

PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

AUGUST 8, 2023





The Delray Beach Public Library is a 501 c3 non-profit organization that serves as an essential community resource offering a wide range of services to meet the various needs of the community.



IN 2023 THE LIBRARY ADOPTED A NEW MISSION STATEMENT

We ignite curiosity, fuel discovery, and encourage creativity through access to trusted information, resources, and community connections.

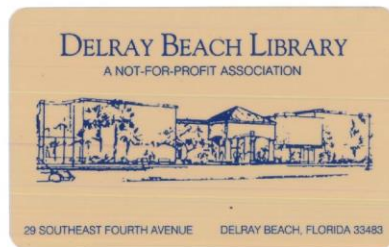
[DelrayLibrary.org](https://www.DelrayLibrary.org)





HISTORY

111 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.

2022 LIBRARY AT A GLANCE

**PATRON
VISITS**
206,921

5,207
NEW LIBRARY
CARDS ISSUED
TO 55,000
LIBRARY
CARD
HOLDERS

135
VOLUNTEERS

**HOURS
OPEN**
61
AVG PER
WEEK

3,172
TOTAL HOURS
PER
YEAR

23
STAFF
FTE/
PART-TIME

11
STAFF
WITH
MASTERS
DEGREES

WIFI
35,900
UNIQUE
CONNECTED
DEVICES

38,738
RESEARCH
ASSISTS

34,077
LOG INS
ON LIBRARY
PUBLIC
COMPUTERS

192,329
CIRCULATION
INCLUDING BOOKS,
E-BOOKS,
E-MAGAZINES,
DATABASES,
STREAMING,
& AUDIO-
VISUAL

THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

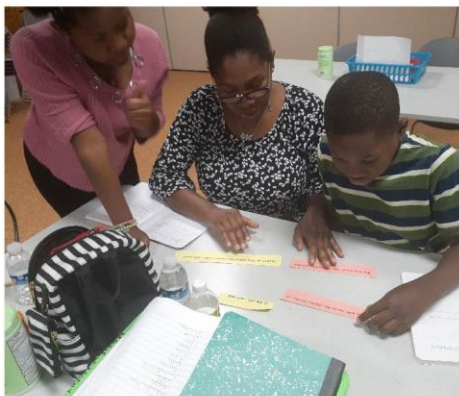
CHILDREN • TEENS • ADULTS

PHYSICAL
COLLECTION
134,780

DIGITAL &
STREAMING
RESOURCES

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





1,687
LIBRARY PROGRAMS
WERE HELD
12,000+
PEOPLE ATTENDED
THESE PROGRAMS



7,200+     
FOLLOWERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- 1,275 POSTS ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, LINKEDIN, YOUTUBE, & TIKTOK
- 600,000 RECORDED TOTAL ENGAGEMENT IN THE PAST YEAR
- OUR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER REACHES 7,300 PATRONS

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

We partner with over 135+ partners for programming, outreach, social services and general support including the School District of PBC, CRA & City of Delray Beach

In the past year the Library has expanded our social service partnerships to meet increased need as the community recovered from COVID 19 providing additional free resources. These services operate on a regular schedule.



- **CAREERSOURCE OF PALM BEACH COUNTY**
Assistance for filing unemployment, resumes and career development
- **CROS MINISTRIES/CARING KITCHEN MEALS**
3 days a week at lunch
- **DELRAY BEACH INITIATIVE TO END HOMELESSNESS**
- **FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTH PALM BEACH COUNTY**
- **FLASH**
Florida's mobile syringe & health services programs
- **INTERFAITH COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL SERVICE**
- **PALM BEACH COUNTY FOOD BANK**
- **WASH & READ**
Free Laundry Services



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



ADULT PROGRAMS

The Library hosted 400+ programs for adults both in person and virtually that were attended by 2,500.

Diverse programs included:

- Author Talks
- History
- Book Clubs
- Movies & Performances
- Orchid Care
- Writer's Groups
- Crafts & Hobbies
- Art Talks
- Local Author Fest
- Women in Translation



ESOL CLASSES

The Library has held two multi-week series of classes for this growing segment. English for Families was a 5 week program for families with middle school children. English for Adult Speakers of Other Languages focuses on practicing reading, writing, and speaking in real world situations.

WORLD SINGING DAY

Held in October this global sing along brought 100+ residents to the Library to join together in song and celebrate our global family.

MISS MOSES

Premier staged dramatic reading of a play about the life of Harriet Tubman by local playwright Anderson Kurtz with the Tabernacle Drama Ensemble of WPB.



TECHNOLOGY TRAINING & INSTRUCTION LAB

BRIDGING THE
DIGITAL DIVIDE
2,240+
ADULTS & TEENS
ATTENDED
800+ CLASSES



3D MODELING AND PRINTING

ADOBE CLASSES

COMPUTER BASICS, WORD, EXCEL & POWERPOINT

PODCASTING & RECORDING STUDIO

- REQUESTS FOR ONE-ON-ONE HELP APPOINTMENTS INCREASED TO MORE THAN 5 PER DAY.
- TECH SANDBOX PROVIDES HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS AND TWEENS.



TEEN PROGRAMS

200+
PROGRAMS
FOCUSED ON
TEENS,
ATTENDED BY
500+



TEENS can earn volunteer hours for attending and participating in our Teen Advisory Board that helps plan programs & activities.



WE HAVE A DEDICATED TEEN LIBRARIAN.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORY TIME

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

FAMILY NIGHTS

YOUNG AT ART CLASSES

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

TECH SANDBOX

MOVIES

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

STEM TAKE HOME BACKPACKS
AND CURIOSITY KITS

CHILDREN'S
PROGRAM
STAFF
DEVELOPED

220+
FOR
4,000+
CHILDREN



AGES BIRTH TO 17 YRS



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 million.

CONCLUSION

Instead of being a burden on taxpayers, the Delray Library reduces the burden on taxpayers.

SALARY AND STAFFING COMPARISON REPORT DONE 2022

PERCENTAGE DELRAY BEACH STAFF IS UNDERPAID COMPARED TO OTHER LIBRARIES

%	Library Positions
34%	Library Page
9%	Library Associate/Non-Degree
29%	Library MLIS Starting
22%	Department Head MLIS
35%	MLIS Assistant Director
21%	MLIS Director

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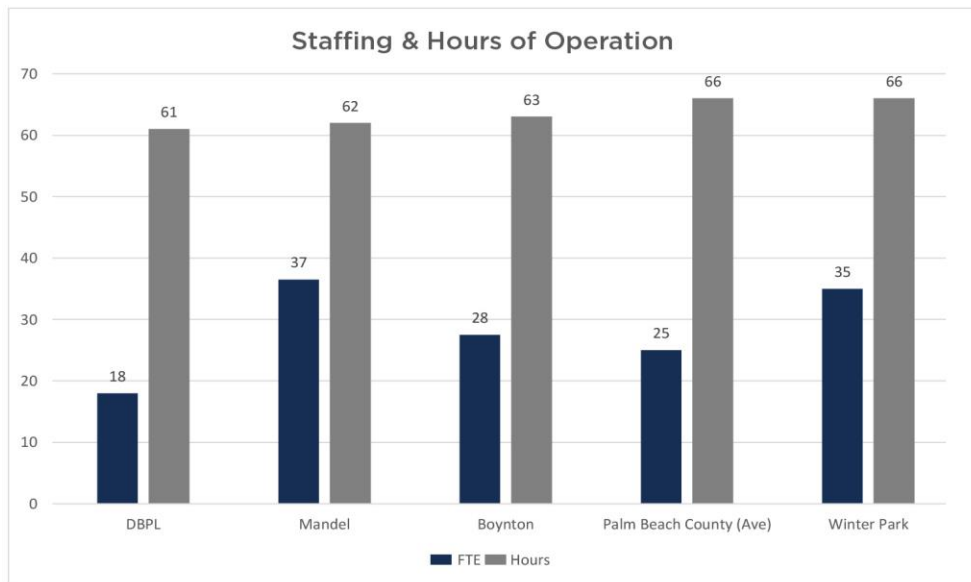
LIBRARY SYSTEMS SURVEYED

3 COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEMS SURVEYED

- Miami Dade County Library System
- Palm Beach County Library System
- Broward County Library System

4 INDIVIDUAL LIBRARIES SURVEYED

- Winter Park Public Library
- Boynton Beach Public Library
- Mandel Public Library
- Boca Raton Public Library

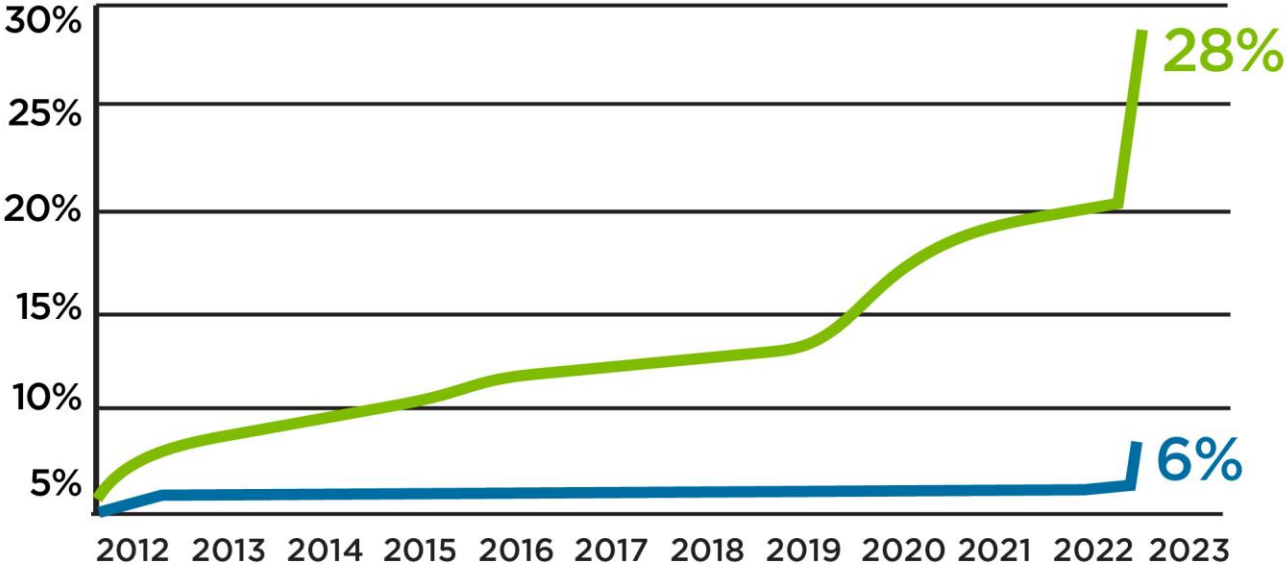


Average Number of Employees: 31
Delray Library Understaffed by 42%

COST OF LIVING vs LIBRARY FUNDING INCREASES



COST OF LIVING  LIBRARY FUNDING 



BUDGET REQUEST 2022 - 2023

2022-2023
City of
Delray Beach
FUNDING

\$1,540,710

2023-2024
City of
Delray Beach
REQUEST

\$1,633,152

6% INCREASE



THANK YOU!

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

