

FRIENDS OF UNION COUNTY LIBRARY (FOUCL) Spring Newsletter

SPRING 2017



Officers

President:
Debra Davis
ddavis839@gmail.com

Past President:
Sally Woodworth

Secretary:
Evelyn Lamar

Treasurer:
Medora MacKinnon

Membership:
Judy Baldwin

Newsletter Editor:
Connie Rosenberry
granberry2@hotmail.com

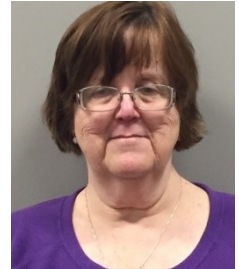


Friends Of Union County
Library
P.O. Box 1546
Blairsville, GA 30514
www.mountainregional.library.org/foucl.html



From the President

Spring has arrived! I hope you are reading this on a beautiful, sunny day with flowers blooming and birds singing. The library never slows down, no matter what the season, and there are several ways you can show your support.



First, have you seen our ballot boxes in the library? Each month a question is posed with a choice of two answers. People vote by dropping coins or bills in the side that reflects their answer. This has been a fun way to increase our funds. A very popular question, (i.e. we raised a good bit of money) was "Are you a native of Blairsville or did you move here from somewhere else?". Blairsville natives spoke up and raised the most money!

Now we need your help in coming up with some new questions. We would love your suggestions. Questions with two choices for answers are the best type. (For example, Do you like chicken or steak?) Don't be shy. Any ideas you have will be welcomed. However, questions cannot be political or religious in nature. You can drop them off at the library circulation desk in an envelope or email me (ddavis839@gmail.com). I can't wait to hear your great ideas!

We are also looking for input planning our annual picnic. Last year, we combined our picnic with our 20th anniversary celebration at Choestoe School House. Part of our April meeting will be used to discuss possible ideas for this year's picnic. Put on your thinking cap and come to the meeting to help us plan!



Our Spring Bake Sale is just around the corner! It will be the Friday before Mother's Day, as it was last year. It was very successful and with your help it will be even better! We will need many people to bake, some people to set up and sell, and everyone to encourage their friends to come and buy something. The Bake Sale will be Friday, May 12th, from 10 AM until 2 PM in the Community Room at the library. Put it on your calendar!

Finally, we need your help with membership. Please consider asking a friend to join FOUCL and join you at a meeting. Imagine how our membership would grow if everyone invited one person to join. Money from memberships is a major source of our fundraising and plays a large part in helping us support the Summer Reading Program, as well as provide funds for the library to buy more books, magazines and other needed items. This quarter, Friends donations were used to purchase subscriptions to *Time Magazine*, *Highlights for Children* and *Mother Earth News*. If your children or grandchildren are interested in secret codes they can find new purchases, [Uncracked Codes and Ciphers](#) and [History of Cryptography](#) in the Youth Room.



Mother's Day Bake Sale Supports Summer Reading Program

Mother's Day means family gatherings, brunches, lunches, teas, and dinners. It is a special time of sharing memories, and honoring the person who raised a family.



On May 12, the Friends of the Library will be selling the perfect goodies to enjoy at your family gathering.

A successful bake sale depends on several factors.

1. Come buy some goodies and surprise your mom with a homemade treat for her special day. Your support supports the library!

2. BRING US GOODIES TO SELL!

*That's it! We need YOU to make our Bake Sale a success. We will need **lots** of cookies, cakes, brownies, breads, pies, and any other specialty goodie you would like to bake.*



3. We can also use help! Are you artistic? Creative? We need signs made to put around town, and in public buildings a few weeks before the sale.

We also need help the day before, receiving

baked goods, and on the day of the sale.

To help us plan, please email Connie at granberry2@hotmail.com and let her know what you will bring or how you can help. Goodies can be dropped off in the Community Room at the library on Thursday, from 4-7 PM, or by 10:00 AM on Friday.



Reuben Haller, as The Cat in the Hat, captivates children as they celebrate Dr. Seuss birthday.

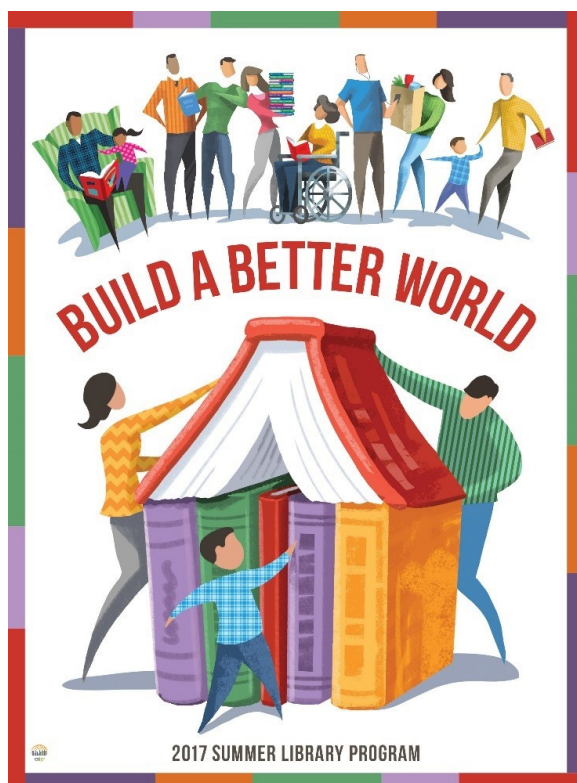
Librarian's Corner

I would like to begin by thanking our wonderful Friends of Union County Library for their continued support. We feel truly blessed to have such a hard-working, concerned group to advocate and raise needed funds for the library. Those funds continue to be put to good use. This year FOUCL will be donating almost half of the funds needed for our successful Summer Reading Program. They will also help the library place several juvenile and adult books on our shelves.

If you have a chance, please take a moment and check out the MRLS website (www.mountainregionallibrary.org). You will find many great things going on throughout the library system. We would welcome your feedback and any suggestions you might have.



Summer Reading Program



The Summer Reading Program theme this year is “Build a Better World” and will center on construction, architecture and our world. Kick off will be at our June 5th Storytime at 11 AM. We have some great entertainers and storytellers lined up for this summer. The children (and parents) should have a ton of fun during the eight week program thanks in part to FOUCL’s donation which enables us to offer programming that is very important to our young library patrons.



Partner With Reading



FERST is a non-profit foundation committed to bringing books to young children in order to improve childhood literacy. Reading aloud to children expands vocabulary and increases curiosity, important building blocks in achieving success in reading. Any family with young children can sign up at the library to receive one age appropriate new book each month for

their child at no cost to the family.

Because Reading Literacy is our goal, FOUCL makes a contribution each year to this organization. By joining FOUCL you have become a partner with FERST.

Information about FERST can be found on the table near the Ballot Box.

Upcoming Events

FOUCL Meeting Date and Time

April 19: 2:00-3:00

May 17: 2:00-3:00

June 21: 2:00-3:00

All members are welcome!

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Friday, May 12:

10:00-2:00



Mountain Regional Library Puppet Theater

When Vince Stone became the director of Mountain Regional Library System, the libraries of Fannin, Union, and Towns County were the beneficiaries. Vince brought his expertise as a puppeteer with him and created an exciting new program for the children, libraries and

schools in his district. The puppet shows have been well-received, especially in Union County.

To show our support and appreciation for the program, FOUCL voted to make a donation to the theater to help defray the cost of lighting and

new puppets.

If you haven't been to any of these presentations, you are encouraged to come. You are in for a treat.

Make your online purchases work for the Library!

You can always support your public library by logging into AmazonSmile.com when you make purchases online from Amazon. How to do this?

- Before you shop, go to smile.amazon.com
- Then sign in using your regular Amazon account.
- Choose a nonprofit from the list on spotlight. Make sure you choose the Friends of Union County Library in Blairsville, GA, as there are other Friends groups.

Then you're good to go. This is a wonderful and easy way to donate to our library while you're shopping for yourself.