



FRIENDS OF UNION COUNTY LIBRARY

(FOUCL)
Summer Newsletter

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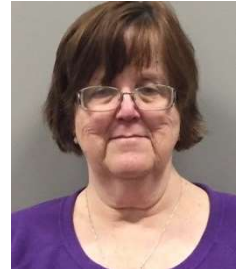
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From the President



Friends of the Union County Library have been busy during the first six months of the year. We have contributed money to the FERST Foundation (which sends a new book each month to children from birth to age 5) as well as the Mountain Regional Puppet Company. The Puppet Company will be presenting another performance at Union County Public Library in July as part of the summer reading program.

Our bake sale in May was very successful, raising more than \$500.00. Many thanks to all members who baked something as well as those who participated in setting up, selling and cleaning up. A new addition to the bake sale was a raffle basket, filled with a selection of cookies, brownies, muffins and some Godiva Chocolate.

Looking ahead, our annual picnic will be September 23, 2017 from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Pavilion at the Senior Center. This is in the planning stages so please contact me (ddavis839@gmail.com) if you want to help with the planning or have some ideas for activities. We will be discussing this in more detail in July.



We have been talking about increasing our visibility in the community. We need everyone's input and ideas to insure that we continue to make a difference for Union County Public Library. Be a participant at the meetings and add your voice. We meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month in the library's community room, from 2-3 PM.

I hope this finds all of our members happy and enjoying summer in the mountains! What a perfect time to check out a new book and read.



Mother's Day Bake Sale Supports Summer Reading Program

On May 12, members of the Friends of the Library responded to a call for baked goodies, by dropping off a wonderful selection of cakes, cookies, muffins, and brownies.

A popular item was Shirley Bracket's Black Walnut Layer cake. Shirley's cakes are a local treasure and have been known to bring in a tidy sum at auctions.

The woman who bought the cake had a delighted smile as she walked out with the cake. "OH! I have a *Miss Shirley* cake," she sighed.

A new feature was a Raffle Basket filled with a selection of baked treats and some extra-special chocolates.

The Raffle Basket was a big hit. Over 60 tickets were sold. Mike Myers was the lucky winner.



Through your generosity we were able to raise \$589.00 to support the Union County Library's Summer Reading Program.

A big thanks to buyers and bakers alike. We appreciate your support.

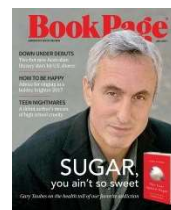


Mike Myers, Winner of the Bake Sale Raffle Basket, with Janet Dittus, left, who sold him the ticket and FOUCL President, Debra Davis, right.

Annual Picnic



Have you attended one of our picnics? Each year, Friends members gather to enjoy a relaxing afternoon, visiting, playing games, and chowing down on great food. Be on the lookout for details. But until then, mark your calendar for September 23, from 11-3 and plan to join us. Get to know your other Friends!



Book Pages

Book Pages, a magazine that reviews books, has been a popular addition. You can pick up a new copy each month on the table by the Friends Room. If we run out, there is always a current copy on the magazine shelves as well.

Librarian's Corner Summer Reading Program



*Hampstead
Stage Company
presents
Beauty and the
Beast*



Union County children have enjoyed a variety of special activities during this summer's reading program. A donation from the Friends of the Library was helpful in presenting two of those programs. Entertainment included Juggler, Todd Key and a puppet show by MRLS Puppet Theatre presented in July.



Story teller Barry Stewart Mann's Story Builders takes advantage of local talent.



The Great Jeffini's Master Builder Program entertain a full house.



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.



Janice Cochran, FERST Foundation, receives a check from Friends of the Union County Library President, Debra Davis and Librarian, Susie Brindle

Upcoming Events

FOUCL Meeting Date and Time

July 19: 2:00-3:00

Aug. 16: 2:00-3:00

Sept. 20: 2:00-3:00

All members are welcome!

FOUCL Picnic: Sept. 23

11:00-3:00

Senior Center Pavilion

All members are welcome

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- Then sign in using your regular Amazon account.
- Choose a spotlight charity from the list. 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.