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## Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade Expand Their Teen Programs

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade recently expanded the availability of its teen programs to four more clubs: Hank Kline, Kendall, Northwest and South Beach.

During the school year, teens participate in the clubs' usual after-school curricula like homework assistance, but they also learn about subjects such as financial literacy, job shadowing, career preparedness and enrichment. There are also programs featuring college tours, ACT/SAT preparation, summer employment opportunities, apprenticeships with the Miami Symphony Orchestra, fitness activities, community service projects, guest speakers and mentorships.



"We are very pleased to now offer our teen program with extended hours within each of the clubs," says Alex Rodriguez-Roig, president of Boys & Girls Clubs of Miami-Dade. "We place great emphasis on helping to prepare teens for college and careers, as well as providing positive, enjoyable programs for them."

For more information, visit [bgmia.org](http://bgmia.org).

## Miami Garden Book Hot Off the Press



*The Gardens of Miami* is a coffee-table book showcasing 27 private homes in South Florida with extraordinary gardens, which range from the fun and funky to the serene, the environmentally conscious to the manicured and formal. All the gardens highlight Miami's unique microclimate that allows for the exceptional diversity of plant life and the unique opportunity for year-round splendor. The book is also a reference for local botanic centers, garden clubs and plant societies.

A committee of Villagers led by Julie Petrella Arch and Dolly McIntyre worked tirelessly for several years selecting the gardens, raising production funds and overseeing the writing and photography of the book, which has photography by Steven Brooke, an introduction from Joanna Lombard and text by Elaine Mills and Julie Petrella Arch. All proceeds from book sales will support the Villagers' mission of saving historic places through restoration and preservation. Copies are \$60 plus tax and can be ordered at [thevillagersinc.org](http://thevillagersinc.org).