



FRIENDS OF THE BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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This year, the Friends significantly exceeded budget expectations for our funding contributions to the library. By year's end, we will have contributed almost **\$50,000** in library funding support.

Our financial health can be attributed to strong bookstore sales, increased membership, our new corporate sponsor, Kendra Scott Jewelry, and our generous individual donors, including Arthur & Ellen Wagner, Sharon & William Griffin and George & Jerald Kessler. We are truly grateful for the wonderful support we have received from you, our members and donors, and for the invaluable time and commitment invested in the Friends from our core of over 60 bookstore and programming/special event volunteers.

Below is an inventory of the library projects and special projects we funded and/or partially funded this year, or will have funded and/or partially funded by year's end:

<u>Library programs</u>	<u>Funding provided or to be provided this year</u>
• The annual summer reading program (sponsored by the Friends every year since 1999)	\$ 9,100
• Book clubs for all kids and youth (Teen Book Club, Tween Book Jam, Booktastic ages 7-8 and My First Book Club, ages 4-6)	\$ 3,400
• Family Book Brunch	\$ 1,766
• Children's Book Week	\$ 1,099
• Hispanic Heritage month program	\$ 1,500
• 1000 Books Before Kindergarten	\$ 300
• FAU Jazz Orchestra /Jazz History & Performance	\$ 500
• Latinx Tween/Teen Podcaster & Speaker	\$ 400
• Read for the Record	\$ 500
• ESOL Foundations I and II	\$ 500
• Chess classes, youth and adult	\$ 1,000

- Library Lounge (tween/teen afterschool program) \$ 500

Special library projects

Funding provided or to be provided this year

- AWE Learning Stations \$14,212
- additional Little Free Libraries \$ 2,713
- Pondhawk Butterfly Garden \$ 1,200
- Totes for book giveaways \$ 1,067
- Dixie Manor Reading Room open house \$ 500
- National Library Week staff appreciation luncheon \$ 500
- Boca Helping Hands – books/totes for giveaways \$ 1,355
- Early Literacy backpacks \$ 3,236
- American Girl Dolls collection \$ 3,057
- Fall-oween Spooktacular Shows \$ 700
- Holiday Parade Float \$ 800

Overview of proposed programs for the next fiscal year

For 2023, we plan to fund a majority of the library programs listed above that are annual or ongoing in nature, as well as a new Storywalk Project at Patch Reef Park. In addition, the Boca Raton Public Library identifies and implements many exciting new projects throughout the year that we are pleased to help fund. Follow us on social media and check our website often to keep up with our progress!

The Friends Board is proud to be able to raise awareness of the library by funding many wonderful library projects and library programming in accordance with our mission.

Thank you members, donors and wonderful volunteers for you continued support and sponsorship of the BPRL Friends.

Tracy Wasserman
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