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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents  
**Ken Lipartito, author of *A History of the Kennedy Space Center***  
**at the Main Library on April 19 at 1 p.m.**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Dr. Kenneth J. Lipartito, Professor of History at Florida International University, will discuss his latest book, *A History of the Kennedy Space Center*, on Saturday, April 19, 1 p.m. at the Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

The book is the first comprehensive history of the Kennedy Space Center. The author will discuss how the technology for preparing, testing and launching spacecraft has evolved over the last 45 years. Most images of spaceflight stress the flight and living and working in space. Few give attention to the work that goes on before liftoff.

An important reason why it is possible to breach the realm of outer space is the work done by the ground crew. Dr. Lipartito will reveal the unique culture of the men and women who work at the Kennedy Space Center and how the processes performed by ground operations are absolutely vital to a mission's success.

A power point demonstration will be given. Books will be available for sale and signing. Call 954-357-7443 for more information. This program is sponsored by the Broward Public Library Foundation as part of the Moon Rock Exhibit on permanent display on the sixth floor of the Main Library. The program is also being held in recognition of National Library Week, April 13 to April 19, which emphasizes this year's theme of the "Circle of Knowledge@ your Library."

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](http://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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