

Are YOU a Friend of the Library?

Many people think since they have a Union County library card, they are a Friend of the Library, but joining the Friends requires filling out a membership card and paying a small membership fee (\$10 per person, \$15 per family). Another common thought is that our library is supported entirely by Union County funds, but the funds provided by Union County, while generous, are not enough to meet all the needs and wishes of our library and its patrons.

Interestingly, the Union County Public Library is the busiest branch in the Mountain Regional Library System, yet over 50% of people who use this library access it only online, through ebooks and eAudiobooks. If you are one of these people, we encourage you to consider joining Friends of Union County Library.

We are a group of volunteers who raise money to supplement the budget of our library. We provide funds so our library can purchase equipment and, perhaps most importantly for those of you who use only online library resources, our contributions supplement what is needed for the purchase of eAudiobooks and ebooks. We also provide money for staff development, special programs, the Summer Children's program, and books that people request outside of what the library's budget allows them to purchase. The cost of online ebooks, emagazines, and eAudiobooks has dramatically risen. So, if you are one of the many people who use and love these services, but never come to Union County Public Library, please become a Friend of the Union County Library, and help us keep these services great!

Just fill out the coupon below and mail it in or send a donation through PayPal to foucl.blairsville@gmail.com. Every member receives an emailed quarterly newsletter about our activities. Join us!



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