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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents
Maryse Condé at the African-American Research Library on April 8, 2006
Pre-Conference for the Pan-African Bookfest April 12-22

BROWARD COUNTY, FL--For readers anxiously awaiting the Pan-African Bookfest, Broward County Libraries will host a pre-conference event featuring Maryse Condé on April 8, 2006 at 2 p.m. in the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center located in Fort Lauderdale. Condé, a native of Guadeloupe, is renowned for her bestselling historical novels, *Segu* and *I, Tituba, Black Witch of Salem*, in which she explores colonialism, sex, gender and the stereotypical images of literary characters.

During her career, Condé has written numerous children's books and articles about Caribbean literature and cultural studies including *Haití Chérie* and *Winward Heights*. She has also contributed to writing about other francophone women writers and oral literatures in Martinique and Guadeloupe. Condé currently serves as a professor at Princeton University.

The event is free and open to the public. Book signing will take place immediately after the discussion. For more information, visit www.broward.org/library, or call Outreach Services at 954-357-7348.

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