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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces  
**Hurricane Preparation Series at Imperial Point Library in April and May**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – A nine-program series on hurricane preparation from Thursday, April 6 through Saturday, May 27 will be held at Imperial Point Branch, 5985 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale.

The series kicks off with **The Importance of Planning for a Hurricane**, from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 6. Staff from the Broward County Extension/UF Service will help families develop a working plan for emergencies.

Other programs include:

**Hurricane-Proof Your Yard:** From 10 am to noon on Saturday, April 22, Broward County Extension Service staff will teach homeowners about landscaping that withstands hurricane winds. Find out which plants are the sturdiest and have low irrigation requirements.

**Storm Gourmet:** From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, Daphne Nikolopoulos, author of *Storm Gourmet: a Guide to Creating Extraordinary Meals without Electricity*, will demonstrate recipes from her book and explain planning, stocking, storing and preparing delicious survival food.

**Nutrition and Preparation:** From 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, Brenda Marty-Jimenez, MHM, RD, LD/N, a Broward County Extension/UF Nutrition

Education Agent, will discuss lessons learned from Hurricane Wilma about planning and storing and food and water needs. Learn how to be self-sufficient for seventy-two hours.

**Lessons from the Red Cross:** From 6:45 to 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, and from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 (in a repeat presentation), a spokesperson from the American Red Cross will outline how to make an emergency plan and build a first aid kit. Options for special needs clients and facilities will be discussed.

**Help! There's No TV!:** From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 10, the Imperial Point Youth Services librarians will present ideas for keeping youngsters busy when TV and video games are not available to them.

**Emergency Animal Safety:** From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15, Dr. Jon-Paul Carew, DVM, of Imperial Point Animal Hospital will instruct on protecting pets. Dr. Carew will speak on advance planning, handling emergencies and pet storm shelters.

**Emergency Generators:** From 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 27, Rich Drew of Lowe's-Pompano will explain about emergency power generators and systems—what's available, the costs, and safe operations.

For details about the free library programs, call 954-492-1802.

Founded in 1974, the award-winning Broward County Libraries Division provides essential quality of life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The library consists of a Main Library in Downtown Fort Lauderdale and 37 branches with more than three million items for public use. Broward County Library is the ninth-largest library system in the United States serving ten million customers annually.

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