



French I.S. Program

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## **Books, Books, Books!**

Eighteen months ago, during the visit of Senator Louis Duvernois, F.I.P.A asked if the foundation that he is heading, **Adiflor**, could donate books to the program. Senator Duvernois promised that he would look into it. This request turned into a great project thanks to many parties.

The Cultural Services of the Consulate General of France in Miami in collaboration with the French Language Department of the French Embassy to the United States presented three thousand new books to nine South Floridian school with French I.S. and French Heritage programs.

Many thanks also to **non-for-profit organisations «Adiflor »** ([www.adiflor.org](http://www.adiflor.org)- President Louis Duvernois, Senator of French citizens living abroad) and **« Biblionef »** ([www.biblionef.com](http://www.biblionef.com)) and many thanks to the French Navy, who brought the books to Miami aboard destroyer "Chevalier Paul" where the books were distributed to the schools during a formal ceremony.

This ceremony took place in the presence of Anne-Marie Idrac, French Minister of Trade and Industry, Pierre Vimont, French Ambassador in the United States and Gaël de Maisonneuve, Consul general of France in Miami. Each school was represented by the Principal and five students. The Superintendent of Education of each concerned county as well as the Commissioners of Education of the State of Florida were invited.

All these new books are Miami Dade County approved and can proudly sit on the library shelves waiting for young curious minds to read them.

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