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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
African-American Research Library and Coral Springs Museum of Art Present
***Art From Africa* Exhibit June 9 to August 19**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – The Broward County African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC) has partnered with the Coral Springs Museum of Art to present the *Art From Africa* Traveling Exhibition beginning on Friday, June 9, 2006 at the Coral Springs Museum of Art, 2855 Coral Springs Drive.

On loan will be 30 pieces of artwork from AARLCC's Steinman/Holbrook Collection, which is comprised of African statuary and masks that were used in dance during ceremonies and rituals for fertility, protection, funerals, and healing.

"We are extremely proud of our partnership, and excited to share this remarkable collection with the museum," said Julie Hunter, executive director of the AARLCC. "It's an invaluable source of culture for the community to enjoy."

The African sculptures and masks are made from bone, wood, copper alloys, cooked clay, ivory and stone. The Broward County African-American Research Library and Cultural Center is devoted to the research and study of the African Diaspora.

The Coral Springs Museum of Art has focused on displaying innovative and ethnically diverse exhibits for children and adults. The *Arts From Africa* Traveling Exhibit will be on display through August 19, 2006. Admission is \$4 for adults, 18 years or older, and free for everyone on Wednesdays. For more information, please contact 954-625-2810 or 954-340-5000.

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