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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents
Randall Robinson at Pan African Bookfest on April 19

BROWARD COUNTY, FL—Broward County Libraries will present internationally acclaimed author **Randall Robinson** on April 19, 2006 at 6 p.m. in the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center located at 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale. Robinson will discuss his most recent bestseller, *Quitting America*, in which he talks about the U.S. socioeconomic and political affairs that have influenced his life journey and decision to leave the country. His search for a more peaceful place derives from the disappointment and increasing sense of abandonment he felt which exhausted the energies of his race and “transfigured humanity.” Robinson’s works also include other national bestsellers *The Debt-What America Owes to Blacks*, *Defending the Spirit*, and *The Reckoning-What Blacks Owe to Each Other*.

Robinson, a foreign policy advocate, is the founder and former president of the TansAfrica Forum, an organization which serves as a research and educational resource that informs of U.S. policies towards Africans and the Diaspora of Caribbean and Latin America. During his tenure with TransAfrica, he led the U.S. campaign to end apartheid in South Africa. In 1994, he supported the pro-democracy movement in Haiti which resulted in efforts to restore power for the first democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Robinson was also actively involved in efforts to expose the brutality of the Mengistu regime in Ethiopia, the corruption in Nigeria during the country’s era of military dictatorships, and vigorously fought to cease U.S. attempts to end the Caribbean’s access to the European banana market by the mid-90’s.



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Robinson has received numerous awards for his humanitarianism from the United Nations, The Congressional Black Caucus, Essence Magazine, Harvard University, the NAACP and other notable organizations. He is a graduate of Harvard University and has received honorary Ph.D's from 21 universities for his impact on U.S. foreign policy. He currently resides in St. Kitts with his wife and daughter and continues to write.

The reception is free and sponsored by the Caribbean-American Commentary Newspaper. For more information, visit www.broward.org/library, or call Outreach Services at 954-357-7348.

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