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## **Sarasota County Libraries celebrate local history month**

From the circus to agriculture to military bases, Sarasota County has a rich and storied history. During the month of August, each of the eight Sarasota County libraries will offer programs and presentations focusing on the history of the county's most treasured destination spots and attractions.

Some of the programs offered include "The Legacy of John and Mable Ringling," "John Crowley's Legacy of Commerce and Conservation," "An American Legacy: The Sarasota School of Architecture" and "The History of Clowning" presented by International Clown of the Year Barbara Waters-Riddle.

Staff from the Sarasota County History Center, the Crowley Museum and Nature Center, Historic Spanish Point, The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and the Sarasota Architectural Foundation will offer presentations and interactive discussions on areas of historical significance.

"Sarasota County has such a rich and diversified history, we felt that offering these programs throughout the month gives the whole community a chance to learn about our past," said Greg Carlson, manager of Jacaranda Library.

For more information including dates, times and locations of specific presentations visit the Sarasota County libraries Web site at [www.sclibs.net](http://www.sclibs.net) or contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Local History Month at the Sarasota County libraries.