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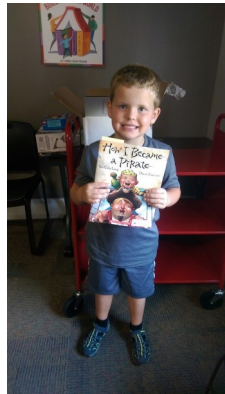
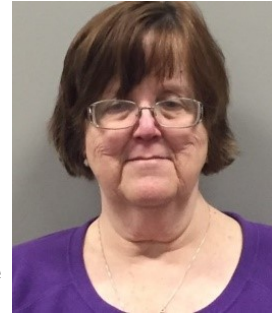


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From the President

It is hard to believe that this is the last newsletter for 2017. We've had a busy year, Fall is upon us, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. I've enjoyed leading this group of dedicated individuals this year as they worked to find new ways to reach out and advocate for your library. Union County is very fortunate to have an organization such as FOUCL and I'm proud to be associated with them.



One of our accomplishments this year was to give books to children. One way we did this was through the FERST Foundation. Another way was in conjunction with a puppet show by Mountain Regional Puppet Company. (Story on Page 4)

Looking ahead, the year's end may be just around the corner, but there is plenty going on right now. As the Union County Friends of the Library are busy making plans for the future I want to invite you to come to a meeting to hear about our plans and lend your ideas to the discussion. If you've never attended a meeting, we meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Community Room at the Union County Library. We promise not to scare you off—or hogtie you and make you volunteer for a task. New eyes and ears are the lifeblood of all successful organizations. We hope to see you at a future meeting.

Mark your Calendar for two important upcoming events:

Tuesday, November 21: Thanksgiving Bake Sale! Details on Page 2.

Friday, December 15, 3:00pm. *The Polar Express* presented by the Mountain Regional Puppet Company! The Friends will be serving hot chocolate and other goodies at this performance.

Plans are in the works to hold a Book Sale in 2018. It is a big project requiring many hands. This would be a good time to get to know other FRIENDS! Stay tuned for more information after the first of the year.



Thanksgiving Bake Sale—Nov. 21

Last year FOUCL held our annual holiday bake sale at Christmas. This year we are making a change and having it the week of Thanksgiving! Whether you have family coming to your house, or you are going to someone's (or perhaps having a quiet Thanksgiving at home with just your family), we would like to take one thing off your to-do list!

Come to the Bake Sale on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, and buy a special dessert, breakfast muffin, or extra cookies for the kids.

Of course, this offer comes with a double-edged sword. We are also calling all bakers! We need your special treats to sell at the Bake Sale. We will be calling members and asking for contributions, but even if you miss the call, please consider baking, or especially buying!



The Raffle Basket of Goodies and Treats will be back, and perhaps some other surprises. You don't have to be there to win, but you will have to be available to pick it up that afternoon, November 21.

Bake Sale



BAKE SALE!!!!

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

10:00-2:00

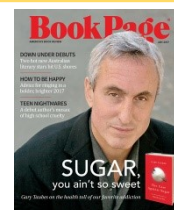
Drop Off Baked Goods:

Monday, Nov. 20: 3-5pm.

Tuesday, Nov. 21: before 10:00am



Book Pages



Book Pages, a magazine that reviews books, has been a popular addition. You can pick up a new copy each month on the table by the Friends Room. If we run out, there is always a current copy on the magazine shelves as well.

Librarian's Corner

Summer was a fun and busy time at Union County Public Library. We served thousands of patrons and enjoyed a successful Summer Reading Program. Hundreds of children and adults read books and participated in weekly events. Friends of Union County Library once again helped sponsor our Summer Reading Program this year. Your \$1500 donation helped to purchase many materials and pay for four of our entertainers. Thank you so much for continuing your support.



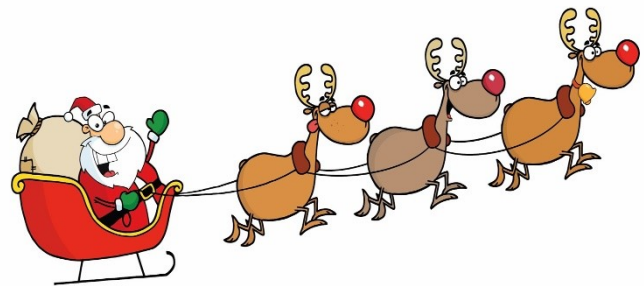
100+ Readers! These children read over 100 books in the Summer Reading Program!

In September, FOUCL also paid \$1000 toward our magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the year. Approximately 52% of our periodical subscriptions are paid for by FOUCL. We would not be able to afford this valuable service without your support. Again, thank you.

I'm looking forward to the FOUCL Holiday Bake Sale on November 21st. There are always wonderful foods provided by our FOUCL group. We not only appreciate the funds raised by this bake sale but also buying the goodies.

Upcoming in December!

We have two fun events planned for December. Santa Claus will be visiting storytime on Monday, December 4th at 11:00 am. He will read stories to the children and take pictures.



Also, Mountain Regional Puppet Company will be returning to the library on December 15th at 3:00 PM with their Holiday themed show The Polar Express. I'm very excited about this Christmas event and that FOUCL will be providing hot chocolate and special treats for everyone. We hope everyone will enjoy these events at the library.

Partner With Reading

Your membership at work



This handsome young lad is showing off his own copy of How I Became A Pirate, a children's picture book turned into a puppet show and presented by the Mountain Regional Puppet Company this summer.

The Friends of Union County Library purchased 50 copies of the book by David Shannon to present to children.



Upcoming Events

FOUCL Meeting Date and Time

Oct. 18: 2:00-3:00

Nov. 15: 2:00-3:00

Dec. 5: Christmas Luncheon
All members are welcome!

Our Christmas luncheon at Brasstown Resort will be held in lieu of the December meeting. Watch for an email closer to the date, requesting your reservation.

All members are welcome



Thanks to Kathryn Litton and the Blairsville Garden Club our library is looking beautiful this fall

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