



News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

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2nd. Annual Auction set for Oct. 10

Your chance to support your local library

Remember to mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 10 for the 2nd Annual Benefit Auction which is being held at North Georgia Technical College in Blairsville.

The Silent Auction, music and optional dinner begin at 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

The Live Auction which will be conducted by auctioneer Bob Jaric will begin at 7 p.m.

"Friends" will also be conducting a 50/50 raffle with half of the proceeds to the winner, and the other half to purchase a scanner for the Library.

Fly fishing lessons, horse riding, and dog grooming are just a few of the many items that will be up for bids at the auction.

To view a complete list of items check the Friends' website **foucl.org**.

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Mark your Calendar!

October 10
Auction at N. Ga. Tech

Nov. 27
Misty Mtn Railroad Benefit

Dec. 1
Deadline for Christmas
Lunch reservations
(quiltlady@hotmail.com)

Dec. 9
Christmas Luncheon
11.30 AM Antoinetta's

Paris wins Advocacy Award

Citing Lamar Paris' "leadership, vision, and advocacy on the local and state levels," the Georgia Library Association has awarded Commissioner Paris with its 2009 Charles Beard Advocacy Award.

The Commissioner was instrumental in bringing the Library's long-awaited renovation and addition project to Union County, and we would not have been able to fully staff and operate our library over these recent months without his help, said Donna Howell, Mountain Regional Library Sys-

tem Director.

The Charles Beard Award is designed to honor someone not employed in a library that has made outstanding contributions to libraries.

I believe you will agree that Mr. Paris qualifies, said Howell.

Please be sure to congratulate our winner when you next have an opportunity to speak to him.



Auction items number more than 100

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Victoria's Sweet Shop will be catering dinner which will cost \$10.

Her menu includes pear Dijon stuffed chicken or cherry glazed ham.

Each dinner includes sweet potato soufflé, green beans, grilled tomatoes parmesan, a drink and dessert.

You can make reservations on the website foucl.org.

Payments for auction purchases may be made by check, cash, debit or credit cards (MasterCard, Discover or Visa only).

Admission and parking for the event are free.

Sponsors are A-Z Outlet, Bank of Blairsville, Ken's Herbs, Logan Turnpike Mill, Nantahala Bank and Trust and United Community Bank

Misty Mtn. Fundraiser Set for November 27

Once again, the owners of Misty Mountain Railroad have offered to donate the proceeds from the Friday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 27) to the Friend's efforts.

All who go are in awe of the scope of one of the largest working model train displays in the country.

It features more than a quarter of a mile of track representing local landmarks such as the Georgia Mtn. Fair, Blairsville, and area waterfalls.

Doors will close at 2 p.m. sharp, so plan to be there early—you won't be sorry.



Fund Raising Chair thanks all

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the great support over the past year!

The Trash and Treasure Sale was a huge success.

Because of your wonderful donations and mega hours of volunteering, we have raised more than \$2,500 plus \$190 for the Books for Babies Program

Your continued support of the ongoing Mile of Pennies campaign has added just about \$1,200 to the LEAF fund.

Another profitable event to be noted was the Misty Mountain Model RR Tour, which netted \$700.

The highlight and most profitable fund raising event was the 2008 Auction which grossed more than \$9,000.

One of the most unique fundraising events was the opportunity to work in the kitchen at Brother's Restaurant in Murphy. The restaurant donated 15% of its evening's profits to our cause.

Thanks to All!

Joanne Olson
Fund Raising Chair

Library humming along as the big move to temporary quarters approaches

Summer has been a hectic but productive time for Union County Public Library. Library staff and volunteers working very hard as we prepare for the upcoming expansion/renovation project at the library.

Summer Reading

Our Summer Reading Program was shortened to one month to allow utilization of the multi-purpose room for storage and staff work area. There were over 100 juveniles and teens reading and using the library during the month of June. During the month of July children were encouraged to attend Mountain Regional Library's Tuesday storytime if they wished to continue the library system's 8 week Summer Reading Program.

Location approved

During a July 15, 2009 called board meeting, the Mountain Regional Library System board of trustees approved the location for the library's temporary move while the library project is underway. The library's temporary location will be at 500 Brackett's Way, Suite 6 across from United Community Bank's Brackett Way Branch. We

hope to move into the new location sometime in September or October. Donna Howell and I are currently going over bids from three professional movers. We hope the move will be as smooth and uneventful as possible and that the closed time for the move will be very short. The library will be in this new location from 1 year to 18 months.

The library has already boxed up our archived magazines, paperbacks (including westerns), the book sale room collection, and puzzles. Many of those items will not be available until we return to our current location after the expansion/renovation project.

Donations halted

During the hectic time of preparing for our move, the library will not be accepting donations of books, magazines, DVDs or other items. We will continue to accept cash donations. Once we settle into the temporary location, we will begin to take limited donations of materials. But because storage, shelving and sorting areas will be limited, we will only be accepting small quantities of books, DVDs or CDs at a time and will be unable to accept magazine donations.



Susie Brendle, Librarian

The library will be turning to the Friends of Union County Library now more than ever for support this year. The budget for library materials will be less than 20¢ per capita for fiscal year 2010-that means that the library can only buy one new book for every 125 area residents this year.

Furlough days

On top of a cut in the budget for library materials, librarians in the state of Georgia are being asked to take 3 furlough days before the end of December. We are prepared to take up to five more furlough days between January and June in 2010. These cuts could not come at worse time. More and more people are using the library for job searching, entertainment and internet services. Patrons, volunteers, Friends of Union County Library and a wonderful staff help make the

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library a well-used, well-loved part of the community. I appreciate all that you do.

Congrats

I would like to congratulate Commissioner Lamar Paris for winning the 2009 Charles Beard Advocacy Award from the Georgia Library Association. This award is designed to honor someone not employed in a library that has made outstanding contributions to libraries. His leadership and advocacy on the local and state levels have allowed us to move forward with our library project and to also keep the library staffed during these recent difficult months.

Big Thanks!

A huge thank you to all of the Friends who volunteered their time and baked goods for our July 18, 2009 book and bake sale. We sold over \$600 in books and baked goods. This book sale helped deplete many of the books from our sale room so we had far fewer to box up for storage.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the monthly Friends of Union County Library meeting and at the upcoming October 10th Benefit Auction at North Georgia Tech in Blairsville.

Annual Christmas Luncheon & Book Exchange Scheduled for Wednesday, December 9, 2009

The children have been back in school for more than a month; Labor Day has come and gone, Fall can't be far behind, so it's not too early to mark your calendar for the Annual Christmas Luncheon and Book Exchange.

The date is Wednesday, December 9 and it will be held at Antoinetta's Restaurant at 11:30.

The cost is \$11 which includes your choice of entrée—grilled chicken or grilled tilapia with vegetable and side salad or Hawaiian grilled chickensalad, dessert, tea or coffee.

Tax and tip are included.

Remember early arrivals get the first numbers for the book exchange.

Please call in your choice of entrée by December 1 to Arlene Gray, 706-897-9806.

Payment may be made at the door by cash or check.

Installation of officers for 2010 will also be on the agenda.

If you want to participate in the book exchange, be sure to bring along a book you would like to donate to the exchange.

Have you renewed?

At last count we had 140 members—close to our 2009 goal of 200 Friends.

If you did not receive a copy of this newsletter in the mail then your membership has expired.

We urge you to renew today as we are sure you want to be kept abreast of the exciting and wonderful things that are happening at our library.

You are always welcome to attend our meetings. See back page for time and date or check foucl.org.

Judy Baldwin
Membership Chair

Volunteering can be fun!



Friend's member and newsletter editor, Elizabeth Patton gave her stint at the Brother's Restaurant event her best efforts.

Photo by Judith Vaughn

Grant award ceremony, April 15, 2009



Librarian Susie Brendle, State Librarian Lamar Veatch and Regional Director Donna Howell at the grant award celebration.

On April 15, 2009 following the Friends of the Library monthly meeting, local and state dignitaries joined together to celebrate the granting of an award from the Governor for the renovation and expansion to our library.

Friend's president Jeanie Bullock, Susie Brendle, Lamar Paris, and Donna Howell show off celebratory cake.



Architect's rendering of our new library addition and renovations.

Architect Jack Bailey, (l) and Building Consultant, Joe Foresee join the celebration.

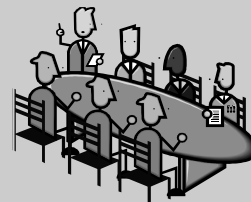


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Everyone welcome!



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