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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY
ACCEPTS DONATION FROM THE FRIENDS**

BOCA RATON (FL) – The Friends of the Boca Raton Public Library recently presented a gift of \$48,320 to fund youth services programs, summer reading, and new technology and databases in 2017.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to supporting 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. “2017 marks the Friends’ 27th anniversary (1990-2017), and we thank our members, donors and bookstore customers for their continued financial support of our organization,” stated Cyndi Bloom, President of the Friends Board of Directors. “Through their contributions, we are able to generously support the library’s mission.”

“Thanks to the support and funding of the Friends’ members and volunteers, BRPL has been able to bring many wonderful opportunities to the community of Boca Raton,” said Ann Nappa, Manager of Library Services. “In 2017, most of the Friends’ gift will be used to expand BRPL’s Discover Studio, originally funded by the Friends, to create exciting new classes for children, tweens and teens that will teach coding, robotics and other 21st century skills.”

This latest gift from the Friends provides almost \$27,000 for youth services, which is earmarked for summer reading, new software and hardware, the annual Mother Daughter Tea, and other reading initiatives for children, including \$5,500 for books given to children, tweens and teens in the library’s book clubs.

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



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