



### **Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) Upcoming Events**

The FOUCL-Sponsored Adult Winter Reading Challenge runs from Monday, February 3, through Friday, April 24. Lists of award-winning books to choose from will be available on the bookcase outside the Friends Room at Union County Public Library (UCPL) - on your left as you enter - and on our website ([foucl.org](http://foucl.org)). Here are some of the awards this list will draw from: The Edgar Awards (mysteries); The National Book Awards (U.S. literature); The RITA Award (romance fiction); The Indies Choice Award (chosen by independent bookstores); The Nebula Awards (science fiction or fantasy); and The American Pulitzer Prize (fiction, history, biography, poetry, and general nonfiction by an American author).

For the second year in a row, FOUCL will be offering 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 at UCPL.

FOUCL's third book-centric event is our first ever COMMUNITY READ. We are encouraging those who love to read books to all read the same book, then come together to discuss it. Our selection is "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. This nonfiction book, published in 2018, chronicles a massive 1986 Los Angeles Public Library fire and its aftermath while emphasizing the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives, and includes some fascinating history behind the creation of libraries. 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." All are invited to read the book and gather for discussion in the Community Room at UCPL on Wednesday, April 24, beginning at 1 PM.



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