



Friends of the Lantana Public Library

The Bugle

“We blow the library’s horn”

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Meet **Pete**, the Library’s New Pet Pelican



Lots of Libraries have pets—cats, dogs; somewhere in the world there’s probably a library python. Now thanks to the Friends, our Library has a handsome, hand crafted, Haitian pelican. Pete lives atop our Children’s Section’s shelf. Our picture shows him en route from the Caribbean to Coconut Grove, before arriving in Lantana this week.

Pete has several advantages over more common library pets. He’s never hungry, always happy, completely house-broken, and he never, ever sheds. Made from recycled scrap metal, Pete is also practically perpetual.

Next time you visit the Library, give Pete a hello, but please don’t bring him any fish!

Mark Your Calendars for our **Annual Holiday Concert**

Thursday, December 16, 7 P.M. at the Library, the Symphonic Band of the Palm Beaches Brass Ensemble will present an evening of traditional carols. The Friends will lay on our time-honored, expansive array of holiday refreshments. There’ll be plenty of shrimp and goodies for all, so bring some friends and enjoy an evening of happy, free wassail.

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Hours: Monday and Thursday, 10:00 am—8:00 p.m. - Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00 am-6 pm
Saturday and Sunday—Closed



Join the Friends for **Complimentary Afternoon Tea** at your Library

Tea parties are all the rage in 2010. With a timely start in November, the Friends invite everyone to join them each Thursday during the season (November-April) for afternoon tea from 2 until 5. Friends President Teresa Wilhelm and welcoming volunteers will pour tea and coffee and offer cookies and conversation. Give yourself a little break: Relax over Earl Grey tea or Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee while reading one of our timely magazine articles or checking our new books. We'll keep the water hot for you!

New Library Web Site: www.lantanalibrary.org

Check out the Library's new web site. Designed and maintained for the Library by Volunteer (and Friends member) Cathy Burns, www.lantanalibrary.org offers a panoply of useful information: online access to the Library's catalogue, direct access to The World Book Online (a resource paid for by the Friends), access to the full text of The Palm Beach Post and 400 other U.S. newspapers, and a link to the Florida Electronic Library, which provides full text of thousands of popular and academic periodical articles. Our Site's "Help in Hard Times" pages have links to unemployment benefits applications, applications for food stamps, and a multitude of other social services.

Our "Discover Lantana" page has links to the Town of Lantana's web site, the Greater Lantana Chamber of Commerce site, and those of the Lantana Historical Society and Casuarina Woman's Club.

If you've lost or misplaced an earlier issue of [The Bugle](#), look in our "Support Your Library" page and you'll find an archive of our previous issues.

www.lantanalibrary.org is very much a work in progress. Among the new features we hope to add in 2011 are a regular list of books added to the Library, a blog about the improvements to the Library's landscape which will also highlight books in our first rate Florida and tropical gardening collections, and a digital archive of town historian Mary Linehan's slide collection of historic Lantana.

One of Web Master Cathy Burn's first ideas was that www.lantanalibrary.org should take advantage of cloud computing. Our site lives not on the Library's server, but on GoogleApps, one of Google's great free (in our case) services. What this means in practice is that you'll have access to the site even should the Library's server crash.

We hope you'll explore www.lantanalibrary.org and find it increasingly useful.

Downsized, Re-Engineered, Prematurely Retired?

Chances are you have a friend or neighbor who matches these descriptions. Tell them the Library wants them. If they're tired of sending their resume without response, suggest they send it to us. We'll actually read it and talk to them about joining the Library. Yes, the Lantana Public Library wants volunteers. No pay, but we offer good company, a chance to create a role suited to one's professional experience, and the satisfaction of building a unique institution. "Work with us and fill that hole in your resume," is our motto. We're looking for counter assistants, book processors, computer tutors, public relations persons, books discussion group leaders, and grant writers. This list is not exclusive: if your friend has another skill he or she thinks we can use, tell him or her to tell us. Anyone interested can complete our painless application form at our counter, print it from our web site www.lantanalibrary.org, or call Sid Patchett at 540-5740. If an application arrives with a resume, we guarantee to read it and respond.