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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents

StoryBook Festival Goes “Green”

Youngsters and their families are invited to Broward County Library’s StoryBook Festival, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2010, at the Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan St., Pembroke Pines.

“READ, Recycle, Reuse: It’s easy being green!” will be the dual-messaged theme, featuring Earth stories, folktales, and stories of all things green, while also promoting environmental awareness. Children are encouraged to come dressed in green and join in the StoryBook Parade at 11:15 a.m., led by none other than Mother Nature.

The free festival will feature two stages of live children’s performances, plus the “Going Green on the Arts Scene” recycled-crafts tent, the Story Swamp (a special storytelling area featuring professional storytellers), *The Miami Herald’s* Fantasy Forest (where children can interact with favorite fairy-tale friends), *The Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe* interactive puppet exhibit, and strolling storybook characters. The first 1,000 children at the festival will receive a free book, courtesy of the Baptist Medical Plazas’ Big Book Giveaway. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras for the StoryBook Photo Spots.

Performances will include: *The Never Everglades*, a Florida eco-comedy by Fantasy Theatre Factory; *Team Nutrition*, an acrobatic extravaganza by Superstar Productions; Page Turner Adventures’ *Mixed-Up Fairy Tale*; the Magic of Karl Koppertop; a Swamp Stomp with Anna Moo; *Going Green* with Geddy the Gecko; The Bookworm’s *It’s Fun Being Green* story-magic

show; renowned storyteller/author Lucia Gonzalez; and StoryMusic with Kim Rivers and Nancy Crockford.

This year, Broward County Library will join the Palm Beach County Library system in celebrating Families Reading Together, an annual November campaign to remind the community of the importance of encouraging children to read. All children from preschool to first grade are encouraged to read the same book: Bill Martin's *I Love Our Earth*. This story will be read aloud throughout the day, and the first 200 children wearing green outfits to the festival will receive a free copy of the book.

Broward County Library's StoryBook Festival is presented by Baptist Medical Plazas and funded through the Broward Public Library Foundation with support from the City of Pembroke Pines, *The Miami Herald*, *Broward Family Life Magazine*, Friends of Southwest Regional Library, and Florida Center for the Book.

For more information, call 954-538-9996.

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