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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents
2007 MARCUS GARVEY ROOTZ EXTRAVAGANZA

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – August 2007 will mark the 120th anniversary of the birth of the Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey. Marcus Garvey is the leading National Hero of Jamaica. The Rootz Foundation in association with the Broward County Library and the Broward Public Library Foundation with Broward Community College are planning to make this year's annual celebration of Garvey's birthday the most meaningful and memorable such extravaganza to date.

This year's event will take place on **Friday, August 17** at the Performing & Cultural Arts Center of **Broward Community College South Campus**, 7200 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines. The extravaganza is scheduled to run from **6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** Entry will be free and the gate prize of air tickets for a return trip for two to Jamaica, will be provided courtesy of Air Jamaica.

Three special guests have been confirmed for the celebration. They are:

- Veteran Black Studies professor from City College in New York City, Dr. Leonard Jeffries, who will be the guest speaker;
- 87-year-old Grand Arch Abbott, Queen-Mother Sylvia Jordan, who is the successor of Queen-Mother Audley Moore, and who is to be honored as a veteran Matriarch of the Garvey movement;
- and versatile vocalist Empress Trejah Ethiopia, who will be the chief guest performer at the event.

The program of activities for the Marcus Garvey Anniversary Extravaganza on August 17 will also include an opening reception with refreshments, a Garvey photo exhibition, multi-media

presentations by Priest Douggie and I. Jabulani Tafari, along with the presentation of community awards and a special appearance by FIU's Miss Omega Psi Phi 2007, Shemana Dixon.

Marcus Garvey was the Patriarch of the UNIA (the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League), the largest African-American and Afro-Caribbean organization for Human Rights and economic self-sufficiency of all time, attracting millions of followers in the United States, the Caribbean, Latin America, Europe and Africa. However, Marcus Garvey's leadership in the African-American struggle for the human and civil rights of Black people during the 1920's caused him to become the target of surveillance and harassment by United States Government law enforcement agencies.

For more information about this event, call the Rootz Foundation at 954-981-1176, or Broward County Library's Outreach Services at 954-357-7348.

Founded in 1974, the award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, www.broward.org/library, provides essential quality of life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The library consists of 37 branches, more than three million items for public use, 970 permanent staff, 114 part-time staff and \$4.6 million in grants with 41 grant-supported positions. Broward County Library is the ninth largest library system in the United States serving 10 million customers annually.

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