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North Sarasota Public Library goes ‘Prime Time’ with family literacy

The emphasis will be on reading as a family when North Sarasota Library hosts “Prime Time,” a six-week series of reading and discussion programs. The free, 90-minute program begins at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 2 and will continue every Thursday through May 7. Each session will start with a free meal provided for all family members.

Made possible by a grant from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation of Venice, “Prime Time” targets children age 6-10 who may be experiencing difficulty with reading. The goal of the program is to foster a lifelong love of learning through reading. The program includes sessions on such themes as fairness, greed, courage, cleverness and determination. Discussion leader Thomas Crisp and storyteller Windell Campbell will introduce parents to the benefits and pleasures of reading and discussing stories with their children.

“We are excited about the prospect of sharing with children and their parents the ‘Prime Time’ activities that contribute to transforming families into lifelong readers,” said Sarabeth Kalajian, director of the Sarasota County Library System.

The Florida Humanities Council, a private, statewide, non-profit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, sponsors the “Prime Time” programs. Families who want to participate in this program must register in advance.

For more information about how to register, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Sarasota County Library System Web site, www.sclibs.net.