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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
The Anointed Authors on Tour

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Dania Beach /Paul DeMaio Branch and Pyramid Books present **The Anointed Authors on Tour**. On Saturday, November 10 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dania Beach Public Library, 255 E. Dania Beach Blvd., Dania Beach, FL 33004. Seven award-winning, bestselling authors of Christian fiction and non-fiction publications with a commitment to write and/or publish integrity-based literature will share how the power of using their gifts and talents for God's glory sparked this collaborative tour.

The seven authors on tour are: Michelle Stimpson, Kendra Norman-Bellamy, Vanessa Miller, Shewanda Riley, Norma Jarrett, Vivi Moore Congress, and Tia McCollors.

About the Authors

Bestselling author **Michelle Stimpson** is also an accomplished speaker and educator. Her novels include *Boaz Brown*, *Divas of Damascus Road* (Essence Bestseller), and the upcoming 2008 release, *The Good Stuff*. She recently penned an inspirational God-help book titled *Breaking Bondage to Biscuits*. Michelle lives near Dallas with her husband and their two children.

National bestselling novelist, **Kendra Norman-Bellamy** describes herself in a single word: Blessed! In addition to writing novels, Kendra is founder of KNB Publications, LLC. She is a contributing writer for several magazines and serves as Area Coordinator for the national organization, American Christian Fiction Writers. Some of her novels include *The Grace Series (For Love & Grace, Because of Grace and More Than Grace)*, *A Love So Strong*, *Crossing Jhordan's River*, *Three Fifty-Seven AM*, *One Prayer Away* and *In Greene Pastures*. Kendra resides in Stone Mountain, GA with her husband and two daughters.

Vanessa Miller is an author, playwright, and motivational speaker. Recently, she celebrated the debut of the *Abundant Rain* stage production, which she wrote, directed and produced. Her novels include books in the Rain Series (*Former Rain, Abundant Rain, Latter Rain*) and the most recent release of the new Storm Series called *Rain Storm*. Vanessa resides in Dayton, OH with her daughter.

Shewanda Riley is a Dallas-based author whose debut book, *Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends*, was named a bestseller by *Essence Magazine* and featured in *Jet Magazine*. Shewanda has also been featured on ABC Radio Networks and The Potter's Touch Television show. She is currently working on her 2nd book, *Loving in the Red Zone: Doing Right in a Do Wrong World*.

Norma Jarrett's work has gained attention in *USA Today*, *Essence*, *Upscale*, *Gospel Truth*, *QBR* and *Rolling Out* magazines. Among other awards, her literary work received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition. Her novels include *Sunday Brunch* (Voted "Best Girlfriend Book by *Upscale Magazine*), *Sweet Magnolia* (an *Essence Magazine* 2006 Book Club selection), and *This Wasn't On The Menu*, the sequel to *Sunday Brunch* is due to be released in 2008.

Vivi Monroe Congress, D.Min. is the founder of The Grand Prairie African American AUTHOR SHOWCASE and a trademarked columnist, The Voice of Inspiration™. Her works include: *The Bankrupt Spirit: Principles for Turning Setbacks Into Comebacks*, *The McMillon Family Cookbook: Something to Shout About!* and an upcoming 2007 release, *Manna for Mamma: Wisdom for Women in the Wilderness*. She lives in Dallas, TX with her family.

Bestselling author **Tia McCollors** secured her spot in the publishing industry with the release of her debut novel and the *Essence* bestseller, *A Heart of Devotion*, followed by her second release, *Zora's Cry*. After 10 years in the corporate arena as a public relations professional, she is now emerging as a steadfast author of faith-based novels. Her third novel is scheduled for release in Spring 2008. She resides in Atlanta, GA with her husband and son.

This event is free and open to the public. If you wish to have your books signed by the authors, you should purchase them in advance at Pyramid Books or at this event.

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 over nine million walk-in customers annually.

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