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As President of FOUCL for 2019, I am honored to be leading a strong organization with an impressive history. I'd also like to recognize my supporting team: Recording Secretary Evelyn Lamar, Treasurer Sally Woodworth, Corresponding Secretary Arlene Gray, Newsletter Editor Connie Rosenberry, and Webmaster Robert Harford.



Jackie Volk, President

During our planning meeting in November we adopted a new slogan: **Advocating for Libraries, Literacy, and Lifelong Learning.** As you look over this newsletter you will see our programs and events target all three areas of advocacy. There will be fundraisers earmarked for our local library, and children's summer programs and the FERST Foundation. We will celebrate our wonderful Union County Public Library staff during the libraries 30th anniversary (February 25) and on National Library Worker's Day (April 9). The FOUCL-sponsored programs and events, as well as our quarterly membership meetings are open to the public. Most months in 2019 offer you an opportunity to participate.

I'm excited to announce we will soon be launching our new website. New member, Robert Harford, volunteered to be our webmaster. We will let you know as soon as it goes live. Our website will include a calendar of events; photos; FOUCL historical information; links to partnership sites, and much more. Our newsletter will be published February, May, August, and November following each of our quarterly membership meetings. Members will receive it through email; but it will also be available on our new website. You can also check out our Facebook page or the Blairsville Chamber of Commerce calendar for upcoming events and, of course, members will receive information directly by email or phone.

So now, I invite you to sit back, enjoy reading our newsletter, decide where your time and talent can best be used, and come join us soon at a meeting, program, or event at our library!



Winter Calendar

Feb. 1-Apr. 26

Winter Reading Program

Feb. 12 3-5 PM

Doris Durbin Book Signing
Community Room

Feb. 20 2:00 PM

Local Author Panel Discussion
Community Room

Feb. 25

30th Anniversary of our library

Mar. 20 2:00 PM

Classic Book Trivia Contest
Community Room

Apr. 7-13

National Library Week

Apr. 9 National Library Workers
Day

Apr. 17 2:00 PM

Quarterly FOUCL Membership
Meeting

Apr. 25 4:30 PM

Movie at the Library

Apr. 26

Winter Reading Program ends

All meetings open to membership.

Programs open to the public

Editor's Note:

The Friends Connector will be published 4 times a year, following the Quarterly Membership Meeting.

The publication dates will be:

February, May,
August and
November.

**What's Happening!****Local Author Panel Discussion—February 20, 2:00**

On February 20, at 2:00 PM, the Friends will be hosting our first Local Author Discussion.

Sylvia Dyer Turnage, author of several books including *Flying Off Rattlesnake Mountain*, **K. D. Bloodworth**—Mr. Perfect.com and the sequel, *Mr. Perfect.com: Deadly Friend*, **Robert K. Honea**—author of several historical fiction novels, and **Doris Durbin**—author of *The Captain Chronicles*, a trilogy of books, will share their experiences as writers. (For more about these authors, see page 6)

The public is invited to meet these authors, hear about their writing experiences, listen to them read from their books, and participate in a Q & A session. Don't miss this afternoon event in Union County Public Library Community Room.

**Classic Book Trivia Contest—March 20, 2:00**

It's not Jeopardy. It's not Wheel of Fortune. It's not Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?

It's our FIRST (annual?) CLASSIC BOOK TRIVIA contest!

If you love to read, hold onto fun facts from the stories, remember characters.... And carry bits of trivia in your head, then this is place for you! Come alone, or bring a few friends. Participants will work in teams to come up with the answers.

**Winter Adult Reading Program:
February 1-April 26**

Our Adult Summer Reading Program was such a success, we decided to follow through on requests for a Winter one! All are welcome to participate. Rules, Directions and Reading Forms will be available outside the Friends room in the library beginning on February 1.

We will finish the program with a winter themed movie in the Community Room at 4:30 on Thursday, April 25. You can vote for your choice of movie at the Voting Box outside the Friends Room in the library.

Librarian's Spotlight!

Welcome to Food for Fines February. Overdue fines may be paid with food during the month of February at Union County Public Library. Each canned or non-perishable food item with unexpired "used-by" date donated will pay up to \$1 in overdue fines. Overdue fines must have accrued at Union County Public Library. We cannot accept donations in payment for lost or damaged materials or for services such as copies or faxes.

December was a busy time and I've included some photos from the performances we had. February will also be a busy month, with lots happening. The weather may be cold, but we don't slow down.

We hosted a book signing on January 17th for former FOUCL President Paula Jean Henry and her book Changed Purpose. On Tuesday, February 12 from 3-5 pm, Doris Durbin will be at the library signing the third book in the Captain Chronicles Trilogy called The Captain Finds the Key. FOUCL will be hosting.

February 25, 2019 will be Union County Public Library's 30th Anniversary in its present location. We plan on having a small celebration on that date.

I'm happy to share a new tutorial series about our library system. Mountain Regional Library System has produced a new series of instructional videos about PINES and using your online PINES account. They are available for viewership on the library's YouTube channel. They can be accessed from the MRLS website: www.mountainregionallibrary.org.

Thank you to FOUCL for your continued support. We have purchased many books and magazine subscriptions over the last year using FOUCL money. Each year FOUCL donates \$1000 toward our Summer Reading Program. It may seem early but Summer Reading Program plans are in full swing. We've already ordered many supplies and have scheduled several entertainers for the summer. The theme will be "A Universe of Stories" and center on space.



Susie Brindle, Librarian



The children enjoyed Santa's visit at storytime on Dec. 3



Mountain Puppet Co. treated the children to a fun puppet show, including "The Grinch" using shadow puppets.



The Hampstead Stage Co. presented A Christmas Carol on Dec. 17.



Friends In Action



Yummy Treats!



The Christmas Sale had many fantastic buys!



What a fall we had! Between our annual Bake Sale and our very successful 1st "Everything Christmas" Sale we raised funds to support the library. We celebrated and fellowshiped during our Christmas luncheon at Brasstown Resort.



Beautiful Setting for our Christmas luncheon

Did you notice our new signboard? Many Thanks to Jane Manuszak's husband for making 2 new sandwich boards for us! They're Grrrrreat!



Beautiful items in the Silent Auction at the Christmas Sale.



President Judy Baldwin visits with Shirley Brackett



Corresponding Secretary: Arlene Gray



Jane Manuszak enjoys a moment with Sarah Partain



Owliver's Friends



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.

Who's Whooo in FOUCL

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



Jackie Volk, President of FOUCL in 2019, has lived in Blairsville since 2014, Long time residents in Wisconsin, she and her husband were looking for a friendly, temperate, scenic, 4-season location where they could retire. They found it!

As a child, Jackie spent many hours in the small library two doors down from her family's business, thus sealing her love of libraries, books, and reading. As an adult, she graduated with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Music. Her last 8 years of employment were in a library.

Jackie is a member of Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church in Young Harris, where she and her husband share their musical talents in the choir. She is also the Ring Leader of the handchime choir. Jackie is a member of Georgia Mountain Writers Club, and Union Library's Book Club. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, baking, entertaining, traveling, writing, and of course, reading. FOUCL is fortunate to have another dedicated leader taking us into the future.



Barbara Hale is one of FOUCL's important "worker bees". Barbara is often present at membership meetings, and participated in the North Georgia Friends Conference, last year. It was at the conference that she first heard the idea of a Christmas Sale. Barbara loves anything that allows people to repurpose or resell items. Last November, she spearheaded our very successful "Everything Christmas" Sale.

A Georgia native, Barbara remembers having a library card before she started school. She and her husband moved to Blairsville from south Georgia in 2004.

Barbara graduated from college with an undergraduate degree in Social Sciences. Although she worked in Social Services in every area from children to seniors, she enjoyed counseling the most.

Barbara is an example of the dedicated volunteers that make FOUCL an important contribution to the community of Blairsville.



KD Bloodworth lived in three different states before she started school, but then lived in the same house with her parents until she was nineteen. The wander lust took over and since then she has lived in ten different states and has lost count of how many different addresses she has owned. Other than family and dogs, her two other loves in life are photography and writing. The writing came later in life when she decided she could write some good fiction based on real life experiences. She writes, "Truthfully, many of the things I have done most people would think I was making that stuff up. So, I started changing names and some places, adding a bit of spice, and my writing career began. People often ask me if something in the story happened to me and all I can do is smile. Some secrets are best well kept."

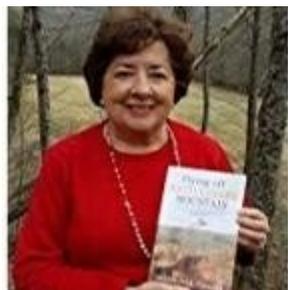
MrPerfect.com: Her Only Hope is to Escape

Deadly Friend: MrPerfect.com: Book Two



Doris Durbin was a high school librarian who sponsored a Writer's Club and produced a literary magazine for many years. Now that she has retired, she has time to devote to her new career as a writer. Hobbies include painting, spinning wool, and knitting. She is married to Ed Durbin, who taught history for 38 years and is her consultant for historical novels.

The Captain Chronicles: The Captain Takes a Wife, 1875; The Captain Seeks the Lost, 1876; The Captain Finds the Key, Book 3



Sylvia Dyer Turnage has an avid interest in the local history of Choestoe Community in Union County, Georgia, and she shares her knowledge and love of the place in her stories, poems, songs, and presentations to various groups. She is a retired Certified Public Accountant and the author of:

Flying off Rattlesnake Mountain: The Amazing Story of Pioneer Inventor-Aviator, Micajah Clark Dyer
Georgia's Pioneer Aviator
The Choestoe Story

Choestoe Songs
Mountain Gold
The Legend of Clark Dyer's Flying Machine
Financially Savvy

Robert K. Honea is an ex-Marine and retired Police Lieutenant. Born in Dekalb, County, Georgia in 1939, he attended school in Tucker, Georgia. A designer, builder and writer, he lives with his wife, Dottie, in Blairsville, Georgia.

Long Road Winding: A Question Of Pride
Shamrock: Winter's Wrath
Willie Jack Stem and Calvin
Last Man Standing: A Railroad Detective's Story 1965-1985
The Atlanta Prostitute Murders