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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
Main Library Receives a *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature Grant*

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – The Main Library has been awarded a Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature grant from The American Library Association (ALA) and Nextbook that will enable scholar-led, theme-based discussions of Jewish graphic novels at the library. The Main Library was one of 86 public and academic libraries in the country selected by ALA and Nextbook to participate in the grant program.

The Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale will host a five-part discussion series, on the sixth floor, relating to the theme *Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel*. The scholar for the series is Dr. Andrea Greenbaum, Associate Professor of English at Barry University and author of the book, *Jews of South Florida*. The books and dates for each of the five events of the series are:

- July 13, 2008: *A Contract with God* by Will Eisner
- August 17, 2008: *The Complete Maus* by Art Spiegelman
- September 14, 2008: *Julius Knipl, Real Estate Photographer* by Ben Katchor
- October 12, 2008: *The Quitter* by Harvey Pekar
- November 9, 2008: *The Rabbi's Cat* by Joann Sfar

The books chosen for the discussion series are available for check-out at the Main Library circulation desk, and attendees are encouraged to read them in advance of the events in order to get the most out of the discussions. Participants are also encouraged to attend all five events of the series, as the topics and themes will carry over from one session to the next. Registration via phone to 954-357-7443 is requested. Registration may also be emailed to bmiller@browardlibrary.org

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature, a reading and discussion series, has been made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association. Sponsors for the series are the Broward Region of Hadassah, Downtown Jewish Center Chabad, Friends of the Fort Lauderdale Libraries, Florida Center for the Book, Broward County Libraries Division Outreach Services and Teen Services Departments.

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. The 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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