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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY GRATEFULLY
ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF BRPL FOR 2018**

BOCA RATON (FL) – The Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library recently presented a gift of \$52,640 in support of the BRPL's educational mission that will give greater resources, learning tools, programs, and opportunities to the community of library users.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the BRPL. They raise money through memberships to the Friends organization, grants, and book sales at the bookstore in the Downtown Library, 400 NW 2nd Avenue. "With great pleasure, the Friends organization will donate a gift of over \$50,000 in 2018 for BRPL programs. Our members, donors, bookstore customers and volunteers gladly enable us to continue our support of our wonderful libraries," stated Cyndi Bloom, President of the Friends Board of Directors. "We are proud to be community partners to enhance the educational experiences for all Boca residents. We can truly say that the Boca Raton Public Library is a gem in our midst."

"In 2017, the BRPL surveyed our community and asked what would make the library a better institution," said Ann Nappa, Manager of Library Services. "Sharing those findings with the Friends of the Library helped us to partner on exciting new projects that meet those needs, and to deepen the support of successful and loved programs like 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and our annual Summer Reading initiative. In 2018, our focus will be on designing a community-focused library with the delivery of programs and resources aligning with our new signature initiative, Discover You @ BRPL, financial literacy, and much more."

This latest gift from the Friends provides almost \$37,000 for youth services, which is earmarked for Summer Reading, exciting new offerings like Tutor.com, STEM backpacks, and a visit by bestselling children's author Bob Shea. Friends' funding will also enable further expansion of the very popular Discover Studio to meet the new needs of seniors. Financial literacy speakers will be added throughout the year as a part of the donation.

For more information about the Friends of the Library, please visit bocalibraryfriends.org.



The Boca Raton Public Library provides outstanding library services, resources, and programs that meet the educational, recreational, cultural, and informational needs of library users in its two locations. For more information about the Boca Raton Public Library, please visit www.bocalibrary.org.