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County libraries to close Oct. 24 for Staff Development Day

All eight libraries in the Sarasota County Library System will be closed Friday, Oct. 24, for Staff Development Day, a full-day training session for all library employees. Items due Oct. 24 may be returned in library drop boxes on that day. All libraries will reopen Saturday, Oct. 25.

“With a library system as large and diversified as the Sarasota County Library System, the most cost efficient way to train all library staff in the latest technologies for customer service is to bring them all together in one place,” said General Manager Sarabeth Kalajian.

The keynote speaker will be Karen Hyman, executive director of the South Jersey Library Cooperative. Hyman, who develops services for 600 member libraries and administers QandANJ.org, a statewide, virtual reference service, will present a program entitled “The Customer Centered Library.”

The eight libraries in the Sarasota County Library System are:

- Elsie Quirk Public Library, 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood
- Frances T. Bourne Jacaranda Public Library, 4143 Woodmere Park Blvd., Venice
- Fruitville Public Library, 100 Coburn Road, Sarasota
- Gulf Gate Public Library, 7112 Curtiss Ave., Sarasota
- North Port Public Library, 13800 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port
- North Sarasota Public Library, 2801 Newtown Blvd., Sarasota
- Selby Public Library, 1331 First St., Sarasota
- Venice Public Library, 300 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 and ask about Sarasota County Libraries or visit www.sclibs.net.

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