**Miami-Dade Public Libraries opens annual Summer Reading Challenge, Homework Help & Tutoring and other summer events and activities**

The Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) has officially opened its summer programming, including the annual Summer Reading Challenge, Homework Help and Tutoring summer sessions and many more fun events and activities.

People of all ages can get in on the reading fun by joining the [MDPLS 2022 Summer Reading Challenge](http://www.mdpls.org/2022SummerReading) now through August 13 for a chance to win great prizes. Every 30 minutes spent reading or listening to a book earns an entry into the prize drawing at the end of the challenge. Residents can attend any library programs and events, including special [summer-themed programs](http://www.mdpls.org/2022summerreading#programs), to earn additional entries. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.mdpls.org/2022SummerReading](http://www.mdpls.org/2022SummerReading) or any [MDPLS location](https://www1.mdpls.org/webservices/locator/). The 2022 Summer Reading Challenge is made possible in part by sponsors Miami Marlins, HistoryMiami Museum, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, Phillip and Patricia Frost Museum of Science, Wendy’s and Friends of the Miami-Dade Public Library.

Additionally, keeping kids and teens engaged with summer reading and learning programs helps combat “summer slide,” the loss of knowledge gained during the school year. The [MDPLS Homework Help and Tutoring Program](http://www.mdpls.org/tutor) helps prevent summer learning loss with free tutoring by certified teachers in math, reading and science available through August 13 for students grades K-12. Group sessions take place on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at 29 participating library locations and one-on-one online sessions are offered on Wednesdays from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. For more information, a list of participating library locations and to schedule an online tutoring session, visit [www.mdpls.org/tutor](http://www.mdpls.org/tutor) or call 305-375-1413.

Library cardholders who need access to the internet or a computer may borrow a Wi-Fi hotspot or Chromebook laptop or tablet with free built-in internet from any library location to take home and use for 30 days (renewable up to three times if no other customer is waiting) through the [MDPLS Mobile Device Lending Program](https://www.mdpls.org/mobile-device). Don’t have a library card? Visit [www.mdpls.org/library-card](http://www.mdpls.org/library-card) to apply for an eCard (electronic card) or sign up at any library.