

## Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) Host State Librarian Julie Walker and Plan Book/Bake Sale



Left to Right: Mountain Regional Library System Director Vince Stone; VP Jackie Volk; Past President Sally Woodworth; President Judy Baldwin; Newsletter Editor Connie Rosenberry; State Librarian Julie Walker, Secretary Evelyn Lamar, and Union County Public Library Branch Manager Susie Brendle

During National Library Week, on April 11, FOUCL officers welcomed special guest Julie Walker to speak at the first North Georgia Area Conference of Friends of the Library. FOUCL also invited board members from eight other northern Georgia area Friends groups. Those in attendance participated in discussions concerning membership - recruiting, event scheduling – fieldtrips - speakers, communication with membership and media - branding, and fundraising, coming away with many excellent new ideas.

This sharing time preceded Mrs. Walker's informative presentation on the available resources and high quality of Georgia's public library system. Mrs. Walker has served as the State Librarian for Georgia for the past four years. "It was great to come up and see the group today," said Mrs. Walker. "I love coming to North Georgia. What a beautiful place." Her busy schedule at Georgia Public Library Service, headquartered in Atlanta, keeps her moving as she visits libraries all over the state, works in Atlanta, and travels at least once a year to Washington, D.C. She is a powerful advocate for our libraries with both state and federal officials. We are fortunate she was able to accept our invitation.

Thank you to FOUCL member Evelyn Lamar for suggesting and coordinating this event.

Please donate like-new used books for our upcoming Select Used Book and Bake Sale. Time is running out. FOUCL members will be in the library accepting books on Tuesdays from 9:00-12:00 and Saturdays from 10:00-12:00 through April 28. The sale takes place May 11 and 12, 2018 in the Community Room at Union County Library. A Members Only sale will be held the evening of May 10. If you aren't already a member, you may join that evening. There are individual memberships at \$10 and family memberships at \$15 per year, as well as other membership categories. Good libraries need good Friends!



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