PRESENTATION TO THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH

DELRAY BEACH PUBLIC LIBRARY

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.

2025 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

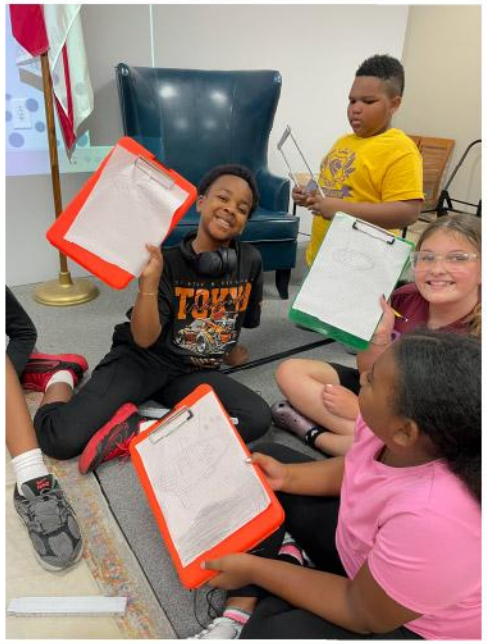
- ONE-ON-ONE HELP APPOINTMENTS
- TECH SANDBOX PROVIDES HANDS ON EXPERIENCE FOR TEENS AND TWEENS
- SEWING FROM BASIC TO INTERMEDIATE AND OPEN STUDIO TIME ARE POPULAR WITH TEENS TO ADULTS

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

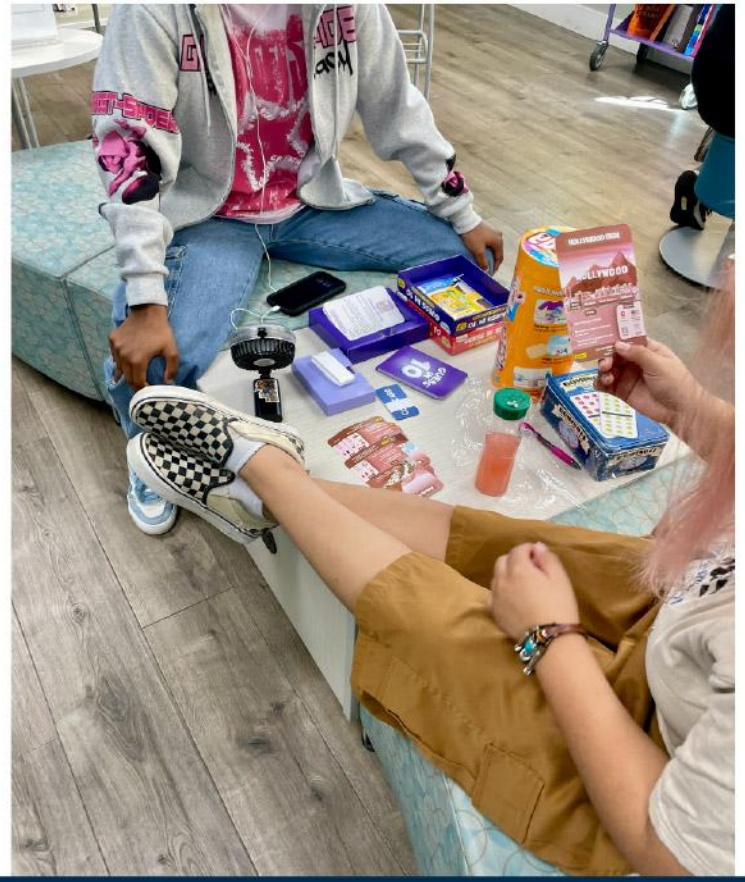
OUR STAFF DEVELOPED 810+ PROGRAMS FOR 6249 CHILDREN

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



TEEN PROGRAMS

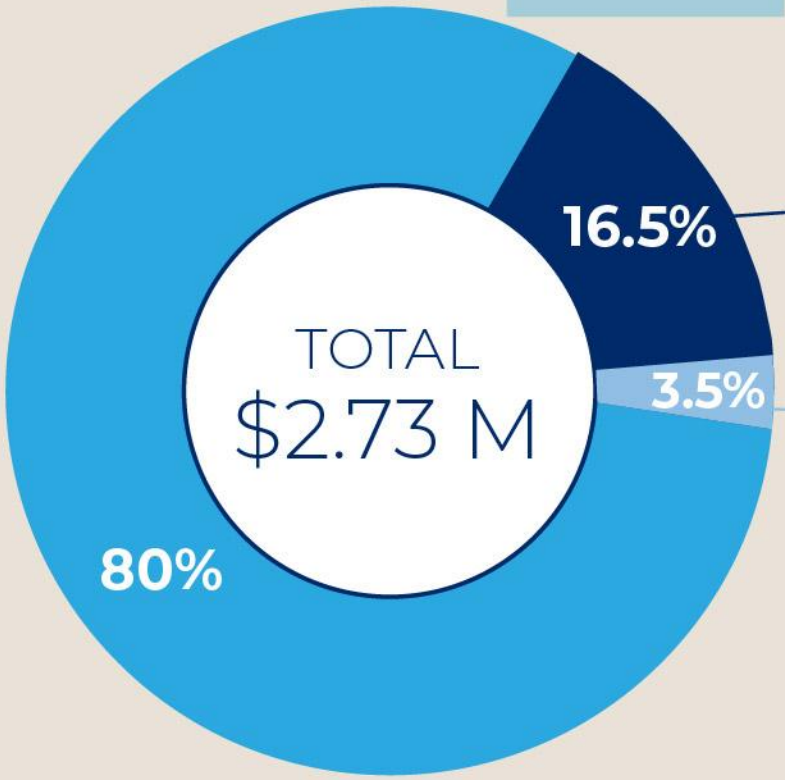
148+ PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON TEENS, ATTENDED BY 604



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	3.5%

Library Fees, Book Sales, Room Rental and Tenant Sublease, E-Rate **(restricted)**

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.

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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.

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