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## Sarasota County facilities host free AARP tax help sites

Free tax help for quick filing of federal individual income tax returns is under way at some Sarasota County libraries and the Venice Community Center. Low to moderate income individuals of all ages are encouraged to bring their tax documents to one of the sites in Sarasota, Venice, Englewood and North Port. No appointment is required to visit a trained IRS-certified tax-aide volunteer.

Trained IRS-certified tax-aide volunteers will be at each location to provide free personal income tax assistance to eligible residents and older adults, regardless of annual income. Services include responding to questions; assisting eligible people, including older adults in filing their taxes; and reporting and receiving the benefit of all available and eligible credits including the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit.

The EITC allows eligible residents to receive refunds from the federal government to help with unplanned expenses, invest in skills training or start a business. The AARP Tax Aide E-file sites allow residents to electronically file their tax returns so they can receive any refund sooner. Generally, a refund can be posted to a person's bank account within nine to 16 days after the visit to the AARP Tax-Aide site.

The AARP's Tax Aide offers free tax preparation for low- or moderate-income taxpayers. Local residents eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Child Tax Credit are encouraged to avoid impulsive loan decisions by visiting local AARP Tax-Aide Sites.

The AARP Tax Aide E-file sites allow residents to electronically file their tax returns so they can receive any refund sooner. There is an ongoing need for volunteers, especially those who are computer-literate, to staff designated AARP tax aide sites throughout Sarasota County during the tax season. Those who would like to volunteer to assist with this project should visit the national AARP Tax Aide website, [www.AARPSarasota.org](http://www.AARPSarasota.org). or [www.friendshipvolunteer.com](http://www.friendshipvolunteer.com).

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit [www.scgov.net](http://www.scgov.net).

### **Fruitville Library**

100 Coburn Road, Sarasota  
Mon. –Thur.  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Feb. 4 – April 15

### **Gulf Gate Library**

7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota  
Mon. 4 to 8 p.m. / Sat. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Feb. 4 – April 15

### **Selby Public Library**

1331 First Street, Sarasota  
Mon. and Tue., 3 to 7 p.m.  
Wed. and Thur., 1 to 5 p.m.  
Feb. 4 – April 15

### **Jacaranda Public Library**

4143 Woodmere Blvd., Venice  
Mon. and Wed., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Feb. 4 – April 15

**North Port Library**

13800 Tamiami Trail, North Port

Thur. and Sat., 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 7 – April 15

**Venice Community Center**

326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice

Wed. and Fri., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thur. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Feb. 6 – April 15