

## 2023 Friends of Union County Library Officers

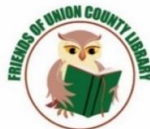


**Recording Secretary Jackie Millstone; Treasurer Debora Quigley;  
Vice-President Ken Arrington; and President Jackie Volk**

In addition to the officers shown here, Connie Rosenberry is our Newsletter Editor; Arlene Gray is Corresponding Secretary; and Webmaster Robert Harford manages our website (foucl.org). Special thanks go to “retiring” officers, but continuing active members, Nancy Bryant and Sally Woodworth. Members and officers together create a strong team advocating for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning.

Why do people join FOUCL? There are probably as many reasons as there are members. Here’s President Jackie Volk’s story: “As a young child just learning to read, I was often allowed to go to the library while my parents were working. The one-room library in our small town was right next door to the variety store my parents owned. There were no events or summer reading programs. Our library was staffed by one person and open only two afternoon a week; but I spent lots of time there selecting and checking out books from the children’s section. I believe my love of reading and libraries began then – it was a safe place and a free resource for me. After marriage, a relocation, and children, I discovered all the additional resources offered by larger libraries when I took my kids to many of the special programs and learning experiences our local library offered and, of course, we checked out many books, too. Finally, many years later when my children were grown, I enthusiastically applied for and was accepted to work on the staff of my hometown public library. It was physically harder work than I anticipated, but very rewarding. Requirements included standing at a circulation desk for hours, lifting and processing hundreds of books from the drop box every morning before the library opened, searching for books to be put on hold, reshelving books, and making sure patrons were finding what they needed. Getting to know our “regular” library patrons, watching the children grow as they trooped in for storytime week after week, and sharing authors and titles reinforced for me the importance and joy of a local public library. I also saw all the good the Friends organization of that library did. I had a behind-the-scenes education about how significant they were. When I moved to Blairsville, I knew I would be part of the Friends here because I believe strongly in the value of community libraries.”

If you use our library, please consider joining us. We contribute quarterly to the library for expenses that are above and beyond their set budget and we also fund special purchases like book giveaways to library families. Yearly memberships are only \$10 per person or \$15 for a family. Visit our website or pick up a membership form at Union County Public Library.



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