



## **Friends of Union County Library Honor Library Workers**

The Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) advocate for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning throughout the year; but we emphasize the importance of libraries and library workers every April – when the American Library Association observes National Library Week and National Library Workers Day.

FOUCL acknowledge National Library Workers Day by showing our appreciation to Union County Public Library workers for their expertise, hard work, and dedication. You are invited to join us in writing thank-you notes to them. FOUCL has put up a sign of appreciation on the Friends Room door at the library. This door is directly to your left as you enter the Union County Public Library. We have provided Post-It notes and pens to use during April for messages that will be shared with the staff at the end of the month. This year's special day to honor library workers is April 12; but you have all month to add a message to our sign

Libraries have existed dating back to as early as 2600 B.C when the first ones consisted of clay tablets. Although libraries have been around for centuries, access to books has not always been easy. The first public library was opened in the United States in 1833. Before that, libraries were owned privately, and patrons paid to become members. Today, free public libraries are an important part of their communities. They provide books from all over the world on many topics while offering a wide range of additional services and resources.

Library workers play a critical role in keeping our libraries running smoothly. Just a few of the tasks library workers perform during their work hours include assisting library patrons in finding research materials, tracking down requested titles, and answering a multitude of questions.

FOUCL is proud to support Union County Public Library and the many programs and services they provide, especially those offered to our children. Laura Bush (a librarian and a teacher) once said, “Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.”

Please stop by to fill out a Post-It note with your personalized thanks to our library workers during the month of April.



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