



Bakeless Bake Sale Donations Deadline May 15

Because Union County Public Library is closed, all Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) library-based meetings and events remain cancelled until further notice. We hope some events can be rescheduled when our library reopens; but, in the meantime, FOUCL continues to advocate for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning.

We are asking for donations to our first ever Bakeless Bake Sale, which replaces our usual May Mother's Day bake sale. Money raised from this sale will be given to Union County Public Library staff in recognition of National Library Workers Week. 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 the BBS (Bakeless Bake Sale). Deadline for donations is Friday, May 15. Mail to: Friends of Union County Library; PO Box 1546; Blairsville, GA 30514.

How important are libraries and librarians? Writer and humorist Erma Bombeck wrote: "As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her." Author Barbara Kingsolver said: "I'm of a fearsome mind to throw my arms around every living librarian who crosses my path, on behalf of the souls they never knew they saved."

FOUCL also believes libraries, and the people who work in them, are extraordinary. Our Bakeless Bake Sale was first announced in April, and, thanks to the generosity of our community and FOUCL members, we have already received quite a few donations. Several have arrived with notes. Here are a few:

"What a wonderful idea for our hardworking staff! This is the easiest cake I've ever not baked."

"I especially like that our funds raised will go to help our library employees."

To UCPL Staff: "I want to thank you for all you do. I am sorry the library is closed at this time...I am a weekly goer. Everybody is so nice...hope to see you all soon."

Thanks to everyone who has thoughtfully and generously donated. For those of you who plan to send in a donation, please do it today. The funds raised from this Bakeless Bake Sale are one small way to show how much we love our library workers!



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