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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FAU DIVISION OF RESEARCH PRESENT  
“YOUR ROLE IN COMBATTING CYBERBULLYING” WITH SAMEER HINDUJA, PH.D.  
JANUARY 16, 2020, 1:00–2:30PM, DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

BOCA RATON, FL (December 20, 2019) – Technology misuse among youth is a serious widespread issue, but proven actionable strategies to help make cyberspace a safer place are available. Join Florida Atlantic University’s Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D., as he talks about the roles of parents—and the entire community—in addressing cyberbullying, sexting and unwise social media use among youth. In “Your Role in Combatting Cyberbullying,” a free presentation at the City of Boca Raton’s Downtown Library, Dr. Hinduja will help listeners understand how youth embrace and exploit social media; learn best practices to implement in homes and communities; and discover techniques for rule-setting, communication, encouragement and more.

Sameer Hinduja, Ph.D., is recognized internationally for his groundbreaking work on cyberbullying and safe social media use. He works with the U.S. Department of Education and many state departments of education to improve their policies and programming related to the prevention and response of teen technology misuse. He has written seven books, including *Bullying Today: Bullet Points and Best Practices* and the award-winning *Bullying Beyond the Schoolyard: Preventing and Responding to Cyberbullying*. Dr. Hinduja also provides training to schools, youth organizations, parents, and teens on how to avoid online victimization and its real-world consequences. His work has been featured in CNN’s “Anderson Cooper 360,” NPR’s “All Things Considered,” the BBC, *The New York Times*, and more.

“Cyberbullying is a growing issue that affects all ages in our community. Dr. Hinduja will be sharing his expertise on how we can both educate ourselves and use technology in the safest way possible for our families,” notes Amanda Liebl in Events and Community Engagement at the library. This program is part of the FAU Research in Action series, an ongoing collaboration between FAU’s Division of Research and the City of Boca Raton Libraries in which researchers share their innovative work and seek input from the community. “We are fortunate to have a research university in our city,” adds Ms. Liebl, “and this series allows our residents to learn about experts’ discoveries and research, and provide helpful feedback.”

“Your Role in Combatting Cyberbullying” is free and open to the public. Register through the calendar at [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org) or call the library at 561-393-7852.



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