



FRIENDS OF THE BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY 2015 FUNDING PRIORITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Mission of the Friends of the Boca Raton Library is to support the library by funding programs, enhancing community cultural life, and assisting the library to broaden and enrich library-based services.

We are proud to inform you that the Friends financial giving to the library and to our library events has been increasing each year through proceeds from Bookstore sales, membership dues, donations, and a grant from the IBM Corporation. By the end of our financial year (December 31st), we will have the following accomplishments:

***Funded over \$30,000 to the library for programs such as:**

- *Adult, youth and children's instructional programs
- *Summer reading and special programs
- *Books for education events
- *Mother/Daughter Tea
- *Subscriptions for the eLibrary including Universal Class and Value Line
- *Community outreach

***Donated \$15,000 to the library** for equipment purchases toward its new Discover Studio, a place for all ages to learn new technologies and applications such as 3-D printing and more.

***Funded \$13,000 and presented Friends cultural programs at the library including:**

- *Sunday music and speaker series
- *Monthly foreign films
- *Friends Art Gallery at the Spanish River Library including an artist's reception
- *Book clubs
- *Special events

***Provided special events and support for our members:**

- *Annual Meeting Lunch
- *Reception prior to presentation of the show for A LAND REMEMBERED
- *Volunteer member recognition lunch
- *Pre-registration announcements to members for Friends programs

***Promoted community outreach and advocacy:**

- *Sponsored educational programs at the library for the Florence Fuller Child Development Center
- *Participated in the Junior League's Community Garden special events
- *Advocated for the library at Boca Raton City Council meetings

***Engaged our members/volunteers in the work of the Friends:**

- *An average of 90 Friends volunteers work in the following areas: Friends Bookstore, Friends Ambassadors, adult programs, special events, media communications, marketing, membership management, and Board of Directors.
- *Our volunteers provide over 13,000 hours of service per year to support the mission of the Friends. This service amounts to approximately \$150,000 of donated time.

***Enhanced Media Communications:**

- *Updated format for monthly email newsletters to members and friends
- *Ongoing spotlight on volunteers: interviews published in the Friends email newsletter and website
- *Facebook and Twitter accounts maintained with current information
 - *Upgrades to our website including an event scrolling calendar
 - *Published articles in state and national library organizations