

National Library Workers Day



Greetings from Union County Public Library (UCPL) staff and Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL)!

Last Tuesday, April 9, was National Library Workers Day and FOUCL observed it by giving gifts of appreciation to the UCPL staff. Those gifts included insulated lunch bags, gift cards (generously donated by Chick-fil-A), and a chocolate cake baked by FOUCL member Lauren Burgreen. The photo above shows some UCPL staff and a few FOUCL members who gathered for the presentation.

Each year, in April, National Library Workers Day recognizes the valuable contributions library staff make every day to their communities through their hard work and dedication. The observance takes place annually on the Tuesday of National Library Week.

Quoting from the American Library Association:

“Libraries do so much more than house the books we borrow nearly any time of the day or night. (Yes, any time, day or night. Online reservation is highly popular.) Today, as always, library workers are masters of research. They find the obscure quote (or partial misquote as the case may be) helping you to annotate your research paper correctly. When you're on a job search, they offer internet access and computers so you can polish up your résumé, too.

Libraries also archive local history. The names of pioneers and settlers are usually recorded in books and newspapers of the era. Many libraries across the country house those books, papers, and many other resources.

Library workers champion our youth. They foster creativity and are a wealth of diverse opportunities for growth. Not only do they create projects and inspiration for our youth, but they also create them with enthusiasm! It can be quite infectious.”

National Library Workers Day is past, but it's never too late to visit your local library and thank a member of the library staff for all they do for our community.



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