

*Never doubt that a small group
of thoughtful, committed
people can change the world.
It is the only thing that ever has.*
M. Mead



**You are invited to attend
*Literacy Summit 2008: The Next Chapter!***

Who: The Literacy Council of Sarasota, the Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County, the Sarasota County School Board, and the Sarasota County Library System are working together to bring you a follow-up to the 2006 Literacy Summit.

What: At *Literacy Summit 2008: The Next Chapter*, we will hear about successful local and regional literacy programs, explore opportunities for increased collaboration in literacy efforts, and consider how to turn possibilities into action. We will summarize the results of Literacy Summit 2006 and a lot more!

We are pleased to announce that the following speakers will be at the Literacy Summit:

- Jane Barton, Literacy Council Tutor Trainer, on the results of Literacy Summit 2006
- Wendy Hopkins, Vice President of the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, on their new granting process and the grants recently awarded for pre-school and school-age literacy.
- Margie Genter, Vice President-Mission Services for Goodwill Manasota, about their "Good Partner Coach" program.
- Roberta Reiss, Literacy Program Coordinator, Collier County Public Library about their successful programs in support of literacy.

Part of the day will be spent in roundtable discussions, sharing ideas and helping to establish literacy priorities for Sarasota County. Among our roundtable facilitators will be experts on funding, coalition-building, and public relations. (See the list of topics on the back.)

When: We look forward to meeting with you on Thursday, October 30, from 9 am to 3 pm. (Registration, breakfast and networking from 8 – 9 am.)

Where: The Summit will take place at the Girl Scout Conference Center (see directions on back). Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no cost to you, thanks to the generosity of our sponsors Verizon, Borders and the Herald Tribune Media Group. Please feel free to invite others to attend, but we do need your reservation - email LiteracySummit@yahoo.com or call 488-8994 and leave a message by October 15. Please provide the names of those who will attend, who will be present for lunch, and which round table each prefers to attend.

Your hosts: Marybeth Catizone, Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County
Linda Crane, Sarasota County School Board
Carol Darling, Literacy Council of Sarasota
Sarabeth Kalajian, Sarasota County Library System
and Nancy Pike, Community Volunteer.



DIRECTIONS TO

Girl Scout Conference Center
4780 Cattlemen Road
Sarasota, FL 34233
941-921-5358

From I-75 take Exit 207 (Bee Ridge Road)



Travel West on Bee Ridge Road

Turn left onto Cattlemen Road (South)

Continue South on Cattlemen Road (1 mile)

Turn right onto Whirlaway Drive

Turn left immediately and then right for
Conference Center parking; additional
parking by Council Headquarters

Shoe Alert ~ The wooden boardwalk is best
enjoyed when wearing chunky-heeled shoes.



ROUNDTABLE TOPICS: CHOOSE ONE

1. SCHOOL READINESS
2. MARKETING READING TO KIDS
3. ENGAGING SUPPORT OF PARENTS FOR LITERACY
4. BASIC LITERACY
5. ESL
6. WORKPLACE LITERACY
7. ENGAGING BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR LITERACY
8. OBTAINING LITERACY DATA
9. MARKETING LITERACY CONCERNS TO THE COMMUNITY
10. HEALTH LITERACY
11. GRANTS AND FUNDING FOR LITERACY ORGANIZATIONS
12. VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT AND RECOGNITION
13. CREATING A LITERACY COALITION FOR SARASOTA COUNTY

Facilitated groups will address these topics, defining the critical areas for work, and deciding next steps for moving forward.

LITERACY SUMMIT 2006

More than 100 participants, from schools, libraries, businesses, social service agencies, and literacy programs, as well as interested individuals, engaged in the 2006 two-part conversation about literacy in Sarasota County. People traveled from more than a dozen communities to attend, and comments reflected a high level of interest in continuing the discussion.

One of the goals of Literacy Summit 2006 was to bring people together to think and talk about literacy in a new way. We shared our excitement about the many literacy endeavors already underway in the community, imagined the possibilities for fostering increased literacy in Sarasota County, voiced our concerns about the challenges ahead, and planned ways in which we could accomplish more together than separately.

To learn more about the discussions that took place in 2006, as well as the follow-up meetings that produced a mission and goals, we invite you to visit www.sclibs.net. Select the "Our Community" link. Follow that to the "Literacy Summit News."

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