

Time to renew your Friends of Union County Library Membership for 2023. This past year we reached our 26-year milestone as an organization and we updated our by-laws, printed new promotional brochures, and elected Heather Welch, Public Services Coordinator, to our Board of Directors as the Mountain Regional Library System (MRLS) representative. Below are other FOUCL 2022 accomplishments.

To support libraries, we made quarterly contributions to Union County Public Library (UCPL) and recognized and supported UCPL staff during National Library Worker's Day in April and with staff Christmas gifts in December. In addition, we gave the library money to purchase microfilm of local papers dating from 1989 to the present to complete the collection dating back to the 1890s.

To support literacy, we supplied volunteer helping hands during well attended UCPL Children's Summer Reading Programs. We made our annual contribution to First Readers (a nonprofit children's literacy program which provides free monthly books to registered children from birth to age 5). In February, we purchased picture books, "Horton Hears a Who," which were given to library families in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. In December we purchased "Moo Baa La La La" board books for the youngest library children and "The Christmas Owl: Based on the True Story of a Little Owl Named Rockefeller" picture books for the slightly older pre-school children.

To support lifelong learning, we hosted a successful travel-themed discussion program in May and a well-received Open Mic: Poetry and Prose Reading event in September.

At our November meeting, 2023 officers were elected. They are Jackie Volk, President; Ken Arrington, Vice President; Jackie Millstone, Recording Secretary; and Debora Quigley, Treasurer. We welcome and thank the new officers for taking on these important responsibilities for FOUCL.

Thank you for your continued support. Together we help make our great community library even better!



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Literacy, and Lifelong Learning**