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PBS POV 'The Light in Her Eyes' SCREENING AT THE BAY COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

(PANAMA CITY, FL) – In partnership with PBS to showcase films from the award-winning POV (Point-of-View) documentary series, the Bay County Public Library will screen *The Light in Her Eyes* on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. as part of the Beyond the Lens: Book and Film Series.

Filmed on the eve of Syria's "Arab Spring" protests, *The Light in Her Eyes* is a look at a popular movement that claims space for women in the mosque and calls for greater freedom for Muslim women. It is also a fascinating picture of modern Muslim society in the midst of a dramatic social transition--which does not always sit easily with Western ideas of progress. But throughout the Middle East, Muslim women are increasingly making the choice to be religious and live modern lives.

Dr. David Fistein (Gulf Coast State College) and Hiba Rahim (CAIR, Council on American - Islamic Relations) will lead an engaging post-film discussion as guest panelists. The selected book to accompany the film is *The Lovers: Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet* by Rod Norland. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Bay County Public Libraries. Beyond the Lens is free and open to the public.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. Please call 522-2120 or visit www.nwrls.com for more information on this and other programs.

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