



# Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL)

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## SPOTLIGHT NEWS!

As we begin 2018, I would like to thank our past president, Debra Davis, for her dedicated and creative leadership last year. Her idea to provide the children of Union County with copies of How I Became a Pirate, The Polar Express, and Little Blue Truck's Christmas at the

library's puppet performances was stellar. Through creative thinking, she was able to secure hundreds of Christmas books at no cost! These books were then distributed to children throughout Union County. This is only one example of her many leadership skills.



Thank you cards from school children

Friends members will notice a change in our meeting format for 2018 and beyond. At the suggestion of the membership, there will be fewer meetings and more events. We will have four quarterly board meetings of the officers and committee chairpersons, plus one annual general membership meeting in November, which will include the election of officers for the next year. All members are welcome to attend all meetings.

As a result of our fall brainstorming, we are planning more book related events, such as book sale, evaluation and care of personal book collections, a Friends sponsored Adult Reading Program, and information on genealogy and related resources.

The new year promises to be a busy and exciting one for the Friends. I welcome your participation in the events that have been planned, and your ideas about additional activities. Become an active Friend this year. We need your ideas and helping hands!

Judy Baldwin—President



### Winter Calendar

**Jan. 24:** Quarterly meeting  
2:00-4:00

**Feb. 8:** Author Book  
Signing: 3:00-6:00pm

Sylvia Turnage: Flying off  
Rattlesnake Mountain

**Feb. 21:** Speaker: 2:00-4:00

Linda Johnston  
Evaluation and Care of  
Personal Library

**March 2:** Dr. Seuss Birthday

**March 5:** Visit from The Cat  
in the Hat: Children's Story  
Time

**March 21:** Speaker: 2:00-4:00

Jason Edwards  
Genealogy Tools

All meetings open to  
membership.

#### **Special Event! February 8** **3:30-6:00 pm**

Author Sylvia Turnage will  
be at the Union County  
Library signing her new  
book, Flying off Rattle-  
snake Mountain!

### Save The Date!

FOUCL Book and  
Bake Sale  
May 10-12

Member Only Night  
May 10!

## What's Happening!

Two programs have been scheduled specifically for our membership to take advantage of.

### 1) Evaluation and Care of Personal Library

Many of us have saved favorite books, or inherited collections from relatives estates. How do we protect our books? Which ones are worth holding onto? Is there a market for old books? Which books should we donate to the library, and which ones do we take to a used book store, or donate to a thrift store? And when is it time to just 'throw it away'! OUCH! REALLY? Yes, sometimes, really! Come to this workshop on February 21, and learn about your collection.



*Linda Johnston has 30 years of experience handling and evaluating quality books as a Catalog, Children's and Branch Librarian, as well as a Library Director.*

### 2) Genealogy Tools

Have you ever wondered how to begin a family history search? For locals, Union County has a rich genealogy collection. For transplants, you may need to search closer to your home roots. Come to this program on March 21 and find out just where to start, how to keep track of your finds, take a tour of the Heritage Room, and enjoy some refreshments. Your heritage is rich. Learn all about it.



*Jason Edwards hails from this area and over the 20 years he has researched local and family history has accumulated much experience. He served as President of Paulding County Historical Society and recently was appointed Deputy Historian of Towns County.*

April 8-14 National Library Week

# Librarian's Spotlight!



*Susie Brendle, Librarian*

This has been a busy year for the library and the Friends of the Union County Library. While they've always worked hard to promote the library, this year they went above and beyond to raise much needed funds for the library and beyond. Their support of the Mountain Regional Puppet Company provided funds to purchase more puppets. At the performance of "The Polar Express", FOUCL provided books to the children as well as hot chocolate with homemade cookies to all who came.

In December FOUCL worked with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishers to provide free books for children in our community. The Friends distributed hundreds of books to daycares, Head Starts, preschools, and classrooms around Union County. Books were also given to Toys for Tots, Family Connection, CASA, and other non-profit organizations for their Christmas gift drives.

With the New Year ahead of us, we look forward to seeing the Friends continue their mission of working to support their library.



Children were captivated watching the Mountain Regional Puppet Company performance.



A beautiful table arrangement captures the story.



"The Polar Express"



A special ornament was enclosed in each Polar Express book.

# Friends At Work



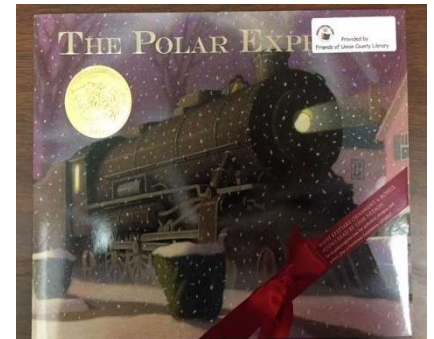
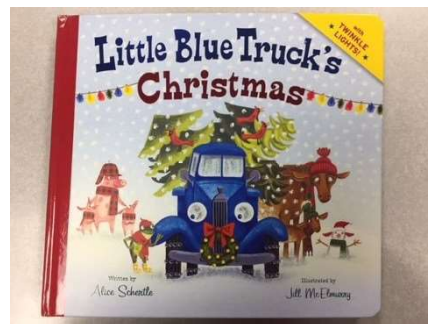
Sarah Partain, Wanda Gibson, and Evelyn Lamar hot chocolate and cookies following the performance of "The Polar Express".



Evelyn Lamar prepares Christmas books for distribution.



Aaron was one of many children excited to receive books, compliments of The Friends of the Union County Library.



These two books were given to children at "The Polar Express" Puppet Show.



Friends had a great time together unpacking books from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to be distributed to children in Union County schools, preschools, and Head Start programs.

What We Do

Through your membership and donations, FOUCL's activities support your local library by providing materials and activities otherwise not available through local funding.

## Who's Owliver?

Owliver is the Friends of the Union County Library Mascot. He was named by Friends members many years ago through a naming contest.

This Wise Old Owl knows ...

Books are where he can find anything.

Books provide entertainment.

Books have the answers to questions.

Books take you places you may never have a chance to visit.

Books open your imagination.

Books make children life-long learners

Books challenge us to be better people, develop compassion, and open our minds.

**Owliver's Friends***Who's Whooo in FOUCL*

We have a new board. Some people are new to FOUCL. Some members have changed positions. Some are returning in their previous position. So who are we?



**President:** Judy Baldwin has been with FOUCL for 10 years. She has served as Membership Chair for several years and brought creative ideas to increase membership and community involvement. Judy's varied career brings many skills to her new position.



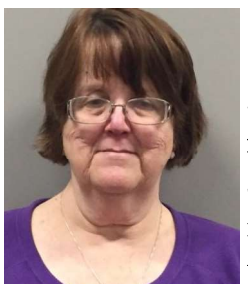
**Vice President:** Jackie Volk has been an active member in FOUCL for two years, after moving here from Germantown, Wisconsin, where she worked in the library. Jackie brings energy, ideas, PR skills, and creativity to the position and will take the position of President next year.



**Treasurer:** Sally Woodworth has been an integral part of FOUCL for several years. Following four years as President and one year as Past President, she has agreed to take the reins of Treasurer. Along with her experience in the organization, she has bookkeeping experience that will benefit her new position.



**Secretary:** Evelyn Lamar has been our dedicated secretary for several years. Although she would be happy to turn the reins over to a willing volunteer and support FOUCL in new ways, she has again agreed to record our meetings so we all remember what we planned to do!



**Past President:** New to the area from Charlotte, NC, Debra Davis came into FOUCL as a new member, willing to be Vice President, followed by a year as President. Debra has been a school based Speech Pathologist for 37 years. As mentioned on Page 1, Debra brought a new focus to FOUCL during her busy year as President.

# Partner with Friends



## AMAZON SMILE Supports Libraries!




Did you know there is an easy, FREE way you can support FOUCL every time you shop on Amazon? [Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com) will make a donation to our organization whenever you make a purchase.

It is not an add-on expense and you don't have to round up your purchase as you may have had to do with other organizations.

BUT.... In order for this to happen, you must go to [smile.Amazon.com](http://smile.Amazon.com). Smile.Amazon is part of Amazon, but is NOT accessible through the Amazon website. To select the Friends as your charity on Amazon, follow the instructions in the red box.

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- Choose a spotlight charity from the list. Make sure you choose the **Friends of Union County Library in Blairsville, GA**, as there are other Friends groups.
- Mark [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) in your FAVORITES list and the link will always be waiting for you.

You're good to go! Every time you place an order using Amazon Smile a donation will be made to the Friends of the Union County Library. This is a wonderful and easy way to donate to our library while you're shopping for yourself.



## How to Donate Books for the Select Book Sale In May



We need GOOD books for our Select Book Sale. Due to limited space, we apologize in advance for turning away some books you may wish to donate. Here are some pointers that will help you donate what we need.

- 1) Books need to be written within the last couple of years.
- 2) Books need to be in very good, nearly new, condition.

Start putting aside your best books and watch for details on when to deliver them to the library.



Our Fall Bake Sake was very successful, thanks to you! The sale brought in over \$900 which will be used to help provide summer reading materials, magazines, newspapers, and other library materials.



Sally Woodworth, Sarah Partain, and Jackie Volk: are just a few of our super Bake Sale Volunteers!