

Governor Crist Recognizes September as Florida Adult and Family Literacy Month

Governor Crist recently issued a proclamation recognizing September 2009 as Florida Adult and Family Literacy Month. The proclamation stresses the need for highly literate citizens and the importance of lifelong learning. It also recognizes the contributions of the broad range of adult education, literacy and family literacy providers serving more than 400,000 adults annually throughout the Sunshine State.

The Florida Literacy Coalition joins the Florida Department of Education in urging you to use this occasion to celebrate the accomplishments of our literacy students and practitioners and to raise public awareness about the need to prioritize literacy as an important community issue.

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State Parks Celebrate Literacy Month

"Promoting literacy at Florida's state parks creates an appreciation for both reading and the environment that visitors can take back to the classroom and community." *Mike Bullock -Florida State Park Director*

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida State Parks will celebrate the Third Annual Literacy Month in September. In celebration of International Literacy Day on September 8, entrance to Florida's 161 state parks will be free September 11 through September 13 with the presentation of a library card, library book, or the donation of a new/gently-used family friendly book. Florida's state parks, along with local libraries, schools, and literacy programs, will host a variety of events during September including book readings, author appearances and book exchanges.

Please go to www.floridastateparks.org to access contact information about Florida's 161 award winning state parks. The site also has a calendar of events which includes information about planned literacy events.

We encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity to promote literacy using the wonderful natural resources of Florida's state park system. FLC would be very interested in hearing from those of you who participate.

All literacy month events can also be accessed through the [Florida Literacy Coalition's Calendar](#). If you have an event to add please send name, date/time, description, and contact information to dorok@floridaliteracy.org and we will be happy to add it to our calendar.

