

## MEDIA ALERT

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### **FLORIDA STATE PARKS CELEBRATE LITERACY THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER** *JOHN U. LLOYD BEACH STATE PARK TEAMS UP WITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM*

#### WHO

To join in the statewide support of **International Literacy Day** (Sept. 8), **John U. Lloyd Beach State Park** has teamed up with Sylvan Dell Publishing, an educational picture book publisher, and Broward County Library System to organize a day of celebration.

#### WHAT

**On Saturday, Sept. 8, families and media are invited to take part in the following:**

- Free entry with library card, library book or donation of new or gently used family appropriate book.
- Orlando resident and author, Loran Wlodarski will be sharing his experiences and signing "If a Dolphin Were a Fish."
- St. Augustine resident and illustrator, Laurie Allen Klein will be sharing her experiences and signing "If a Dolphin Were a Fish" and "Little Skink's Tail."
- Two more Sylvan Dell titles – Mary Alice Monroe's "Turtle Summer: A Journal for my Daughter" and Donna Rathmell's "Carolina's Story: Sea Turtles Get Sick Too!" – will also be featured throughout the event.
- Broward County Library Learning Services will have nature books on display while educating attendees about "Library Card Sign Up Month" (September).
- Various ranger-led programs and interactive activities will be open to kids throughout the day.

To talk to Carmelo Duesler, John U. Lloyd Beach State Park's Park Service Specialist and event coordinator, about International Literacy Day or the State Park, please contact him at [Carmelo.Duesler@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:Carmelo.Duesler@dep.state.fl.us) or (954) 924-3859.

#### INTERVIEWS

To schedule phone interviews with Loran Wlodarski or Laurie Allen Klein, please contact Sylvan Dell's publicist, Angie Dzalamanow, at the contact information provided above.

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