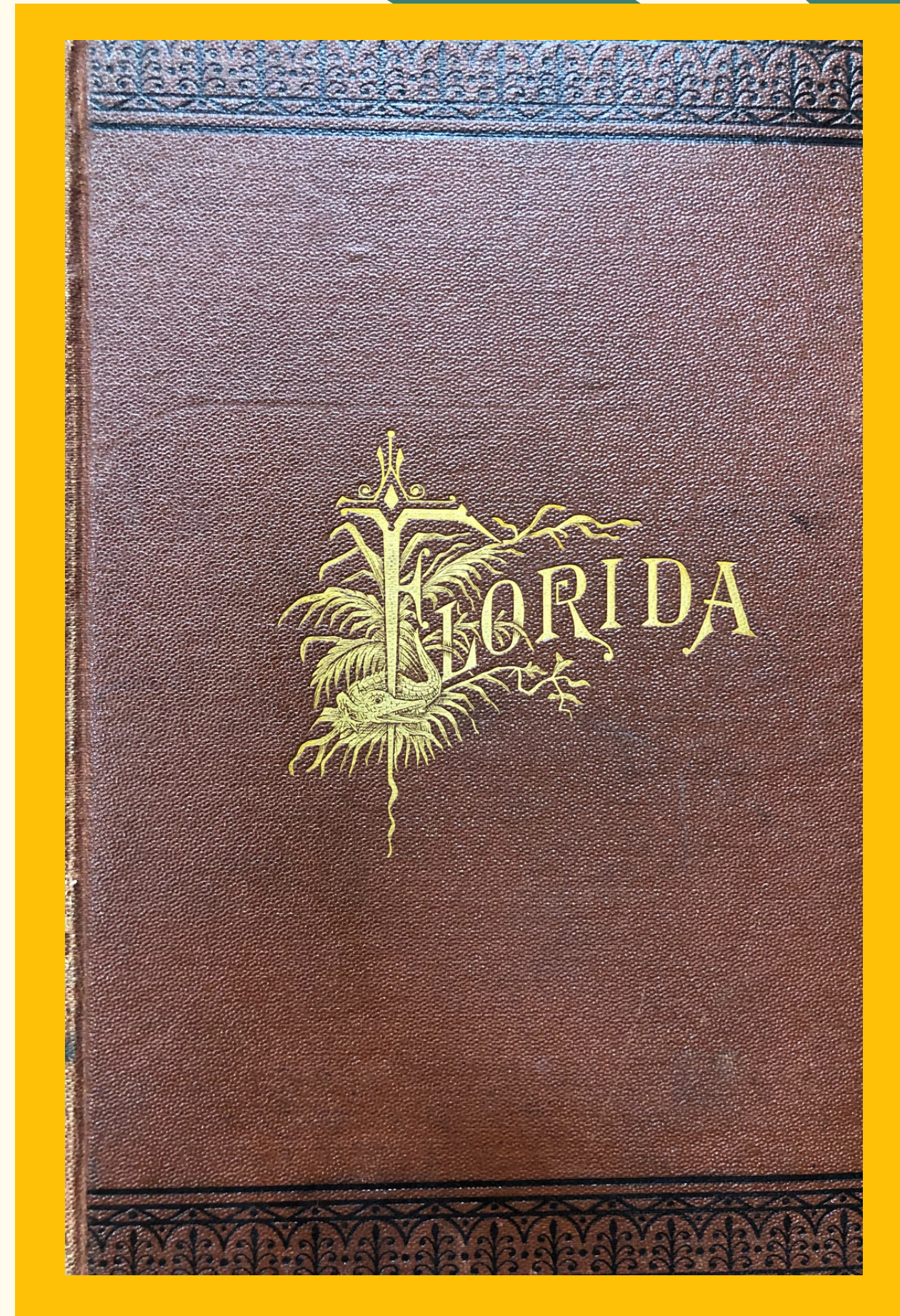
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2023 Annual Conference



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Voices from Florida is a monthly public program hosted and curated by the Special Collections & Archives Division of the Miami-Dade Public Library System, focused on highlighting unique stories about Florida's history, culture, environment, and communities.

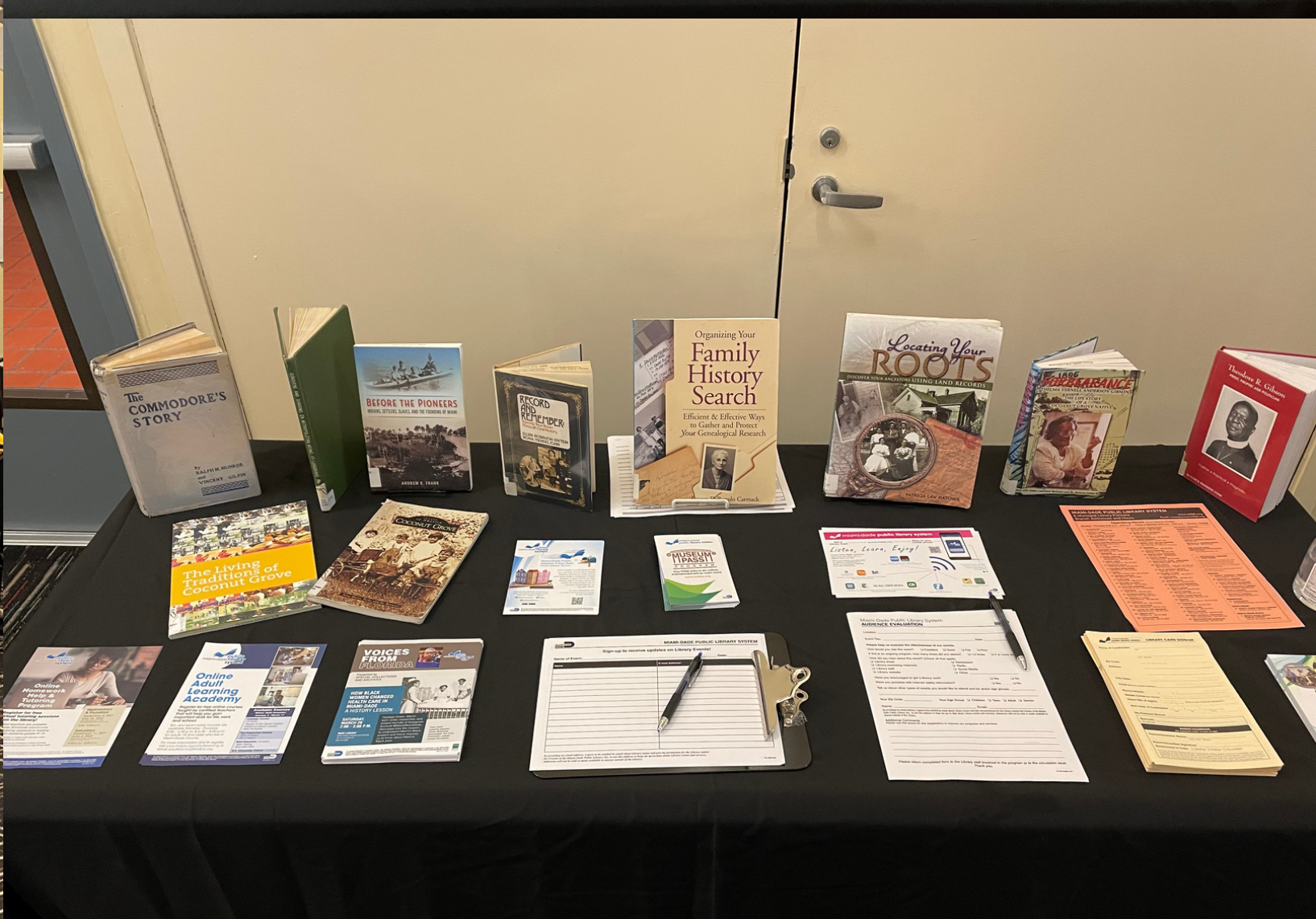
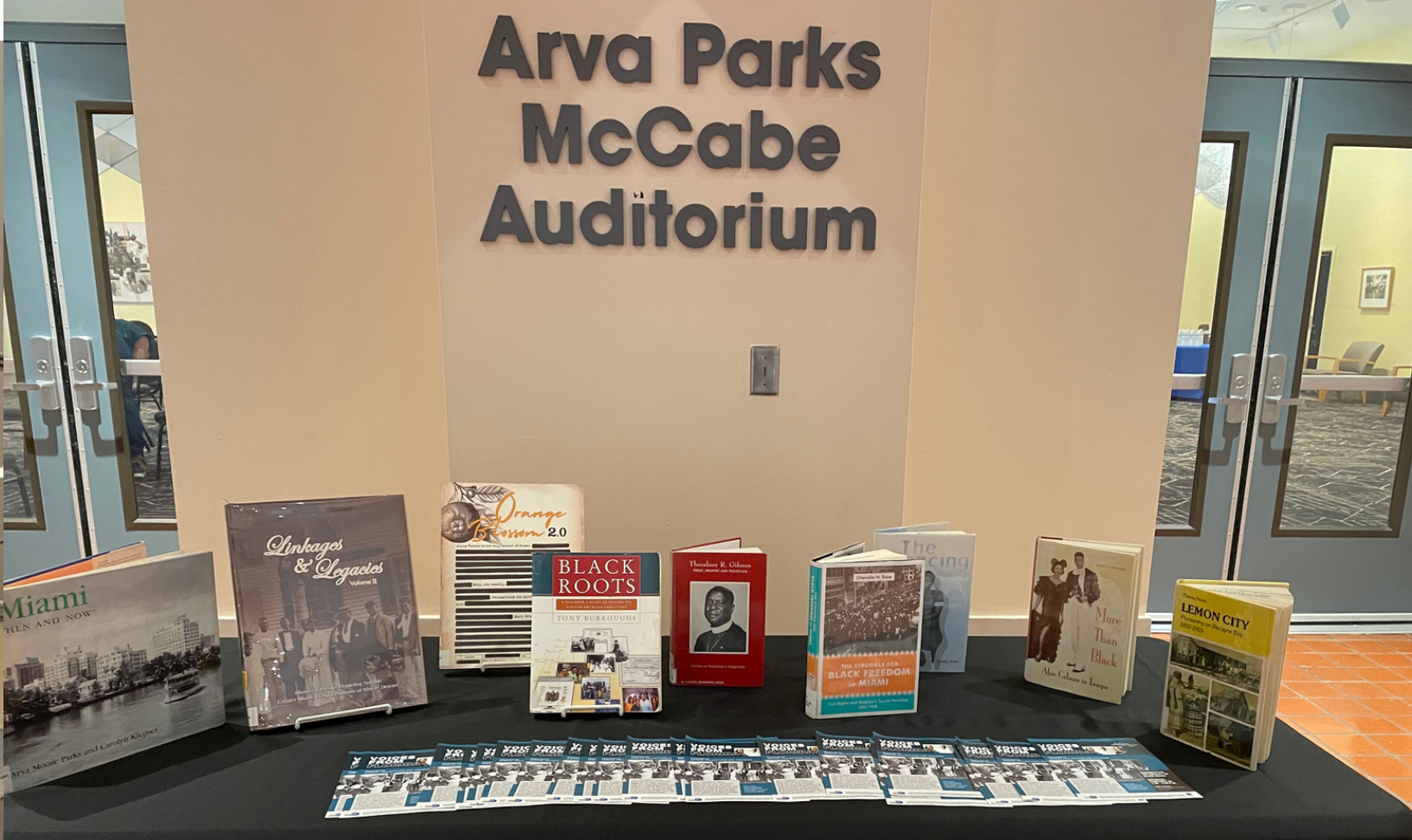


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The program also serves to advocate for the available resources for library patrons, which include archives, books, databases, and more. Critical to this message is the preservation and long-term care of historical and culturally significant materials that are within the library's collections.









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Listen to Park Ranger Gary Bremen's fascinating stories about the native people, shipwrecks, pirates, presidents and more that have made Biscayne National Park one of the most interesting places in the world.



Registration is required. For more information and to register, please contact Main Library at 305-375-2665, scan the QR code or visit mdpls.org/events. Zoom link will be emailed to participants within 24 hours of the event start time.

Online Event

Finding Freedom on Biscayne Bay: A Brief History of Biscayne National Park

Tuesday, August 30
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



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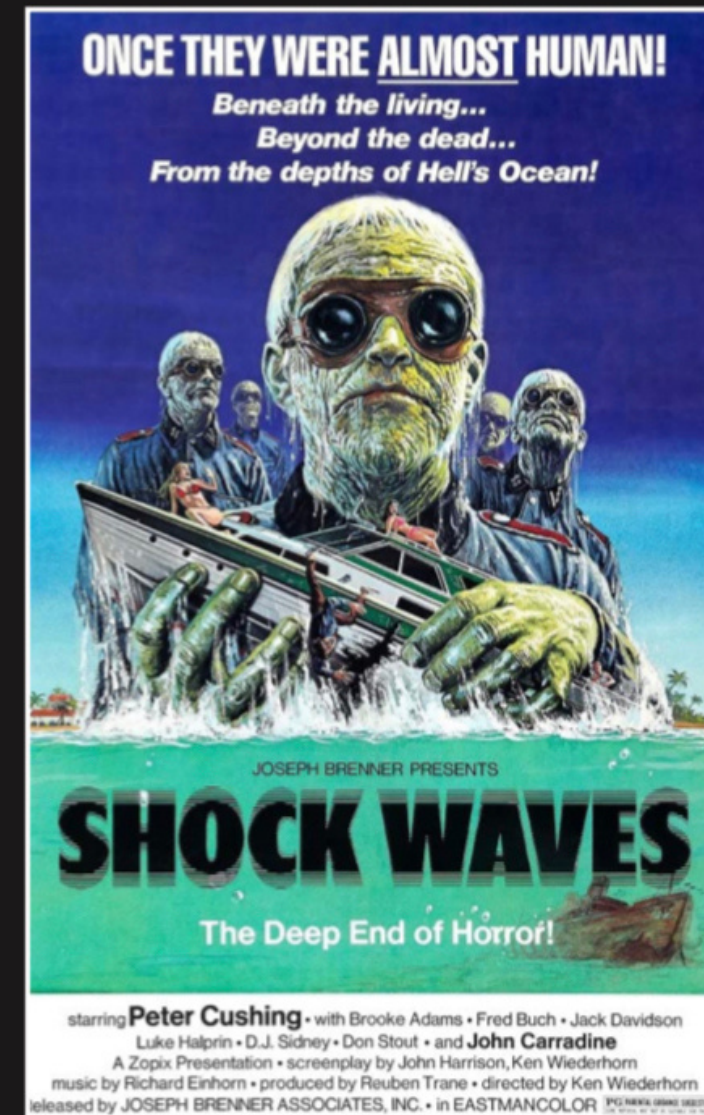


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Local history meets horror in this engaging discussion of four fright films made in and around South Florida. Join Florida International University Librarian Eduardo Fojo as he provides interesting film facts, history and insightful critical commentary.

For more information, please contact the library or scan the QR code.

So-Fla's Scary Cinema
Saturday, October 22 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.



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All ages.

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Online Event

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Coral Morphologic in the Coral City

Thursday, April 27

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Find out what makes Miami the Coral City it is today. Go on a journey through space and time with Marine Biologist and co-founder of Coral Morphologic Colin Foord to learn about our coral reefs and their role in building a more sustainable and resilient future.

Coral Morphologic promotes coral conservation through art, science and technology.

All ages.



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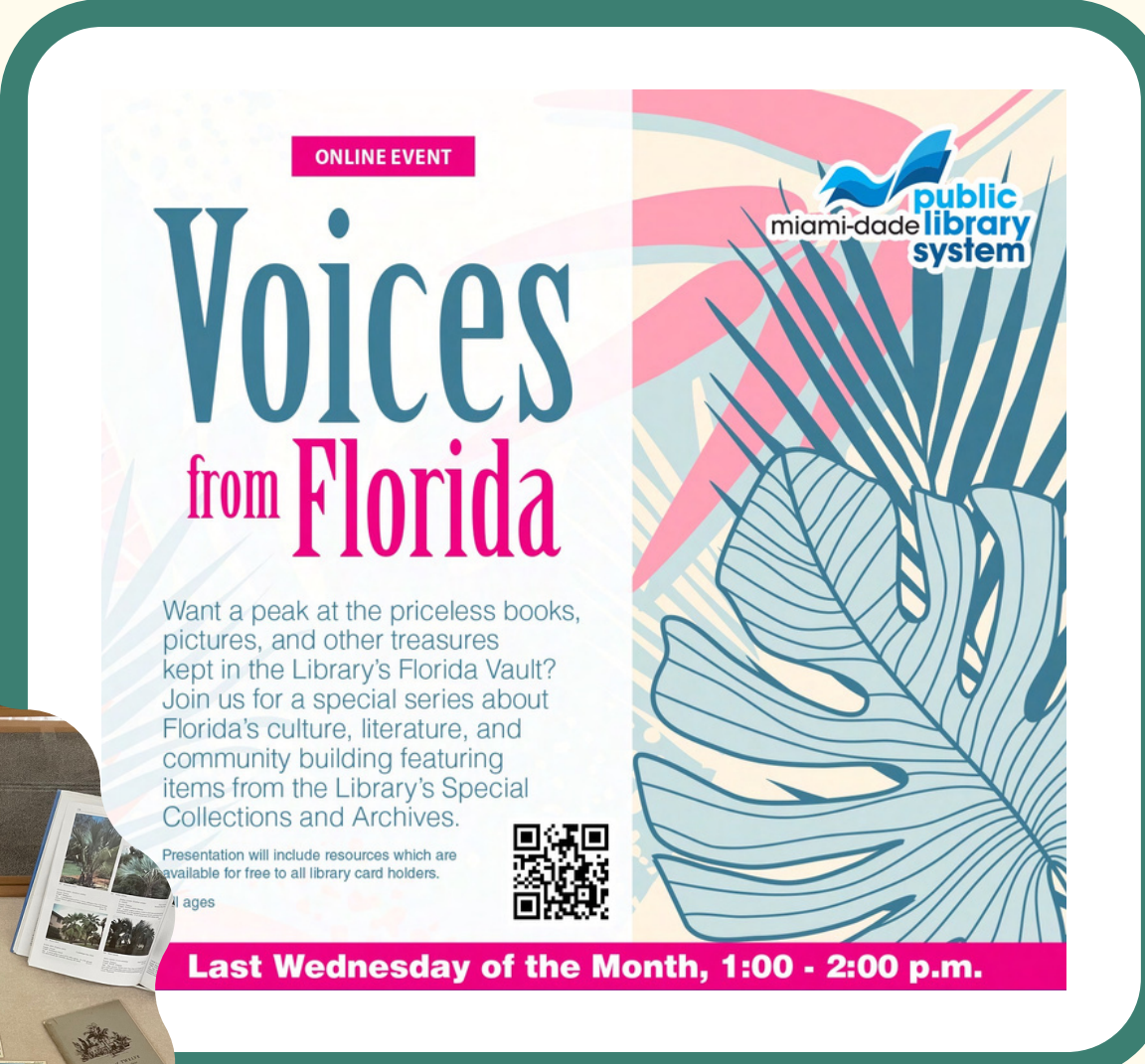
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the beginning

The series began in April 2021 as virtual programs that were created and presented by Special Collections & Archives staff



ONLINE EVENT

Voices from Florida

Want a peek at the priceless books, pictures, and other treasures kept in the Library's Florida Vault? Join us for a special series about Florida's culture, literature, and community building featuring items from the Library's Special Collections and Archives.

Presentation will include resources which are available for free to all library card holders.

18+ ages

Last Wednesday of the Month, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

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Online Event

Voices from Florida

MUSA ISLE

Seminole and Alligators

By James Lowther Berkebile

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MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES PRESENTS

VOICES FROM FLORIDA


LAST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

A HISTORICAL SURVEY ON MODEL CITY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

TO REGISTER EMAIL SPECIALCOLLECTIONS@MDPLS.ORG

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THIS ONLINE EVENT. REGISTRATION ZOOM LINK WILL BE EMAILED WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE EVENT.

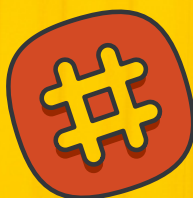


Program goals

Through the Voices from Florida program we aim to provide engaging discussions about Florida's rich cultural and historical legacy that will inspire patrons to further pursue their passion for knowledge by utilizing the Special Collections department.

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Focused on unique stories of Florida's history, culture, literature, and communities.



ENGAGEMENT

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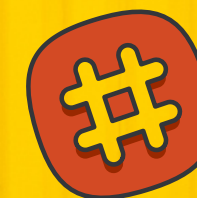
Highlight the available resources for library patrons, which include archives, books, databases and more.



ADVOCACY

3


Allow community historians, researchers, and advocates to tell their stories in their own voice and providing outside assistance when further research is needed.



RESEARCH



Grant funded growth



ONLINE EVENT SERIES

Voices from Florida

miami-dade public library system

The Library's Special Collection and Archives Department presents a special lecture series focusing on Florida's environment.

Presentation will include resources which are available for free to all library cardholders.


All ages

Saturdays, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- September 18**
Sacred Waters: Exploring the Protection of Florida's Fluid Landscapes by Victoria Machado
- October 16**
Ditch of Dreams: The Cross Florida Barge Canal & the Struggle for Florida's Future by Steve Noll
- November 20**
Marjorie Harris Carr: Defender of Florida's Environment by Peggy Macdonald

Space is limited for this online event. Visit the Library's Calendar of Events (mdpls.org/events) or call the branch to register. Zoom link will be emailed to registrants within 24 hours of the event start time.

Sponsored by



Main Library is hosting this event. For more information, call 305-375-2665.

Funding for this program was provided through a grant from the Florida Humanities with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of Florida Humanities or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

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Thanks to a grant from the Florida Humanities we were able to expand the program. We decided that all the events and speakers would focus on Florida's environment and its relation to water, climate change, and sustainability.

- ✦ By creating a themed series we had repeat engagement from patrons.
- ✦ Online events allowed us to reach patrons across the state!
- ✦ The grant funding allowed us to offer an honorarium to each of the speakers.

Collaborating with local storytellers

For our 2022 year of programming we made a targeted effort to reach out to local storytellers who had used library resources in their particular areas of interest. We found these presenters were some of our best advocates and were enthusiastic to have a platform to share their stories.

VOICES FROM FLORIDA

Presented by SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AND ARCHIVES

MARIAN ANDERSON IN MIAMI: A LASTING LEGACY

SATURDAY, APRIL 23
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

MAIN LIBRARY
ARVA PARKS MCCABE AUDITORIUM
101 W. FLAGLER ST.
305-375-2665

Marian Anderson was a world-renowned opera singer whose 1939 concert at the Lincoln Memorial made her an icon to the nation. In Miami she made an equally large impact when in 1952 she performed before the area's first integrated audience.

Join Angel Refusé, an opera singer and arts advocate, as he discusses how Marian Anderson's performances helped change the course of history in Miami and the nation. This presentation will amplify the narrative of Marian Anderson and her tremendous impact on Miami.
All ages.

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Allapattah's Little Santo Domingo: Main Street Con Sabor

Saturday, May 21
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MAIN LIBRARY
ARVA PARKS MCCABE AUDITORIUM
101 W. FLAGLER ST. • 305-375-2665

Highlighting immigrant stories that have shaped the community, Mileyka Burgos-Flores, and Miguelina Garcia share a historical overview of the Dominican Diaspora in Miami and how Allapattah Main Street is helping build a path forward through economic development and community inclusivity.

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The Lost City of Islandia, Florida

Saturday, August 20
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

MAIN LIBRARY
101 West Flagler St. • 305-375-2665

In 1961, well-connected property owners incorporated the City of Islandia, a series of islands in Biscayne Bay where hotels, golf courses, and resorts were planned. As a result of collective opposition from conservationists, the area became part of Biscayne National Park instead. Join Jason Katz, publisher of *Islandia Journal*, as he tells the history of this important environmental victory and the lessons we can learn from it.

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Creating community connections

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Join AnnMarie Henry, Keith Moore and Christine Malcolm as they discuss their documentary series *The History of Black Miami*, which tells the story of the people of the African diaspora who built Miami from the mid-19th century to present day.

DOCUMENTING THE HISTORY OF BLACK MIAMI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

MAIN LIBRARY
ARVA PARKS MCCABE AUDITORIUM
101 W. FLAGLER ST.
305-375-2665

Face mask/covering required. Social distancing encouraged. For more information, please contact the branch.

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A teacher and several students from Booker T. Washington High School attended the February event because they were working on research projects about Black history in Miami but were having trouble finding resources. They stayed after the program for an impromptu tour.



blackmiamidade

132 likes

blackmiamidade (3/4) This week, young scholars from Booker T. Washington High in Overtown are taking over this page with their research on Black Miami history. As the school year comes to an end, please give them all the love and encouragement in the comments.

John E. Culmer was a minister and leader in Miami's civil rights movement.

The students then attended the March presentation which led to a collaboration with Nadege Green who featured the students' research on her Instagram account @BlackMiamiDade.

VOICES FROM FLORIDA

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HOW BLACK WOMEN CHANGED HEALTH CARE IN MIAMI-DADE: A HISTORY LESSON

SATURDAY, MARCH 26
2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

MAIN LIBRARY
ARVA PARKS MCCABE AUDITORIUM
101 W. FLAGLER ST.
305-375-2665

Nadege Green, Miami-born writer, researcher, and project founder of Instagram account @BlackMiamiDade discusses how the mission to understand Miami's Black present and future requires us to know about Miami's Black past.

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The teacher then extended an invite to present about how to conduct research using the Florida Collection. 40 kids signed up for library cards and new research skills were acquired!

Programs promote library resources

MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Librarian
- Newsbank: The Miami Herald Collection
- Ancestry Library Edition
- Digital Collection (Sanborn Collection, City of Miami Incorporation Paper)
- Interlibrary Loan (The Library of Congress)
- The Vault (Reference not found on floor)
- Microfilm
- Books
- City Directory
- Scholarly Journals (Tesquesta, JSTOR)

TYPES OF RESOURCES

- Census Records
- Family Records (Photographs, Family Tree)
- Vital Records (Birth Records, Death Certificates)
- Newspapers (local, national and international)
 - Miami Herald
 - Miami Metropolis
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
- United States Department of Interior (Homestead Act Documents)
- FloridaMemory.com (State Library and Archives of Florida)

**“THERE IS HISTORY IN PLAIN SIGHT THAT IS NOT
ACKNOWLEDGED.
THERE IS HISTORY IN PLAIN SIGHT THAT IS NOT
EXPLORED AND
THERE IS HISTORY IN PLAIN SIGHT THAT IS
PROGRESSIVELY BEING TORN DOWN.”**

-CHRISTINE MALCOLM

Slides created by Christine Malcolm illustrating the many library resources she relied on when doing research for a documentary series titled The History of Black Miami, a project of AnneMarie Henry, Keith Moore, & Malcolm.

Experiments with the format



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Humans in the Everglades – Past and Present

Saturday, July 23
1:00 p.m. - Hands-on Activity
2:00 p.m. - Lecture

KENDALE LAKES BRANCH LIBRARY
15205 SW 88 St. • 305-388-0326

Learn about the “River of Grass” and its history from an Everglades National Park Ranger.

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CELEBRATING LGBTQ PRIDE

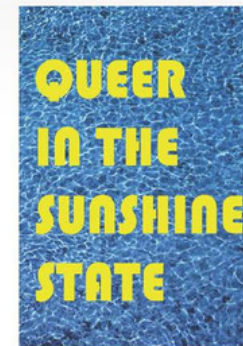
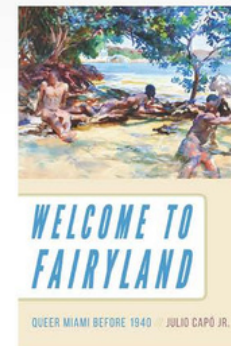
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Queer in the Sunshine State

All ages.



Saturday, June 25
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Miami Beach Regional Library
227 22nd Street • 305-535-4219



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Evento en línea

VOCES DE LA FLORIDA



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Miami Oculto

Miércoles, 26 de octubre
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



Se requiere inscripción. Para obtener más información e inscribirse, comuníquese con Main Library llamando al 305-375-2665 o visite la página de internet mdpls.org/events. El enlace de Zoom se enviará por correo electrónico a los participantes en las 24 horas anteriores al inicio del evento.

¿Qué es el Miami oculto? Lo que no sabías de Miami. Ven con nosotros y entérate de los secretos que encierra el Castillo de Coral (Coral Castle) de Miami, los mitos sobre el icónico hotel Biltmore en Coral Gables y la historia del cementerio más antiguo de la ciudad, el *Miami City Cemetery*.

Para todas las edades.



Para solicitar materiales en formato accesible, los servicios de un intérprete del lenguaje de señas, y/o cualquier adaptación para participar en algún programa o reunión auspiciada por el Sistema de Bibliotecas Públicas de Miami-Dade, comuníquese con Monica Martinez por el teléfono 305-375-5094 o el correo electrónico programs@mdpls.org con cinco días de antelación para darle curso a su solicitud. Los usuarios del sistema de retransmisión TTY también pueden llamar al 711 (Florida Relay Service).



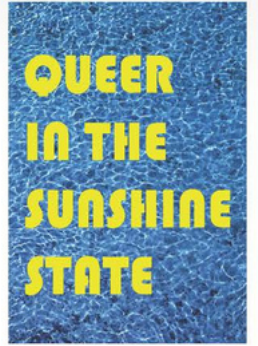
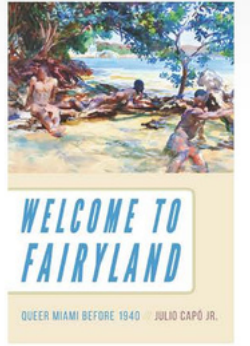


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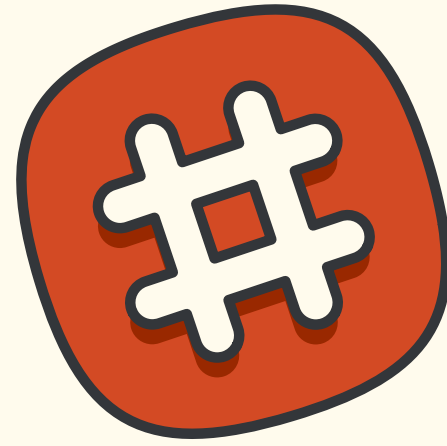
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Programs bring awareness



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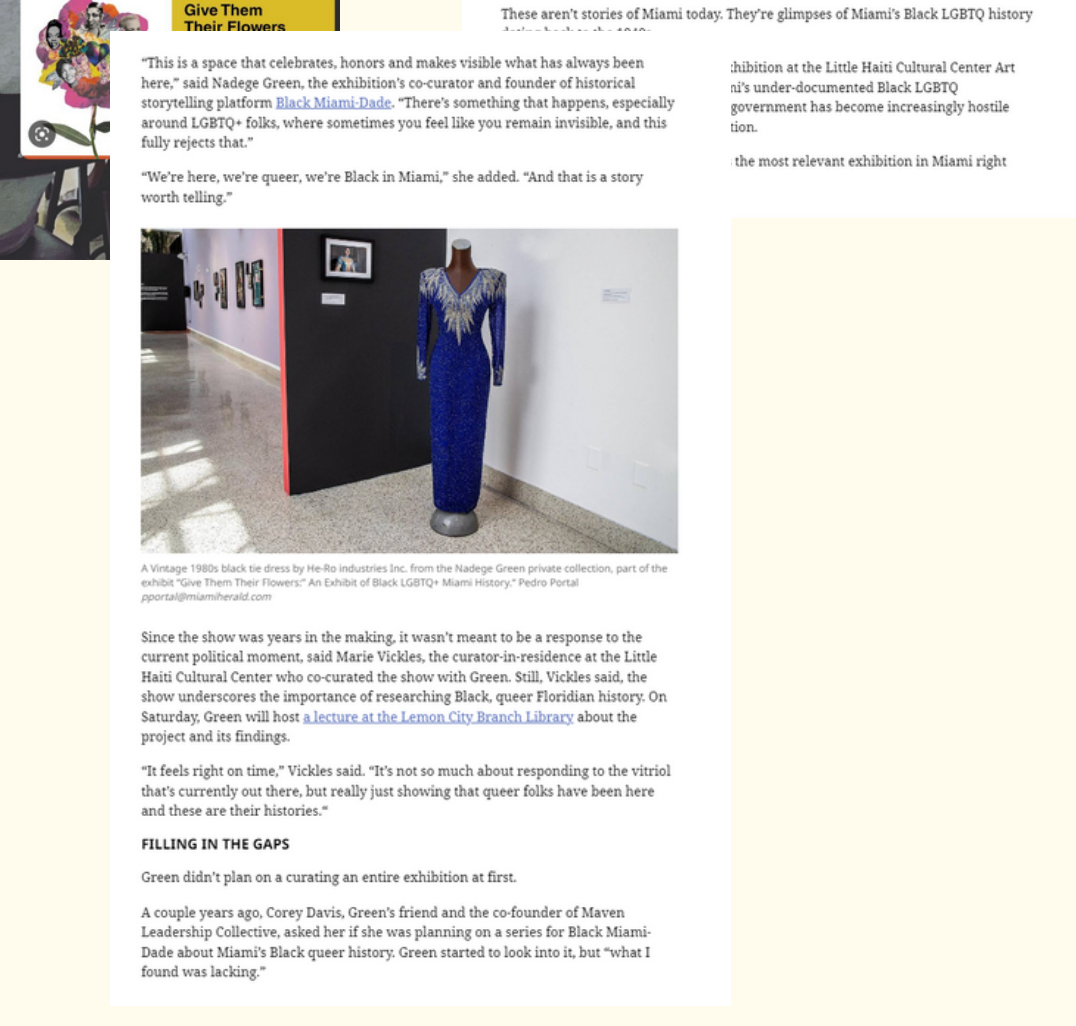
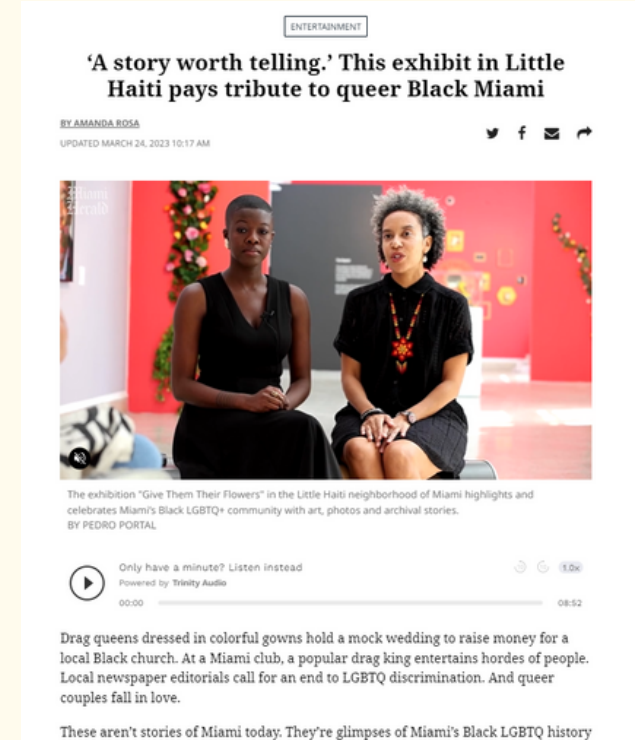
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Reflections & Results



23

programs

over a three year period



566

patrons engaged

both virtually and in-person

When developing programs in-house it was beneficial to tie the program to an exhibit to cut down on research time

Partnering with local creatives allowed us to bring unique stories about our communities to patrons while highlighting the multitude of ways archives get utilized!

Next stage

In March 2023 the program was awarded a Community Projects Grant through the Florida Humanities!
This grant will allow the program to expand to multiple branches throughout the system and will continue to include virtual programs!



questions? thoughts? suggestions? email me @ labudak@mdpls.org