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Friends Relax and Picnic

After a successful bake sale, vicariously hiking the Appalachian Trail with John Turner, helping with the children's summer reading program, and reading as many books as we could for the adult summer reading program, the Friends took a break!



We gathered at the senior pavilion in Meeks Park on July 17 for our annual picnic. Our members enjoyed pulled pork from Jim's Smokin' Que, many homemade sides, and an entire table of desserts! New members joined and many raffle tickets were sold. The background music was drowned out by all the talking and laughter—always a sign of a good party!

The membership voted to approve Karen Cassity as Vice President until November when the annual elections are held. If you are interested in being a FOUCL officer in 2025, please contact one of the nominating committee members (Connie Rosenberry, Robert Harford, or Kristie Shirkey) before the October 16 meeting when the slate of officers will be presented.

The pace continues; we hope to see you at one of these events.

- August 31—Schoolhouse raffle drawing at 12 noon at Farmer's Market - (Facebook live)
- September 7—Blairsville Cloggers, part of the Blairsville Dance Project (demo and history of clogging)
- October 1-30—Collect items for Everything Christmas sale. Watch for days and times.
- October 16—Membership meeting 1 PM in the Community Room

Judy Baldwin

Calendar



August

Quarterly newsletter
emailed to members

August 31 Noon

Schoolhouse Raffle Drawing
*Farmers Market and on Facebook
Live*

Sept. 7 11am

Blairsville Dance Project
Clogging Presentation
Community Room

October

Everything Christmas Sale
Collection Dates and Times TBD

October 16 1:00pm

Quarterly Membership Meeting
Community Room

November

Quarterly newsletter emailed to
members

All meetings open to members.

All programs open to the public.

The Friends Communicator is
published 4 times a year, following
the Quarterly Membership Meetings.
The publication dates are February,
May, August, and November.

What's Happening!

Blairsville Cloggers

Cloggers! We've all seen them kick their heels and toes to toe tapping music. Have you ever wondered how they do it? Or where it came from? Well, mark your calendars now for September 7, 11:00am and come see the [Blairsville Dance Project](#) as they present a program on Clogging in the library Community Room. All your questions will be answered, and more.

Blairsville is fortunate to have a local dance studio serving kids of all ages who want to learn almost any form of dance, from Ballet to Hip Hop and Jazz. Come and learn about Clogging.

Games WANTED



The Friends of Union County Library and the staff of Union County Library are working on a program to provide a collection of board games, card games and puzzles for people to check out

and use at our Library or to take home. Now that the community rooms are finished, they are the perfect places for people to play!

Search your collection for *unused or perfect condition* games, cards, or puzzles for any ages and leave them in the container labeled GAMES outside the Friends room.

Everything Christmas Planning Begins Now!

It won't be long before we will begin collecting for our very successful annual Everything Christmas Sale. During the month of October we will be accepting: holiday themed wrapping paper, unused Christmas Cards, ornaments, Christmas villages, knickknacks, nativities...anything with a Christmas theme. Now is a good time to start thinning out your stash of holiday stuff and setting it aside. Watch for announcements on the days in October we will be accepting donations.

Library Happenings

Events and Programs

The past three months have been busy with programs and large summer reading events.

- In April, we held an Open House event for our community thanks to Heather at headquarters and the GPLS marketing grant. About 85 people came to see what the local library can provide for them. A good portion were new to the area.
- 'The History of Sourdough' program with Taylor was a resounding success. All 40 seats were reserved within a day, a testament to the community's interest in our programs. We have also hosted several book club meetings and sewing classes.
- We kicked off our summer reading program with 446 people for the first event! So far, we have seen 1,163 patrons for our Monday events, and 366 patrons have registered to track their summer reading pages or books.



Marlene Cannon
Branch Manager



Changes and Additions Highlights

The staff worked hard over the past month to move the adult fiction, nonfiction, and large print. This fulfills one of my goals to make the large print easier to access for patrons with limited sight and mobility issues.

The master gardeners have added two beautiful pots out front with loads of color for the upcoming season. While filling the flower pots, they also hosted a class that had 38 patrons attend.

Two of our study rooms have been completed and are seeing lots of use already.



Union County Public Library Hours:

9:00 to 5:00 Mon, Wed, Fri

9:00 to 6:00 Tues, Thurs

9:00 to 3:00 Sat

Closed Sunday

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Friends In Action



Dollhouse Creator Kathy Lawrence, left, and FOUCL Secretary Joy Wilson, right, sell raffle tickets for the Miniature Schoolhouse. This young man could not get enough of all the details.



An audience of over 35 people soaked up the knowledge and experiences of AT hiker, John Turner, Left.



Right: Dan Cassity, Jackie and Tom Volk catch up at the FOUCL picnic.



Bottom Left: Marlene Cannon, Karen, Kaitlyn, Matthew, Dan Cassity and WebMaster Robert Harford enjoy food and friendship.



Bottom Right: Sally Woodworth and Kathy Lawrence peruse the array of delish dishes!

FRIENDly Faces

What We Do

Through your membership and donations, FOUCL's activities support your local library by providing materials and activities not otherwise available through local funding.

Who's Whoo



Corbin

Meet Corbin.

One of the familiar faces working behind the circulation desk is Corbin. Corbin has been working at Union County Public Library for about 16 months now.

Corbin joins the library staff with a variety of individual talents. Corbin's unique background includes, among others, a school bus he renovated and lived in for awhile, as well as culinary skills.

Corbin is a Blairsville native, (his mother's maiden name was Brackett) but he spent time living in Yellowstone and Florida in his renovated school bus before returning to his home town. He picked up cooking as a teen encouraged by his mother. His interest in cooking led him to a job as a chef at Lucky's. The constant hectic pace of a restaurant kitchen was fun, but in looking for a change of pace he settled on the library. There he discovered working in a library may not be as crazy as a kitchen, but it still gets very busy minus the clanging of pots and pans.

He only works 20 hours a week here, so he also has a job with North Georgia Clean, a company that provides a variety of services. This job gets him outdoors. On the weekends he works as a Private Chef for Fine Dining Chefs in Blue Ridge.

Corbin has 2 dogs and 3 cats, but his Poodle/Wire-Haired Pointer, Violet, is a therapy dog at Stonehenge. She has a natural calming effect on the residents as she visits with them,

Children may soon have the chance to meet Violet and read to her if Corbin brings her to join the library's Reading with the Dogs program!

Who's Owl-iver?

Owl-iver is the Friends of Union County Library Mascot. He was named by Friends members many years ago through a naming contest.

This Wise Old Owl knows ...

Books are where you can find anything.

Books provide entertainment.

Books have the answers to questions.

Books take you places you may never have a chance to visit.

Books open your imagination.

Books make children lifelong learners.

Books challenge us to be better people, develop compassion, and open our minds.

More About...



Peach State Federal Credit Union Donates for Children's Wish Books

Peach State Federal Credit Union has pledged to grant an annual donation to the Friends of Union County Library for three years! They have provided the same grant for 3 years in the past. This year, their grant was used to provide books for our children's wish book list. This is a list of books that the community requests for children that is in excess of the budget of our Library. What a gift! They have offices in Young Harris.

We so appreciate our corporate sponsors.



When the library expressed an interest in adding classes in a variety of areas, FOUCL Treasurer Debora Quigley and Sally Woodworth were happy to receive these donations of two Singer Sewing Machines to be used in future sewing classes. *One more way that the Friends of Union County Library is actively supporting needs that are not part of the normal library budget.*

You can help too!

Library Wish List

With the wide variety of programs the library has introduced comes a need for all kinds of supplies and equipment. You can help fill that need. Consider donating the following items. Just drop them off at the circulation desk. Tell them its "A Gift from a Friend."

- Calligraphy felt-tip pens
- Knitting needles (various sizes)
- Crochet Hooks
- 2 Burner induction cooker
- General Art Supplies: water color paints, water color paper, quality paint brushes
- Mixed media paper, alcohol inks, etc.

