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Sarasota County Law Library moves to Selby Library Oct. 15

The Sarasota County Law Library, at 2050 Adams Lane, Sarasota, will be packed up at the close of business on Friday, Oct 15, and moved to a temporary location at Selby Public Library, 1331 First Street, Sarasota.

The Law Library will re-open at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 18.

The library is a legal reference service available to the general public, attorneys and anyone interested in legal research. The temporary location at Selby Public Library will offer the services of the law librarian, online legal databases and a small collection of the most popular items in the collection. The current facility, next to Payne Park, is owned by the city of Sarasota, which plans to renovate the building and use it for an employee health clinic.

County staff and court administration are exploring affordable options for a long-term home for the Law Library including:

- A possible donation of vacant space in the downtown area
- Vacant space in a county building on Orange Avenue adjacent to the Sarasota County Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota

The Law Library has been located in 4,000 sq. ft. containing 5,000 linear feet of legal reference material. "The major challenge will be finding an ideal location that will allow the Law Library services to operate in this continually challenging economic climate," said Larry Arnold, executive director, Sarasota County Community Services.

County staff and court administration have retained the services of law library expert Nora Everlove. Everlove has worked with law libraries for more than 30 years and has assisted operations in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Palm Beach, Lee, Broward and St. Lucie counties. She will assist county staff and court administration with relocation, including determining the optimal size of the book collection.

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