



Friends of Union County Library During COVID-19

Because Union County Public Library is closed, all our library-based meetings and events are cancelled until further notice. Some events will be rescheduled when our library reopens; but, in the meantime, Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) wants to continue to advocate for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning. We offer you three ideas:

1) Please donate to our first ever Bakeless Bake Sale. Money raised will be given to our library staff. This Bakeless Bake Sale replaces our usual May Mother's Day bake sale. No baking or buying of baked goods is involved. Think about what you would have spent to bake or to buy – and, perhaps, add a little bit more. Cash or checks (made out to FOUCL, or Friends of Union County Library) should include a note that they are for BBS (Bakeless Bake Sale). Deadline for donations is Friday, May 15. Mail to: Friends of Union County Library; PO Box 1546; Blairsville, GA 30514.

2) We encourage you to visit Mountain Regional Library System's (MRLS) website. All the libraries in the MRLS, out of concern for patrons, staff, and the community at large, have closed their doors until further notice. As a result of these closures, we are being asked not to return whatever materials we might have checked out because the book returns are not being closely monitored; but don't worry, no fines are being imposed during this novel coronavirus time. There are still digital resources available. Explore digital magazines via GALILEO, eBooks, digital learning platforms, and more! MRLS continues to engage with the public through their website and social media. Visit or follow them on Facebook for updates and announcements. If you need to reach library staff, submit questions via email. Email addresses for all local branches can be found on their website.

3) We suggest you visit Union County Public Library's Facebook page, where you will find more information about digital resources, National Park Service coloring pages, and online storytimes.

We thank you in advance for your donations to our Bakeless Bake Sale in support of our library staff. If you would like more information about what our organization does, go to our website at FOUCL.org. Fred Rogers said, "We live in a world in which we need to share responsibility. It's easy to say, 'It's not my child, not my community, not my world, not my problem.' Then there are those who see the need and respond. I consider those people my heroes." Join us in being heroes – together we can.



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