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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 \$54,912.95 to fund youth programs, summer reading, and new technology and databases in 2019. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

“2019 marks the Friends’ 29th anniversary (1990-2019), 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 continues to provide outstanding programs and services to the community of Boca Raton,” said Ellen Randolph, Manager of Library Services. “In 2019, the library will offer even more children’s literacy programs, including Summer Reading (Space: A Universe of Stories), Read for the Record, My First Book Club, 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Booktastic (for ages 7-8), Tween Book Jam, Teen Book Club, Family Book Club Brunch, and Read Aloud Summer Picnics. With the help of the Friends, we will also expand the Discover Studio with tools and classes for digitization, augmented and virtual reality, podcasting, and videography, including digital storytelling with family photographs and oral history. With this generous gift, the library will also provide library cardholders with valuable online content including Kanopy (with over 30,000 movies and documentaries), Tutor.com, TumbleBooks, and Gale Legal Forms and Small Business Builder.”

For more information about the Friends of the Library, please visit [bocalibraryfriends.org](http://bocalibraryfriends.org).



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