

Erik Larson highlights 2023 Library Foundation luncheon

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The Library Foundation for Sarasota County packed The Ritz-Carlton, Sarasota for its annual Love Our Libraries Author Luncheon on Feb. 10.

The 2023 luncheon brought Erik Larson — author of "The Devil in the White City," "The Splendid and the Vile" and other books — to meet with supporters and speak during a keynote presentation.

The annual event benefits the foundation's initiatives, which include providing funds for books and programs for the county library system, as well as advocating for Sarasota County libraries and educating residents in the area about the resources libraries offer and why they require support.

During his presentation, Larson himself spoke about the importance libraries play in researching his historical narratives.

Guests heard from Library Foundation Executive Director Alisa Mitchell, board President Sarah Karon and presenting sponsor Mark Pritchett of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation before it was time for Larson to speak.

Renee Di Pilato, director of Sarasota County Libraries and Historical Resources, completed the event with a Q&A with Larson.

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