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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
Call for Authors for the Pan African Bookfest

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – Broward County Libraries and Parks and Recreation Divisions are in search of new and previously published authors to participate in the 2006 Pan African Bookfest and Cultural Conference scheduled from April 12 to 22, 2006. The ten day event features book signings and sales, panel presentations, African storytellers, Afro-Caribbean dance demonstrations and oral history presentations. At the April 22 Bookfest Day, scheduled from noon to 7 p.m. at the Samuel Delevoe Park, Ft. Lauderdale, authors must be willing to speak with readers about their book and engage in individual and group book discussions.

Send a copy of your book to Tanya Simons-Oparah, Outreach Services Director, Broward County Library, Outreach Services, 100 South Andrews Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33301 by March 10, 2006. For additional information contact Keeyahna Sheard at 954-357-7464.

The Samuel Delevoe Park is located at 2520 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale adjacent to the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. The ten-day 2006 Pan African Bookfest and Cultural Conference will be held at both locations.

The Pan African Bookfest is sponsored in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

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 nine-and-a-half million customers annually.

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