

Alvin Sherman Library Premieres Lecture Series: “-*Discourse*- Issues and Challenges of 21st Century Living”

The Circle of Friends of the Alvin Sherman Library, Research, and Information Technology Center invites you to the premiere season of *Discourse*, a series of lectures on popular culture, public policy, economics, public health, and international affairs. *Discourse* provides a unique opportunity to engage in dialogue on timely issues of the day and to interact with distinguished scholars, public figures, authors, and policy makers.

“Issues and Challenges of 21st Century Living” -- Less than a decade into the century, America has experienced dramatic cultural shifts, changed demographics, astronomical technological advances – in essence, a changed world. The season will focus on the critical challenges which America will have to address in the coming years.

All sessions are from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Alvin Sherman Library. Refreshments will be served.

September 29, 2006 -- Made in the USA: Where are we now?

Should we care that China has opened its doors to capitalist ventures? Does the growth of industry in the far east have an impact on the cost of goods in the Broward County or the availability of jobs in the state of Florida? Industry leaders Tom Eggleston and Mano Howard will discuss the impact of globalization. They will examine the impact the global shift of production of apparel has had on employment and discuss the road ahead and the lessons learned.

October 26, 2006 -- A Bird in the Hand”

Is a pandemic looming? Since late 2003, a growing number of Asian, European and African countries have reported outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry, wild birds, and pigs. The spread of this virus represents a significant threat, with health professionals concerned about a potential human pandemic. How can we be prepared? What can you do to protect yourselves? Public health experts Drs. James Howell, and Jean Maleki discuss whether we should be concerned about the current outbreaks.

January 25, 2007 -- American “Idol”-otry: Why Americans Idolize Celebrity

Why the hoopla over Bennifer, TomKat, and Branjelina’s baby? Why do more people vote for the next American Idol than for the President of the United States? As we become a 24/7 news cycle environment, learn more about this amazing phenomenon from the people at WSVN’s Deco Drive and from Dr. Elizabeth Bird, author of “The Audience in Everyday Life: Living in a Media World.”

February 22, 2007 -- Doctor, I have a pain in my pocketbook

According to the most recent U.S. Census, more women earn a bachelor's degree or higher than do men. As women have emerged as an economic powerhouse, what are the key tools to meet and exceed their financial goals in the years to come. This lively and topical presentation by Carolyn Brewer, attorney and Certified Financial Planner, will cover such diverse areas as planning, estate planning, risk management, investments, charitable giving, and how to protect from identity theft. What is the impact of women's changing economic roles on the family and society?

The cost of attendance is \$300 for Circle of Friends members for the entire series and \$350 for non-members for the entire series, which includes a membership in the Circle of Friends.

All proceeds from Discourse benefit the Circle of Friends "Creating a Visual Legacy" project.

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