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From the President

Today my heart and mind are filled with gratitude for the beautiful celebration in honor of our 30th Anniversary Celebration, organized by Jackie Volk and Judy Baldwin and presented on July 15th. I know just how much work



went into pulling it all together from setting the theme, to choosing wonderful guest speakers. Retired Mountain Regional Library Director, Donna Howell, left, offered both motivation and inspiration woven in and through FOUCL's history as our guest speaker.



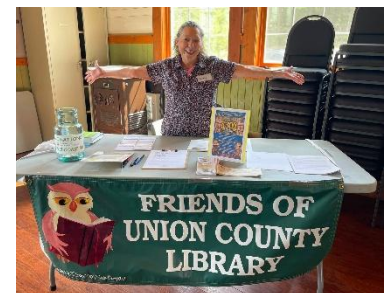
Claudia Naylor,
 President

The next couple of months will be hot and humid. Most folks love outdoor activities during late summer and early fall. Not me! I curl up in my living room with the A/C and fans surrounding me, along with my books and my dog, keeping cool. Come October I'm ready to get out and get busy again just in time for our 4th quarter meeting on October 21st in the meeting room at the library.

Keep in mind that Vera is planning another *Blind Date with a Book* at the downtown Sidewalk Sales day in late August and will need gently used hard backs for this project. You can email one of us when you're ready to drop off books. And we'd love to have more volunteers for the *Read Aloud for Adults* program.

Keep healthy and happy!

Claudia



Memories from the Celebration: Sole Commissioner Harold Collins signs a Proclamation for "Friends of Union County Day", FOUCL President Claudia welcomes guest Alyssa, and Cathy Dalton greets the guests.



Calendar of Events

August

Quarterly newsletter
emailed to members

August 20: 10:30 -11:00AM
Read Aloud for Adults
UC Nursing Home

August 28-29
9:00AM-1:00PM
Blind Date With a Book
Downtown Blairsville

Sept 17: 10:30-11:30AM
Read Aloud for Adults
UC Nursing Home

Oct. 21: 1:00 PM
4th Quarter Membership
Meeting
Community Room

November
Quarterly newsletter
emailed to members

Upcoming Dates
Nov. 18: Brainstorm 2027
Nov. 19: Bake Sale
Dec. 2: Christmas Party

All meetings open to
members.

All programs open to the
public.



What's Happening!



Blind Date With A Book is back! August 28-29

It was a hit at the Farmers Market. Now it's back at the
End of Summer Sidewalk Sales August 28-29 in
downtown Blairsville.

- FOUCL will have a table set up in front of the Book Bound Bookstore on the square!
- Books are wrapped up—a present for you!
- Each book will have a brief description of the contents.
- A \$5 donation gets you your next 'best' read!



PLUS: Get your raffle ticket at the same time.

This wonderful painting by local artist, June Rollins, will be raffled off at our November Bake Sale, November 19.

1 ticket for \$5.00 5 tickets for \$20.00

Read Aloud For Adults

- Volunteers spend 30 minutes the 3rd Thursday each month reading to seniors in Union County Nursing Home.
- Reading material is provided. Very short stories are best.
- To add your name to the list of readers contact Vera Coupal at veracoup@aol.com



Library Happenings!

Our library was very busy this summer. Here is a look at just one of the many things we had going on.



Our sign up for the Summer Reading Program was a blast. Every corner of the library, inside and out, had something going on.



*Marlene Cannon,
Branch Manager*



Happy Dinosaurs greeted the customers who found their way to the Photo Booth, Fossil Dig, Face Painting, Sidewalk Art, and Icee's, just to name a few of the things we had going on.



FRIENDS at Work

It takes a team. Many hands prepared books to sell at *Blind Date with a Book*, and many more prepared goods or worked the bake sale. Master Gardeners care for the butterfly garden. Volunteers worked at the SRP kick off making popcorn. It's our volunteers that keep us going!



This display at the Interactive Museum is one more way we let people know who we are.

30th Celebration!

It was a beautiful day at the old Choestoe Schoolhouse, when the Friends gathered to celebrate 30 years of supporting and advocating for Union County Public Library. The 30th Anniversary Committee, led by Co-Chairs Judy Baldwin and Jackie Volk, used pearls, the designated gem for a 30th anniversary, as part of their decorating theme. Many of the attendees arrived in their pearls. Retired Mountain Regional Library Director Donna Howell's inspiring words reminded us of the importance of what we do. Perseverance in hard times keeps us strong for the good times. It was a day to remember!



Union County Sole Commissioner Harold Collins was an honored guest at our festivities. Fun, Food, Friends, and Fellowship were on the menu that day.

More About...

What We Do

Through your membership and donations, FOUCL's activities support your local library by providing materials and activities not otherwise available through local funding.

Who's Owliver?

Owliver is the Union County Library Mascot. He was named by Friends members many years ago through a naming contest.

This Wise Old Owl knows...

Books are where you can find anything.

Books provide entertainment.

Books have the answers to questions.

Books take you places you may never have a chance to visit.

Books open your imagination.

Books make children lifelong learners.

Books challenge us to be better people, develop compassion, and open our minds.

Donations, Gifts, and Bequests

Leaving a legacy is something we often think about. Wanting to make an impact is a human trait. Here are a few ways you can honor a love of libraries. Consider making a donation in honor or memory of a loved one, or tell your friends to give a gift to the *Friends of Union County Library* in place of a birthday gift. Including it as a bequest in your will is the perfect way to know your wishes will be honored.

Peach State Federal Credit Union makes donation to FOUCL



The Peach State Federal Credit Union's donation to the Friends made it possible to purchase books from the Children's Wish List. Branch Manager, Marlene Cannon and FOUCL Treasurer were on hand to receive the donation.

Our local businesses are so important to us. Their recognition and appreciation for our library is evidenced by the support they give us. We are fortunate to live in a very giving community.

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