

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH



AUGUST 11, 2026





**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.**

LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

241,350
CIRCULATION
INCLUDING
BOOKS, E-BOOKS,
E-MAGAZINES,
DATABASES,
STREAMING,
& AUDIO-
VISUAL

266
VOLUNTEERS

6,225
NEW LIBRARY
CARDS ISSUED
TO 60,444
LIBRARY
CARD
HOLDERS

63,678
RESEARCH
ASSISTS

**PATRON
VISITS
93,979**

25
STAFF
FTE/
PART TIME

11
STAFF
WITH
MASTERS
DEGREES

WIFI
58,161
UNIQUE
CONNECTED
DEVICES

38,505
LOG INS
ON LIBRARY
PUBLIC
COMPUTERS

3,172
TOTAL HOURS
PER
YEAR

**HOURS
OPEN
61
AVG PER
WEEK**

THE **LIBRARY** **COLLECTION**

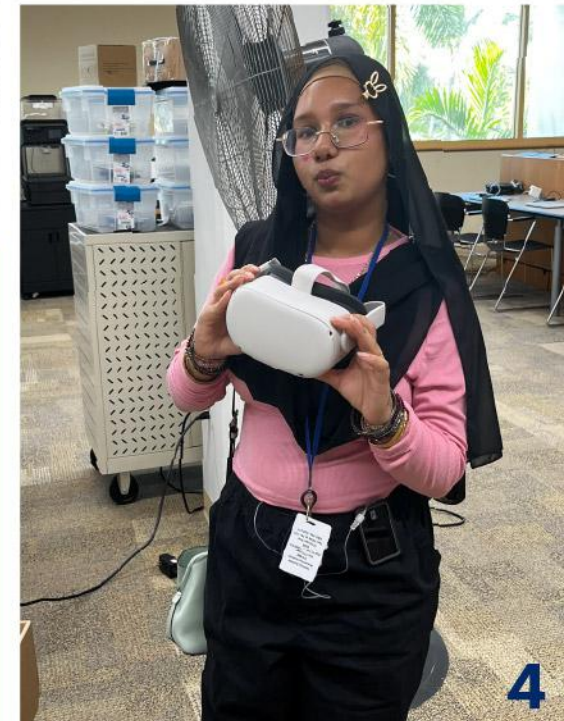
CHILDREN
TEEN
ADULTS

PHYSICAL
COLLECTION
125,997



DIGITAL &
STREAMING
RESOURCES

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



THE CONNECTION STARTS HERE!



2,227 LIBRARY PROGRAMS WERE
11,649 PEOPLE ATTENDED THESE

8,000+     
FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**820 POSTS ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM,
LINKEDIN, YOUTUBE, and TIKTOK**

**468, 972 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 137 ACTIVE ADULT VOLUNTEERS & 50 TEEN VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP DAILY WITH EVERYTHING FROM SHELVING, PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS.

ADULT PROGRAMS

522 ADULT PROGRAMS WITH 3,734 ATTENDEES IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL
OUR DIVERSE PROGRAMS INCLUDE: AUTHOR TALKS | HISTORY | BOOK CLUBS | OPERA FORUMS
MOVIES | PERFORMANCES | WRITERS GROUPS | ART TALKS | LOCAL AUTHOR FEST

WRITERS WORKSHOP



Our Saturday writers studio is a popular reading and critique group for authors wishing to polish their manuscripts for publication or distribution.

CHAIR YOGA



Chair yoga is a popular adapted form of yoga that is attracting 50+ adults to the library on a weekly basis.

VERY BERRY BAKE-OFF



Home bakers participated in a community bake off contest

OCEAN SCIENCE LECTURE SERIES



Pinnacle Ecological conducted a popular lecture series this past fall and winter connecting the community to celebrate Florida's coastal, marine, and estuarine resources.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING & INSTRUCTION LAB

- ✓ 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

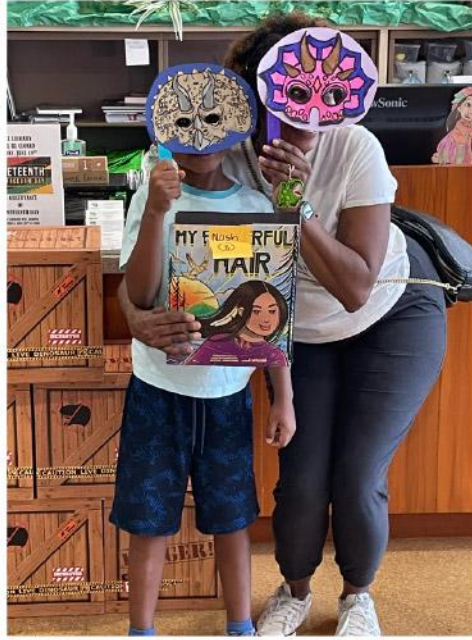
SEWING CLASSES | COMPUTER BASICS
WORD | EXCEL | POWERPOINT
PODCASTING RECORDING STUDIO
3D MODELING AND PRINTING



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

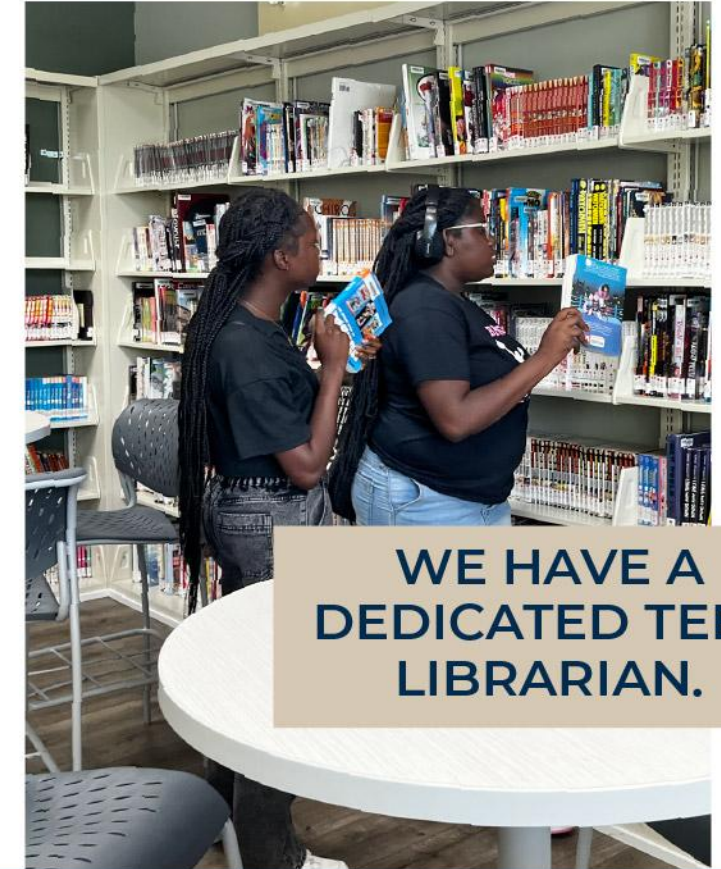
OUR STAFF DEVELOPED 810+ PROGRAMS FOR 6249 CHILDREN

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



TEEN PROGRAMS

148+ PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON TEENS, ATTENDED BY 604

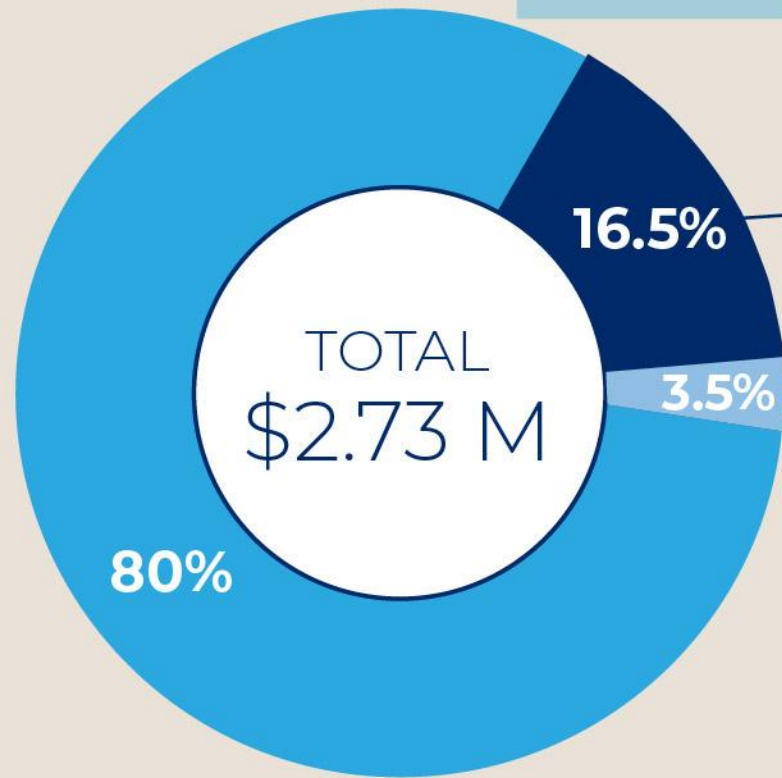


WE HAVE A
DEDICATED TEEN
LIBRARIAN.

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

LIBRARY FUNDRAISING

2025



CITY GRANTS: \$2,229,141 (80%)
FUNDRAISING/EVENTS: \$406,906 (16.5%)
OTHER LIBRARY REVENUE: \$98,000 (3.5%)

BREAKDOWN OF OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

GRANTS & FUNDRAISING

State Library Grant	1.5%
Grants Awarded (restricted)	6%
Fundraising/Events (partially restricted)	6%
Call to the Heart (restricted)	3%

OTHER LIBRARY REVENUE

Library Fees, Book Sales, Room Rental and Tenant Sublease, E-Rate (restricted)	3.5%
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THE MAJORITY OF LIBRARY FUNDRAISING IS RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FOR PROGRAMMING AND PROGRAM MATERIALS. EACH YEAR THE LIBRARY RECEIVES

- 20+ grants with an average size of \$1,000 to \$10,000
- 500+ donations that range from \$10-\$10,000
- Holds 3-4 fundraising events



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

2026 - 2027 CITY OF DELRAY BEACH REQUEST

\$2,283,133

**This amount is inclusive of the
\$443,000 annual CRA funding**

**WE ARE REQUESTING A
3%↑ INCREASE ON ONLY THE BASE
FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF
DELRAY BEACH WHICH WOULD BE AN
ADDITIONAL \$53,596**



THANK YOU!

MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION

We are grateful for your continued partnership, dedicated support, and meaningful investment in Delray Beach and the Public Library.

