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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
Black History Month Essay Contest Winners

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – The Broward County Libraries Division’s African-American Research Library and Culture Center (AARLCC) along with their annual partnership with Radio Station WLVE 93.9 (Love 94®) and BrandsMart U.S.A.® were pleased to announce the winners of the Black History Month Essay Contest that was held during the month of February 2008. The essay contest was open to students in grades K-12 in Broward, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties. All contestants were asked to describe in 200 words or less, “What Unique Characteristics did African-Americans contribute to American Society.” The Blue-Ribbon panel of judges thought the community response was extraordinary and found it difficult to pick the winners, with some many essays that were, “Very artistic and creative interpretations of the essay subject”.

The award ceremony will be held at AARLCC located at 2650 Sistrunk Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25. The following winners will receive an Internet-ready computer system provided by BrandsMart U.S.A.®, including a monitor, hard drive, color printer and software.

The winners are:

- K – 3rd Grade category – Jessica Pruitt, 2nd Grade, Hammock Pointe Elementary, Boca Raton
- 4th – 6th Grade category – Smider Bienne, 5th Grade, Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary, Lauderhill
- 7th – 9th Grade category – Tiffany Howell, 7th Grade, Westpine Middle School, Sunrise
- 10th – 12th Grade category – Krystal Simmons, 10th Grade, Miami Northwestern Senior High, Miami

Radio Personality Billy Ravin WLVE Love 94, and Kevin Cerenzia Promotion Director Love 94 WLVE FM/Newsradio 610 WIOD / 940WINZ am will present the winners with the computer systems in a short ceremony sponsored by the Friends of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center with light refreshments served after the award ceremony.

The award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, founded in 1974, provides essential quality-of-life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The Library consists of 37 branches that provide three million items and more than 2,000 computers for public use, and after-school literacy, youth, and teen programs. Its website, www.broward.org/library, includes free online reference and information databases in addition to access about library services, locations, and events that customers access on average 300,000 times a month. The Broward County Library is the ninth-largest library system in the United States, serving more than nine million walk-in customers annually.

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