



News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

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Trash and Treasure Sale Update May 5—8 a.m. till 1 p.m.

by Barbara Hale, Sale Chairman

It's almost here! Our Trash and Treasure Sale will be held May 5th at the library from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

We need your stuff—large or small and lots of it! No donation is too small. Those dimes and quarters will add up! (However, please, no clothing donations.) Donations for the sale will be accepted at the library from Tuesday, May 1, through Friday, May 4 during regular library hours.

Volunteers are needed, too! If you haven't volunteered to help yet, it isn't too late. Just call me, Barbara Hale, at 706-781-6088. We need you! Even if you can't commit to a definite time right now, simply come to the sale and share whatever time you have to help with either set-up or selling on the sale day.

Basket Raffle! A special feature of the Trash



and Treasure Sale will be a Basket Raffle coordinated by Judy Shaner to benefit our Books for Babies Project. United Community Bank has donated a beautiful basket filled with all sorts of baby items. The basket is on display at the library. Go check it out and purchase a raffle ticket at the library now or during the Trash and Treasure Sale.

Bake Sale! As an added attraction during our fundraiser, we'll be having a bake sale. Check out the article below for all the details.

Members' Preview Sale! Shop the Preview Sale Friday evening, May 4, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. We'll be offering memberships at the door so non-members may join FOUCL by paying their membership fee and enjoy these special shopping hours. Bring a new member!



We're also Having a Bake Sale

This is an important "side-fundraiser" during the Trash and Treasure Sale!

We request cookies, brownies, cupcakes, muffins or fudge—packed 2-3 pieces to a baggie. If you plan to bake a special cake (like Gene's "World-famous Pound Cake"), please cut it into 10-12 slices and pack each slice in a separate baggie. (You may need to use a small paper plate inside your baggie for some items.) We'd like all items to be easy to handle and attractively displayed.

Please bring your bake sale donations to the library on Friday, May 4, or *early* on Saturday, May 5. A Great Big **THANK YOU!** in advance to all you sweet "Friends for the Sweet!"

The President's Message...

Dear FOLers,

Welcome Sweet Springtime! The trees and flowers are so gorgeous—it's a joy to be alive! We are so blessed to live in this beautiful area.

We are hoping to get some much-needed painting done to the outside of our library. Bids are being presented and a decision will soon be made.

A big "Thank You!" to the Kiwanis Club and Union General Hospital Auxiliary for their contributions to the Books for Babies program.

New tables are needed in the library multi-purpose room. The tables are used daily for all sorts of activities: children's story hour, summer reading programs, Teen Night, Girl Scout meetings and many other community meetings and gatherings. We approached our local banks for help with this need and United Community Bank and Appalachian Bank generously gave \$100 each.

As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we are hoping to increase our Friends membership and encourage you to join if you are not already a member. We need you.

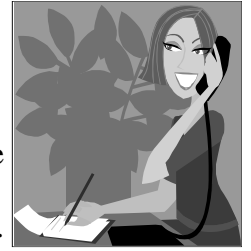
We are excited about our Trash and Treasure Sale and Bake Sale at the library on May 5. We will have all kinds of merchandise at great prices. Please start collecting those saleable items, bring them to the library on May, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and we will then price them for the sale.

Happy Springtime to all of you from Friends of Union County Library!

Most sincerely,

Jeanie Bullock

President



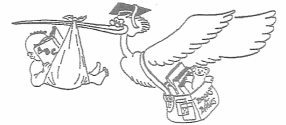
Support Books for Babies

For many years, 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.



FOUCL President Jeannie Bullock receiving a check for the Books for Babies program from Buddy Moore of the local Kiwanis organization.

**BOOKS
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We are thrilled with the response from

our local Kiwanis Club who recently donated \$500 to the program and, best of all, will make this an annual gift! Also, the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma has given a generous donation of \$300.

Perhaps your social group or civic organization would like to get involved in this very worthwhile project. Contact Judy Shaner at 706-745-5746 for more information.

You, too, can get involved! Your gift to Books for Babies will 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 elsewhere in this issue.

Susie Says...

from our Librarian, Susie Brendle



Happy Springtime everyone! I have just returned from a great vacation and am now working through stacks of paperwork and hundreds of emails.

At the top of the list of projects claiming my attention is the Summer Reading Program. This very popular program takes lots of preparation—and help from Friends of the Library. Your participation by volunteering and supplemental funding enables your library to offer an outstanding reading program for our children.

We are enjoying our new microwave in the staff break room—what a difference those extra watts of power make! The refrigerator and microwave in the

newly remodeled mini-kitchen off the multi-purpose room are seeing hard use by many groups and organizations. Thank you, Friends!

I hope you are all doing a spring cleaning and setting aside lots of items to bring for the Trash and Treasure Sale. Also, be sure to bake some cookies, brownies, cake or fudge for the Bake Sale.

Most of all—**volunteer!** We need everyone's help to make the sale a great success. Whether you can spare only an hour or two or can spend the whole day, please sign up to help at the sale. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.

Your FOUCL Dollars at Work



As Susie mentioned above, Friends of the Library provided funds to purchase a new microwave for the staff break room. The new unit is shown in the picture to the right.



The small mini-kitchen just outside the multi-purpose room has been remodeled: The old stove top (ancient and non-working) was removed and cabinets were cut and rearranged to allow the addition of full-size refrigerator. A microwave was also purchased and installed. The refrigerator now allows groups using the room to keep refreshments cold and store ice until needed—a very welcome and needed addition.

If you haven't seen the completed "kitchen," be sure to take a look on your next library visit.

Library Staff and Volunteers dined well in March!

Our Social Chairman, Arlene Gray, and her volunteers did a wonderful job of organizing and providing a hot lunch for our valued library workers. The lunches turned out to be real dining experiences as they feasted on chili and cornbread, Italian wedding soup with crispy bread, Brunswick stew, lasagna, tapioca pudding and what we hear is "The World's Best Pound Cake."



Well done, everyone! Thanks to all of you who volunteered in this effort that expressed our appreciation to the library staff and volunteers and made them feel special and cherished.



Treasurer's Report.... by Miki Rice

Current Balances:

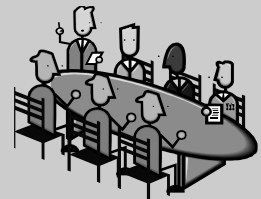
CD	\$5,912.57
Savings	461.07
Checking	<u>4,500.36</u>
Total Assets	\$10,874.00

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Next General Meetings: Wednesday, May 16, 2007
Wednesday, June 20, 2007 and Wednesday, July 18, 2007
Library website: www.mountainregionallibrary.org
FOUCL website: <http://andythebookworm.tripod.com/FriendsofUnionCountyLibrary.html/>



Owliver says: National Library Week was April 15-21

As this edition of the newsletter was being prepared, I received this email from Judy Vaughn and even though you will receive your newsletter after National Library Week, it's good food for thought any week of the year!

National Library Week was April 15-21 and here are ten terrific reasons to visit the library and thank a staff member for being there:

- 1. You are able to read bestsellers without having to buy them.**
- 2. When you try to buy a library card, they tell you it's free.**
- 3. With your card you can renew books, search library databases, and place books on hold while wearing your pj's and bunny slippers.**
- 4. Don't have a home computer? Come and use the library computers for free--but leave the bunny slippers and pj's home.**
- 5. You are able to find out from the genealogy section where your great aunt Ethelynn's third cousin's brother is buried. .**
- 6. You can browse for inexpensively priced used books and record albums in the library's perpetual book sale room. And there are FREE magazines in baskets at the entrance.**
- 7. You get to smile every time you're in the children's area as you watch little ones discover Winnie the Pooh and Tigger, too.**
- 8. You can find out anything from a reference librarian. When Wilma Ash is there, watch the gleam in her eyes when you ask her a question. You'll wonder what she's been up to.**
- 9. You can check out books on tape, CD's, VCR's, and DVD's. You just have to supply the popcorn.**
- 10. No matter what you tell the people at the front desk--whether it's that your dog chewed up the library book or that the red smear on page 132 is the slice of pizza you were eating--they'll always smile and continue to help you.**

**Judith Vaughn
eCommittee**

Membership News

by Fran Scanlon-Sills, Membership Chairman

We are continuing our membership drive through the spring and early summer as many of our seasonal residents return. We currently have 145 members—still a good ways below last year's enrollment of 215—and this year we are aiming to have 250 members!

Our library is such a blessing to each of us and to our community as a whole. Membership fees are the main way we receive funds to continue the work of FOUCL. It is our privilege as Friends to provide books, program supplies, library furnishings—and

many others items that state and county funds just don't cover.

Sign up now as a new or renewing member of Friends of Union County Library. Just use the form below and send it with your check to:

Friends of Union County Library
P. O. Box 1029
Blairsville, GA 30512.

Thank you for your support!



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)

_____ *Adopt a Magazine Program* (for details see 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.