

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



JULY 15, 2025



WITH OVER A CENTURY OF VITAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION,
NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE, INFORMATION AND SERVICE.

WE INSPIRE
WE ENRICH LIVES
WE PROMOTE LITERACY

WE ENVISION A FUTURE WHERE PEOPLE THINK OF THE
LIBRARY AS THEIR BEST SOURCE OF INFORMATION.

LIBRARIANS ARE SEEN AS PROVIDING LINKS BETWEEN
PEOPLE AND VALUABLE RESOURCES.

THE LIBRARY IS CONSIDERED AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE
OF THE CITY BY IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.



HISTORY

EST. 1913

113 YEARS OF LIBRARY INFORMATION SERVICES IN DELRAY BEACH

The Ladies Improvement Association founded the Delray Beach Public Library in 1913.

In 1938 the Delray Beach Public Library Association became a not-for-profit corporation to provide a public library in Delray Beach.

Since 1950, our patrons have received library service through a successful public/private partnership between the City of Delray Beach and the Library Association.

In 2006 the Library moved to its current location on Atlantic Avenue.

LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

**PATRON
VISITS**
192,949

61,900
RESEARCH
ASSISTS

6,644
NEW LIBRARY
CARDS ISSUED TO
67,461
LIBRARY
CARD
HOLDERS

202
VOLUNTEERS

222,198
CIRCULATION
INCLUDING
BOOKS,
E-BOOKS,
E-MAGAZINES,

25
STAFF
FTE/
PART TIME

8
STAFF
WITH
MASTERS
DEGREES

WIFI
61,648
UNIQUE
CONNECTED
DEVICES

39,365
LOG INS
ON LIBRARY
PUBLIC
COMPUTERS

3,172
TOTAL HOURS
PER
YEAR

**HOURS
OPEN**
61
AVG PER
WEEK

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

CHILDREN TEENS ADULTS



PHYSICAL
COLLECTION
131,095

DIGITAL
STREAMING
RESOURCES

BOOKS, MOVIES, AUDIOBOOKS,
MAGAZINES & DATABASES
1 MILLION ++



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2,524 LIBRARY PROGRAMS WERE HELD
13,500 PEOPLE ATTENDED THESE PROGRAMS



7,400+     
FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**650 POSTS ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM,
LINKEDIN, YOUTUBE, AND TIKTOK**

**250,000 RECORDED TOTAL
ENGAGEMENT IN THE PAST YEAR**



**OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER REACHES
7,856 PATRONS**

OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

WE PARTNER WITH OVER 135+ ORGANIZATIONS

FOR PROGRAMMING, OUTREACH, SOCIAL SERVICES & GENERAL SUPPORT INCLUDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, CRA & CITY OF DELRAY BEACH.



OUR TECHNOLOGY ENABLED GOLF CART BRINGS LIBRARY STAFF AND RESOURCES OUT INTO TO THE COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE LITERACY AND NARROW THE DIGITAL DIVIDE IN HIGH NEED NEIGHBORHOODS IN DELRAY BEACH.

WE HAVE PROVIDED SPACE WITHIN THE LIBRARY FOR SEVERAL PARTNERS TO MEET, HOLD OFFICE HOURS AND PROVIDE FREE RESOURCES ON A REGULAR SCHEDULE, INCLUDING:

**PALM BEACH
COUNTY
FOOD BANK**

**CAREERSOURCE
OF PBC**
ASSISTANCE FILING UNEMPLOYMENT,
RESUMES & CAREER DEVELOPMENT

OUR VOLUNTEERS

MAKE IT POSSIBLE BY ASSISTING THE COMMUNITY!

WE HAVE 152 ACTIVE ADULT VOLUNTEERS & 50 TEEN VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP DAILY WITH EVERYTHING FROM SHELVING, PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS.

ADULT PROGRAMS

744 ADULT PROGRAMS WITH 3,700 ATTENDEES IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL
OUR DIVERSE PROGRAMS INCLUDE: AUTHOR TALKS | HISTORY | BOOK CLUBS | OPERA FORUMS
MOVIES | PERFORMANCES | WRITER S GROUPS | ART TALKS | LOCAL AUTHOR FEST

LOCAL AUTHOR FEST



Local authors showcased their works to the community which were available for purchase and signing.

LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE



This popular series features university professors presenting more in depth courses on diverse topics such as *Dark Matter/Dark Energy*, *Perception and Illusion*, & *The Roots of Modern Music*.

LET'S GO COCONUTS COMMUNITY BAKE-OFF



Home bakers participated in a community bake off contest

ART GALLERY



Our renovated art gallery space plays host to a rotating calendar of exhibitions for local artists.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING & INSTRUCTION LAB

SEWING CLASSES | COMPUTER BASICS | WORD | EXCEL | POWERPOINT
PODCASTING RECORDING STUDIO | 3D MODELING AND PRINTING



- ✓ ONE-ON-ONE HELP APPOINTMENTS
- ✓ TECH SANDBOX PROVIDES HANDS ON EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS AND TWEENS
- ✓ SEWING FROM BASIC TO INTERMEDIATE AND OPEN STUDIO TIME ARE POPULAR WITH TEENS TO ADULTS

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

OUR STAFF DEVELOPED 679+ PROGRAMS FOR 7000 CHILDREN

STORY TIME | KINDERGARTEN READINESS | FOREIGN LANGUAGE | FAMILY NIGHTS
YOUNG AT ART CLASSES | BOOK DISCUSSIONS | TECH SANDBOX | HOMEWORK HELPERS
STREAM PROGRAMS ON DRONES, ROBOTICS, & MARINE SCIENCE | TAKE HOME BACKPACKS



TEEN PROGRAMS

223+ PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON TEENS, ATTENDED BY 1,200



WE HAVE A
DEDICATED
TEEN
LIBRARIAN.

TEENS CAN EARN VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR ATTENDING AND PARTICIPATING IN OUR TEEN ADVISORY BOARD THAT HELPS PLAN PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES.

LIBRARY INTERIOR RENOVATIONS



45 NEW
COMPUTERS
FOR PUBLIC
USE &
PROGRAMMING

NEW
CARPETING &
SOFT FURNITURE
WITH DIGITAL
CONNECTIVITY
FOR 1ST FLOOR



REFRESHED
COMMUNITY ART
GALLERY SPACE

COMING FALL 25: NEW CARPETING ON 2ND FLOOR
COMING WINTER 26: NEW FURNITURE FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARY



FLORIDA LIBRARY FUNDING

IN 1967 THE PBC TAXING DISTRICT WAS CREATED. DELRAY BEACH IS EXEMPT BECAUSE THEY USE CITY TAX DOLLARS TO PAY FOR A LIBRARY.

THE CURRENT PALM BEACH COUNTY TAXING MILLAGE RATE IS 0.5491.

IF DELRAY BEACH DID NOT SUPPORT A LIBRARY IN DELRAY THE ADDITIONAL TAXES WOULD BE \$9.7 MILLION.



CONCLUSION

INSTEAD OF BEING A BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS, THE DELRAY LIBRARY REDUCES THE BURDEN ON TAXPAYERS.

BUDGET REQUEST

2025 - 2026 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH REQUEST



\$1,786,537

↑ 3.2% INCREASE

\$443,000
2024/2025 CRA Funding Amount



THANK YOU!

**MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION
FOR YOUR CONTINUED PARTNERSHIP, UNWAVERING
SUPPORT, AND INVESTMENT IN THE LIBRARY.**

