



**Presenter Jo Carolyn Beebe**

### **Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) Upcoming Events**

The program Genealogy and Family Heirlooms: Writing Their Stories will take place at Union County Public Library on Wednesday, September 18, at 2 PM in the Community Room. This is a free FOUCL-sponsored presentation by Jo Carolyn Beebe, who you may know as a writer and genealogist who has taught at the Institute for Continuing Learning (ICL) in Young Harris.

Jo Carolyn was born in north Mississippi in the foothills of Appalachia. Many of her stories are from memories told to her by relatives who lived in the days of the antebellum South. She will be sharing how she combines her genealogy research and love of writing to create stories based on family heirlooms, bringing along some of her heirlooms (and their stories) to inspire us.

Jo Carolyn graduated from Miami University, Oxford OH majoring in Religion and Creative Writing. She has been published in numerous anthologies. She lives, with her husband John, in the Hiawassee area.

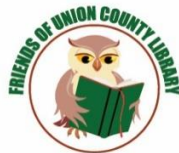
The second event you will want to know about is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Everything Christmas sale, returning this year on November 1 and 2 in the Community Room at Union County Public Library. FOUCL will officially begin collecting donations in early October so now is a good time to begin going through your holiday decorations and putting aside those items that are ready to be shared with a new family.

Suggested items for donation include miscellaneous holiday decorations, wrapping paper and gift bags, unused boxed holiday cards, baking supplies such as cake and cookie pans, Christmas dishes of all kinds, holiday collectibles, Christmas crafts and fabrics, greenery, centerpieces, candles, holiday-themed books, movies, music, ornaments – in fact, just about anything you might have related to Christmas (except actual full-size Christmas trees due to space limitations).

A box for donations will be placed outside the Friends Room at the library beginning October 1; FOUCL volunteers will also be available at the library to receive donations in person from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays in October.

If you have questions about the Everything Christmas sale, reach us through our website Contact page at [www.foucl.org](http://www.foucl.org) or by using our email address: [friendsofthelibrary@windstream.net](mailto:friendsofthelibrary@windstream.net).

We look forward to seeing you at the library, where there is something for everyone.



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