

History Center and Fruitville Library Expansion

CIP # 83285



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PROJECT SCHEDULE

Design Start
February 2023

Design Finish
March 2025

Construction Start
Summer 2025

Construction Completion
Winter 2026

PROJECT DETAILS

Design Consultant
Sweet Sparkman
Architects

Design Contract Cost
\$1,977,135.00

Contractor
Tandem Construction

Construction Contract Cost
\$26,035,162.00

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Project Description

Sarasota County is planning for the design and construction of a new County History Center, and an expansion of the existing Fruitville Library. The existing History Center is aging and inadequate to house the County's collections of historic artifacts.

The Fruitville Library is in need of renovations and expansion to better serve the library patrons and community.

Project Progress/Status

Construction of both the new History Center and renovations to the existing Library are under way. Tilt walls for the History Center are up. The Fruitville Library will be closed to the public beginning on Thursday, December 18, 2025, for construction to start on the new addition and interior renovations. A temporary library, located in the Fruitville Library parking lot, has opened to offer limited services. Library renovations are expected to be approximately 6 months, and be completed Early Summer 2026. The project includes an addition to the library in the southwest corner. The History Center construction will be ongoing from August 2025 through Winter 2026. Please use caution when visiting the library!

