

## Friends Present Library Staff Christmas Gifts



**Ken, Marissa, Megan, Ann, Jackie, Wendy, Sally, Susie, Connie**

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) recognize that Union County Public Library has an extraordinary staff, and we recently gave each of them a Christmas gift to show our appreciation for what they do throughout the year. Those pictured here in green vests are a few representative members from FOUCL. Those on the staff, but not pictured, include Betty and Taylor. We join with all the library patrons in wishing them a Merry Christmas and a joyful, healthy, and happy New Year.

We also surprised the two age groups of children who attended storytimes on Dec 12 with board and picture books. These were purchased with the help of a generous donation from one of our members. “Moo Baa La La La” and “The Christmas Owl: Based on the True Story of a Little Owl Named Rockefeller” were our choices this year. The book about the owl who had to be rescued from the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center a few years ago reminded us of our mascot, Owliver.

We will be mailing membership renewal letters and forms at the beginning of January 2023. Please return these forms along with dues as soon as you can. Those wishing to join FOUCL for the first time can find membership forms at Union County Public Library or on our website (foucl.org). Our mailing address is Friends of Union County Library; PO Box 1546; Blairsville, GA 30514. Yearly memberships are Individuals \$10, Family \$15, Donor \$25, Patron \$50, and Sponsor \$100.

FOUCL officers for 2023 were elected at our November meeting: President Jackie Volk, Vice President Ken Arrington, Secretary Jackie Millstone, and Treasurer Debora Quigley. We also elected Heather Welch, Public Services Coordinator, to our Board of Directors as our Mountain Regional Library System representative.

Our next meeting, open to the public and all members, is on Wednesday, January 18, beginning at 1 PM in the Community Room at the library. Please make note that our meeting time has changed. We will begin an hour earlier in 2023 than in previous years.

Thanks to all our members and those in the community who contributed to and shopped at our bake sales, and our Everything Christmas Sale this past year. Thanks, too, to those who attended our Travel Tips discussion and our Open Mic event. It was a successful year for both our library and our Friends’ group, and we look forward to many more.



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