



Friends of Union County Library Cancel Everything Christmas Sale

Sadly, because of rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Union County, the Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) has cancelled the Everything Christmas Sale planned for November of 2021. After careful consideration, it was decided not to hold an inside public sale at this time. Likewise, FOUCL's traditional Christmas Luncheon will not take place this year. The photo displayed with this article shows FOUCL members Helen and Robert Harford in 2019, standing in front of our overflowing Friends Room at Union County Public Library. The room was filled with gently used donations of Christmas items. Helen and Robert are holding just a few of the Santas donated for our 2nd Everything Christmas Sale.

At some date in the future, there will be a 3rd Everything Christmas Sale, but our storage area is limited, and we are unable to accept them this October, as we had hoped. This year, please consider setting aside those Christmas items you no longer want and hold on to them for one more year.

A final decision regarding whether to hold the FOUCL November Bake Sale, scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, will be made at our October 20 membership meeting.

Of course, FOUCL is not the only organization making difficult decisions this year and we are thankful for those of you who have given us financial gifts during this time, including those who contributed to our two bakeless bake sales. We especially thank our members for continuing to support and advocate for Union County Public Library during these past 18 months as FOUCL has navigated how to stay safe while still raising money to supplement the funds that go toward children's library programs and the purchase of library books and periodicals.

We continue to advocate for libraries and agree with Andrew Carnegie, known for his generosity in creating public libraries, who said, "A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never-failing spring in the desert."



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