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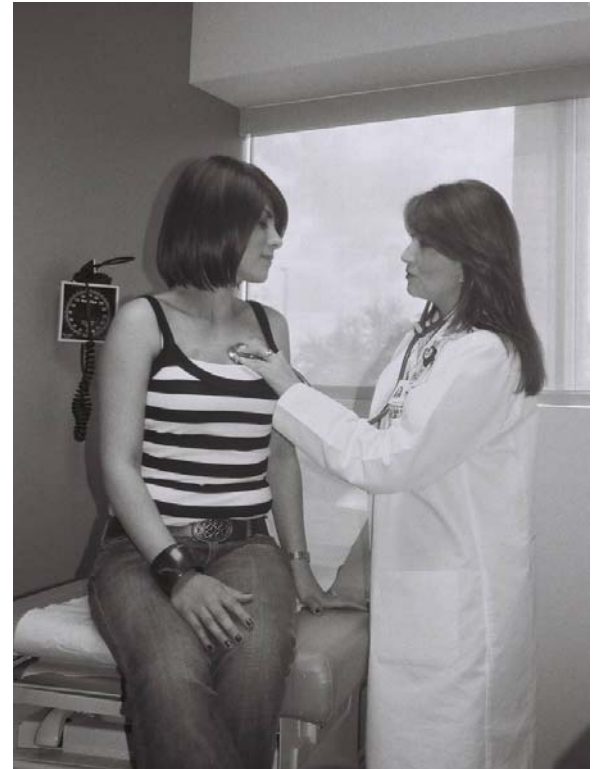
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(Photo caption – Memorial Breast Cancer Center South - One of the photographs in the “Stories to Share” exhibit at the Main Library in October 2008)

Broward County Commission Libraries Division Presents
**Susan G. Komen for the Cure Programs in October for
Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

BROWARD COUNTY, FL. – This October, Broward County Libraries Division in partnership with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure is hosting several programs in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

A very special event is the photographic documentary entitled “Stories to Share” to be displayed at the Main Library. Tamarac, Florida photographer Susan Buzzi has met with survivors, care givers, family members, physicians and other persons involved with breast cancer and photographed the participants in candid shots using black and white film. Persons photographed have provided written commentary, which will be next to their photos, about their triumphs and battles with cancer. The exhibit will be on display at the Main Library, 6th floor, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, on October 14 through October 31, with a reception on Monday evening, October 20, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.



"I am most grateful to Susan G. Komen for the Cure and to the Broward County Libraries Division for the opportunity to develop and encourage an open dialogue and awareness from women and men in our community. This is one true journey, and we must learn to empower ourselves with wisdom and consciousness," said Buzzi.

"My intention is to present the most comprehensive "story" of recovery and discovery of mind, body, soul and spirit. As the viewer travels through the exhibition, they will meet the women and men who have been part of this journey and who have "Stories to Share" about their private breast cancer experiences," said Buzzi.

Buzzi's photographic passage has taken her to Gilda's Club of South Florida, Memorial Health Care System, the Memorial Cancer Institute, Mount Sinai and many other private and public locations to meet with the persons involved in the exhibit. Ms Buzzi is a renowned photographer and writer. Her environmental photographs have been on display at the Coral Springs Museum of Art. Buzzi's work is exhibited internationally and is included in numerous corporate and private collections in the United States.

The Main Library Susan G. Komen for the Cure Wellness Fair, will be held on Monday, October 20, 11 am to 3 pm, and will include tables of information from local cancer institutions.

Organizations represented at the Komen Wellness Fair include: Susan G. Komen for the Cure; Gilda's Club of South Florida; Total Lymphedema Care, Inc.; Florida Breast Cancer Coalition Research Foundation, A Fitting Experience Mastectomy Shoppe; Gold Coast Huggers, the local chapter of the national chapter of Head Huggers who knit, crochet, or sew hats specifically for people who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy; and the Broward General Comprehensive Breast Center, demonstrating how to perform breast self-examination.

Two speakers will highlight the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Wellness Fair. Susan Ryan Jordan, author of the book *The Immune Spirit: A Story of Love, Loss and Healing: One Woman's Triumph over Breast Cancer, from the Mother of Meg Ryan*, will speak at 11 a.m. Books will be available for sale and signing.

At 2 p.m., Dr. Nicholas Tranakas, M.D., medical director of cancer services for Broward Health and of the Comprehensive Breast Center at Broward General Medical Center, will speak about breast health.

All activities at the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Wellness Fair are free and open to the public.

This is the fifth year that Broward County Libraries has partnered with Susan G. Komen for the Cure to present information and programs about breast cancer to the community.

Other highlighted programs In October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month Include:

October Susan G. Komen for the Cure Activities

- There will be information on all 290 Broward County buses promoting Susan G. Komen for the Cure library resources

- Libraries with Komen for the Cure informational tables in Spanish, Haitian Creole and English are –

Lauderhill Towne Centre Library, 6399 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderhill

Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale

Miramar Branch Library and Education Center, 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar

North Regional / BCC Library, 1100 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek

Northwest Regional Library, 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs

Pembroke Pines Branch/Walter C. Young Resource Center, 955 N.W. 129 Ave., Pembroke Pines

South Regional/BCC Library, 7300 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines

Southwest Regional Library, 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines

Tamarac Branch Library, 8701 W. Commercial Blvd, Tamarac

West Regional Library, 8601 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation

- October 3 - 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Film: *Patch Adams*. Main Library auditorium
- October 11 – 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Susan G. Komen for the Cure Mother/Daughter Craft Program. Ages 8 and up. Main Library, 6th floor
Show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month by decorating a pink T-shirt. T-shirt and supplies will be provided. Registration required. Call 954-357-7504 to register.
- October 14 to October 31 – Main Library Hours, *Stories to Share* Exhibit, gallery six. Main Library, 6th floor.
- October 16 – 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – The Check It Out – Learn Breast Cancer Prevention Techniques. Program presented by Broward Region of Hadassah Volunteer Nurses. Sunrise Dan Pearl Branch Library, 10500 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise
- October 20 - 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Susan G. Komen for the Cure Wellness Fair, Main Library, 6th floor
 - 11:00 a.m. - Meet Susan Ryan Jordan, author of the book *The Immune Spirit: A Story of Love, Loss and Healing: One Woman's Triumph over Breast Cancer, from the Mother of Meg Ryan*. Books available for sale and signing.
 - 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Dr. Nicholas Tranakas, M.D., medical director of cancer services for Broward Health and of the Comprehensive Breast Center at Broward General Medical Center, will speak about breast health.
 - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - “Stories to Share” reception with photographer Susan Buzzi
- October 26 – 1:30 pm – Creative Journaling with Susan Buzzi. Main Library, 6th floor

Visit the library web page at www.broward.org/library for information on materials and resources in Broward County Library. For additional information on these and other programs, please call 954-357-7443 or email bmiller@browardlibrary.org.

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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