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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY – DOWNTOWN
HOSTS DEBRA EHRHARDT IN “JAMAICA FAREWELL”
IN BRPL’S 2019 STORY CENTRAL SERIES, “CULTURAL CONNECTIONS”
FEBRUARY 23, 2019, 4:00–5:30PM**

(Boca Raton, FL) – Boca Raton Public Library continues its 2019 Story Central theme, “Cultural Connections,” with a performance by Jamaican storyteller, Debra Ehrhardt, at the Downtown Library on Saturday, February 23 at 4:00pm. In “Jamaica Farewell,” Ehrhardt shares how she achieved her teenage dream of coming to the United States by smuggling \$1 million from Kingston to Miami. This extraordinary show, directed by *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*’s Joel Zwick, has played around the country to massive acclaim.

After L.A.-based Debra Ehrhardt’s first show was produced at the Marilyn Monroe Theater in West Hollywood, it was optioned as a sitcom by Fox. A 2007 New York City Fringe Festival award-winner for “Jamaica Farewell,” Ehrhardt received a Proclamation from the city for her outstanding contribution to the Jamaican community. The show has been optioned by a major Hollywood producer, and Ehrhardt is adapting it for the big screen.

“One of the amazing things about storytelling is that when we listen, we travel the world from the comfort of our seats. The storyteller is our guide, and the journey can be nothing short of extraordinary,” notes Story Central facilitator, Caren S. Neile, Ph.D., MFA. “Plus we don’t have to worry about passports, airports or travel sickness!” A performance storyteller and author, she has taught storytelling and writing for twenty-five years in universities and community settings. She currently teaches at Florida Atlantic University.

Register for this highly entertaining presentation through the library’s calendar at bocalibrary.org.



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