

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO- 00-06 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2000 AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

School library media centers are an integral part of the total educational program in public schools. The American Library Association (ALA) annually designates April as School Library Media Month to focus citizens' attention on school library media center resources such as books, computers, and other educational materials that help students learn and grow throughout their lives. Today, more than ever, school library media centers provide activities that help students of all ages read, team, and connect with resources needed for school, work, or personal fulfillment. This year, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' theme for School Library Media Month is ***Connecting Families Through Reading***.

***Connecting Families Through Reading*** supports the Superintendent's family literacy initiative. During School Library Media Month, schools are being asked to highlight family/reading-based activities that showcase the many resources and programs available in library media centers, including the Internet-based research databases purchased by the District. Specifically, library media programs will focus on family literacy and the importance of connecting families through reading. Parents, school board members, and community leaders will be asked to share their reading experiences with students. Library Media Services will distribute brochures and press releases that highlight all District sponsored family literacy initiatives as well as other reading activities (e.g., reading promotion program with WEDR radio disc jockeys). ***Connecting Families Through Reading*** activities also support research results that children who read along with parents or other caregivers develop a love of reading and an appreciation for literature that will remain with them throughout their lives.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming the month of April 2000 as School Library Media Month, Connecting Families Through Reading, in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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**WHEREAS**, the quest for knowledge by school students is stimulated and developed through the use of educational resources and services provided by school library media programs; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media programs provide access to a wide variety of necessary educational materials such as books, magazines, audio and video tapes, laser discs, instructional television, computer software and information databases, as well as the technology needed to utilize these resources; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media programs are vital to building a nation of readers and creating a lifelong love of reading among our children and youth; and

**WHEREAS**, school library media programs provide learning activities designed to enhance reading motivation and establish the information literacy skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the full potential of school library media programs is dependent upon trained professional library media specialists whose varied skills assist teachers and students in effectively using this wide range of information resources; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that special recognition be given to school library media programs and the role of school library media specialists in education throughout the state and the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming the month of April 2000 as School Library Media Month in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this 12th day of April, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary