

2018 Big Read Events Exploring *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez

January 13 - Passport to the Dominican Republic

Experience the cultural ambiance of *In the Time of Butterflies* with crafts, music, dance and food of the Dominican Republic. All ages welcome; preregistration required, 11AM-Noon, [Young At Art Museum/Broward County Library](#), 751 SW 121 Avenue, Davie, FL 33325, 954-357-5437

Merengue and Bachata Dance Workshops presented by UV Latin Dance Academy

Maximum 40 participants per workshop

The Dominican Republic is known for merengue and bachata music which uses traditional instruments like the tambora, guiro, cuatro, accordion, trumpet and saxophone. In the midst of the chaos and hardship of the Trujillo dictatorship, the Dominican People found ways to combat their emotions with song and dance - celebrating to forget and to bring unity.

Taught by professional instructors from UV Latin Dance Academy in Miami Beach, the class will begin with a brief 15 minute introduction explaining the significance of the dances in Dominican culture, followed by a demonstration of each dance and concluding with a 60-minute dance lesson.

Come join us and feel the healing rhythm of merengue and bachata for yourself!

- January 13 - 3 to 4:30PM, [Northwest Regional Library](#), 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 954-357-7990
- January 20 - 3 to 4:30PM, [North Regional/Broward College Library](#), 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek, FL 33066, 954-201-2600
- January 27 - 3 to 4:30PM, [Southwest Regional Library](#), 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331, 954-357-6580
- February 3 - 3 to 4:30PM, [Lauderhill Towne Centre Library](#), 6399 W Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, 954-357-6406
- February 10 - 3 to 4:30PM, [Miramar Branch Library and Education Center](#), 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025, 954-357-8090
- February 24 - 3 to 4:30PM, [Deerfield Beach Percy White Library](#), 837 E Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, 954-357-7680

Clara Ledesma-Inspired Dream Painting Workshop

Enter a world of dreams where imaginative figures and objects fly through the sky. Create a magical, mystical dream watercolor painting inspired by Dominican artist Clara Ledesma, who is known for her use of brilliant colors and inventive images.

- January 13 - 2 to 3PM, [Deerfield Beach Percy White Library](#), 837 E Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, 954-357-7680
- January 20 - 2 to 3PM, [Southwest Regional Library](#), 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331, 954-357-6580
- February 24 - 2 to 3PM, [Carver Ranches Library](#), 4735 SW 18 Street, West Park, FL 33023, 954-357-6245

January 16 - Of Brave Butterflies and an Old Goat: *In the Time of the Butterflies* by Julia Alvarez, the Big Read keynote lecture by Mary Ann Gosser, Professor of Comparative

Literature at Florida Atlantic University, 2PM, [Main Library](#), 100 S Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-357-7444

January 23 - The Age of Trujillo, the Most Notorious Dominican Tyrant

Learn about the historical context of Rafael Leónidas Trujillo's rise to power in the Dominican Republic and his brutal military dictatorship in this presentation by Florida Atlantic University historian Graciella Cruz-Taura, 2 to 3PM, [Main Library](#), 100 S Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 954-357-7444

January 27 - Firelei Baez-Inspired Self-Portrait

Use colorful patterns and geometric shapes to compose a self-portrait inspired by Dominican artist Firelei Báez, who is known for her artwork featuring powerful female figures, 2-3PM, [Young At Art Museum/Broward County Library](#), 751 SW 121 Avenue, Davie, FL 33325, 954-357-5437

January 27 - Traditional Dominican Music and Songs by Guitarist Orlando Core, 2-3PM, [Riverland Library](#), 2710 W Davie Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312, 954-357-7455

February 3 - Big Read Carnival

Experience an afternoon festival featuring music, dance and food from the Dominican Republic along with a reading marathon of Julia Alvarez's books, Noon-5PM, [Lauderhill Central Park Library](#), 3810 NW 11 Place Lauderhill, FL 33311, 954-357-7833

February 24 - Merengue, Bachata and Other Dances of the Dominican Republic performed by Griselda Castro, 2 to 3PM, [Pembroke Pines Library](#), 955 NW 129 Ave., Pembroke Pines, FL 33028, 954-357-6750

Read and Discuss...

- January 16 - 6:30 to 7:30PM, [North Lauderdale Saraniero Library](#), 6901 Kimberly Blvd., North Lauderdale, FL 33068, 954-357-6660
- January 18 - Discussion led by Pembroke Pines Charter School Instructor, preregister at 2nd floor reference desk or by calling 954-357-7110, 12:30 to 1:45PM, [Southwest Regional Library](#), 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331, 954-357-6580
- January 20 - Bilingual English/Spanish, 11AM to Noon, [Lauderhill Towne Centre Library](#), 6399 W Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, 954-357-6406
- January 20 - 3 to 4PM, [Hallandale Beach Library](#), 300 S Federal Highway, Hallandale, FL 33009, 954-357-6380
- January 23 - In Spanish/En Español, 10:30AM to 12PM, preregistration required: 954-357-8180, [Miramar Branch Library and Education Center](#), 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025, 954-357-8090
- January 23 - Read and Debate, 10:30 to 11:30AM, [Riverland Library](#)
- January 23 - 1 to 2:30PM, [Imperial Point Library](#), 5985 N Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, 954-357-6530
- January 23 - 1 to 2PM, [Tamarac Library](#), 8701 W Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33351, 954-765-1500
- January 25 - English Café Book Discussion, limited seating, 12:30 to 2PM, [West Regional Library](#), 8601 W Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324, 954-765-1560

- January 25 - In Spanish/En Español, 1 to 2:30PM, [Southwest Regional Library](#), 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines, FL 33331, 954-357-6580
- January 25 - 2 to 3PM, [Davie/Cooper City Library](#), 4600 SW 82 Avenue, Davie, FL 33328, 954-357-6399
- January 25 -2 to 3PM, [Galt Ocean Mile Reading Center](#), 3403 Galt Ocean Drive, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308, 954-357-7840
- January 27 - 11AM to 12:30PM, [Miramar Branch Library and Education Center](#), 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025, 954-357-8090
- January 27 - Book Discussion and Movie, 12 to 3PM, [West Regional Library](#), 8601 W Broward Blvd., Plantation, FL 33324, 954-765-1560
- February 2 - 1:30 to 2:30PM, [Century Plaza/Leon Slatin Library](#), 1856 A W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33442, 954-357-7740
- February 6 - 11AM to 12PM, [Northwest Branch Library](#), 1580 NW 3rd Avenue, Pompano Beach, FL 33060, 954-357-6599
- February 7 - 6 to 7:30PM, [Northwest Regional Library](#), 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 954-357-7990
- February 10 - 12:30 to 2PM, [Pompano Beach Library](#), 1213 E Atlantic Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33060, 954-357-7595
- February 10 - In Spanish/En Español, preregister: 954-357-6245, 2 to 3PM, [Carver Ranches Library](#), 4735 SW 18 Street, West Park, FL 33023, 954-357-6245
- February 12 - 12:30 to 1:30PM, [Deerfield Beach Percy White Library](#), 837 E Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, 954-357-7680
- February 13 - 1 to 2PM, [South Regional/Broward College Library](#), 7300 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines, FL 33024, 954-201-8825
- February 13 - In Spanish/En Español, 2 to 3PM, [Tamarac Library](#), 8701 W Commercial Blvd., Tamarac, FL 33351, 954-765-1500
- February 15 - Book Discussion and Movie, 6:30 to 7:30PM, [Lauderdale Lakes Library](#), 3580 W Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33311, 954-357-8650
- February 17 - 1:30 to 5:30PM, [Margate Catharine Young Library](#), 5810 Park Drive, Margate, FL 33063, 954-357-7500
- February 20 - Discussion led by Linda Levin, 1:30 to 3PM, [Stirling Road Library](#), 3151 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33312, 954-357-7550
- February 28 - Beach Readers' Book Club, 1 to 2:30PM, [Beach Library](#), 221 Pompano Beach Blvd., Pompano Beach, FL 33062, 954-357-7830

Watch the Movie...

- January 20 - 1 to 3PM, [Lauderhill Towne Centre Library](#), 6399 W Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill, FL 33313, 954-357-6406
- January 20 - Movie and Discussion, 2 to 4PM, [Northwest Regional Library](#), 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 954-357-7990
- January 29 - 6 to 8PM, [Dania Beach Paul DeMaio Library](#), 1 Park Avenue East, Dania Beach, FL 33004, 954-357-7073

- January 30 - Movie and Discussion led by Dr. Mary Ann Gosser of Florida Atlantic University, 12 to 2:30PM, [North Regional/Broward College Library](#), 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek, FL 33066, 954-201-2600
- January 31 - 6 to 7:30PM, [Weston Library](#), 4205 Bonaventure Blvd., Weston, FL 33332, 954-357-5420
- February 3 - 2 to 3:45PM, [Carver Ranches Library](#), 4735 SW 18 Street, West Park, FL 33023, 954-357-6245
- February 17 - 2 to 4:30PM, [Deerfield Beach Percy White Library](#), 837 E Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, 954-357-7680
- February 20 - Movie and Discussion, 1:30 to 3:30PM, [Hollywood Beach Bernice P. Oster Library](#), 1301 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, FL 33019, 954-357-4798
- February 26 - 1 to 3PM, [Stirling Road Library](#), 3151 Stirling Road, Hollywood, FL 33312, 954-357-7550

FOR CHILDREN and TEENS

- January 6 - Mother Goose: Stories, songs, dances and a craft, ages 3 months to 4 years, 10 to 11AM, [Deerfield Beach Percy White Library](#), 837 E Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441, 954-357-7680
- January 9 - Book Discussion: The Tia Lola book series by Julia Alvarez, ages 8-13, 5 to 6PM, [Northwest Regional Library](#), 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065, 954-357-7990
- January 11 - Bilingual Playgroup Fun, 11:15AM to Noon, [Hollywood Library](#), 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, FL 33020, 954-357-7760
- January 16 - Chromatography for Children, 4 to 5PM, [Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library](#), 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach, FL 33069, 954-357-7670
- January 22 - Butterfly Crafts, all ages, 5:30 to 7:30PM, [African-American Research Library and Cultural Center](#), 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, 954-357-6282
- January 22 - Storytime, 6 to 7:30PM, [Tyrone Bryant Library](#), 2230 NW 21 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, 954-357-8210
- January 24 - Crafternoon: Butterfly painting craft with internationally renowned clay sculptor and artist, Steven Sylvester, ages 6-12, preregistration required: 954-357-6245, 4:30 to 6PM, [Carver Ranches Library](#), 4735 SW 18 Street, West Park, FL 33023, 954-357-6245
- January 25 - Reading Buddies, 4 to 5PM, [Hollywood Library](#), 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood, FL 33020, 954-357-7760
- February 28 - Crafts and Book Give-Away, ages 13-18, 4 to 5:30PM, [Pembroke Pines Library](#), 955 NW 129 Ave., Pembroke Pines, FL 33028, 954-357-6750

Classes, Presentations and More

- January 9, 11 - ESOL Class. 1/9: Discussion on Latin American History; 1/11: Movie Morning, 10 to 11:30AM, [Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library](#), 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach, FL 33069, 954-357-7670
- January 10 - Latin American Art, 5:30 to 7PM, [Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library](#), 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach, FL 33069, 954-357-7670

- January 29, 30, 31 - Butterfly Release, 4 to 5PM, [Jan Moran Collier City Learning Library](#), 2800 NW 9 Court, Pompano Beach, FL 33069, 954-357-7670
- February 3 - Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: Caribbean Culture, preregister: 954-262-5477, 11AM to 4PM, [Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern University](#), 3100 Ray Ferrero, Jr. Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314, 954-262-5477
- February 3 - Writer's Workshop, 1 to 3PM, [African-American Research Library and Cultural Center](#), 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311, 954-357-6282