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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents
An Afternoon with Alexis Caputo:
***In Honor of Black History Month, Alexis Caputo Performs on
February 7 at Miramar Branch Library***

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Alexis Caputo, performance artist, writer, poet and activist, will perform at Miramar Branch Library, 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar, FL 33025, at 2 p.m. on February 7, 2009. Admission is free. In this unique show, New York/Florida-based Caputo will perform excerpts from four of her written works and will include an eclectic mix of poetry, spoken word, and dance. Presented in honor of Black History Month, *An Afternoon with Alexis Caputo* incorporates iconic symbols and images used in depicting African-American life and culture through media images as well as exploring themes of racism, politics, and the role of women in society.



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Well-known for her written works, which include *Truths Carved from the Belly*, *Woman of the Drum*, *The Proud Pilgrim* and the autobiographical *Deconstruction & Deliverance*, Caputo has emerged as an original voice in theater, poetry, and performance. She's appeared on radio and television, and has a diverse portfolio of performances. A graduate of New York University, Caputo has presented original performances in notable off-Broadway theatres: The Harlem Theatre Company, Abrons Art Center/Henry Street Settlement, and Dixon Place.

A Bahamian-American, Caputo has worked as a journalist profiling people throughout the Caribbean and has written numerous innovative works that have developed her voice as a performer and writer exploring issues of culture and identity.

Truths Carved from the Belly unfolds with a woman's private beliefs shared through a self-introspective period and the use of multiple platforms of expression. *Woman of the Drum* is an exploration and social commentary which delves into gender specific relations in natural, political, domestic, educational and cultural environments. *The Proud Pilgrim* traces a woman's journey during a period of resistance in which a poetic voice is given in the front lines of battles. *Deconstruction & Deliverance* blends text, movement and the use of poetry including a touching tribute to African-American women in the arts.

Caputo also has a new CD titled ***Unnecessary Noise Prohibited***, which is due for release Jan. 13, 2009. It is a compilation of music, poetry & spoken word. For more information, please visit www.alexiscaputo.com.

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. It has grown to become the ninth-largest library system in the nation. It is also one of the busiest, with more than ten million walk-in customers visiting its 37 locations throughout the year. Broward County Library provides more than three million items and 3,000 computers, and facilitates events and programs that satisfy the changing needs of Broward County's diverse community of children, teens, and adults for information, education, and recreation. It retains a strong emphasis on literacy and after-school programs. The library's Web site, www.broward.org/library, continuously evolves to meet the needs of its customers and to offer information that encourages exploration of knowledge and self-expansion. In addition to providing electronic visitors with information about its locations, services, and events, the Web site has easy links to online catalogs, references, and electronic databases. Broward County Library has also become a leader in E-Communication, offering easy ways for its customers to stay electronically informed through its E-Newsletter, E-Spotlights, E-Updates, and E-Invitation. Visit and bookmark www.broward.org/library.

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