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Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) Recap 2018 and Look Forward to 2019

November and December were busy months for FOUCL. We held our first Everything Christmas Sale the beginning of November. This was so successful we have decided to repeat it. Please set aside anything you would like to donate as you pack up your holiday decorations. We will begin accepting donations (Christmas ornaments, cards, wrapping paper, anything Christmas related) again in October of 2019.

Later in November we held our annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale. We sold out of baked goods before our scheduled closing time. Apologies to those who came looking for something to buy and found us already gone; but we are very thankful for the FOUCL member and community support.

Our December activities included our Friends Christmas Lunch and Book Exchange, held at Brasstown Valley Resort. Those in attendance pronounced it “lovely.” The installation of officers took place at this lunch. 2019 officers are: Jackie Volk, President; Sally Woodworth, Treasurer; and Evelyn Lamar, Recording Secretary.

Our last activities for the year included handing out recognition gifts to the library staff and books for the children, who are such important users of our library. Deborah Davis, Past President of FOUCL, contacted publisher Random House and the Dr Seuss Foundation and was granted permission to purchase *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* hard-cover books at a discounted price. We were very pleased to be able to give these to families at Union County Public Library who were attending the Mountain Regional Puppet Company holiday show on December 10.

Dates to Remember for Upcoming FOUCL Events: **January Quarterly Membership Meeting** on Wednesday, January 16, at 2:00 PM; FOUCL-Sponsored **Adult Winter Read** Feb/March/April (pick up title lists and participant forms outside the Friends’ Room at the Union County Public Library after Feb 1); 3 free FOUCL-Sponsored Adult Programs: **Local Author Panel Discussion** on Wednesday, February 20 at 2:00 PM; **Classic Books Trivia Event** on Wednesday, March 20, at 2:00 PM; **Movie at the Library** on Thursday, April 25, at 4:30 PM.



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