

**Celebration and Recognition of Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL)
during National Friends of Libraries Week October 21-27, 2018**



Left to Right: Jackie Volk, Jayne Manuszak, Judy Baldwin, Arlene Gray,
Connie Rosenberry and Deborah Adams

FOUCL members gathered at the Union County Public Library on Thursday, October 25, to celebrate National Friends of Libraries Week. Sole Commissioner of Union County, Lamar Paris, issued a proclamation in recognition of the Friends' support of the library, which read in part: "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." and "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."

With those goals in mind, FOUCL celebrated the fact that we were able to raise money to give to the library which helped pay for the Children's Summer Reading Program special entertainers, as well as the purchase of general supplies and materials, books, magazines, and newspapers not covered in the library's annual budget. This year FOUCL also provided free public programs at the library on the topics: Care of Books, Genealogy, and Fossils and sponsored, for the first time, a well-received Adult Summer Reading Program.

As part of the Mountain Regional Libraries (Townsend County, Fannin County, and Union County) and the Georgia Library PINES (Public Information Network for Electronic Services), Union County Public Library patrons have access to many resources. For example, check out the recently launched "Conan the Librarian" podcast or ask about classes available through Masterclass and Lynda.com. Union County Public Library's Fall Schedule includes the Friends Fall Bake Sale from 10 AM to 2 PM on Tuesday, Nov 20, and these Monday programs: Santa Storytime on December 3 at 11 AM, Mountain Regional Puppet Company Christmas Show with shadow puppets retelling "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" on December 10 at 4 PM, and "A Christmas Carol" presentation by the Hampstead Stage Company on December 17 at 11 AM.

FOUCL members encourage you to access all the free resources at the library, and, if you are able, contribute to our wonderful library by becoming a member of Friends, donating to Friends, or shopping at our fundraisers. Thank you, and thanks to all our Friends' members!



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