

FOUCL Meet & Greet Potluck Lunch at Choestoe Schoolhouse



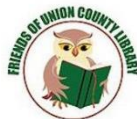
Photo from 2022 25+ FOUCL Anniversary

Friends of Union County Library (FOUCL) members, potential members, and lovers of libraries are invited to a Meet & Greet Potluck Lunch Social and Meeting on Wednesday, July 19, at Choestoe Schoolhouse (1034 Collins Rd., Blairsville) from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM. FOUCL will provide meat and attendees are asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. (Directions from Blairsville: From Old Courthouse Circle, exit onto Cleveland St., continuing on US-129 S/US-19 S turn left onto Collins Rd.; the one-room white schoolhouse destination is on the right).

Here are some of FOUCL's accomplishments so far this year: 1) We donated \$1,200 to Union County Public Library (UCPL) for their Summer Reading Program entertainers and expenses and \$1,500 for the purchase of periodicals and magazines; 2) We purchased \$1,000 worth of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) learning resources for use in children's programming from proceeds of a dollhouse raffle (thanks to the donation of the dollhouse by FOUCL member and miniaturist Kathy Lawrence); 3) We hosted an interesting and well-attended program by veteran Josh Garrison entitled One Man's Story – Climbing Mt. Everest; and 4) We held a successful May Bake Sale, raising over \$900.

Here are some of FOUCL's commitments for the remainder of the year: 1) We will hand out information, answer questions, and provide new member forms at the Union County Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 29; 2) We will provide \$300 to UCPL for the purchase of juvenile books in our 3rd quarter donation and an additional \$300 for the purchase of adult books in our 4th quarter donation; 3) We will make our annual donation to FerstReaders; and 4) We will begin collecting gently used Christmas-related items in October for an Everything Christmas Sale to be held the first Friday and Saturday in November (3 & 4).

This year's Summer Reading Program at the library had the theme All Together Now. FOUCL marks 27 years of advocacy and support for libraries, literacy, and lifelong learning in 2023. Join us as we gather to celebrate our past successes and make plans for our future.



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