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Friends Communicator

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We are more than halfway through 2019 and Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) is not slowing down. Join us for great programs and fundraisers in the coming months.



Thanks again to all who contributed to our May Bake Sale, especially Co-Chairs Roslyn Wise and Sally Woodworth. Total raised was \$715.74. We had set aside a portion of the proceeds from this sale to purchase two CDs of *Mountain Echoes*, the Union County High School yearbook, for library patron use; but we are pleased to announce Union County Historical Society generously donated them. FOUCL instead gave \$500 to the library to replace broken security camera equipment.

The May 15 FOUCL-sponsored program on Travel Tips & Tricks by Gail Day was well attended, informative, and entertaining.

We also had a deliciously fun time at our July 17 potluck picnic and quarterly membership meeting – even with a little rainstorm. At that picnic, it was my pleasure to make a special presentation of an “*I Love the Library*” pin to Connie Rosenberry, our Newsletter Editor extraordinaire.



The Union County Public Library Summer Reading Program, which FOUCL helps fund, was a great success. FOUCL is also providing an adult Summer Reading List tied into this year’s “Universe of Stories” theme. This list is available through August outside the Friends’ Room or from our website (www.foucl.org).

FOUCL is sponsoring a September program with Jo Carolyn Beebe, who many of you know as an ICL genealogy instructor.

Our next quarterly membership meeting is October 16 and later that month we celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week. October is also the month we begin collecting holiday items for our 2nd Everything Christmas Sale.

Find more details for all these activities on the following pages.

Summer-Fall Calendar

August

Adult Summer Reading

Sep. 18 2:00 PM

Genealogy and Family
Heirlooms

*Presented by Jo Carolyn Beebe
Community Room*

Oct. 16 2:00 PM

Quarterly Membership
Meeting

Community Room

Oct. 20-26

National Friends of the
Library Week

Nov. 1- 2

Everything Christmas Sale
Community Room

All meetings open to members.

All programs open to the public.



SAVE THE DATE!



Annual Christmas Luncheon
with entertainment

Brasstown Valley Resort

Thursday, Dec. 5

Bring a guest!

What's Happening!



Jo Carolyn Beebe

Genealogy and Family Heirlooms: Writing Their Stories

Join us at the library on Wednesday, September 18, at 2 PM for a FOUCL-sponsored presentation by Jo Carolyn Beebe. Beebe is a writer and genealogist who has taught at the Institute for Continuing Learning (ICL) in Young Harris. She will be sharing how she combines her genealogy research and love of writing to create stories based on family heirlooms, bringing along some of her heirlooms (and their stories) to inspire us.



Everything Christmas Sale Returns November 1 and 2

Mark your calendars for this year's Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) "Everything Christmas" sale. This year's sale will be Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, in the Community Room at the Union County Public Library. The sale was such a success last year (and so much fun) that planning is underway for an encore. Last year's sale offered a variety of "previously loved" Christmas treasures at low, low prices. Now is a good time to begin going through your holiday decorations and putting aside those items that are ready to be shared with a new family.

FOUCL will officially begin collecting donations in early October. Suggested items for donation include miscellaneous holiday decorations, wrapping paper and gift bags, unused boxed holiday cards, baking supplies such as cake and cookie pans, Christmas dishes of all kinds, holiday collectibles, Christmas crafts and fabrics, greenery, centerpieces, candles, holiday-themed books, movies, music, ornaments – in fact, just about anything you might have related to Christmas (except actual Christmas trees due to space limitations).

FOUCL members are asked to donate items, volunteer to help with the sale, and spread the word. More information regarding donation dates and times still to come.



Librarian's Spotlight!



Susie Brendle, Librarian

Thank you to all the Friends of Union County Public Library for your continued support. The library has just finished a hugely successful Summer Reading Program with record attendance and participation. Our event-filled Summer Reading Program with the theme “A Universe of Stories” was successful in part because of the FOUCL \$1000 donation.

FOUCL paid for one entertainer, Jeffini the Great, and one storyteller, Barry Stewart Mann. Your donation also paid for part of our supplies this year.



Jeffini the Great kept kids fully involved in his lively presentation.



The children love it when Storyteller Barry Stewart Mann uses them to help tell his stories.

In August, we will be renewing several of our magazine and newspaper subscriptions for the year. Approximately 50% of our periodical subscriptions are paid for by FOUCL. We would not be able to afford this valuable service without your support. Again, thank you.



Friends In Action



In May, Gail Day answered questions and gave Travel Tips



Rheta Priem and Jane Manuszak were two of many volunteers who helped make the spring Bake Sale a success.



President Jackie and her husband Tom manned the door prize table at our picnic.



Mountain Regional Library Director, Vince Stone, served up popcorn at the Adult Winter Reading Program movie night.



Connie Rosenberry wears her pin proudly.



Nancy Bryant and Helen Harford enjoy some social time.



Evelyn Lamar, Jackie Volk, Jane Manuszak make new member Linda Shaw feel welcome.

Good Food, Good Friends, Good Fellowship...And a little rain... were all served up at the Friends Annual Picnic in July.



Judy Baldwin, Roslyn Wise, Debra Davis and Sarah Partain catch up on Friends plans.



Mary and Alan Cone, Jayne Sentell, Tom Volk, Connie and Larry Rosenberry agreed, "The food was great!"

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 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 you 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 lifelong 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....



Roslyn Wise is a newer member of the Friends, moving here from Wisconsin in 2017. You may recognize her from the work she and Sally Woodworth put in during the Spring Bake Sale. Although native to Georgia, she has lived in many places, including Alaska. She has also worked in a variety of positions, most recently as the Executive Staff Assistant to the Assistant State Superintendent for Libraries and Technology (i.e. the State Librarian). That's quite a title! One of her responsibilities was the editor of the state library newsletter. It's nice to know we have someone in the wings in the event our current newsletter editor decides to take a break! (Just kidding, Roslyn.) Because libraries are important to her, she felt the Friends was the right place to become involved in the Blairsville Community.

In her spare time, she likes to hike, read, and do home improvements.

You will get to know Roslyn well this fall as she has taken on the task of our Everything Christmas Sale. We are excited she has taken on this role and are very glad she has joined us.

Joanie McGee is a familiar face at many Friends events. Joanie and her husband, Bob, moved to Blairsville in 2003 after living for many years in Florida. As a "Navy brat," Joanie lived in many places but went to high school and community college in St. Petersburg, Florida. After she married she worked as a dental hygienist, legal secretary and retired as an office administrator for an ophthalmology office in Deland, Florida.

Reading and quilting are her two biggest interests. She is a member of the Misty Mountain Quilters and has served as a volunteer officer there for several years.

"Having been an avid reader since childhood, one of my first joys in Blairsville was to locate the library. It was a couple of years later that I decided to support and join the FOUCL. I wanted to find a group of dedicated people who cared about helping young and old learn more about reading and the resources available in a library. I found a great treasure trove of like-minded folks at the Union County Library!"

FOUCL is fortunate to have many members like Joanie who can be counted on to lend a helping hand when needed.

More About...

Oct. 20-26, 2019

National Friends of Libraries Week

Friends of Libraries groups have their very own national week of celebration! The 14th annual National Friends of Libraries Week runs Oct. 20-26, 2019. FOUCL will once again be setting up a display table and handing out mini cupcakes to library patrons during this special week that recognizes all the Friends who support and advocate for libraries. Thanks for all you do!



Make Your Online Purchases Work for Union County Public Library!

Show our support for your library by logging onto AmazonSmile.com each time you make purchases online from Amazon. How to do this?

- Before you shop, go to smile.amazon.com.
- Sign in using your regular Amazon account.
- Choose a spotlight charity from the list. Make sure you choose the Friends of Union County Library in Blairsville, GA, as there are other Friends groups.
- Be sure to mark the page in your Favorites before leaving it. Then, each time to want to shop at Amazon, select it from your Favorites.

That's it!

A small portion of each purchase will automatically be donated to the charity you have selected from Amazon, without affecting your original purchase price. This is an easy way to donate to the library while you are shopping for yourself.



Reading Literacy is important to FOUCL. We support FERST Readers, a non-profit foundation committed to bringing books to young children in order to improve childhood literacy. Information about FERST is available at the library.

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