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Broward County Commission Libraries Division Announces
**Celebrating the 10 Millionth
Broward County Library Customer**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL – On Tuesday, September 23 at 10 a.m., the Broward County Libraries Division welcomed Patti Campbell and her family as the 10 Millionth Library Customer. This event occurred at the North Regional/BC Library located at 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd. in Coconut Creek. The 10-millionth customer was chosen based on library customer count statistics and attendance patterns. The winning customer (and her family) is symbolic of all the users of our award-winning Library system.

Patti Campbell was honored with certificates of appreciation, a musical fanfare of “Celebrate”, and a gift bag filled with treats provided by the Friends of the Library and the Broward Public Library Foundation.

Mrs. Campbell came to the Library on Tuesday with three children in tow to attend their home schoolers class held in the Library’s youth services area. She teaches toddlers, while other home schooling parents teach her children subjects such as Spanish, creative writing, sewing and history. Mrs. Campbell and her husband Tom decided several years ago to home school their children and they have seen their kids score two to four grades higher than their peers in regular schools. “This is a great spot,” she said, “because they let us use the library. We use this library for home schooling, and we use the Main Library where we do all the crafts during the summer.” The children have also



Patti Campbell (top) with her children, Bridgette (10), Brendan (8) and Maddie (3) and Debbie Passalacqua, manager of North Regional/BC Library. Not pictured: Tommy (15) and Jimmy (13) and husband Tom Campbell.

studied with Friends of the Library tutors at the North Regional/BC Library and student tutors at the South Regional Library

The award-winning Broward County Libraries Division, founded in 1974, provides essential quality-of-life community service as well as outstanding customer service throughout Broward County. It has grown to become the ninth-largest library system in the nation. It is also one of the busiest, with more than nine million walk-in customers visiting its 37 locations throughout the year. Broward County Library provides approximately three million items and more than 2,000 computers for public use, and facilitates events and programs that satisfy the changing needs of Broward County's community of children, teens, and adults for information, education, and recreation. It retains a strong emphasis on literacy and after-school programs. The library's Web site, www.broward.org/library, continuously evolves to meet the needs of its customers and to offer information that encourages exploration of knowledge and self-expansion. In addition to providing electronic visitors with information about its locations, services, and events, the Web site has easy links to online catalogs, references, and electronic databases. Broward County Library has also become a leader in E-Communication, offering easy ways for its customers to stay electronically informed through its E-Newsletter, E-Spotlights, E-Updates, and E-Invitation.

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