



**Broward County African-American Research Library  
and Cultural Center**

**2013 Black History Month Essay Contest**

**(January 7-February 8, 2013)**

**Official Entry Form**

The contest is open to students living in Broward County, in grades 4-12. Interested students are encouraged to write and submit an essay which will focus on answering the following questions:

**This year will be the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his famous “I Have a Dream” speech. In 1963, people came from all around the country to protest political and social challenges that African Americans faced in this country. What were the issues that caused the March on Washington? Who were the organizers of the March on Washington and what did they hope would happen? If the March on Washington were to occur today, what are some of the issues that your generation would be willing to march for in protest? Who do you think would lead and organize the March today and why?**

To participate in the contest, the essay should be legibly written, with good grammar and correct spelling. The essay should be an original writing and:

- 1) *Be 250 words or less.*
- 2) *Be legible in either handwritten format or typed. (No cursive writing.)*
- 3) *Be accompanied by this Essay Contest Official Entry Form.*
- 4) *Be submitted no later than 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013 at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC), 2650 Sistrunk Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311.*

Students must provide their full name, home address, telephone number, school of attendance, and grade level. Students may only submit one entry.

Forms can be obtained in person at the AARLCC (from the Youth Services Desk) or online by accessing the Library at [www.broward.org/library](http://www.broward.org/library). Then click on the Programs and Events button.

Essays will be judged for merit, originality, grammar, and spelling. There will be one winner from each of three categories: Grades 4-6, Grades 7-9, and Grades 10-12. Best Buy is sponsoring prizes, including a digital camera, an MP3 player and a laptop computer.

**2013 Black History Month Essay Contest: Official Entry Form**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email (if available)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent’s Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach this completed form to your essay before submitting.*

**The contest is open to students in Broward County.  
All entries must be submitted by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013.**

**How to Win**

Winning entries will be determined by a panel of judges from the Broward County African-American Research Library and Cultural Center based on merit, originality, grammar and spelling. All entries must be submitted to the Broward County African-American Research Library and Cultural Center, Youth Services Section by 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 8, 2013. Prizes will be awarded after the end of the contest period at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center.

**Limitations/Disqualification**

In the event that Broward County African-American Research Library and Cultural Center is unable to contact any of the winners by 8:00 p.m. on February 15, 2013, another winner will be selected from all remaining eligible entry forms. BEST BUY or Broward County Library is not responsible for any incomplete or illegible entry forms.

**Publicity/Release**

By participating, all participants and winner(s) grant Broward County Library exclusive permission to use their names, characters, photographs, voices, and likenesses in connection with promotion of this and other contests and waive any claims to royalty, right or remuneration for such use.

**Prize Delivery**

The prizes will be awarded in person at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center on/or after February 15, 2013. Winners must show a valid ID such as a school photo identification card.

