ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT—DECEMBER 15

Mark your calendar. Everybody’s invited to the Friends’ Holiday celebration at the Library on Thursday, December 15th at 7 P.M. Mike Bayer and fellow members of the Symphonic bank of the Palm Beaches Brass Ensemble will lead us in a medley of carols. Then we’ll all enjoy the Friends’ fabulous spread of shrimp, dips, salads, cheeses and other goodies.

Come and bring our friends for an evening of holiday cheer. All are welcome.

FREE BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Last year the Friends offered our Library’s users a special holiday price for any book on their sales table: FREE. Yes, you read that right—any book FOR FREE, zip, zero, nada. This year we’re doing it again. For nine days starting Thursday, December 15 and ending Saturday, December 24 all the books on our Treasure Table will be free for the taking. Histories, biographies, novels, cookbooks, coffee table books, art books, and a few dictionaries. Even Scrooge would not spurn this holiday offer.

Why not stop into the library as you drop off your holiday letters and packages at the post office. We’re right next door.
Staff Changes at Your Library

The Library has a new part-time library assistant, Ellen Tuggle. A former teacher and long time Library Volunteer, Ellen replaces Cathy Burns who began her new job as a Librarian I at the Miami Dade Public Library System in October. Cathy will continue to serve as our volunteer web master, so we are not losing her completely to the metropolis. The Library’s users will find another familiar friendly face at our counter as Ellen takes over.

Since our last issue the Library has lost three great friends and volunteers. Arminta Burns, who worked as one of our part-time library assistants for more than ten years and served as a volunteer thereafter until she died this Fall. Grace Scarberry, the last President of the Lantana Woman’s Club, Library Volunteer from our founding in 1996 and ardent advocate for the library has also passed away. Her sister, Anne Johnson, our Vice President for many years and long serving Library Volunteer, has returned to Texas to live with her family. We shall miss all three of these dedicated friends.

POLDARK AT YOUR LIBRARY

Fans of Public Television’s new “Masterpiece” television series will find all 12 of Winston Graham’s Poldark novels on our new books display. You can follow the saga of Ross Poldark’s late eighteenth century and Napoleonic period loves and losses as a Cornwall squire, tin mine owner, defender of the poor, army officer, feckless husband, and chief foe of the social climbing “grind the noses of the poor” banker, George Warleggen. Superb as the television series is, with its splendid setting on England’s scenic Cornwall coast, the books on which it’s based are even better, and we have them all. Those who sailed through Patrick O’Brian’s Jack Aubrey series, set in the same era, will happily regain their land legs in the Poldark novels.

YOUR LIBRARY NEEDS YOU

Lantana’s Library is unique: apart from its Director and two part time library assistants, all its services are the work of your friends and neighbors: volunteers. The cheerful person who checks your books in and out, keeps the books in order on our shelves, leads our book discussion group, or tutors somebody on how to use a computer is a volunteer. We are always looking for new recruits. However you can help and whatever your skills, we have a spot for you. Become a part of something different that makes a difference; join our team. Not sure how you can help? Call Sid Patchett, our Director, at 540-5740 or e-mail him at sidpatchett@yahoo.com