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**Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces**

South Florida Community Explores the World at the Pan African Bookfest and Cultural Conference, April 12-22, 2006

BROWARD COUNTY, FL-At last, Broward County Libraries is bringing back the heat this spring season with the 2006 Pan African Bookfest and Cultural Conference (PABF) on April 12-22 at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) in Fort Lauderdale. During the eleven-day conference, writers and readers will have an opportunity to explore the world in a series of programs and activities such as panel discussions and presentations, lectures and African storytelling to name a few.

The events will also feature some of the hottest literary talents including South Florida's own **Dr. Anita Davis DeFoe**, co-contributor to *100 Words of Wisdom for Women*, **Lisa Rogers-Cherry**, author of *Lifting the Burdens of Debt*, **Menelas Vilsaint**, writer of *La National Haitienne: L'Etat, Les Homes d'Etat et la Reforme Economique*, and **Robert Medelsohn**, author of *Footsteps on a Drum*. On April 22, the PABF will wrap up with the Bookfest Day, a fun-filled festival at the Samuel Delevoe Park adjacent to the library. Adults and children will enjoy African storytelling, book signings and sales, Caribbean dance performances and other activities. Broward County Libraries is also accepting applications from authors and vendors to exhibit products and services at Bookfest Day. Applications are available on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor at the Broward County Library - 100 South Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, 33301, and the front desk at the AARLCC- 2560 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, 33311. **Deadline for receipt of applications is April 8, 2006.** For additional information, visit [www.browardlibrary.org/library](http://www.browardlibrary.org/library) or call the Pan African Bookfest hotline at 954-357-7348.

This project is sponsored in part by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art, Broward County Parks and Recreation Division, Broward County Mass Transit, The Miami Herald, Broward Community College, Comcast, Pyramid Books, Broward Times, WTPS 1080 AM, Florida Center for the Literary Arts at Miami Dade College, Broward Public Library Foundation, Caribbean American Commentary Newspaper, Success Magazine, Unique Graphics, Florida Atlantic University CURE Dept, Tri Rail, South Florida Water Management District,



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Multicultural Dept, School Board of Broward County, City of Fort Lauderdale, Enterprise Security, Inc, Roots, Reggae & Kulcha Magazine, Ocean Bank Friends of the AARLCC and Dynamyk Entertainment.

*Founded in 1974, the award winning Broward County Libraries Division provides essential quality of life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The library consists of a Main Library in Downtown Fort Lauderdale and 37 branches with more than three million items for public use. Broward County Library is the ninth largest library system in the United States serving ten million customers annually.*

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