FOUNDATION FUNDS FURNITURE REFURBISH

The photograph below tells the tale. On the left is one of the library’s once elegant easy chairs after thirteen years of hard use. The handsome chair on the right has just been reupholstered. Soon all our furniture will look as good thanks to a generous grant from the Lantana Library Foundation. In 1995 when the Town bought our building, it also bought new shelves, tables, and chairs. Our furniture has served thousands of library users. But in the last years it has shown its age. Let’s call it cheerful shabby. This year’s foundation grant has provided new bright covers for all chairs and also the refinishing of our tables. Come in and see the change.

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Downsized, Re-Engineered, Prematurely Retired?

With our economy tanking, chances are you know someone who’s lost their job. You may know, too, that they are depressed over their lack of success in finding another. If they are tired of sending their resume without response, why not suggest they send it to us? We’ll actually read it and talk to them about joining our library. Yes, the Lantana Public Library wants volunteers. No pay, but we offer the chance to create a role suited to one’s professional experience, the satisfaction of building a unique institution, and good company. Work with us fills that hole in the resume.

We’re looking for counter assistants, book processors, computer tutors, public relations persons, book discussion group leaders, and grant writers. This list is not exclusive: we’ll be happy to fit your skills to library projects. Our painless application form is available at our counter or online on the Town’s web site (www.lantana.org). Send the online form to sidpatchett@yahoo.com. If a resume comes with it, we guarantee to read it and respond.

Laptops and an Electric Typewriter?

A generous donor has given the Library a wonderful industrial artifact: an electric typewriter. Every once in a while users have asked if the Library has one for public use. Now we do. Return to the days of yesteryear: just bring your paper and correction fluid. Your Library also has two laptops for use at our reading tables. Unlike our other public use work stations, these have CD drives. If you know you want to save to a CD and when you want to do it, just call 540-5740 and reserve a laptop.

The library takes reservations up to 7 days in advance on the hour for 1 hour usage.

Its Time to Pay Our Dues

If you haven’t already contributed your 2009 Friends dues, there’s no time like NOW. After 12 years, still only $5.00. It was a bargain in 1997 when we started: now it’s almost too good to be true. Every one of those 5 bills goes to support the Library (including mailing this newsletter). We have no administrative tail, so you get a complete bang for each buck. Better send in your $5.00 or bring it to the Library before our metaphors go completely crazy.

Welcome, Lantana Road Branch

Palm Beach County Public Library System opens its new 29,000 square foot branch library on Saturday, April 25 at 10 a.m. This new branch is at the southwest corner of Lantana and Lawrence Roads. Among its many attractions will be free wireless access, 50 public computers, three meeting rooms, 5 private study rooms, ample parking, and a plethora of DVDs, CDs, books, and periodicals. Remember, all Lantana residents may have a free County public library card with proof of identity and address. And you can return the Lantana Road Branch’s materials at our Library. The Friends welcome our new neighbor and encourage all our readers to use both libraries.