

### 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

STAFF WITH MASTERS DEGREES 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

# #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

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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

# §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

# EVOLUNTEERS 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



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



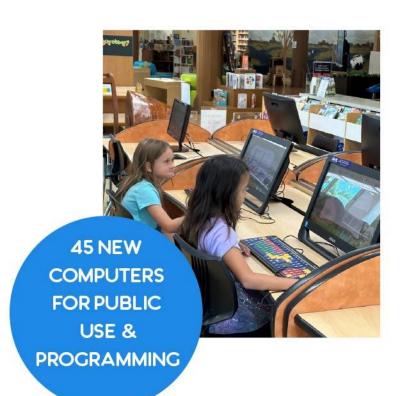


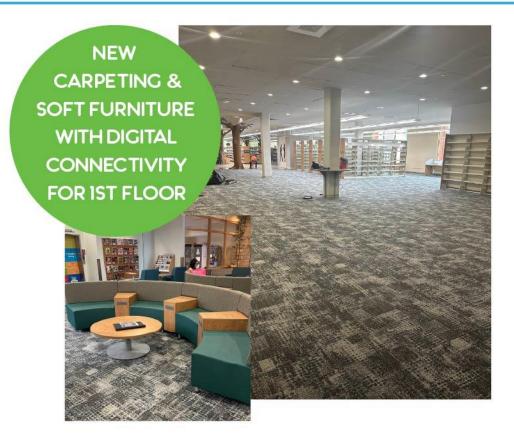


WE HAVE A
DEDICATED
TEEN
LIBRARIAN.

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

#### LIBRARY INTERIOR RENOVATIONS







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.

