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Caribbean Culture on Display in Broward County Governmental Center

The lobby of the Broward County Governmental Center (115 South Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale) has come alive with the spirit of Carnival! Beginning Monday, April 4, the lobby will feature a display that celebrates Caribbean Culture. Items used for the display are on loan from Broward Caribbean Carnival, Inc., a not-for-profit organization that is planning a Carnival celebration in Broward County during the month of October. Approximately 171,000 Broward County residents, or approximately 10 percent of Broward's population, are of Caribbean descent.

"This display is one of our most colorful, and it represents the culture of one of the most vibrant sections of Broward County's population," says Broward County Mayor Kristin Jacobs. "People have been coming in off the street to view the costumes. It's just really great to see."

The display features a number of Carnival costumes in a variety of styles. In addition, there are framed Caribbean art pieces featured.

The monthly displays at the Broward County Governmental Center have now gone mobile. Mayor Jacobs has made arrangements 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. Throughout the year, these exhibits will be featured at our libraries in addition to the Governmental Center lobby," said Mayor Jacobs. "We want to bring the County exhibits to our cities so that more people can enjoy them."

February's Black History display has called the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (2650 Sistrunk Blvd.) home since the beginning of March. The March cultural display celebrating the Chinese Year of the Rooster is currently en route to the Sunrise/Dan Pearl Branch Library (10500 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise).

The Caribbean Culture exhibit will be moved at the end of April to the Northwest Regional Library, (3151 W. Sample Road, Coral Springs).

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