



News and Views

Friends of Union County Library

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Architect selected for library project

Renovation & Expansion to begin soon

By Susie Brendle, Librarian

We've had an extremely busy, hugely successful Fall at Union County Public Library. Starting in August and continuing through October, several of the members of our library building committee visited a total of 6 different libraries to look at examples of certain architects' work.

We gained a lot of great ideas and also got some advice from librarians about what worked or didn't work for them.

After looking over the different architectural styles, talking with the architects and having them submit bids, we have chosen Jack Bailey from Bailey and Associates of Gainesville, Georgia to design the plans for our renovation/expansion project.

The following members of our Building Committee visited libraries with us: Linda Roberson, Barbara Hale, Ed Reed, Mitch Griggs and Peggy Deyton.

Also accompanying us on the trip were Director Donna Howell, Technology Librarian Peter Johnson, Building Consultant Joe Foresee and Library Assistant Barry Massey.

A newly formed Design Sub-Committee will soon get started consulting with Mr. Bailey about design and decor. That subcommittee includes Building Committee members Teresa Moore and Barbara Hale and Library Assistant Barry Massey.

In January, Donna and I will have more information available about the State Grant for our renovation project. We will also have more information on where we are with architectural plans and what lies ahead for us toward Summer 2009.

We know everyone is eager to get started with this project and hope to have more good news now that the legislature is back in session.

Bio of architect Jack Bailey

Jack Bailey received a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1960 from Georgia Tech and later studied in Fontainebleau, France. He served two years in the U. S. Air Force before starting his career as an architect in Knoxville, Tennessee. He has worked in the Gainesville and Atlanta areas as since 1965. The current Bailey & Associates began in 1983 and is a highly respected architectural firm located on Green Street in Gainesville, Georgia.

Some of the projects they worked on are: North Georgia Regional Library in Clarksville; Brenau University Library in Gainesville; Hall County Libraries in Gainesville, East Hall and Murrayville; Rabun County Library in Clayton; The *Times* Newspaper in Gainesville; and Agnes Scott College Inman Hall Restoration in Decatur.

Wintertime favorites

Our own roving reporter, Jane Thompson, asked fellow Union Countians which books they would like to curl up with during the long winter months.

I'm sure you will find this an interesting selection from which to choose.



Linda Roberson:

“I would recommend *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani. It’s about a middle aged spinster who finds love and a sense of self in a small Virginia coal town.”

Bill Foster:

“My favorite is *The Aviators* by W.E.B. Griffin. This author has written series upon series of books on the WW11 military Army Air Corps. A great story teller. All his books are best sellers and are known for their historical accuracy.”

Deborah Kendrick:

“I recommend a classic. Jane Austin’s most popular novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. It is always a good read, even twice. It portrays life in the genteel society of the day and tells of the misunderstandings and enlightenments between Elizabeth and the haughty Darcy.”

Maurice Farabee:

“I enjoyed the book, *Born Fighting: How the Scots-Irish Shaped America*, by James Webb. This is a novel that tells the story of people who influenced the cultural landscape of America today, especially the Appalachian Mountain area.”

Jane Thompson

2008 Financial Report

Miki Rice, Treasurer

- The Miles of Pennies Drive has accumulated \$877.48.
- Net Auction Income was \$7,268.42
- Misty Mountain Train proceeds were \$737.
- Books for Babies contributions \$923.47

In the Bank:	
CD	\$ 6,366.28
Savings	\$ 8,583.39
LEAF total	\$14,949.67
Checking	\$3,053.07

Membership numbers moving up!

Happy New Year to all our old and new members! We finished 2008 with 210 members and have added 12 already in 2009.

Special thanks to Mary Turner who has been busy welcoming new members and inviting them to come to our meetings.

Our library can always use more “Friends,”

so encourage your friends and neighbors to join us.

Membership forms are available at the front desk of the library and also were sent out with the December electric bills.

Thanks to all for your support. It is critical to our library as we continue to grow.

Judy Baldwin, Membership Chair

Friends' hard work pays off in 2008

I'm very proud of all of the hard work our Friends have done in the past year. We are the busiest library in the Mountain Regional Library System in part because of all the support we get from our Friends.

You advocate, raise funds and volunteer in a time when it's not economically easy to do so. You should all pat yourselves on the back for that accomplishment.

A huge thank you to

Steve and Joanne Olson, Barbara and Robert Hale, Teresa Moore and Miki Rice.

These folks have gone above and beyond by either organizing very successful fundraisers, volunteering weekly to shelf books, making Building Committee library trips, helping sponsor our Summer Reading Program or carrying Books for Babies packets to Union General Hospital.

With this kind of



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support from the Friends of the Library, we can look forward to an equally successful 2009.

2008 fundraising nets more than 10,000

October auction leads the way with \$8,000

Despite unfavorable economic conditions, 2008 proved to be a successful year for the Friend's fundraising efforts.

Heading up the list was the October auction which was the top fundraiser grossing more than \$8,000.

The Mile of Pennies drive, which began last Feb-

ruary, surpassed the goal of \$844, netting \$877. The drive continues so you are encouraged to continue to drop off your pennies at the Library.

Misty Mountain Train fundraiser netted \$737 which has been added to the overall LEAF fund drive.

As we wrap up the 2008 fundraising activities,

we encourage everyone to keep the Library in mind in 2009.

Tentative plans call for the Trash and Treasure Sale, October Auction and Miles of Pennies to continue in 2009.

Dates will be provided later, or you can check the website www.foucl.org for current information.

Joanne Olson paints in thermometer



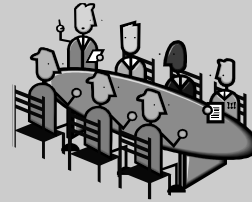
Attendees of the October Auction make their silent auction bids.



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