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SPOTLIGHT NEWS!

Fall is here and if your calendar seems to be filling up, you are right in step with FOUCL.

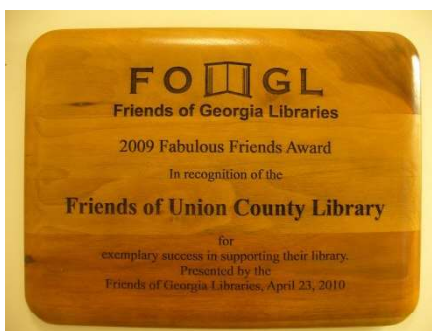
The Friends of Union County Library are busier than ever.

In October we will be collecting all things Christmas for our **Everything Christmas Sale**. Donations can be brought in on Thursdays, and Saturdays through October, for the big Sale on November 2 and 3. Read more about this on Page 2. You can also pick up a brochure by the Friends Room in the library with more details.

On November 20, we will have our **Thanksgiving Bake Sale**. See page 2 for details. If you like to bake or eat yummy treats, this event is for you!

Thursday, November 15, a change from our usual meeting time, is our **Election of Officers and planning** for 2019. We'd like to see a good turnout of members for this meeting. See the calendar on Page 2.

Closing out the year, will be one of our favorite events; the annual **Christmas luncheon, on Dec. 6, 11:30, at Brasstown Valley Resort**. You will receive an email invitation later with details, but mark your calendars now so you don't miss it!



FOUCL has a reputation as a strong advocate for our local library. In 2009, under the leadership of President, Arlene Gray, we received the Fabulous Friends Award from Friends of Georgia Libraries, recognizing the many ways we support Union County Library. Nominated by Donna Howell, Mountain Regional Library Director at the time, we were the first Friends group to receive this award. This year, our Sole

Commissioner, Lamar Paris, has set aside **National Friends Week, October 21-27**, as *Friends of Libraries Week in Blairsville, GA*. (See Page 6). Under Judy Baldwin's leadership, we have had another busy and successful year from hosting the first North Georgia Friends Conference, to providing interesting programs, such as the Genealogy workshop and the Adult Summer Reading Program. We are looking forward to another active year under incoming president, Jackie Volk.

Give a Hoot! Join Us!

What's Happening!

Fall Calendar

Oct. 2-30

Collecting items for
Christmas Sale

Oct. 17 2:00pm

Quarterly meeting

Oct. 21-27

National Friends of the
Library Week

Nov. 2 9am-3pm

Everything Christmas Sale

Nov. 3 10am-1pm

Everything Christmas Sale

Nov. 15 2:00pm

Annual FOUCL Meeting
with Election of Officers
And Planning for 2019
(Note this is a Thursday)

Nov. 20 10am-2pm

Thanksgiving Bake Sale

Dec. 6 11:30am

Christmas Party at
Brasstown Valley Resort

All meetings open to
membership.

Everything Christmas Sale!

It may only be October but we would like to help you get ready for the Christmas season. Mark your calendars now for our Christmas Sale held in the Community Room at the library on **November 2nd and 3rd**. We can help your holiday look better in two ways.

- 1) In October, donate Christmas items you are ready to recycle, and
- 2) In November, come buy some new-to-you Holiday décor!

Is your Angel collection taking over your house? Do you have an artificial tree that you would like to recycle? Boxed Christmas cards, unopened Christmas wrap? We want them! This is your chance to clear out gently used, but still lovely, Christmas decorations, collections, holiday dishes, knickknacks, movies, CDs.... You get the idea! We are interested in anything you pull out in December and put away in January.

Donations are being accepted every Thursday and Saturday from 10-1 at the library, or simply place items in the box outside the Friends Room. (For more information, pick up a brochure by the Friends Room, or at the Circulation desk.)



Thanksgiving Bake Sale!!!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming bake sale on Tuesday, November 20, from 10 AM to 2 PM in the Community Room at the Union County Public Library. The FOUCL-sponsored bake sales are a twice a year tradition in our area. Folks know they can count on delicious baked goods like cakes, cookies and pies from our FRIENDS' bakers (that's you). We usually have a few surprises for sale, too.

What is your specialty? Pies and cakes are wonderful, but we are also looking for jams and jellies, snack mixes, gluten-free treats, hot cocoa or spiced tea mixes. You can bring your items the afternoon before the sale or that morning before we open to the public at 10 AM. And, of course, we will need a few volunteers to be at the sale to answer any questions and take the money.



Our bake sales have been our biggest fundraisers and we count on them to supply the library with money to purchase books, magazines, and equipment that the library budget doesn't cover. It has helped fund the children's Summer Reading Program as well as purchased books given to families at special Storytimes, like Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration.



Our sale is perfectly timed for you to purchase great hostess gifts, or something for your Thanksgiving feast!

Librarian's Spotlight!

A Busy Fall at Union

Union County Public Library is going to be a busy place this fall. Along with planned FOUCI fundraising events, we also have 4 fun events in November & December for children and adults.

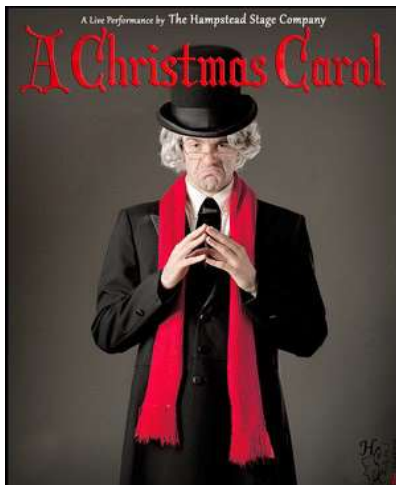


Susie Brendle, Librarian

Smokey the Bear will be at Storytime on Monday November 5th at 11 AM.



The first three Mondays in December will be lots of fun as well. Santa Claus will be at Storytime on December 3rd at 11 AM reading stories and available for pictures.



Mountain Regional Puppet Company will be doing their Christmas show at Union County Public Library on December 10th at 4 PM. The Hampstead Stage Company will be returning on December 17th at 11 AM for a special performance of A Christmas Carol.

Because it's fall, it's time for puzzles and color sheets to return. Watch for these displays in the next few weeks on the library's center tables. We try to have these fun activities through the fall and winter months. So, come in and help us put puzzles together and spend a little time coloring seasonal pictures. Happy Fall!



Friends In Action

2018 Adult Reading Program (ASRP)

The FOUCL-sponsored 2018 Adult Summer Reading Program was a great success with over 100 reading packets picked up. Thirty prizes were awarded to those who completed at least three books and returned the forms to be eligible for the prize drawing. Our generous donors were: Alexanders Store Inc. (\$50 gift certificate); Sunflowers Antiques and Interiors (\$25 gift certificate); Home Depot (\$25 gift card); Pat's Hallmark Shop (\$15 gift card); and Chick-fil-A and Huddle House (gift cards to redeem for food). FOUCL also provided gift certificates for the Union County Public Library Bookstore.

Here were some of the comments received regarding the ASRP:

"Well organized / great publicity! Love the owl clip."

"I always read a lot but having to do different topics expanded my reading to books I might not have read."

"Great idea! I read two or three books every two weeks all year. Love Southern authors."

"I love the adult reading program!"



A fellow enthusiast talks with Jayne about her collection.

Our all-ages summer reading theme of Libraries Rock! was accented with a program-ending presentation by Jayne Brechbill, affectionately nicknamed The Fossil Lady. Jayne brought her extensive collection of fossils to the library and gave a hands-on program about their origin and history in which everyone got a chance to get up close and personal with coral, fossilized rocks and dinosaur poop – just to name a few of Jayne's treasures.



Joanne Horton, left, and Betty Brock, right, assist Jayne with her presentations.



Ruth Brockenshire and Fran Mason examine some of Jayne's fossils.

What We Do

Through your membership and donations, FOUCL's activities support your local library by providing materials and activities not otherwise available through local funding.

Who's Owliver?

Owliver is the Friends of the Union County Library Mascot. He was named by Friends members many years ago through a naming contest.

This Wise Old Owl knows ...

Books are where he can find anything.

Books provide entertainment.

Books have the answers to questions.

Books take you places you may never have a chance to visit.

Books open your imagination.

Books make children life-long learners.

Books challenge us to be better people, develop compassion, and open our minds.

Owliver's Friends*Who's Whooo in FOUCL*

Get to know us better! Today's Who's Who....



Newsletter Editor: Connie Rosenberry

Connie has been a member of FOUCL since she moved to Blairsville 4 years ago. She has a lifelong interest in libraries, knowing by the 8th grade she wanted to be a librarian.

Following college she was a Children's Librarian in Harrisburg, and Carlisle, PA before she took time off to raise two daughters. When the youngest was in 3rd grade she went back to work as a Media Specialist in Hillsborough County, Florida until she retired. Connie and her husband, Larry, enjoy traveling. Since the newsletter is mainly a computer job, she says it is one way to keep in touch with FOUCL, even when she's on the road.

Besides lending her talent here, she is involved in Handbells and choir at First United Methodist Church. She is also active in the Georgia Mountain Writers Club.



Shirley Brackett, aka The Cake Lady, is one of our dedicated volunteers! Shirley has been a member of the Friends for many years. A native to Blairsville, she moved to the Atlanta area after college for work. Shirley is a life-long reader, who has

always loved libraries. In the 1980's she was on the steering committee that organized a Friends group in Decatur. She joined our Friends in 2002 after moving back to Blairsville, and served as Vice-President under President Jeanie Bulloch. Besides reading, she loves to bake and has become a legend in her own right for her cakes. At the spring bake sale, a happy customer, as she left the bake sale carrying a beautiful cake, was heard exclaiming, "Oh, I have a SHIRLEY cake!"

Although Shirley doesn't get around as much as she used to, she never misses a meeting. She epitomizes the Friend Member who finds a way to use her talent for our benefit. Thank you, Miss Shirley!

Friends of Libraries Week

Oct. 21-27, 2018

National Friends of Libraries Week



Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! The 13th annual National Friends of Libraries Week runs Oct. 21-27, 2018. In recognition of the Friends of Union County Library, who creatively promote our group in the community, raise awareness, and promote membership so we can support our library, our Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris issued the following proclamation declaring October 21-27 Friends of Libraries Week in Blairsville, Georgia. Union County is very fortunate to have a commissioner as committed to good libraries as Commissioner Paris.



National Friends of Libraries Week Proclamation

Whereas, the Friends of Union County Library of Blairsville, Georgia raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, promotion of literacy, and special events throughout the year;

Whereas, the work of the Friends highlights on an on-going basis the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to the present;

Whereas, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services;

Whereas, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris proclaims October 21-27, 2018, as Friends of Libraries week in Blairsville, Georgia of Union County, and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

Be it so proclaimed: *Lamar Paris*