

# BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Spanish River Library - 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33431  
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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 \$64,000 to fund youth services programs, e-resources, the Discover Studio staff development and BRPL's signature initiative Civic Engagement.

The Friends of the Library is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to supporting BRPL. They raise money through memberships in the Friends organization, grants and book sales in their Downtown Library Bookstore. "The Friends are grateful to our members, donors and Bookstore customers for their continued financial support of our organization," stated Cyndi Bloom, President of the Friends Board of Directors. "Because of this, we are able to give generously to the library for its 2016 programs. It is a true testament to the community's ongoing dedication and support for one of the most important educational and cultural resources for the people of Boca Raton. As our 26th anniversary year approaches (1990–2016), the Friends celebrate our continued mission to help make our libraries vital resources for the well-being of the community."

"The dedicated volunteer work and generosity of the Friends directly supports the community of library users," said Ann Nappa, Manager of Library Services. "The Friends' gift increases the quality of the services the library provides."

The Friends have increased their annual giving to the BRPL by nearly 100% since 2013. This latest gift provides over \$18,000 for youth programs, which is earmarked for the annual Mother Daughter Tea, a Summer Reading Kick Off party at the Spanish River Library, and other reading initiatives for children, including \$5,500 for books for children, tweens and teens.

The Friends of the Library also provide a Sunday speakers series, Sunday matinee concerts, and Friends book clubs. For more information about the Friends of the Library, please visit [bocalibraryfriends.org](http://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](http://www.bocalibrary.org).