

Education
Mercedes Toural, Associate Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-09 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF APRIL 2003, AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, REAFFIRMING THE PIVOTAL ROLE OF LIBRARIES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE READING PLAN

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

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, digital resources, and other educational materials that help students learn and grow throughout their lives.

School Library Media Month corresponds with National Library Week, April 6-12, 2003, also sponsored by the American Library Association. This year, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' theme for School Library Media Month is **Digital Reads @ Your Virtual Library**. The Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners will be passing a resolution proclaiming April 6-12, 2003, as National Library Week for the Miami-Dade Public Library System.

Today, more than ever, school library media centers provide activities that help students of all ages read, learn, and connect with resources needed for school, work, and personal fulfillment. School Library Media Month supports the Comprehensive Reading Plan by drawing public attention to the importance of reading and promoting schoolwide reading activities throughout the District. Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board approve Resolution No. 03-09 that recognizes the importance of libraries in our schools and proclaims April as "School Library Media Month."

No local funds are required.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No 03-09 proclaiming the month of April 2003, as School Library Media Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, reaffirming the pivotal role of libraries in the Comprehensive Reading Plan.

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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 recordings, instructional television, computer software and online 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. 03-09 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming the month of April 2003, as School Library Media Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary