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SPOTLIGHT NEWS!

Extra! Extra! Extra!

FOUCL Sponsor's Adult Summer Reading Program!



It may be July, but it's not too late to join the Summer Reading Program (SRP) for Adults. The goal is to read 3 books from a variety of categories, fill out a log, and drop it off at the library! The deadline to turn in your logs is August 23. Directions and Reading Logs can be picked up right outside the Friends door in the library. Almost any book you wish to read will fit a category. Participants can fill out as many logs as they wish, enhancing the chance to win a prize. Prizes are a variety of gift cards from local businesses, such as Chic-fil-A, Sunflowers Antiques and Interiors, Alexander's Store, Inc. and Home Depot.

Our theme is the same as the Children's SRP: Libraries Rock! One of the categories is rock related books, touching on everything from geological topics to Rock and Roll.

To celebrate the completion of the program, we have a special guest: Jayne Brechbill, locally known as The Fossil Lady, making a presentation on her fossil collection and beautiful jewelry, made from some of her finds. You are invited to join us on Thursday, August 23, at 4:00pm in the Community Room at Union County Public Library. (More about Jayne on Page 2!)



Summer Calendar

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

All meetings open to
membership.

Aug 23: End of Adult
Summer Reading Program

**“Deep Summer is when
Laziness meets
Respectability!”**

**Sam Keen, American
Author**



Grab a book, and be lazy.

**Save The
Date!**

**Turn in your
Reading Log to
qualify for Prize
drawing!**

August 23



What's Happening!

Adult Reading Program Event!



Jane Brechbill: The Fossil Lady!

August 23, 4:00 in the Community Room of
Union County Public Library

Don't miss our final event ending the Adult Summer Reading Program! Jayne Brechbill is a former science teacher who received her Masters degree from the University of Central Florida. In retirement, she is a member of the Education

Committee at the Georgia Mountain Research and Education Center in Blairsville and many of the children in town have met her through her presentations in our schools and at the Research Center. The students fondly refer to her as “The Fossil Lady.”

Jayne will bring her vast collection of fossils for us to touch and study as she explains their origin and history. She will also allow us to admire some of the beautiful jewelry she has had made from her geologic treasures.

The program is free, open to the public, and geared toward adults, but all ages are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be provided.



Members of FOUCL took a field trip in June to visit the Friends of the Moss Memorial Library Book Store in Hayesville, NC. The feeling was unanimous. What an amazing place. The store is so

unique and so well visited that, besides Sundays, they only close 3 days a year!

It is attached to the library, located at 26 Anderson St., but has its own entrance. The book store adds a special touch to the community and the proceeds support the library. A faithful cadre of volunteers vie for slots to work there, and the décor, makes it feel like visiting a friend.

See for yourself: they tout: “thousands of gently used books, magazines, and movies at bargain prices”; almost all \$1 to \$5.

Librarian's Spotlight!

Thank you to all the Friends of Union County Public Library for your continued support. The library has just finished purchasing many fun incentives, program materials and books for our Summer Reading Program with some of the money that the Friends gave to the library in February and April. We have just completed the first month of a fun and event-filled Summer Reading Program with the theme "Libraries Rock!"



Susie Brendle, Librarian



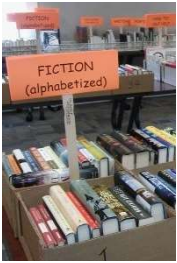
The kids really loved our first performer this summer, Fiddlin' Dan the Mountain Man.



Many thanks to FOUCL , whose funds paid for his musical program.



Friends In Action



Judy Baldwin and Sally Woodworth kept books organized.



Debra Davis and Jayne Sentell greet visitors.



L to R: Barbara Hale, Sarah Partain, Sally Woodworth, and Francis Mason

Spring Book and Bake Sale

Our dedicated volunteers make our Book and Bake sales

Rosemary Surles directed patrons to the Community Room



Friends of Moss Memorial Library Book Store Hayesville, NC



Creative Displays



Welcoming Front Entrance

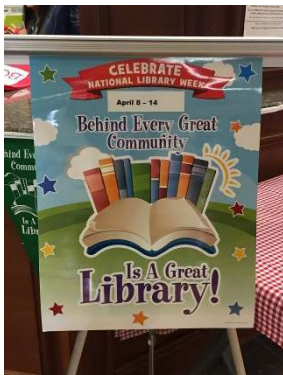


Children's Area



L to R: Friends of Moss Memorial Library President, Gwen Christian and Librarian, Mary Fonda

In Appreciation of our Library and Staff: National Library Week



What We Do

Through your membership dues and donations, FOUCL supports your local library by providing materials and activities not otherwise available through local funding.

Who's Owliver?

Owliver is the Friends of Union County Library's 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...

Evelyn Brown Lamar, Sarah Brown Partain, and Wanda Brown Gibson are three sisters that can date their family tree back to 1816, when Harmon Brown moved into Union County. These three dedicated ladies are an integral part of FOUCL. This month we would like to recognize their invaluable service.



Evelyn Lamar

As secretary, Evelyn Lamar is an important board member, faithfully recording discussions and decisions presented there, and preparing and presenting the minutes. Besides her work with the Friends, she is a member of the House of Prayer where she and her husband have worked with the Missions Committee for the last 20 years. She was privileged to be part of mission teams to Cuba and Tanzania. She enjoys reading and working on family genealogy.



Wanda Gibson



Sarah Partain

Wanda Gibson and Sarah Partain are two of our most dependable volunteers. They faithfully attend meetings, but their true strengths show when the Friends are involved in any activity. From receiving donations, to hosting events, the two sisters can be counted on for whatever we need.

All three sisters left Union County after high school, to continue their education. Sarah and Evelyn moved back after retirement. Wanda, however, moved back much earlier and worked in Union County Public Schools, retiring at age 72. Wanda and Sarah both volunteer in the Historical Society, where Wanda is very involved in the Genealogy department. Besides her Friends involvement, Sarah is very active in First United Methodist Church, serving in the Table of Grace, and the Prayer Quilt ministry among other activities. They all share a love of reading and gardening.

Indeed, if you have ever noticed the lovely decorations at a Bake Sale, thank these three ladies. And if you've ever enjoyed fresh baked goodies at an event, chances are Wanda, Sarah or Evelyn made them. We are fortunate to count them among our valuable volunteers.

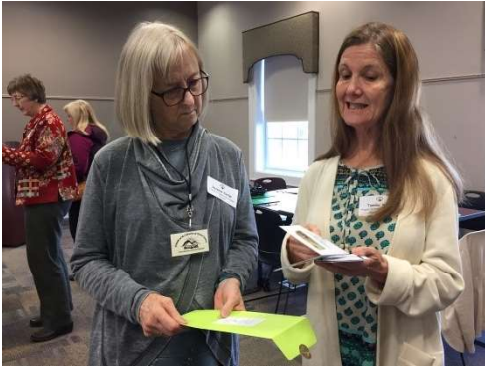
Friends in Action cont'd

First Annual North Georgia Friends Conference

This spring, the Friends of Union County Library hosted the first annual North Georgia Friends Conference. Friends groups from neighboring or northern counties sent representatives to network, share ideas, and discuss problems.

We opened with a social get-together to meet one another, and then got down to a 90 minute work session, followed by a dynamic presentation by our State Librarian, Mrs. Julie Walker. She spoke on the state of libraries and Friends groups in the state. We were all very impressed with her! What a delight to know she is holding the torch and speaking to law makers every day on behalf of public libraries!

At the end of the day everyone in attendance agreed it was time well spent. We hope to make this an annual event.



L to R: Vince Stone, Mountain Regional Library Director; Jackie Volk, FOUCL VP; Sally Woodworth, FOUCL Treasurer; Judy Baldwin, FOUCL President; Connie Rosenberry, FOUCL Newsletter Editor; Julie Walker, State Librarian; Evelyn Lamar, FOUCL Secretary, Susie Brindle, Union County Librarian