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## **Sarasota County library system schedules upgrade to computer catalog**

The Sarasota County library system will shut down its computer catalog on Tuesday, May 4, in order to upgrade the software used to keep track of library card information and the more than 1 million items annually circulated.

Library and Information Technology staff will perform the upgrade beginning early that morning. It is expected to last several hours. During the time the upgrade is performed, the public catalog, online access to personal library card information and the libraries Overdrive audio books system will be unavailable.

While the upgrade is under way, library staff will be able to process most circulation procedures manually if the system remains unavailable during operating hours. Library customers must have their library card with them in order to check out materials while the system is offline.

This will be the first of two separate upgrades to the libraries catalog system. The second upgrade will be performed in June.

“We are trying to complete the upgrade during non-operating hours,” said Melisse Hypponen, information technology specialist for library administration. “Customers should not initially notice any difference in the system; however, the upgrade will improve efficiency on the back end where library staff will see the most improvement. The upgrade also will enable the libraries to offer new features for the public in the future such as online payments and improved self-checkout.”

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000 or visit the Sarasota County library system website at [www.sclibs.net](http://www.sclibs.net).