



News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

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Trash and Treasure Sale Fundraiser

by Barbara Hale, Sale Chairman



Plans for our Trash and Treasure Sale are now underway! The Sale is scheduled for

Saturday, May 5

at the library. The Trash and Treasure Sale has great potential to be the year's major fundraiser. The Friends have been able to make significant contributions to the library this past year, and to continue that support we need to boost our financial reserves.

The success of the Sale depends on YOUR donations! Do your spring cleaning now—recycle those unwanted Christmas gifts—tell your friends and neighbors. Remember, your trash really is someone else's treasure!

We will begin accepting donations at the library several days before the sale. We are also working on possible storage plans so we can accept donations in

advance of the sale week. Please do not take donations to the library yet. Also, because of space limitations, we cannot accept donations of clothing or very large furniture, but all other items are welcome.

The Trash and Treasure Sale is a BIG job and we will need lots of help, both the day of the sale and beforehand as we sort, price and handle all the little details. Barbara needs your help!

Watch the local newspapers for more details as they develop. For further information or to volunteer to help in any way, please call Barbara Hale at 706-781-6088.



Meet Owliver

Our Mascot Has a Name!

The delightful little owl mascot of Friends of Union County Library has a name! The winning name of "Owliver" was submitted by Ann Williams. Ann received a \$25.00 gift certificate to The Book Nook provided by United Community Bank.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a name for our owl. We were delighted at the creativity shown by all those who offered a suggestion.

Owliver Tote Bags: Sturdy canvas tote bags with Owliver's picture on the front are now available at the library. These bags are perfect for carrying your books to and from the library. They also make great gifts for your book-loving friends. The totes are priced at \$8.00 and all profits will go FOUCI projects.

The President's Message...

Dear Friends,

As we begin our journey into the year 2007 I think setting our goals would be appropriate. That way we can look over this list at the end of the year to see what we have and have not accomplished. Possible goals :

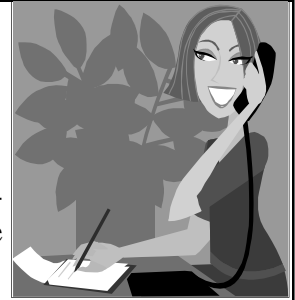
- Increase our Friends of Union County Library membership
- Increase attendance at FOUCL meetings
- Establish some new fundraisers
- Consider re-establishing the monthly book review club
- Write grants for additional funding for library projects
- Help in the library expansion project
- As a long-range goal, be an active part in the establishment of a civic arts center which would include our Union County Library

In order to accomplish these (and additional goals and visions) we will all have a big job ahead. Hopefully, we will have some new members to help us. I personally want to thank each and every one of you for all that you do to help FOUCL run smoothly.

Most sincerely,

Jeanie Bullock

President



Support Books for Babies

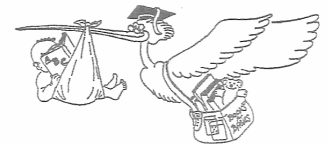
For many years, Friends of the Library has been proud to be part of the national program of Books for Babies by providing a packet of books, early literacy information, and baby's first library card which is given to new mothers at Union County Hospital.

There has been a real "Baby Boom" in Union County recently. The number of babies born each month at Union County Hospital continues to increase. We would like to be able to order more packets so not one mom and little one will be left out.

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.

**BOOKS
FOR
BABIES**



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.

Treasurer's Report....by Miki Rice

2006 Recap: Income \$ 6,349.74
Expenses \$13,871.73
The difference between income and outgo was made up from our savings and checking accounts.

Current Balances:

CD	\$5,864.13
Savings	460.91
Checking	<u>2,821.49</u>
Total Assets	\$9,146.53



Susie Says...

from our Librarian, Susie Brendle



Thank you to all of the Friends of Union County Public Library for your continued support. Your support helps the library be the wonderful place that it is for our beautiful community.

The cleaning service that we hired this fall is working great. B.L. and Norma Jean Anderson from Appalachian Cleaning Services do a great job. FOL gave the library enough to pay almost half of their salary for this year which is a great help.



We received six new public access computers on January 2nd as part of the Bill and Melinda Gates Grant. That puts our total public access computers up to fourteen. If you recall, the Friends of Union County Public Library gave Mountain Regional Library System money to pay toward wireless access for these computers.

Along with the new computers, we began two new programs to help with the management of the public access computers. One program is PC Reservations. PC Reservations allows patrons to walk into the library and go to any of the public access computers and begin their session without stopping at the front desk to “check out” a computer. There are a few important things to remember with PC Reservations, though.

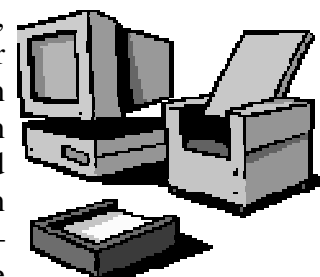
- 1) You must have your library card AND your pin number to log on to the computer. If you don't know or remember your pin number please stop at the front desk with your library card and a staff member can reset your number for you. We can not give that number to you over the telephone though and we can not give that number to anyone but the person who “owns” the card.
- 2) Your library card is good for only one

computer at a time. A family can not use the same card to check out multiple computers. "One card-one computer."

- 3) PLEASE hold on to your pin number. We can reset the number a few times for you if you misplace it but we can not continue to do so over and over. That defeats the purposes of easy access for patrons and easier service for staff.

Another program is LPT: One Print Management. This program helps manage print jobs at the public access computers. Instead of copies printing immediately when a patron sends a print job to the printer, it first tells the patron how many copies the job will be and the cost BEFORE the job is sent so the patron can cancel without wasting money if they accidentally printed the wrong thing. After the patron okays the job it is sent to a print management computer behind the circulation desk and a staff member releases the job to the printer AFTER the patron pays for the copies. This will help save tons of wasted paper.

On a similar note, because toner and paper prices have increased a lot in the last few years, Union County Public Library—and the rest of the Mountain Regional Library system—have had to increase the price for copies on both the copy machines and the computer printers. Those increases are: Letter size 15 cents, Legal size 20 cents and Ledger size 30 cents.



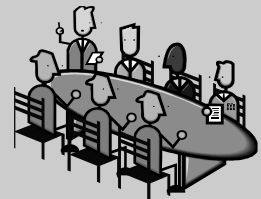
As with any part of the library, if you have questions about the two new computer programs please stop by the front desk and we will be happy to walk you through them.

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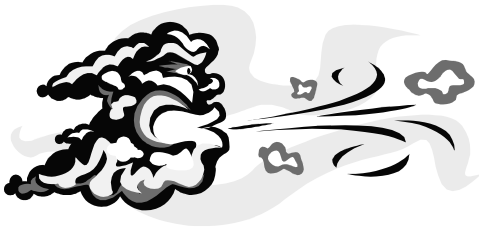


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Union County Library
P. O. Box 1029
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Next General Meetings: Wednesday, February 21, 2007
Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Library website: www.mountainregionallibrary.org

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



What can brighten up the Ides of March???

**When winds blow and the weather is cold,
what can perk up the day?**

**Come to a “Sips & Snippets Day” at the Library
Saturday, March 3, 1:00—3:00 p.m.**

A cup of hot chocolate will warm the cockles of your heart, and some little sweets will turn the blustery day into one of pure delight. To add to the enjoyment, there will be discussions of alternative and surprising ways to spend vacation time...and the pleasure of planning adventures in better weather to come.



Join in the fun—it just won’t be complete without you!

Also, during the month of March, which includes those cold, blustery days when it’s a challenge just to get out of bed in the mornings, the Friends of the Library will be providing a hot, heart-warming lunch one day a week for the staff of the library—to warm their in-nards and let them know we appreciate them and all the work they do!

Since the staff work different days and shifts and we want to be sure to include them all, the dates will be:

**Monday, March 5
Tuesday, March 13
Wednesday, March 21
and
Thursday, March 29**



Just like the Marines, we are looking for a Few Good Men and/or Women to volunteer to bring one (or more) of the following items for one of the dates listed above:

A crockpot of Chili, Stew or Soup
Bread, Cornbread or Crackers
Dessert



Please call Arlene Gray at 706-781-0937 between 7:00 and 10:00 p.m. Or email cwquiltlady@hotmail.com.

Thanks in advance for stepping up to volunteer and being the “Friends” I know you are!

Arlene

Membership News

by Fran Scanlon-Sills, Membership Chairman

Sad to report, renewals for this year are lagging drastically behind last year. Through the end of January, we have 123 current members. For the same time period last year, we had welcomed 215 into our ranks. Perhaps the lack of response is because the renewal form lacked a return address which is a problem that can be solved right now - at this very minute! If you have not returned your form yet, the proper mailing address is: **Friends of Union County Library, P. O. Box 1029, Blairsville, GA 30512.** If you have misplaced your original renewal form,

please use the one below to renew NOW!

On a brighter note, we have 18 exceptionally bright new members this year who were able to deduce where to send their remittances. Thanks to each of you!

New to this year's mail-in form is a list of designated donations which allows members to specify where their additional contributions should be used. We thank those of you who have made use of this option and hope more will take advantage of it in the future.



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.