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# Miramar library celebrates first anniversary

## Milestone event marked with live music, poetry sessions, fashion show and more

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Music, poetry and fashion were all on the plate as the Miramar Branch Library celebrated its first year of operation on Sept. 26.

Despite some rain outside, visitors still came to see poetry readings or buy old books at a book fair. Following a live music show, several area poets participated in a spoken word poetry session.

One such participant was Timothy "Mr. Wispers" Proctor of Hollywood.

Proctor said he chose his stage name (with a slight spelling variation) because he would always whisper when he got in trouble as a child. But at over 6-feet tall and with a commanding voice, Proctor doesn't whisper and isn't easy to miss.

Proctor's poems covered topics such as drug addiction and domestic violence. Proctor said he specifically chooses subjects that most people want to shy away from.

"It's a way of making people aware and face those issues whether they choose to or not," he said.

For Proctor, who has performed for more than five years, poetry also has a personal meaning. As a recovering drug addict, Proctor has covered the topic in several poems. Hearing feedback from other people who are recovering is satisfying, he said.

If I can help someone else, that's a bigger reward than anything," Proctor said. "They know they're not alone."

The day's events wrapped up with a fashion show from local artist James "Jika" Cadet of Pembroke Pines. Without any artistic training, Cadet began painting on shoes, clothing and other objects. Each piece of clothing features a unique design because the inspiration comes from the fabric's color.

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Creating events to draw in visitors can be challenging, with limited funds. In an effort to cut costs, county libraries have been cutting hours and will now be closed on Sundays. Radoslovich said events like the spoken word poetry session were possible because participants volunteered their time.

"We have been fortunate that brilliant, talented people come in and ask to do something," she said.

The library is at 2050 Civic Center Place. For more information, visit [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library).

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