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SPOTLIGHT NEWS!

Happy Spring!

I am excited to report our attempt to host interesting events as an alternative to monthly membership meetings has been very successful. Not even snow flurries and bleak weather on the second day of spring could prevent a capacity crowd of Friends and guests from attending the genealogy presentation by Jason Edwards and Susie's tour of the Heritage Room! In February, there was also a crowd eager to hear Linda Johnston's informative and frequently humorous presentation on caring for our personal book collection. If you missed these, check our calendar because new events are being planned for the rest of the year. We are even taking a field trip to Hayesville on June 20 for a personal tour of their enviable Friends bookstore and an optional lunch to follow! (*See pg. 2*) If you have any ideas on events that would interest you, let us hear from you. This is your group and we value your input!



April 8-14 National Library Week

During National Library Week (April 8-14), the Friends will be recognizing our library staff with a gift and card of appreciation. That event will be on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:30 in the library. Feel free to stop by and thank the staff for being so knowledgeable and patient all year long!



Also, your officers are hosting a North Georgia Area Friends Executive Board Workshop for eight local counties. The State Librarian of Georgia, Julie Walker, will speak to the group. During a brainstorming session we will exchange information and strategies so that we may serve our members in a more effective and meaningful way. We hope that this idea of multi-county sharing might become an annual event.

It's been a busy year, so far. I hope you have enjoyed the changes. Stay tuned!

Judy Baldwin

Spring Calendar

Apr 18: 2:00-4:00
Quarterly meeting

May 10: 4-7 pm
Member Only Book Sale
May 11, 12: 10am-2pm
Book and Bake Sale

June 20: 11:00am
Tour Friends of Clay County
Library Used Bookstore in
Hayesville, NC followed by
optional lunch at Brothers
Willow Creek in Young
Harris

RESERVATIONS NEEDED

All meetings open to
membership.

Save The Date!

Tour of Friends of
Clay County Library
Used Bookstore

June 20 11:00am

Help Needed!

We need volunteers to
help work at the Book
and Bake Sale in May.

Email Sally Woodworth
at

sallywood-

worth1@windstream.net if

you can help:10-12 or 12-2

What's Happening!

Book and Bake Sale! May 10-12

This year our Spring Bake Sale will include a Book Sale as well. We need your donations of books, and your baked goodies, to make this successful. We are taking **newer books in good condition**, *We will consider anything, but due to space constraints we may have to turn some things away.* Newer coffee table books, books on art, sports, history, the classics in good bindings, children's books in excellent shape..... You get the idea! Please bring your donations to the library any Tuesday from 9-12 and any Saturday, from 10-12 in April. Someone will be there to accept your donations.

We absolutely cannot except any books with signs of mold or mildew.

May 10: Members Night, 4-7pm (bring your membership card) If not a member, you may join that evening.

May 11-12: Book and Bake Sale, 10am-2pm

Hayesville Bookstore Tour

On June 20, FOUCL will be going to Hayesville to tour the Clay County Friends of the Library Bookstore. This very active Friends group runs a used bookstore as one of its fundraisers. How big is it? How do they maintain the volunteers needed for this endeavor? What projects are they able to fund through the bookstore?

If you would like to visit the Hayesville Bookstore with us, please RSVP to jtaldw1@msn.com so we can let them know how many are coming. We will have lunch at Brothers Willow Ranch Restaurant in Young Harris following the tour.



Librarian's Spotlight!

Thank you to all the Friends of Union County Public Library for your support. The library continues to purchase books and other materials with the funds that you presented to me in January. The library purchased almost \$500 worth of books from our wish list in November using these funds.



Susie Brendle, Librarian



Thing 1 and Thing 2 with The Cat in the Hat.

We had a wonderful week celebrating Dr. Seuss's March 2nd birthday this year. We had a party, a movie marathon, and a visit from The Cat in the Hat himself. The Friends presented each family present with their own copy of The Cat in the Hat. Several parents have complimented the programs and are very grateful to FOUCL for providing the books at the March 5th storytime.



Two Storytime Guests in Cat in the Hat attire.



The Summer Reading Program theme this year will be "Libraries Rock!" and will center on music and geology. Kick off will be at our June 4th

storytime at 11 AM. We have some great entertainers

and storytellers lined up for this summer. Each year, FOUCL gives \$1000

toward programming and supplies for the Summer Reading Program. Much of that money has already been spent as preparations began back in October for this summer.



Musical Kids EPS PNG JPEG

If you have a chance, please take a moment and check out the MRLS website (www.mountainregionallibrary.org). You will find many great things going on throughout the library system. We would welcome your feedback and any suggestions you might have.

Friends In Action

Dr. Seuss Birthday



Wyatt Adams, Age 3, gets his copy of the Cat in the Hat.

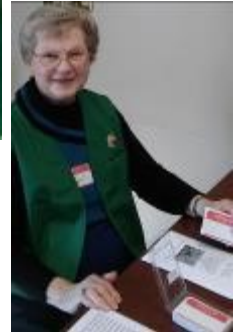


Isaiah Chambers shows off his book.

Sylvia Turnage Book Signing



L to R: Jayne Sentell, Connie Rosenberry, Jackie Volk with Sylvia Turnage.



Sarah Partain warmly greets Book Signing guests.



Friends members provide the best refreshments!



Linda and Ruth McKinley evaluate an old book.

Care and Evaluation of Books with Linda Johnston

Attendees get great tips from our knowledgeable speaker!



Genealogy Workshop



An interesting display of Family Heritage Artifacts were on display at the workshop.



Workshop attendees discover the resources available in the Heritage Room at the library.



Wanda Gibson and Jason Edwards look over a genealogy search tool.

What We Do

Through your membership and donations, FOUCL's activities support your local library by providing materials and activities not otherwise 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*

Get to know us better! Today's Who's who...



President: Judy Baldwin

Judy's vision for FOUCL is to recruit more members so that it can become an even stronger advocate for reading, our beloved library, and its dedicated staff. Part of her vision was to reduce the number of board meetings and increase programs for our members, such as the well attended Care of Books and Genealogy Workshops. Judy is a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church and Vice President of the Women's Guild. She has an interest in music, architecture, and gardening, but reading and literacy are at the top of Judy's interests, and her outside activities support that. Besides FOUCL, she is the Treasurer of the FERST Foundation and a board member of the ICL at Young Harris. Her favorite quote speaks well for her: "If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." Cicero

With Judy at the helm, FOUCL has everything it needs!



Member Volunteer: Jayne Sentell

If you have ever attended a Friends event, whether it is a bake sale, puppet show, or a Friends sponsored activity, chances are you have seen this friendly face working somewhere in the room. Jayne Sentell is one

of many active volunteers who help behind the scenes to make sure things run smoothly. Jayne grew up within walking distance of her local library, which helped nurture a love of libraries, and reading. She was a founding member of the Friends of Schley County in South Georgia many years ago and has been a member of our organization since she and her husband moved here 10 years ago, from Ellaville, GA.

Jayne rarely misses a meeting, and her friendly face will always be seen at our bake sales. Jayne prepares BOOK PAGES for distribution each month to library users. Besides reading, Jayne enjoys playing Bridge. It's members like Jayne that keep FOUCL running smoothly. Thank you Jayne!



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



Donate Books for the Select Book Sale In May

Books may be dropped off at the library every Tuesday or Saturday.

Tuesday from 9-12

Saturday from 10-12

It's Time To Renew!

Library books aren't the only things you need to renew! To join or renew your membership pick up a membership form from the table by the Friends room (to the right of the entrance as you walk inside the library). You can fill out the form and leave it with your membership dues at the check out desk.

Rates: Individual \$10.00; Family \$15.00, Patron \$25.00, Donor \$50.00, Sponsor \$100.00

Checks should be made out to *Friends of Union County Library or FOUCL*.

Give a Hoot..... Join US!

