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## **Check Presentation to Union County Public Library**

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) recently presented our first quarter of the year check to Union County Public Library (UCPL). This money will help fund the entertainers for the Children's Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is Oceans of Possibilities and plans are already well underway.

FOUCL members are still returning their renewals for 2022 and, if you aren't already a member, this is a great time to think about joining. Visit our website at foucl.org to get an indepth look at all the ways we support the library, honor the library staff, make sure children have books to read, and encourage lifelong learning.

Because of your contributions to our past fundraisers, we are very pleased this year to be able to provide library families with "Horton Hears a Who" picture books in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. In this book, Horton tries to protect the very tiny Whos in Whoville (who live on a speck of dust). He knows he is doing the right thing because, as he says repeatedly: "A person's a person, no matter how small."

We recently decided on several in-person fundraisers this year, after a pause of several years, and are excited to announce that our first will be a bake sale at UCPL the Friday before Mother's Day, May 6, from 10 AM until 2 PM. Please save the date. This will be a great place to pick up something for your Mom or for yourself.

Our second planned fundraiser will be the beginning of November, when we will have our third Everything Christmas Sale. We will sell gently used donated Christmas items (everything except large artificial Christmas trees because we don't have the room to store them or the weight-lifting ability to move them around). In the past we have sold holiday lawn decorations, ornaments, wreaths, wrapping paper, nativity creches, Christmas décor of all kinds, lights, holiday candles, and tablecloths. Get the idea! Beginning in October, we will take as a donation anything and everything Christmas related, if it is in excellent condition.

Good FRIENDS help make great libraries and FOUCL believes we have a great library here in Blairsville. Along with others in the Mountain Regional Library System and state-wide PINES.

