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Sarasota County libraries host second annual SustainAbility Month

The Sarasota County Library System is inviting residents and visitors to turn “green” intentions into positive actions during the numerous events to be held during the libraries’ annual SustainAbility Month in September. Experts from Sarasota County government agencies, academia, private businesses, environmental organizations and others will present practical tips to reduce negative environmental impacts on the planet and set a sustainable stage for future generations.

Several programs will be featured at the county’s eight libraries, including how-to sessions for building an inexpensive backyard compost box, stretching a food budget, properly applying fertilizer and more. A panel discussion with county planners will illustrate how people and places can create sustainable prosperity. Extension Services and Sustainable Sarasota will introduce “carbon footprint” concepts and distribute free EnergyStar fluorescent light bulbs.

Youth departments will feature a Save the Environment program for preschoolers and distribute a limited number of Florida native tree seedlings to families. New library card applicants will receive a sustainability start-up kit, including a car litterbag from Keep Sarasota County Beautiful filled with sustainability literature from various county agencies.

“The library is listening to the community and supporting its values of environmental preservation and sustained quality of life,” said Greg Carlson, manager of Jacaranda Public Library. “Sustainability Month was a great success last year and we expect it will continue to grow in future years.”

Home Depot and Publix Super Markets are providing support for SustainAbility Month programs and services.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Sustainability Month at Sarasota County libraries.