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Friends Communicator

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Fellow FOUCL Members,

We held our 3rd quarterly membership meeting and picnic on July 21 in the Union County Senior Center pavilion. The day was sunny, the food was delicious, and there was good discussion and a lot of enthusiastic volunteering and decision-making at the meeting. As you read through this newsletter you will find a fall full of activities. Please think about the areas where you can join in.

Union County Public Library had a successful Tails and Tales Children's Summer Reading Program. This newsletter shares photos of happy participants enjoying the activities, which were partially financed by your contributions. The Summer Reading Program finale included pizza and the awarding of prizes, with FOUCL donating the three top prizes of two Walmart gift cards and a child-friendly android tablet.

Now that we are more than halfway through 2021, it is time to start thinking about next year, and a Nominating Committee for FOUCL 2022 Officers has been formed. This committee includes Judy Baldwin, Sally Woodworth, and Katherine Lavery. The Vice President position continues to be our greatest need.

I am excited to announce the Everything Christmas Sale and our Fall/ Thanksgiving Bake Sale are back in person! These two programs are community favorites and we will need plenty of help in many areas. More information can be found on Page 2 and page 5. I appreciate the following people for stepping up to chair these activities:

Everything Christmas Sale Chairs: Collection / Pricing: Jane Manuszak; Set Up and Take Down: Katherine Lavery; Publicity: Jackie Volk; Scheduling of Volunteers: Connie Rosenberry; and Off-Site Storage: Robert Harford

November 23 Bake Sale Co-Chairs: Sally Woodworth and Roslyn Wise

Thanks, once again, for all you do,

Jackie Volk



Jackie Volk, President

Calendar



August
Quarterly Newsletter
Emailed to Members

Oct. 17-23
National Friends of Libraries
Week

October: Collection begins for
Everything Christmas Sale

Oct 20 2-4 p.m.
Quarterly Membership Meeting
Community Room

November
Quarterly Newsletter Emailed to
Members

All meetings open to members.

All programs open to the public.



National Friends of Libraries Week October 17-23, 2021

This is a special week to recognize and thank Friends like you for the help and support given in advocating for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning.

***Good Friends help
make great libraries!***

What's Happening!

Everything Christmas Sale November 5 and 6



Our Everything Christmas Sales were major fundraisers for FOUCL in 2018 and 2019. We had to take a break last year but are coming back in 2021. We will be accepting Christmas item donations all through in the month of October. We accept everything Christmas related, except large artificial trees (due to storage limitations). In the past, donations have included the following Christmas-themed items: stuffed toys, stationary, ornaments, figurines, wrapping paper, candles, wreaths, outside decorations and lights, books, dishes, and creches.

You can support the sale in three ways. 1) We will need members to work at receiving donations as they come in during October and to work the days of the sale the first weekend in November. 2) We will need your Christmas themed donations. 3) *See Page 5 for other items needed.*

This sale benefits everyone involved. Donations of gently used Christmas items get clutter out of our homes. Those who purchase are thrilled to be able to bring something different and new to them into their homes. And, of course, Union County Public Library benefits from the money raised.



Thanksgiving Bake Sale Tuesday, November 23

Mark your calendars for the upcoming bake sale on Tuesday, November 23, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Community Room at the Union County Public Library. Plan to drop off your delicious baked goods the afternoon before the sale or that morning before we open to the public at 10 AM. And, of course, we will need a few volunteers to be at the sale to answer any questions and take in the money.

We have our autumn sale right before Thanksgiving because these goodies make great hostess gifts, can be added to a Thanksgiving feast, or can be eaten and enjoyed right away. Please plan to bake, or shop, or both!

Librarian's Spotlight!

Thank you to all the Friends of Union County Library for your continued support. FOUCL paid for most of our magazine and newspaper subscription renewals in May. We're thankful to be able to start having periodicals available for patrons on our shelves.



Susie Brendle, Librarian



Mrs. Ann is our new Children's Services Coordinator at UCPL. She jumped right in during the busiest time for our children's services and has already finalized most of her fall lesson plans. With 30 years as a Media Specialist, she has a lot to offer us. One of her first new projects will be to start a Junior Book Club later in the year. Be sure to introduce yourself when you see her.

The library has just finished another successful Summer Reading Program with wonderful attendance and participation. The animal based theme, Tails and Tales, was a hybrid program that included in-house, virtual and off-site events. We were able to host Michelle's Magical Poodles, Storyteller Barry Stewart, Jeffini's Crazy Critter Safari with Animal Tales from Around the World, Smithgall Woods Creepy Crawlies and Professor Whizzpop. We had 121 juveniles, teens and adults register for the Summer Reading Program and 22 of them read over 100 books and qualified to be named "Super Readers". SRP was successful in part by the FOUCL donations and volunteering. FOUCL paid for several of our materials, supplies, and prizes this year.



Attendance and circulation continue to grow as we are now open full hours and services. Our computer lab will soon offer full capacity access for the first time since March 2020. We also hope to start offering some adult classes this fall. Please watch for announcements in the next few months.



Union County Public Library Hours:

9:00 to 5:00 Mon, Wed, Fri

9:00 to 6:00 Tues, Thurs

10:00 to 2:00 Sat

Closed Sunday

UCPL Telephone: 706-745-7491

Friends In Action



FOUCL is present at many library activities, like this Summer Reading Program, Michelle's Magical Poodles. President Jackie Volk greets guests, children watch, and 2 children hold the hoops for one poodle to jump through the hoop and over a boy.



Head Librarian, Susie Brindle, with Storyteller, Barry Stewart Mann and Children's Librarian Mrs. Ann.

Jeffini's Crazy Critter Safari Program

Librarian Susie Brindle and Library Staff member, Wendy enjoy the poodles.



FOUCL Newsletter editor, Connie Rosenberry is ready to dig in to her meal.

FOUCL members, Larry Rosenberry, Jim and FOUCL Treasurer, Sally Woodworth, check out the array of choices, but Katherine Lavery is all smiles with her selection.



David and Nancy Bryant, FOUCL Secretary, enjoy their picnic lunch

Left to right; New member, Lee Cromwell is welcomed by Jean and Al Nethery

Owliver's Friends



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 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 you 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 lifelong learners.

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

Volunteers! FOUCL runs on Volunteers

Board members keep things running smoothly, but it is the ones who show up to help during an event that keep things running! That's you!

In the coming months we will need our valuable volunteers in many ways. Where do you fit in?

Everything Christmas Sale

October: We will need helpers to accept, sort and price donated items. Jane Manuszak will be coordinating this task.

November 4th: Help set up for the sale

November 6th: Help clean up after the sale

Katherine Lavery will coordinate this task.

November 5-6: Take a shift and work the sale

Connie Rosenberry will be scheduling people to work in each of these areas. If you already know where you want to help, email her at:

granberry2@hotmail.com



Miscellaneous needs:

Please look over the list of items needed to prepare for this sale. These donations will lower our overhead expenses and add more dollars to our profit!

- Quart and snack sized zippered plastic bags
- Garage sale pre-printed price stickers
- White stringed tags
- Scotch tape
- Bubble wrap



Starting in October items can be left in a box outside the Friends Room.

Bake Sale: November: 23

Sally Woodworth and Roslyn Wise will need:

- People to call for donated baked goods
- Helpers to take a shift the day of the sale
- Helpers to set up Nov. 22 or clean up Nov. 23



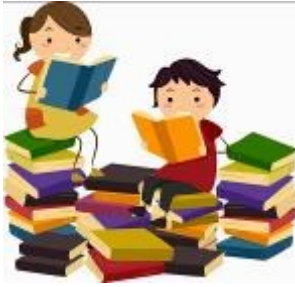
Where Do You Fit? We Need You!



More About...

Union County Public Library thanks the Friends of Union County Library for helping to purchase the following adult, young adult, and juvenile books. If you wish to place holds on any of these books go to gapines.org or call the library.

New FOUCL-Funded Books



Adult Fiction

The Grass is Singing – Doris Lessing
The Life We Bury – Allen Eskens
The Kitchen House – Kathleen Grissom
The River of Kings – Taylor Brown
Network of Deceit – Tom Threadgill
Winter's Fury – Tom Threadgill
Caught in Time – Julie McElwain
Betrayal in Time – Julie McElwain
Shadows in Time – Julie McElwain
Atlanta Noir – Various Authors
The Atlas of Reds and Blues – Devi S. Laskar

Adult Non-Fiction

The Forgotten 500 – Gregory A. Freeman
The Tradition – Jericho Brown
Big Chicken – Maryn McKenna
Secrets of the Southern Table – Virginia Willis

Juvenile & YA

Clayton Byrd Goes Underground – Rita Williams-Garcia
The Poet X – Elizabeth Acevedo
The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street – Karina Yan Glaser
The Truth As Told By Mason Buttle – Leslie Connor
Hello, Universe – Erin Entrada Kelly
Amal Unbound – Aisha Saeed
The Girl Who Drew Butterflies – Joyce Sidman
The Parker Inheritance – Varian Johnson
Darius the Great is Not Okay – Adib Khorram
Front Desk – Kelly Yang
You Go First – Erin Entrada Kelly
Bear Came Along – Richard T. Morris
Creepy Carrots! – Aaron Reynolds
Rescue & Jessica – Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes
Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe – B. A. Saenz
Keeper of the Lost Cities Series (Books 1-6) – Shannon Messenger

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