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Delray Beach pop-up book to be published by November

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About a year ago, Delray Beach set out to prove that pop-up books aren't just for kids.

In 2006, [City Education Board](#) members received City Commission approval to create a six-spread, pop-up book about Delray Beach – its cultural heritage, history, recreation, education, the downtown and the “Village by the Sea.”

[Janet Meeks](#), education coordinator for the city, said the book is complete and is being printed. That work should be done by late November, she said, in time for holiday sales.

She's seen an early copy and said, “It captures the essence of Delray Beach.”

Proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the [Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation](#).

The creation of the pop-up book was accompanied by a contest for all city residents, young and old. One winner was chosen from each grade level, pre-K to grade 12, and in the adult category.

Meeks said the first spread in the book is devoted to downtown, from I-95 to the beach. The second spread is the history page – from the settlers until today. In each scene, if a person flips over the historical pop-up, it shows what is located on the property now.

Next are historic sites – the Crest Theater, [Sandoway Nature Center](#), [Delray Playhouse](#) and Morikami, among others.

The fifth tableau shows “what we like about Delray Beach,” Meeks said. The final spread wraps everything up. The \$20 per book price is expected to generate \$300,000 for the foundation.

Paper artist [Roger Culbertson](#) has created the book. He had already made the world's largest pop-up book – 1,200 percent larger than a normal book. That volume of Aesop's Fables went into the [Guinness Book](#) of World Records in 2005.

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