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SEE THE POWER OF GIRLS' EDUCATION AT YOUR LIBRARY

The Bay County Public Library has partnered with PBS to showcase films from the award-winning PBS POV (Point-of-View) documentary series. *The Light in Her Eyes* is the next film to be shown on December 15, 2015 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. as part of the Beyond the Lens: Book and Film Series in the Bay County Public Library Meeting Room.

The Light in Her Eyes by Julia Meltzer and Laura Nix features conservative Muslim preacher, Houda al-Habash, who founded a Qur'an school for girls in Damascus, Syria thirty years ago. Her female students immerse themselves in a rigorous study of Islam every summer. A surprising cultural shift is underway — women are claiming space within the mosque. Filmed right before the conflict in Syria erupted, *The Light in Her Eyes* offers an extraordinary portrait of a leader who challenges the women of her community to live according to Islam without giving up their dreams.

After the film, there will be lively discussion about both the documentary film and selected book club read, *I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and Was Shot by the Taliban* by Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries. The event is free and open to the public.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. Please call 522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on this and other programs.

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