



# News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

Fall 2006

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## It's Christmas Luncheon time again! Thursday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. at Cobb's Mill

Joan at Cobb's Mill (formerly Monet's) has offered her newly-decorated Garden Room for our luncheon at a special price, if we make our entrée choices in advance. Choose from the following:

Chicken Parmesan with Salad      or      Waldorf Entrée Salad with Chicken      or      Turkey Club Sandwich with Fries or Fresh Fruit

—Dessert included with all meals—



\$11.00 includes Lunch, Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea, Dessert, Tax and Gratuity  
PLUS a lovely Christmas Ornament to take home!



### All this and:

- A chance to win a great Door Prize
- The first 20 people making reservations will receive a very special Christmas Ornament
  - A book exchange\*\*
  - Installation of 2007 Officers

Email or call Arlene Gray ASAP with your menu choice to reserve your special gift.

[cwquiltlady@hotmail.com](mailto:cwquiltlady@hotmail.com)

Phone: 706-897-9806

**\*\*Special Book Exchange Instructions:** The Book Exchange was a big hit last year and we will do it again—with a twist and a bit of a surprise: This time, WRAP YOUR BOOK in Christmas paper, attach a tea bag and a piece of candy and little note with good wishes for the recipient as they relax and read. EARLY ARRIVALS will get first choice of the wrapped packages—so be sure to get there early!



**FOUCL members enjoying last year's Christmas lunch**



### Election of 2007 Officers

It's election time—not just in our state and county, but also at Friends of Union County Library. Here are the nominations for next year:

**President: Jeanie Bullock      Secretary: Judith Vaughn**  
**Vice President: Shirley Brackett      Treasurer: Miki Rice**

Nominations will be accepted from the floor and votes will be cast at the November 16 meeting.

#### Committee Chairs for next year will be:

Membership: Fran Scanlon-Sills      Publicity: Jean Craig  
Social: Arlene Gray      Staff Appreciation: Judy Shaner  
Newsletter: Carole Maddox      E: Judy Vaughn

Thank you one and all for your willingness to serve and support our library!

## We welcome our new Social Chairman—Arlene Gray!

FOUCL is delighted to introduce our new Social Chairman, Arlene Gray. As most of you know, we have been without a Social Chair for quite a while now. Not only has Arlene accepted the position, but as you can see from the article on the front page, she has already jumped in with both feet arranging our Christmas Luncheon

Arlene says she is happy to join the Friends of the Library as Social Chair. Over the years she has been a “professional volunteer” in many capacities and sees this as an additional way to serve the community.

Knowing that parties are such fun activities, Arlene is happy to be on board to make the Christmas Lunch arrangements and says she hopes everyone will be pleased with the results!

Thank you, Arlene, for your willingness to put your many talents to work for FOUCL.



## Friends of Union County Library Fall Candle Sale



Scented candles add a wonderful fragrance to your home or office—and they make great gifts for the holiday season. Now you can enjoy these great scents while you support your library.

Friends of Union County Library will be offering these candles in a variety of fragrances for \$9 each. The candles will be available at the library on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We will also be at Ingles on Saturday mornings.

These heavily scented candles are 100% blended vegetable-based wax. They are handmade with love right here in Blairsville. The candles last 30-35 hours and are smoke and soot free.

**Volunteers needed:** We would like to offer the candles in the library at additional times. To volunteer for a morning or afternoon, contact Miki Rice at 745-0762 or ricemb@alltel.net.

## We Want Your Input!!

Have you ever had a bright idea you'd like to see put into action by the Friends of the Library? Or a good suggestion to raise funds so we can do even more to help our library? Do you have a special talent you'd like to

put to use for the FOUCL, even though you can't come to a monthly meeting?

Here's your chance! Jot your thoughts or comments on the slip below and mail it or drop it off at the library on your next visit.

Of course, you can always call or email any of our officers or committee chairs. You'll find all the names, phone numbers and email address on the last page of the newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you!

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Yes! I have a comment or suggestion:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Susie Says...from our Librarian, Susie Brendle



Thank you to all of the Friends of Union County Library for your continued support. The library has been growing by leaps and bounds for the last few years and the demand for more services has grown as well. FOUCL has helped us fulfill many of those demands with monetary as well as volunteer support.

Union County Public Library went wireless on Saturday, July 22nd! We have had very few glitches and patrons seem to be enjoying it a great deal. The donation that FOUCL made toward the purchase of software and hardware is greatly appreciated.

The Mountain Regional Library Board of Trustees voted on and adopted a new Safe Child & Dependant Adult Policy on August 4th for each of the four libraries in the Mountain Regional Library System. This new policy can be found posted throughout the library or on our library website:

[www.mountainregionallibrary.org](http://www.mountainregionallibrary.org)

Union County Public Library, as well as 251 other libraries in the state of Georgia, went live with the debut of a new circulation and cataloging software called EVERGREEN on September 5th. Not only did circulation change dramatically for library staff, patrons now have

access to a new Web-based PINES catalog featuring book covers, reviews, tables of contents and a variety of easy-to-use searches that will allow library users to locate materials quickly and efficiently throughout the system. Although the first week was a test of patience for both the staff and patrons, most of the initial problems have been resolved and the system seems to be running smoothly. The Web address to access the Pines online catalog changed with the cross-over to this new improved system. The new address is:

<http://gapines.org>.

To access your online account you will need your library card number and your four digit password that was given to you when you registered for your library card. If you no longer have your four digit password please stop by the library and receive a password.

In the Summer Newsletter I mentioned that the library had a new staff member, Jennifer Nelson. Since then we have welcomed another new staff member, Hannah Pruitt on July 19th. She took the place of Ruth Peters who retired in May. Please stop by the library to meet Jennifer and Hannah.



## The President's Message...A Final Message From Your Current President

As I finish my third year as president, I look back over the years since 1999 that I have served FOL in various positions. I have enjoyed being publicity chair, secretary, and president. Next year I look forward to serving as publicity chair again!

Because of FOUCL, I have had the privilege to work with and befriend the late Patti Hamilton and the late Pat Scott, both past presidents of FOUCL. They each enriched my life and inspired me in many ways, and I know others feel the same way. We all miss them.

Working with the wonderful people who volunteer their time and energy as well as their expertise has been a blessing in my life. It is truly a group of folks who have a bond of community service and who have a love of sharing reading and learning. Ways to help and support our public library come through these excellent people who provide fresh new ideas, consistently manage on-going programs, and are willing to do whatever it takes to complete a task.

Have you ever stopped to think what our world could be like without a public library? It would be unthinkable! Technology is blending with traditional ways, complimenting each other, offering to the public services they have grown to expect and need.

My personal thanks to those special ones who work hard behind the scenes (you know who you are!!). Our UCPL and FOUCL have made a difference, and shall continue to do so, because of you!

Thank you, too, for allowing me to serve along with you! I'm looking forward to our future!

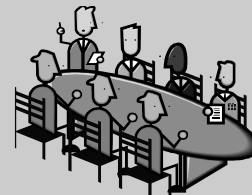
Blessings always, *Jean Craig*

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## Union County Library Board

**Librarian:** Susie Brendle  
**Superintendent:** Tommy Stephens  
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Shirley Brackett  
Angie Burns  
Peggy Calloway  
Teresa Colwell  
Patricia Cooke  
Debbie Kendrick  
Jane Thompson



## Treasurer's Report....

by Miki Rice

CD	\$ 5,816.08
Savings	3,457.18
Checking	<u>900.00 (approx.)</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$10,173.26</b>



**Friends of Union County Library**  
**Union County Library**  
**P. O. Box 1029**  
**Blairsville, GA 30514-1029**

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15, 2:00 p.m.

**Christmas Luncheon:** Thursday, December 7, 11:30 a.m. (see article inside)

**Library website:** [www.mountainregionallibrary.org](http://www.mountainregionallibrary.org)

**FOUCL website:** <http://andythebookworm.tripod.com/FriendsofUnionCountyLibrary.html/>

# Friends of Union County Library....2007 Membership Drive Kick Off

Along with the arrival of the crisp fall weather and the turning of the leaves, Friends of Union County Library hails the start of their annual membership drive. FOL is the quiet support in the background for many of our library's projects and membership fees are the primary source of funds for that support.

Over the course of the year, FOL contributes to almost every phase of operation at the library in some manner. Books, tapes, CD's and DVD's are purchased for general use; subscriptions for publications that otherwise would lapse have been covered; partial funding for computer hardware, software and training is an on-going concern.

Financial contributions for fun activities like the Summer Reading Program for children and the Teen Movie Nights are freely given, as are funds for less

glamorous activities like rug cleaning and staff training seminars and workshops.

Special projects, like the Books for Babies Program, offer the community an opportunity to show interest by contributing directly to a cause, and, in this particular instance, all special funds raised are matched by the Friends. As you can see, we are a busy organization and our local community is very responsive.

Every member is needed and is important to the effectiveness of the Friends. Please take a minute to fill out the membership form and return it to the Library.

If you are new to FOL: Welcome! If you are renewing: Welcome back!



## FRIENDS OF UNION COUNTY LIBRARY

*Please join us in supporting our Public Library*

Junior (age 12 and under): \$1       Individual: \$8       Family: \$12  
 Patron: \$25       Donor: \$50       Sponsor: \$100

**NEW MEMBER for 2007**       **RENEWAL for 2007**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have a talent I would like to share \_\_\_\_\_.

I would like to help with special projects (e.g. chaperone Teen Night, coordinate fund raiser, etc.)

I would like to make a designated donation:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ *Books for Babies* (each \$6 purchases a complete kit for a newborn at Union General Hospital)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Engraved Shelf Plate—Two lines, up to 45 characters each (Individuals \$25, Businesses \$40)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Vacation Reading Program—Personalities/Entertainers (\$200 plus each)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Vacation Reading Program—Supplies

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Teen Nights (Movies for young teens)—\$100 sponsors an evening of movie, pizza, soft drinks for 15-20 teens

\_\_\_\_\_ *Adopt an Author Program* (for details see [www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org](http://www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org))

\_\_\_\_\_ *Adopt a Magazine Program* (for details see [www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org](http://www.MountainRegionalLibrary.org))

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Librarian's Choice

**Sub-Total of Donations** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Fee** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL CHECK** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Friends of Union County Library is a nonprofit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*

*I require a receipt for tax purposes.*



## Here's my name for the Friends of the Union County Library Mascot:

Owl Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Drop your slip in the box at the library, mail it in or email your suggestion to: [cmaddox@tds.net](mailto:cmaddox@tds.net)—be sure to include your name and phone number in your email.

## Name our Mascot



For the last year you have seen this perky little owl on our quarterly newsletter, *New and Views*. We are going to start using him (or is it her???) on other items. When people see this owl we want them to think of “Friends of Union County Library” and all we do for our beloved library.

So, put on your thinking caps and suggest a name for this special owl. You may enter more than once—submit as many names as you like. Use the form above or email your name suggestion to our newsletter editor, Carole Maddox, at: [cmaddox@tds.net](mailto:cmaddox@tds.net). There is a box at the library with the owl on the side to drop your slips in on your next visit.

The contest ends December 31 and the winner will be notified following our Friends of the Union County Library monthly meeting on January 17, 2007.

United Community Bank will provide a \$25.00 gift certificate for The Book Nook to the person suggesting the winning name.

## Tote Bags for Library Books

We are in the process of having Friends of Union County Library tote bags printed. These bags will feature who else, but our owl mascot! The sturdy bags are made of natural color canvas with forest green carrying straps and our owl in shades of brown. These bags are perfect for carrying your books to and from the library or giving as a gift. Look for these attractive bags available for sale at the library around the middle of November. They will be priced at \$8.00 each and all profits will go to FOUCL projects.

## Books for Babies Needs Your Help!

Friends of the Library has been proud to be part of the national program of Books for Babies by providing a packet of books, early literacy information, and baby's first library card which is given to new mothers at Union County Hospital. The number of babies born in Union County each month continues to increase—so we need more packets. Consider giving to promote literacy and love of books in the next generation of children in Union County. Just make your tax-deductible check payable to Friends of the Library and note “Books for Babies” in the memo section. You may also include a donation to “Books for Babies” when you send in your membership renewal using the form on the other side of this page.

**BOOKS  
FOR  
BABIES**

