

Read to Learn Books for Free

Miami-Dade County students joined forces with The Children's Trust and the Miami Book Fair to participate in Read to Learn Books for Free, a literacy initiative that was created to ensure local students have free access to books.



Andrew and Catherine Zurfluh of Coral Gables recently collected more than 1,000 books for the Read to Learn Books for Free initiative, which was created by The Children's Trust and the Miami Book Fair to ensure all local children have free access to books.

Student volunteers were from various Miami-Dade schools, including Ben Gamia Charter School, Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart, Casa dei Bambini, Christopher Columbus High School, Coral Reef High School, Dave and Mary Alper JCC, Doral Academy Preparatory School, Gulliver Schools, Immaculata La Salle High School, Leewood K-8 Center, Mater Academy and Miami Country Day School, and collected 9,000 books during the 2017-18 school year.

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“I’m surrounded by books...I can check them out at the library; I can buy them. It makes me sad to think that books and reading are a luxury,” said Juliette. “I wanted to share my love of reading and books with others.”

For information or to donate, visit [MiamiBookFair.com/ReadtoLearn](https://miamibookfair.com/ReadtoLearn) or email agiust@miamibookfair.com.