

## Upcoming Friends of Union County Library Events

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) and Union County Public Library (UCPL) are co-hosting a Writers' Open Mic: Poetry & Prose Reading. Calling all writers and listeners: Join us at UCPL on Thursday, September 15, beginning at 3:30 PM in the Community Room. Writers are invited to bring their best work and plan to read for no more than 5 minutes, so all who wish to participate may do so. Writers will sign up at the event, with the participants reading in random order. No books will be sold, but if you have something published, you are encouraged to mention where it can be purchased.

Coming up in October is a very special opportunity. FOUCL member and miniaturist, Kathy Lawrence, has graciously donated Mountain View Cottage dollhouse to FOUCL to be used as a fundraiser. It comes beautifully completed with all furnishings and battery lighting. Dimensions are 31" W x 20" D x 19" H and its estimated value is \$450. It will be on display beginning in October at UCPL. Raffle tickets will be sold at the library on Monday and Wednesday mornings and at special events at the library during the month of October and at our Everything Christmas Sale November 4 and 5.

Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 5 for \$20. In keeping with the miniature and model theme, in addition to this adorable dollhouse, we will have as 4<sup>th</sup> prize a 3D sneaker jigsaw puzzle, as 3<sup>rd</sup> prize a papercraft castle, and as 2<sup>nd</sup> prize a holiday time build-it-yourself miniature room kit. The prize drawing will take place November 5 at 1 PM in the Community Room. You will not have to be present to win.

Don't want or need a dollhouse? Consider purchasing raffle tickets to support our library and with the thought of regifting the dollhouse if you win it. It could go to a museum or local charitable organization, maybe one that provides housing to families with children. All proceeds from this raffle will go towards technology learning materials to be used with our library kids and youth. These kinds of learning materials are often referred to as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) or STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) and the library is excited about being able to provide these kinds of learning experiences to local families.

Also in October, FOUCL will be collecting gently used Christmas items for our Everything Christmas Sale. Just about anything in good condition and related to Christmas (except large artificial trees and toys) will be accepted. In the past we have sold ornaments, wrapping paper and bows, Christmas cards and stationery, holiday-themed books and magazines, creches, holiday décor, and Christmas linens, to name just a few categories. Donations will be accepted at the library on Monday and Wednesday mornings during the month of October and a box will be put outside the Friends Room door for drop offs at other times.



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