Dear awards selection committee:

Thank you for considering the Friends of the Lighthouse Point Library for the **Special Projects Award**. Their three year project of replacing $30,000 of key items in the library may be concluded, but their impact will be felt for decades to come!

A little background...

In 2014, the Friends board and library staff looked at the library needs. They quickly came to the realization that although there had been consistent (yet fought for) budget for staff and materials from the City’s general fund, the plans to replace thirty year old adult seating, worn patron work areas, and adult-sized furniture in the kids room were shelved year after year.

Throughout 2015, the library’s 50th anniversary year, the Friends raised the funds needed for key improvements. The name of the campaign was **The 1965 Society**. The goal was to raise $50,000 for the 50th anniversary... They raised $82,000.

All of 2016 was spent meeting with designers, vendors, manufactures, third and fourth backup vendors, and placing orders.

And 2017 saw the completion and installation of FOUR new patron use items in the library! The items listed on the next pages total $24,210.30. Additional expenses including painting, moving electrical outlets, drywall repair, cabinet repair, and architect consult round out the total to $30,000. Also included in that amount is the party for **The 1965 Society** founding members and special gifts for the 20 volunteers who have given 20 years or more of volunteer service to the library.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best,

Christy Keyes

Christy Keyes, Library Director.
SEATING

Installed 01/2017

Integra-Tria rolled arm chair with desk and wheels. Wayfair tech end tables.

$8,421.30
Includes six chairs, design, shipping, delivery. Three endtables with electrical ports (USB and standard).

Before
Nine stationary lounge chairs

After
Six wheeled eco friendly club chairs with desk and tech hub end tables.

BOAT DESK

Installed 06/2017

Desk custom made. Tenjam brand seating.

$4,875.00
Includes design, production, materials, installation, seating made of recycled coastal plastic, and nautical flags made of upcycled fabric.

Before
AWE youth computers on glass adult desk.

After
AWE youth computers on youth sized boat desk.
PATRON WORK AREA

Installed 10/2017

Custom work of granite remnant.

$4,104.00
Includes design, production, materials, installation, and onsite adjustments.

Before
Cracked Formica countertop and prefab desk that housed five public use computers.

After
Granite with safety edges and new wood support systems.

The 1965 Society Wall

Installed 12/2017

Custom design.

$5,810.00
Includes design, production, materials, installation, lettering, all animals, engraving, lighting, and six panels (three are up and three to grow).

Before
Friends of the Library honor wall

After
The 1965 Society Donor Wall honoring volunteers with 20 years of service and donors of $1,000 and up.
Lighthouse Point Library gets a Sea Wall of Fame that honors donors and volunteers in the 1965 Society


By Phyllis J. Neuberger

In 2015, during the 50th anniversary of the Doreen Gauthier Lighthouse Point Library, the Friends of the Library created the 1965 Society to honor the year the library was founded.

Fast forward to a recent 2017 holiday event. After two years of hard work, the Friends unveiled the 1965 Society Wall of Fame giving a lasting public recognition to these donors of time and funding.

The vibrant blue sea wall depicts the sea populated with marine life that swim in waters off of the Florida coast.

Each marine animal represents a donor level from the volunteers [sea stars]: Angelfish [$1,000]; Sea turtles [$5,000]; Dolphins [$10,000]; Marlins [$15,000]; and Whales [$25,000].

Through field trips, fun discussions and crafty handouts, children who visit the 1965 Society’s donor Sea Wall will learn about marine biology, oceanography, coastal recycling and the importance of giving back to one’s community.

Library Director, Christy Keyes said, “I think that it is remarkable that there are 20 Sea Stars on the wall representing the 20 people who have volunteered 20 years or more to the library. And since we can add more each year, we have room to grow.

“Our Sea Wall is a permanent tribute to our supporters to whom we are eternally grateful. They enable us to be high tech, very relevant and easily accessible to residents of all ages.”

How did this happen?

Doreen Gauthier, past director of the Lighthouse Point Library and currently active with the Friends of the Library explains. “We wanted to honor our donors in a new way. Christy had the inspiration for an educational Sea Wall filled with sea wildlife representing the donors.

“Working with Merrill Romanik, our architect, we were put in contact with GraphPlex Signs whose design team created the water images and the various animals. This wall is unique as a teaching experience and as a growing tribute to donors and volunteers. Rather than a static honor, the Sea Wall can reflect ongoing contributions each year for which this library and its patrons are so grateful.”

20 Years of Volunteer Service members


Thank you Friends of the LHP library for this unique way to recognize donors and volunteers.
Party on December 14, 2017 celebrating founding members of **The 1965 Society** and installation of all the Friends funded new improvements! Each year the Friends will add more names to the wall.
The 1965 Society

The 1965 Society is open to all and is composed of individuals, foundations, families, businesses, and service groups who wish to help build and support the Lighthouse Point Library. The name of the society is in honor of the Library's founding year and was created in 2015 to commemorate the Library’s 50th anniversary. In appreciation of their investment in the Library, each donor is recognized with a marine animal on the Society wall. The donors engraved marine life plaques not only correspond to donation levels, but also represent animals that inspire them, off the wall. Donors will learn about marine life, coastal recycling, and the importance of giving back to one's community.

Please sign me up for The 1965 Society!

Your full name or the name of the organization:
Address:
City:
State:
Zip:
Full phone number: ( ) Name of contact person for organization:
Email address:
I prefer to be contacted by: mail email both

Enclosed is a ONE TIME check for the amount circled...
Angelfish $1,000
Sea Turtle $5,000
Dolphin $10,000
Marlin $15,000
Whale $25,000

Enclosed is the FIRST OF THREE equal checks for THREE continuous years of giving. Please circle.
Angelfish $333 x 3
Sea Turtle $1,667 x 3
Dolphin $3,333 x 3
Marlin $5,000 x 3
Whale $8,333 x 3

Members may move from one level to the next by contributing the difference between their recorded 1965 Society donation amount and the base amount of the next donor level.

Your Personalized 1965 Society Plaque

There is a maximum of 18 slots of text or spaces per animal so the more slots used, the more lines of text will be needed, and the smaller the font will be. Above are examples of an angelfish with 18 slots used (The Smith Family), and 37 slots used (In Loving Memory of John and Ann Smith). Below is an example of how to fill out the form. Due to space limitations, very long names or words may be split between two lines. If needed, the designer may substitute symbols for words such as “&” for and” or abbreviate words such as “ca. for century”. Plaques are added after all payments are made. Placement of new plaques is done at an annual basis and may require the rearrangement of existing layouts.

The Friends of the Lighthouse Point Library reserve the right to edit, veto, or remove any donor name for any reason, at any time, without notice or prior consent.

Donor’s Signature: ___________________________ Today’s Date: ___________________________

Unfortunately no changes of any kind may be made by the donor after signing this proof. The Friends will contact you upon receipt of your donation(s) and keep you abreast of the date of the next plaque installations.