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County libraries offer digital calendar and room reservation system

Sarasota County libraries recently launched a new online system that allows individuals and groups to request meeting rooms up to one year in advance. In addition, the new system includes an events calendar with an improved display, as well as a convenient program registration feature.

Sarasota County libraries offer a variety of meeting and conference rooms for virtually any purpose. The rooms are very popular with local civic groups, neighborhood associations, youth clubs and professional organizations, which often book rooms on a recurring basis throughout the year.

The system also allows the public to see and sign up for library events quickly and easily from the library website, www.sclibs.net. Patrons can even request an automatic reminder be sent by e-mail for events they have signed up for, or receive notifications when events that they may be interested in are posted to the calendar.

“Today’s library is a very active social gathering spot where people come to exchange ideas, access needed information, to learn and be entertained,” said Laurie Bates, librarian and webmaster. “For a lot of library users, socializing at the library is a vital part of their life and this system will make it easier for our customers to reserve meeting spaces and select the programs they want to attend.”

The new features save time and money by freeing up library staff to perform other functions such as hands-on customer service. Room requests, reminders and notifications all occur electronically, reducing the amount of paper involved. Library patrons may still sign up for events in person or call the library.

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

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