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**Broward County Cultural Diversity Displays
To be featured at Public Libraries
*Chinese Culture and "Year of the Rooster" Celebrated***

During the month of March, the lobby of the Broward County Governmental Center, 115 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, will feature a display that celebrates Chinese culture and the Year of the Rooster. Items used for the display are on loan from the Atlantic Institute of Oriental Medicine and the Coral Springs Chinese Culture Association.

Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs has announced plans to have these community exhibits travel to Broward County libraries as well.

"These exhibits celebrate Broward County's rich history and cultural diversity. I want these displays to get as much exposure as possible," said Mayor Jacobs. "Throughout the year, these exhibits will now be featured at our libraries in addition to the Governmental Center lobby. The exhibits will be featured in cities throughout the county for a greater number of people to enjoy."

The current exhibit features a wide variety of Chinese art, including a clay tea service, a Chinese calligraphy set and a number of carved curios as well as framed prints and paintings that celebrate the Year of the Rooster.

The Coral Springs Chinese Culture Association (CSCCA) is a non-profit organization that was founded more than 18 years ago. Its primary mission is to promote Chinese culture and to help individuals of any ethnicity learn, experience, and understand Chinese heritage.

"Featuring these displays at Broward County libraries will mean that more people will get to see them. This is good for our residents and the cultural organizations who work so very hard to put these exhibits together," said Mayor Jacobs. "It's a true community effort."

The Broward County Historical Commission also created a display, searching its vast archives and selecting a series of photos that depict the history, progression, and transformation of African-American pioneers and long-time Broward County residents. The detailed photo exhibit was on display in the Broward County Governmental Center lobby through the month of February and will soon be on display at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center located at Northwest 27th Avenue and Sistrunk Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.

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