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## CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH COLLIER COUNTY

## April 12-18, 2009

It's National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide. This is the perfect time to discover how worlds connect at your library.

"At our library, people of all backgrounds come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get help finding a job or to find homework help," said Marilyn Matthes, Director of Collier County Public Libraries.

The Collier County Public Library system is celebrating National Library Week with some wonderful programs, and the public is invited to get to know this important resource by attending one of the following programs: "Exploring Western and Southern Australia" at Marco Island Branch Library on Tuesday, April 14, 2 p.m.; "Ecological Disaster? Hurricanes and Fire in Big Cypress National Preserve" at South Regional Library on Wednesday, April 15, 2 p.m.; Book Discussion: *Skeletons at the Feast* by Chris Bohjalian at East Naples Branch Library on Thursday, April 16, 2 p.m.; Book Discussion: *Home* by Marilynne Robinson at Marco Island Branch Library on Thursday, April 16, 2 p.m.

"Every day, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities," said Public Services Division Public Information Coordinator Camden Smith.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Headquarters Regional Library at 2385 Orange Blossom Drive in Naples, FL, call (239) 593-0334 or visit us online at <u>www.colliergov.net/library</u>.