



FRIENDS OF UNION COUNTY LIBRARY (FOUCL) Winter Newsletter

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From the President

I want to wish everyone a very happy and healthy 2017! I am excited to begin my term as President of Union County Friends of the Library.

As I am still a newcomer to the Friends of the Union County Library as well as Union County, I will be counting on everyone's help and support to keep me on track. I am always open to a gentle reminder or just a statement of fact if I need direction.

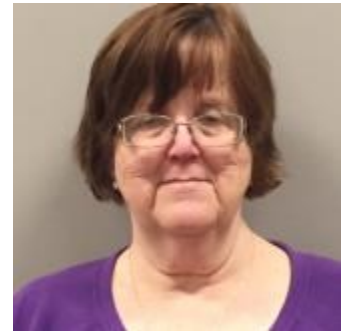


I especially want to extend a big Thank-you to all our members (bakers, sellers, set up and clean up folks, and those that were sending good thoughts) for

our recent bake sale. We made \$700.00 which is a great way to end the year! We are looking forward to another bake sale near Mother's Day so please share any ideas you may have to make it more successful. All proceeds go to help support the library and purchase materials.

At our January meeting we will discuss some ideas that came from the brainstorming session we had at the end of our November meeting. The ideas that were shared came from two central themes: ways to increase membership and ways to raise money. Please come on January 18th at 2:00 PM with your ideas and thoughts on these and other topics as we plan our activities for the 2017 year.

Our fundraisers and membership dues are the two main ways we raise money. You can show your



support for our efforts and the Union County library by renewing your membership for 2017.

I am looking forward to a successful 2017.

Debra Davis



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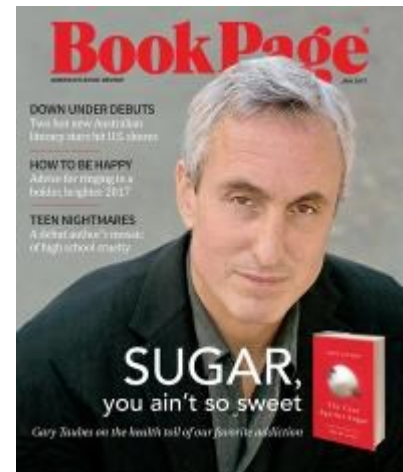
Coming Soon! BookPage

As we ring in the New Year, we are pleased to announce that copies of BookPage will be available on the table outside our Friends room beginning in January.

BookPage is "America's book review" and is published monthly. This is your go-to source for reviews of recent releases, author interviews, and

feature articles on a variety of subjects readers will find interesting.

Members have been requesting it and now we are able to provide it for library users to enjoy and share. You can pick up a copy as long as supplies last!



Christmas Party/Luncheon/And a Farewell

On December 6th, FOUCL members gathered in the library Community Room to celebrate the season and enjoy each other's company as well as some mighty good food! The Friends supplied the meat and members brought a delicious array of sides and desserts.

December 6th was also the day we recognized our outgoing President for her four years of dedicated service. Sally Woodworth came into office at a time when FOUCL was looking for a new face with new ideas. She has been a guiding force and to show our gratitude, she was presented with some gifts, a brick for the walk outside and a framed written tribute, which is included here.

Unfortunately we were all too busy visiting and eating to remember to take any pictures! You will just have to take our word for it, *A good time was had by all!*

- S** stands for Sage, steadfast and true,
Always willing to see another's point of view
- A** stands for Advocate of libraries and readers.
Lucky for us, but that's why she's our leader!
- L** stands for Leader, who gives of her time.
The results for us were nothing short of sublime.
- L** also stands for listen, which good leaders do.
She constantly searched for ideas fresh and new.
- Y** stands for yielding to the needs of the Friends.
Union County Library—her goal in the end!
*She graciously gave us four years of her life.
We filled it with work, debate and strife.
Sally was hard-working, energetic and wise.
She devoted her time, but we won the prize.*

Librarian's Corner

Happy New Year, Everyone! As we move into 2017 here at the library, things are starting to settle down after a busy November and December. We hope that we'll remain healthy and safe through the upcoming months and that the weather doesn't prevent us from opening due to ice and snow.



We started preparations for this year's Summer Reading Program in November and planning will continue through May.

The theme this year will be "Build a Better World" and will center on construction and architecture. We've already scheduled 3 great storytellers and entertainers and hope to

do more in the next few months. Each year, FOUCL donates \$1000 toward supplies, materials and storytellers for our highly popular Summer Reading Program.

One of the entertainers will also be coming to our 11:00 AM storytime on February 27th for a special *Cat in the Hat Show* to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.



Our Lego Club will start back up this month. We will be meeting the 4th Wednesday of each month at 3:45 pm through April. Each month, the Lego Club creations are housed in the curio cabinet that was purchased with funds from the FOUCL Deloris Michael Bequest Fund.



Thank you to the Friends of Union County Public Library for your continued support. Your sponsorship of the Mountain Regional Puppet Company's Christmas Show was greatly appreciated by all the branches of Mountain Regional Library System. The library recently renewed several magazine and newspaper subscriptions with some of the money that the Friends gave to the library in August and November. We're looking forward to an exciting and busy new year thanks in part to FOUCL's continued support.



Mountain Regional Library performed puppet shows in local libraries thanks to the support of FOUCL.

Over 40 children and adults attended the Union County Library performance.

Polling Box News

The Polling Box was very successful this year. Some things we discovered:

There was a pretty even split in preferences for Spring and Fall, Batman and Superman, and Chicken and Steak.

But people were much more split on their love of cats and dogs. Dogs won.

The response most likely to be predictable was whether people preferred the book or the movie.... But wow! The Movie earned .10 as compared to \$14.03 for the book! That's a split.



As for our Reward—Most people felt a book had changed their life.

Thanks for your support for this interesting and fun fundraiser!

Upcoming Events

FOUCL Meeting Dates and Times

January 18: 2:00-3:00

February 15: 2:00-3:00

March 15: 2:00-3:00

All members are welcome!



Historian/Archivist Position

Historian maintains scrap-books on file.

Archivist maintains files for Friends Documents and Newspaper clippings.

Both positions are flexible, and can be done at the library when time is convenient.

If you are interested in any of these positions, contact: Debra Davis at:

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December



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- Before you shop, go to smile.amazon.com
- Then sign in using your regular Amazon account.
- Choose a nonprofit from the list on spotlight. Make sure you choose the Friends of Union County Library in Blairsville, GA, as there are other Friends groups.

Then you're good to go. This is a wonderful and easy way to donate to our library while you're shopping for yourself.