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Sarasota County Talking Book teams up with Pinellas Cooperative

The Sarasota County Library System's Talking Book program has joined forces with the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. The transition continues Sarasota County's commitment to the program, which began in 1975. The change will be effective, Tuesday, July 1.

The only change in the program is a new toll free number for Sarasota County residents, 866-619-9568.

Established in 1931, the Talking Book program is a free, national library program for people who are visually impaired or physically disabled. The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, administers the program. Braille and recorded books and magazines as well as playback machines are sent to borrowers and returned to the library by postage-free mail.

"Because the Talking Book program is so critical to the library mission, we made it a priority to keep the same level of service for our customers," said Sarabeth Kalajian, general manager of the Sarasota County Library System. "This partnership with Pinellas enables us to do that."

For more information contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about the Talking Book program.