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FLORIDA FOLK ARTIST COMING TO TEMPLE TERRACE LIBRARY

TEMPLE TERRACE, FL. – (1/18/11) – Florida folk artist Ruby C. Williams will make a special visit to the Temple Terrace Public Library in February in recognition of ***Black History Month***.

Williams will be at the library on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She will demonstrate her painting techniques and tell stories of her life and art. Several of her art pieces also will be on display at the library through February.

Williams grew up in Bealsville, near Plant City, where she owns a produce stand and open-air gallery. Her talent came to light when she began painting colorful, whimsical roadside signs to advertise her fruits and vegetables.

Much of her work is inspirational, often reflecting a moral lesson or recalling a specific event.

Williams has received national attention for her work and was recently honored with a Florida Folk Life Award. She also was included in "On Their Own – Selected Self-Taught Artists," a show at the Smithsonian Anacostia Community Museum in Washington, D.C.

In 2009, Williams was presented with the Folk Art Society of America's *Award of Distinction*. At the society's conference in 2009, officials presented one of her paintings to the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg.

Also as part of Black History Month, the library will screen the biographical drama "Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story." Starring Cuba Gooding, Jr., the movie tells the story of a poor, inner-city youngster who overcomes great odds to become one of the world's great surgeons. The movie will be shown Saturday, Feb. 26 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, contact the library at (813) 506-6770.

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