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Viva Florida 500 Time Capsule Committee

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In honor of Florida's 500 year anniversary- the 2013 Viva Florida 500 commemoration- and to encourage activities in every community in each of Florida's 67 counties, the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services has provided a Viva Florida 500 Time Capsule to every county library in the state. Time capsules are for future generations to learn about the past as they will create a picture of your community that could influence how history is interpreted in the future.

The Sarasota County Historical Commission is working with Libraries to invite groups and individuals to participate in the Viva Florida Time Capsule project by submitting items for consideration for inclusion in the Time Capsule. The time capsule will be buried at Historic Spanish Point on December 14, 2013, and will be opened in 2071, the 150th Anniversary of Sarasota County. The capsule will contain artifacts symbolic of contemporary Sarasota County, but it could also act as a mailbox conveying messages from today's Sarasotans to those who will populate this community 58 years from now.

What would you say if you could speak to the citizens of Sarasota County in the year 2071? What would you say to the person that holds your current position in that year? What would you tell them about your world now, and about the aspirations you have for the future of Sarasota County? We hope you will consider offering this "Letter to the Future" for inclusion in the time capsule. Deadline for all submissions is September 1, 2013. Please use the enclosed paper and a pencil for your submission. Please mail in an oversized envelope, one large enough for an unfolded sheet of paper, remember this has to last until 2071. Deadline for all submissions is September 1, 2013. Please direct questions to Ann Hardy at 941-861-5460 or ahardy@scgov.net, and send your time capsule submissions to Ann at Library Administration, 5th Floor, 1660 Ringling Ave., Sarasota FL 34236.

Respectfully,

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