



FOUCL President Jackie Volk (center) Presenting Gifts to Union County Public Library Staff

Friends of Union County Library Honor UCPL Staff

National Library Workers Day was April 9 this year. This is a day to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers and is part of National Library Week, which is sponsored by the American Library Association and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries – school, public, and academic – participate. Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) gifted UCPL staff with individual vases of flowers and a dried fruit and nut tray.

The theme for 2019 National Library Week was “Libraries = Strong Communities.” Libraries provide free access to media, host programs and events, and strengthen communities through education and lifelong learning. Library workers connect people with books, material, and information that can change lives. Next time you are in the library, be sure to let the staff know how much you appreciate their hard work.

To encourage adult reading, FOUCL purchases the monthly “BookPage” publication and makes it available for library patrons to pick up outside the Friends’ Room at the library. It covers all types of books by featuring book reviews and author interviews. “BookPage” has proven to be so popular that the copies we provide are often gone before the end of each month. If the tray is empty, you can find a browsing copy in the magazine section of the library.

To encourage a love of books in children, FOUCL supports FERST Readers, an organization which furnishes free books every month to any child ages birth to five years old to promote literacy through early childhood reading. FERST Readers is hosting a fundraising Concert for Literacy: Waymore’s Outlaws Performing Runnin’ With Ol’ Waylon – Music and Memories of the Waylors on June 15 at the Union County Schools’ Fine Arts Center. More details about this event and where to purchase tickets can be found on a link from our website (www.foucl.org) or at the library.

FOUCL’s next fundraiser is our May 10 bake sale. Please consider baking, buying, or donating so we can continue to give funds to our library, purchase materials and support organizations that promote literacy, and sponsor programs that encourage lifelong learning.



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