



**Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL):
Advocating for Libraries, Literacy, and Lifelong Learning**

FOUCL is in the process of renewing memberships and adding new members for 2019. All members and those interesting in becoming members are encouraged to attend our quarterly membership meeting in the library's Community Room on Wednesday, January 16, beginning at 2:00 PM.

Through monies raised by dues, twice-a-year bake sales, and our first Everything Christmas Sale, we are proud to have been able to provide about 6% of the funds spent by the Union County Public Library in 2018.

Here are some of the ways FOUCL-raised money was used in the past year:

- **FOR LIBRARIES** – We provided small gifts of recognition for the library staff during National Library Worker's Day in April and at Christmas and we hosted a North Georgia Friends Conference with Georgia's State Librarian Julie Walker as our guest speaker - other Friends' group leaders in the area joined us to share ideas on a variety of Friends of the Library topics
- **FOR LITERACY** – We funded a variety of programs and services, such as the Children's Summer Reading Program and Mountain Regional Puppet Company; we purchased books, magazines, and newspapers for the library; we supported the Ferst Foundation (a nonprofit children's literacy program which provides free monthly books to registered children from birth to age 5); and we gave books to families during storytimes at the library in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Christmas
- **LIFELONG LEARNING** – We sponsored free-to-the-public programs: Care of Books, Genealogy, Fossils, and an Adult Summer Reading Program

We encourage you to join us as we continue to search for new ways to fulfill our bylaws: "The purposes of the organization shall include but shall not be limited to helping to foster interest in the library and to further its service to the community."