



# Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL)

## Friends Communicator

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## From the President

It was wonderful to see many of you at our January membership meeting. FOUCL is strong and growing; our fundraisers have provided the needed funds to support Union County Public Library; and we will continue to advocate for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning, and provide special monthly programs.



Jackie Volk, President

### Upcoming Events

FOUCL will be offering an adult winter reading challenge and a COMMUNITY READ, as well as a book-based movie, during the winter months. Take the challenge, see the movie, and join in as our community is invited to read and discuss "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. Read this newsletter for details about events in February, March and April.

Our 3rd Annual Everything Christmas Sale will be back! Start spreading the word and mark your calendars, even though this event is in the future. Donations accepted in October will be sold November 6 and 7.

FOUCL Officers for 2020 were installed at our Christmas luncheon. This was followed by special recognition of two important members:



**Evelyn Lamar**, our previous Recording Secretary, stepped down after six years of outstanding service. Thank you for your many years of assistance, Evelyn. We hope to continue to see you at many future events.

**Sally Woodworth**, long-time member, current treasurer, and a past FOUCL president, was given an "I ♥ Libraries" pin for her many FOUCL volunteer hours through the years, for the behind-the-scenes tasks she does, and for the wealth of knowledge she willingly provides. Just a few of the tasks (besides treasurer) she did last year included Bake Sale chair, volunteer organizer, email blast master, membership roster maintainer, and publicity sign placer. Thank you for all you do, Sally.

Recently mailed renewal letters included a calendar detailing FOUCL-sponsored programs and events, and quarterly membership meetings. Most months in 2020 offer you an opportunity to participate in some way. Please consider when and where you can join in. I hope to see you soon at the library!

## Calendar

Jan. 15 2-4 p.m.  
Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Community Room

Feb. 1  
Quarterly Newsletter Emailed to  
Members

Feb. 3-Apr. 24  
Adult Winter Reading Challenge

March 18 2-4 p.m.  
Movie at the Library  
Community Room

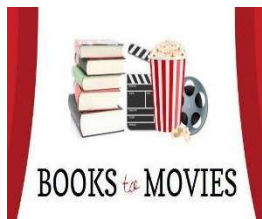
April 14  
National Lib. Workers Day

April 15 2-4 p.m.  
Quarterly Membership Meeting  
Community Room

April 24 1:00  
COMMUNITY READ  
Community Room

All meetings open to  
members.

All programs open to the public.



## What's Happening!



### Adult Winter Reading Challenge

The FOUCL-Sponsored Adult Winter Reading Challenge will run from Monday, February 3, through Friday, April 24. A list of award-winning books will be available to help you select some reading for those gray winter days. A few of the awards being considered for inclusion are:

- The Edgar Awards, Named for Edgar Allen Poe — Mystery
- The RITA Award — Romance books presented by Romance Writers of America
- The Indies Choice Award — Chosen by independent bookstores
- The Nebula Awards — Science fiction or fantasy

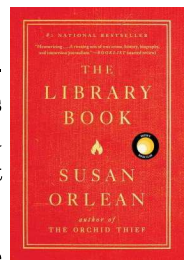
Lists will be available on the bookcase outside the Friends of the Library room, on your left as you enter the library, and on our website (foucl.org).

### COMMUNITY READ



Since 1998 communities of all shapes and sizes have adopted this concept, reading the same book and then coming together to discuss it. We have chosen “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean. Published in 2018, it chronicles a massive 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library and its aftermath.

- The *National Book Review* writes: “A can’t-put-it-down book about...libraries. “The Library Book” is a book for every reader and every writer. It’s a masterful tribute to libraries, and, even better, it has a plot and a storyline.”



Individuals and book clubs in northeast Georgia are invited to gather for a book discussion in the Community Room at Union County Public Library on Friday, April 24, beginning at 1 p.m. .

### Movie at the Library

For the second year in a row, we will be offering **Movie at the Library**, a free-to-the-public showing of a book-based movie. Library patrons will determine which of two Best Picture Oscar winning movies is shown by voting with dollars and cents. Choices are: “The Sting” (starring Robert Redford and Paul Newman, 1973) and “From Here to Eternity” (starring Frank Sinatra and Donna Reed, 1953). Votes (money) will be counted on March 5 and the chosen movie will be shown on Wednesday, March 18, beginning at 2 PM in the Community Room.

# Librarian's Spotlight!

## Food for Fines February

The library will be doing a “Food for Fines February” again this year from February 1st – 29th. Each non-perishable food item donated will be worth \$1 in UCPL overdue fines. All donations will be delivered to Union County Food Pantry during the first part of March.

### **GOT FINES?**

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \text{ Non-Perishable Item} \\ = \\ \$1 \text{ off Your Fines} \end{array}$$



*Susie Brendle, Librarian*

## Cat in the Hat Returns to Storytime



The Cat in the Hat will be returning at 11:00 AM on February 24th to help us celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday. We are so grateful to FOUCL for providing a Dr. Seuss book to each family that attends the program.



## Summer Reading Program is Just Around the Corner!

It may be the middle of winter but we are busy preparing for the Summer Reading Program, ordering supplies and scheduling several entertainers. The theme this year will be “**Imagine Your Story**” and center on fables and folk tales.

Each year FOUCL donates \$1000 toward our Summer Reading Program. We really appreciate your continued support.

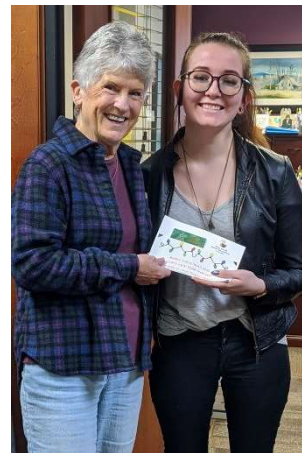


# Friends In Action

The Friends were present the day Santa came to storytime. After Santa entertained the children we presented each family with a book. Ezra Chastain was quickly engrossed in his book, while Olivia Currier proudly showed her book to all who wanted to see it.



Jayne Sentell of the Friends helped hand out books to families.



Jane Manuszak and Nancy Bryant were among those who presented Christmas gift certificates from FOUCL to all library workers, including Kaley (left photo) and Wendy (right photo).



President Jackie Volk presented Evelyn Lamar with a plaque to thank her for six years of service.



Our annual Christmas Luncheon at Brasstown Resort was a smash hit with entertainment provided by *Sharp Tones and Chimers* from Sharp Memorial UMC in Young Harris.



## 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.

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### Welcome New Recording Secretary, Nancy Bryant



We are so glad Nancy Bryant answered the call to be our Recording Secretary allowing Evelyn Lamar to step down after six years. Although she is new to the position, and a fairly new member of FOUCL, Nancy is not new to Blairsville. She grew up in the Atlanta area but she has had family in Union County for 180 years and has been coming here all of her life! She and her husband moved here from Gwinnett County 5 years ago and now call Blairsville home.

As an elementary school teacher, Nancy has always recognized the importance of introducing children to books at an early age. She is especially supportive of the FERST reading program and was impressed by FOUCL's involvement with FERST.

Now that she is retired, Nancy enjoys the time to indulge her passions of music, reading, and travel. She is a member of two dulcimer groups and Book Club, and enjoys walking, especially with her two beagles, Kevin and Kenny.

Welcome, Nancy.

### Assistant Needed

Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, the position of Vice President has not been filled. The VP can move on to President, and this has worked well in the past, but it is not mandatory. Please consider filling this position as an assistant to the President or filling it in preparation to be President in 2021.



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