



### **Friends of Union County Library Donate Prizes for 2020 Summer Reading Program**

What a strange time we are living through! Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) have had to rethink how we function during this time. So far in 2020, we have been able to donate “Cat in the Hat” books for the library February storytime and raise funds through a Bakeless Bake Sale to honor Union County Public Library staff members for National Library Workers Day. All other planned events and programs have had to be cancelled, including our April Quarterly Membership Meeting.

The Union County Public Library is now open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM until 4:30PM and on Saturday from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM. However, the Community Room is not open to the public so the entertainers we usually help pay for as part of the Children’s Summer Reading Program were not needed. Instead, FOUCL was asked to provide prizes for the mostly online Children’s Summer Reading Program (themed Imagine Your Story), which we were pleased to do. The prizes included small assorted toys, gift certificates for Blairsville Ice Cream and Mini Golf, and the Grand Prize, a child-friendly Android tablet awarded to the child who did the most reading.

Our July Quarterly Membership Meeting was hosted online by our webmaster, Robert Harford, and this was a great way to be able to share information and make decisions. During that meeting, it was agreed that FOUCL would go online again for our next regularly scheduled Quarterly Membership Meeting on October 21. Regrettably, we also decided to cancel this year’s Everything Christmas Sale, the November Bake Sale, and the December Christmas Luncheon.

There had to be changes, for now; but we thank you for your continuing advocacy for the library through your memberships, your interest in the library, and your donations. We will continue to work together while staying apart.



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