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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents
Wartime Propaganda Exhibit at Main Library

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – An exhibit of wartime propaganda, with about 50 items dating from the Boer War to World War II, are on display now through January 9 in the Bienes Center for the Literary Arts, The Dianne and Michael Bienes Special Collections and Rare Book Library at the Broward County Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

Titled *The Game of War: Books, Toys, and Propaganda from The MWjr Study Center* (Miami, FL), the exhibition contains works from the collection of Mitchell Wolfson Jr.

Originally curated by a team of 11 students from Miami Dade College and New World School of the Arts, the exhibit features a diverse collection of wartime propaganda, much of it instructional or aimed at children. The display visually expresses the evolution of societies under pressure from strong leadership in cultures dominated by fear and uncertainty.

The installation includes satirical and disturbing objects such as caricatured puppets of Hitler and other high-ranking Nazis, a poster advertising gas masks, and a selection of books highlighting the effort to market war to children and adults.

For the Broward event, the exhibit has been enhanced with items from the collection of the Broward County Library's Bienes Center.

A public reception for *The Game of War*, co-sponsored by the Fontaneda Society, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on October 19 at the library. Students who created the original exhibit, Dean of Visual Arts at New World School of the Arts Maggy Cuesta, and curator Lea Nickless will participate in a panel discussion about the installation.

The exhibition is a collaborative effort of New World School of the Arts, The University of Florida, Miami Dade College and Broward County Library's Bienes Center for the Literary Arts, and the MWjr Study Centre.

For more information about the free exhibit and reception, call 954-357-8692.

Founded in 1974, the award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, 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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