

## The following took place during the founding year of 1996:

- **April 23** - Pattie Hamilton and Judith Vaughn meet with Teresa Haymore, director of Mountain Regional Libraries, to gather information about forming a friends of the library group for Union County Public Library.
- **April 27** - Application is made for membership in Friends of Libraries USA.
- **April 29** - Pattie and Judy meet with Wilma Ash, librarian of Union County Public Library, to discuss formation of the Friends group. Pattie and Judy begin work on Articles of Incorporation and an application for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status with the IRS. May 21- Eight members of the community meet to begin organizing Friends. Present are Teresa, Wilma, Pattie, Judy, Florence Blumberg, Virginia Jordan, Lenore Lee, Richard McDonald, Nancy Mead, and Doris Schaefer. The WHO, WHAT, and HOW of organization are discussed. Refreshments are provided.
- **June 4** - The second organizational meeting is held. Present are Teresa, Wilma, Pattie, Judy, Florence, Barbara Arnold, and Cathy Fiser. Drafting by-laws and a membership application are set as immediate goals. "Friends of Union County Library" is selected as a group name.
- **June 18** - The third organizational meeting is held. Present are Teresa, Wilma, Pattie, Judy, Steve Felker, Virginia Felker, Ann Laux, and Lou Laux. A set of by-laws drafted by Judy are presented. (Thanks and a tip of the hat to Friends of the Library, Fannin County, for providing a by-laws model.
- **July 2** - The fourth organizational meeting is held. Present are Teresa, Wilma, Judy, Barbara, Florence, Steve, Richard, Nancy, and Patricia McDonald. The by-laws are approved. A draft of a membership application is reviewed and revised.
- **July 16** - The fifth and final organizational meeting is held. Present are Wilma, Pattie, Judy, Florence, Cathy, and Virginia J. The membership application is approved. Pattie Hamilton agrees to serve as president, Florence as vice president, and Judy as treasurer and acting secretary. Cathy volunteers to make a membership poster, design a membership card, and meet with Tommy Stephens, superintendent of Union County Schools, about printing the membership applications and cards free of charge. Virginia J. and Florence volunteer to plan a format for a Friends presentation to civic groups. The third Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. is set as the monthly meeting day and time.
- **July 19** - A checking account is opened at Union County Bank. The opening balance is \$243. The initial membership number is **five**: Florence and Peter Blumberg, Cathy Fiser, Pattie Hamilton, Virginia Jordan, and Judith Vaughn.