



Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL)

Friends Communicator

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Whew! It has been a “hang on to your hats” kind of Fall as we provided programs and raised money for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning.



Our September program with Jo Carolyn Beebe was

Genealogy and Family Heirlooms: Writing Their Stories. Jo Carolyn shared stories, both true and fictional, and brought along fascinating artifacts

and photos.

On October 24, during National Friends of Libraries Week, we greeted library patrons with mini-cupcakes and information about FOUCL.

Our 2nd Everything Christmas Sale was a huge success. We had great donations of gently used items that included everything from jolly Santas to beautiful nativity sets. The final total raised was \$1237.60. A portion of this money will be used to purchase books to be given to children attending the Santa Storytime at the library on December 9. Thanks to the many members who volunteered their time.

Our next membership meeting is November 20. We will be electing 2020 Officers and holding a brainstorming session for next year. The slate of officers is: President, Jackie Volk; VP, position open; Secretary, Nancy Bryant; Treasurer, Sally Woodworth. Please bring your ideas and inspiration to this meeting. Members and potential members are invited.

Our November Bake Sale will be held on Tuesday, November 26, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Hope to see many of you there.

Our last scheduled event for 2019 is a yearly highlight for me. Thursday, December 5, is our Christmas Luncheon. This is open to members, friends, family, and neighbors. I hope you will mark your calendar and join us!

Details for all upcoming events are on the following pages.



Winter Calendar

Nov. 20 2 p.m.
Quarterly Membership Meeting
Community Room

Nov. 25 2-5:00 p.m.
Drop off baked goods for Sale
Community Room

Nov. 26 10 a.m. -2:00 p.m.
Fall Bake Sale
Community Room

Dec. 5 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Christmas Luncheon
*Brasstown Valley Resort in
Young Harris*

Jan. 15 2 p.m.
Quarterly Membership Meeting
Community Room

All meetings open to members.

All programs open to
the public.



The Friends Communicator is published 4 times a year, following the Quarterly Membership Meetings.

The publication dates are February, May, August and November.

So far in 2019, FOUCL has received \$139.40 from AmazonSmile. With more participants and upcoming holiday shopping, let's try to double that by the end of the year.



What's Happening!

Fall Bake Sale is Just in Time for Thanksgiving!

Our last fundraiser for 2019 is our Fall Bake Sale on Tuesday, November 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room at Union County Public Library.



We need help to contact members, to bake, to receive baked goods and set up the day before from 2 :00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to serve as cashiers, and to buy. There is a task for everyone willing to give an hour or two or three. Please consider how you can help and be sure and spread the word about the sale among your neighbors and friends.



Here are some of the delicious items we hope to provide: cupcakes, pies, cookies, cakes, muffins, quick breads, ready-to-cook mixes such as soups and beverages, and other specialty items you assemble, bake, and donate. We have found there are always people looking for sugar-free and gluten-free, along with sweet and savory.

Happy Thanksgiving!



An Easy Way to Donate to FOUCL

AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) offers all of the same items, prices, and benefits of its sister website,

Amazon.com, but with one distinct difference. When you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation contributes 0.5% of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

You can give to Friends of Union County Library by selecting us on your Amazon Charity List (be sure it is the **Friends group in Union County Georgia**). Sign in at <https://smile.amazon.com>. Under the search bar hover over "Supporting" and you will see a box saying Charity Lists with a Change option. Select "Change". Here you can either Change a previous choice, or select a new choice under "Or pick your own Charitable organization". Enter "Library Blairsville" and select Search. Select "Friends of Union County Library Blairsville GA".

After registration, whenever you purchase items from Amazon go to smile.amazon.com and generated donations from AmazonSmile Foundation will go to Friends of Union County Library every time you shop. The AmazonSmile shopping site can also be easily accessed through the home page of our website at www.foucl.org.

Librarian's Spotlight!

Legos, Legos Everywhere!



The library season never seems to slow down, but the fall and winter months bring one special activity that really draws the kids in. It is our Monthly Lego Club.

Lego Club meets the last Wednesday of the month at 3:45 from August through April, with the exception of November and December when everyone is busy with the holidays. We have had over 100 children and teens participate this year.

Many of our Legos have been donated by library patrons so there are plenty of pieces for the children to use. There is usually a theme or a challenge for them to incorporate into their creations. Some projects can be seen in the display

case located near the restrooms.

Union County Public Library is one of the busiest in the Mountain Regional System. We have the highest circulation of books, our Computer Lab is heavily used and our children's programs are well attended.

We are fortunate that the Friends are always willing to help with some of the expenses of our programs.



Susie Brendle, Librarian



Friends In Action



On October 24, library visitors were treated to cupcakes in honor of National Friends of Libraries Week.

Right: Helen Harford helps set up our table.



L to R: Debra Davis, Jayne Sentelle, Jackie Volk, Pres.; Sally Woodworth, Treas.; Helen Harford—our Welcoming Committee



Jackie accepts things for the sale.



Isabelle, Robert and Helen inspect a lighted lawn ornament.



Jayne Sentelle and Jane Manuszak sort the Santas.



Kaley Flowers, Children's Librarian, greets a young visitor.



Sandi Hensley searches for some unique ornaments.



Helen and Robert Harford show off some of the many Santas that were for sale.



Helen helps Lisa Azzarello sort through the "Free Box".



Irresistible stuffed animals gather on the bench.



Sandi Hensley is delighted with her purchases.

Owliver's Friends



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 Friends of 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.

Who's Whooo in FOUCL—YOU!

Each quarter we have featured a Board member and a dedicated member in an effort to create familiar faces.

At this time of year we want to honor YOU... the MANY FACES of the Friends. If you have baked goodies, called volunteers, donated items for sales, or shown up at any of our events to buy, you are a valued member of the Friends of Union County Library. We thank you for your help and participation.

An Invitation for YOU! Please Join Us at our Annual Christmas Party



What:

*Friends of Union County Library
Christmas Lunch & Entertainment*

When:

Thursday, December 5 beginning at 11:30 AM

Where:

Brasstown Valley Resort, 6321 US-76, Young Harris

Why:

Because It Is Good to be Together and Share a Meal

How:

Mark your calendar. Plot your course. Form your carpool.



Join us for a delicious buffet lunch (\$14.50 incl. meal, beverage, tax and tip). Entertainment will be provided by Sharp Memorial United Methodist Church's vocal group - the Sharp Tones - and their handchime choir. The music will begin at 11:30 AM with the meal immediately following. After lunch, we will also have a short Installation of Officers for 2020 and a book exchange. To participate in the book exchange, just bring a book – new or used. No need to wrap it. Hope you can join us for this Christmas party! Please RSVP to Friendsofthelibrary@windstream.net so nametags can be made.

More About...

Planning Meeting—November 20 2:00 p.m.



Every well-run organization takes planning. Each November, FOUCL uses its quarterly meeting to look at the past year, evaluate programs that worked, solicit ideas from FOUCL members (That's YOU), and outline a calendar for the upcoming year.

Perhaps you have recently moved here and have an idea you saw at another library. Or maybe you came to a Bake Sale and thought, "Why don't they do....?"

We are looking for ideas for activities, programs, or speakers. We would love to hear yours. We may ask you to help us implement a new program, but we promise not to put you in charge, just because you suggested it! (However, we always accept your willingness to carry out a job.)



New Faces. Fresh Ideas. Join Us!

Your Membership Supports Union County Public Library (FOUCL)

- Membership dues, donations, and proceeds from sales benefit our library as well as Ferst Readers, fulfilling our mission to promote literacy. Ferst Readers provides each enrolled child with a new book every month until their 5th birthday.
- The Library uses funds to:
 - Purchase program materials for children's activities.
 - Purchase 30% of the newspapers and 48% of periodicals the library subscribes to.
 - Support library programs.
 - Supplement book purchases.
- Add your support for the library by joining Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL).
- New memberships or renewals in November and December will be good through 2020.

Members can support Friends by:

- Baking
- Welcoming New Members
- Acting as Historian
- Working on Publicity
- Becoming a Board Member
- Being a Bake Sale or Everything Christmas Coordinator
- Volunteering at Friends Events



This sculpture by local artist Al Garnto was provided through a bequest to the Friends from Deloris Michael.