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Lee Commissioners approve construction contract to renovate Riverdale Branch Library

Fort Myers, FL, April 5, 2022 – The Lee Board of County Commissioners voted Tuesday to approve a \$3.5 million construction contract with Stevens Construction Inc. to renovate the Riverdale Branch Library, 2421 Buckingham Road.

Interior renovations will include a central service desk, increased meeting rooms and separate spaces for adults, teens and children. The external improvements will include architectural, landscaping and parking lot upgrades that will enhance the function and appearance of the Library. ADA upgrades also will be made to both the building and parking lot.

The total cost of the project is about \$4.1 million, which includes design, construction and furniture. The project is being paid from the Library Fund property taxes.

Construction is set to begin at the end of April and will take about seven months to complete. The library will be closed for the renovations beginning at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30. During this period residents and visitors are encouraged to visit another one of the 13 branches within the Lee County Library System. The new Lee County Residence Tool, which can be accessed by visiting www.leegov.com/rit, can be used to find the library locations. Library eServices are also available to anyone with a library card to borrow eBooks, audiobooks, magazines and stream content by visiting www.leegov.com/library/online.

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