



**FRIENDS OF THE EAST MANATEE LIBRARY
AT LAKEWOOD RANCH**

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY~ LIBRARY

16410 Rangeland Parkway
LWR, FL 34211
December 15, 2021 11:00 AM

Good morning Commissioners, Dr. Hopes, Administrators and Friends of the Library, I'm Dr. Sue Ann Miller, president of the Friends organization and wish to thank our county leaders for bringing this library to Lakewood Ranch.

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Friends, I'm pleased to share we are thrilled, delighted, excited, ecstatic, elated, dancing a jig and over the moon that this day has arrived.

In early 2018 the grassroots efforts by dedicated residents to form a Friends organization for the new library began. During the past 4 years those dedicated residents have been advocating for library services across the county and fundraising for our new branch.

Lee and Tammy, we look forward to continuing our positive relationship with Manatee Library Services to make this community library the best it can be.

To all our supporters, your voice has made and will continue to make the difference. Stay involved, there is much work yet to do.

We look forward to the next 18 months passing quickly and returning to this location in mid-2023 for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Thank you all for coming today!

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