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Literacy Now! Summer Tour

(Chicago, IL) Patrick Oliver, publisher and editor of *Turn the Page and You Don't Stop: Sharing Successful Chapters in Our Lives with Youth* announces the Literacy Now! Summer Tour scheduled to begin Saturday, July 1, 2006 at the Essence Music Festival. The Literacy Now! tour will feature *Turn the Page and You Don't Stop* contributors participating in readings, signings and panel discussions at venues locally and throughout the country. The tour is designed to promote reading as a tool of empowerment. The literacy tour is one of the many literary events sponsored by the *Say It Loud!* Readers and Writers Series.

The highlight of the tour will be on Saturday, July 22, 2006 at the Harlem Book Fair, New York, N.Y. Patrick Oliver will moderate a panel titled *Literacy Now: Developing the Next Generation of Readers*. The panel will feature educator and author Salome Thomas-EL, award-winning children's author Sharon Flake, Langston Hughes Library and Cultural Center, executive director Andrew Jackson and special guest author to be announced. The panel will be televised live on CSPAN BookTV.

Tour dates, events and locations

Saturday, July 01, 2006, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Essence Music Festival Authors Pavilion, Reliant Center Hall C, Houston, TX; **Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9, 2006**, DuSable Museum of African-American History Arts Festival, Chicago, IL; **Thursday, July 13, 2006** Sister Talk, Avalon Library, Chicago, IL; **Saturday, July 15, 2006**, National Black Arts Festival, Greenbrier Mall, Atlanta, GA; **Saturday, July 22, 2006** Harlem Book Fair, New York, NY; **Tuesday, July 25, 2006**, Location to be Announced, Little Rock, AR; **Thursday, July 27, 2006, 6:30 p.m.** Books for and about Black Men, Avalon Branch Library, Chicago, IL.

Reception to follow July 13 and July 27, 2006 events at the Avalon Library, Chicago, IL

Turn the Page and You Don't Stop contains essays, poems, short stories, original paintings and photography. The writers are academicians, activist, artist, authors, educators, publishers and ordinary citizens. Contributors include: Cory Anderson, Melrita Bonner, Traycee Lynn Bryant, Kenneth Carroll, Reverend Marrice Coverson, Frank Frazier, Patrice Gaines, Dr. Sandra Y. Govan, Hadassah Hickman, Victor Hill, Allyson Horton, Wade Hudson, Andrew Jackson, Parneshia Jones, Janis F. Kearney, Haki R. Madhubuti, Dr. Julianne Malveaux, D. H. Melhem, Ph.D, David C. Miller, E. Ethelbert Miller, Opal Moore, Useni Eugene Perkins, Felicia Pride, Jamel Shabazz, Irene Smalls, Dr. Ivory Achebe Toldson, Lynnette C. Velasco and Latoya Wolfe.