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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces  
**Two New Associate Directors Appointed**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Broward County Libraries Division Director Robert E. Cannon announces the appointment of two new Associate Directors. **Julie V. Hunter**, Director of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), has been appointed Associate Director for Public Services and will supervise 18 Broward County Libraries. **Bryan Thabit**, Library Business Administrator, has been appointed Associate Director for Finance and Administrative Services and will manage the division's \$70 million annual budget as well as all internal operational support functions.

Hunter has a distinguished career with almost 40 years of experience in library administration, education, public speaking and employee motivation. She joined the Broward County Libraries Division in 2002 to open and manage the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center in Fort Lauderdale. She has published numerous articles in professional journals, received an array of impressive awards and is a member of many professional organizations.

During her tenure at AARLCC, Hunter developed and presented prestigious programs and exhibits, as well as acquiring, caring for and organizing countless specialized and rare collections of materials. She expanded the hours of service at AARLCC in 2005 and welcomed the first one million visitors, which were recorded in less than three and a half years.

Hunter has a Masters of Science degree in Library Science from Atlanta University, where she once served as the Assistant Director. She worked for the DeKalb County Public Library in Decatur, Georgia, as well as the Auburn Avenue Research Library on African-American

Culture and History with the Atlanta-Fulton County Public Library, where she also served as Library Director.

Although Hunter will continue to manage and have overall responsibility for the supervision and programs of the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, she will also supervise 18 other branch facilities throughout Broward County. A national search to replace her previous position is underway.

Thabit's new responsibilities include the overall supervision and management of the Library Division's \$70 million budget preparation, fiscal reporting, purchasing of library materials and equipment, payroll and payment processing, contract and grant administration, projects related to facilities and facilities maintenance and daily van delivery service of library materials. He will also have overall supervision of the library's large information technology section and the section which catalogs and processes new library materials.

Thabit has been employed by Broward County for six years, and has served the last three years in the Libraries Division. He has over 10 years of government accounting, auditing and contract administration experience. He has a Certified Public Accounting (CPA) license, the designation of Certified Government Finance Officer and a Master of Accounting degree from Nova Southeastern University.

Founded in 1974, the award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library), provides essential quality of life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. The library consists of 37 branches, more than three million items for public use, 970 permanent staff, 114 part-time staff and \$4.6 million in grants with 41 grant-supported positions. Broward County Library is the ninth largest library system in the United States serving 10 million customers annually.

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