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Monthly news, programs, and more from UCPL



A SEASON OF GIVING

by Laura Elliott

"Twas a month before Christmas, and all through the library; the books were old and crumbling, not fit for Will or Mary. Miss Suzy in her thinking cap, and a computer right in sight, reached out to a friend, one chilly November night.

When what to our curious eyes began to appear, arm loads of boxes from men wearing Amazon gear! Day after day more boxes were delivered; with each donor's note, Miss Suzy's lips would quiver.

The tears began to flow as she read what each donor wrote; The generosity that's been given was more than she'd hoped. It is with a humbled heart Miss Suzy and the rest of us say; "Thank you everyone, for the love and kindness you have displayed!"

A woman is sitting at a table surrounded by stacks of books. She is smiling and looking at the camera. The table is covered with books, and there are more stacks of books on the floor around her.

A woman is carrying a large stack of Amazon boxes. She is smiling and looking at the camera. She is wearing a blue and white patterned dress and brown boots.

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As if December wasn't hectic enough, we've decided to add to that. I mean, why not? Here are changes coming to UCPL before 2022 rolls around. P.S. in the words of Bryan Adams "Everything I do, I do it for you."

UCPL's building will be closed the week of December 6th - 11th. Don't fret because full curbside service will be available!!

The staff at UCPL will continue to run curbside service. Meaning if you need copies, faxes, to return or check out books, we will be there to assist you. Pull up in your car, honk a horn or call us at 423-743-6533 and we will come to your car.

Hopeful changes

During this closure, UCPL will be inventorying the entire collection, carrying out minor construction projects, improving staff space, and installing new phone systems with extensions!

I'm sure you have noticed the multiple changes to our regular hours of operation. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding as the library undergoes necessary repairs. We appreciate you hanging in there and allowing these to take place.

During these closures, we were able to have plumbing, appliances, and HVAC units analyzed and repaired/replaced. These changes and repairs are necessary for daily operations. Once all projects and maintenance are completed, the UCPL staff will be able to better serve our patrons and community.



REQUESTS



GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY & COMPETITION!



HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

Did we mention we'll have a free hot chocolate bar?!* Hot cocoa, marshmallows, sprinkles, whip cream, and candy canes! What a treat!! (*While supplies last)



Come one, come all, and bring your creativity with you. UCPL and the Town of Erwin are partnering for this awesome holiday event.

DON'T MISS MEETING SANTA & MRS. CLAUS! THEY'LL BE AT UCPL 11:00-12:30!



STORY SAYS:

Cozy red hats, balls of wrappings, big and bigger boxes and extra treats... It really must be Christmas!



Merry Christmas to all!

STORIES FOR THE MIND: THIS MONTH'S STORY TIMES

by *Laura Elliott*

"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, said Jojen. The man who never reads lives only one."

— George R.R. Martin, *A Dance with Dragons*

The story time schedule is quite different this month but Miss Suzy and Miss Hannah are still preparing some wonderful and festive stories for the kiddos.

- 12/02/21 - Transportation stories with Miss Suzy. 10:30am Online Story Time.
- 12/09/21 - Reindeer stories with Miss Suzy 10:30am Online Story Time.
- 12/14/21 - Gingerbread stories with Miss Hannah. 10:30am at UCPL.
- 12/16/21 - Gingerbread stories with Miss Suzy. 10:30am Online Story Time.
- 12/21/21 - Online Story Time Christmas Special

YOUR FESTIVE LIBRARIANS

This month, you may notice new faces smiling back at you when you visit UCPL. Two new staff members joined our team and they are amazing! The next time you stop by, say "hello" to **Matt Harris** and **Nidia Emil!** We are excited to welcome them aboard and look forward to the work days ahead.

Just in case you find yourself among the hustle and bustle of December, here is a reminder of the awesome staff who wish you lots of love, joy, and quiet time for reading this month!



Happy Holidays



Merry Christmas

UNICOI COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Wrapping up another blessed year, UCPL will be spending some time with their families. Please note the holiday closures for our library:

December 24th and December 25th
December 31st and January 1st



GETTING TO THE HEART OF THINGS!

Normally, we would choose a staff member and volunteer who have went above and beyond for our little library. However, this month I want to say each member and volunteer has outdone his/herself! From manning the book sales and to Amazon wish list items, training, moving books back and forth, processing, weeding, peeling stickers, preparing projects, decorating... I could go on and on, UCPL is thankful for everything donated, whether it be time, money, or items. We cannot thank all of you enough for the support and love you have poured into our "Little Library with a BIG Heart".



MUCH NEEDED FUNDRAISERS

This month, we have made space for our December craft fundraiser. We hope you will stop by and shop for unique gifts crafted by staff and volunteers. All proceeds will benefit the library's needs.

You will find storybook birdhouses, wooden hand-painted ornaments, paper-flower wreaths and bouquets, reindeer candy canes, crocheted items, decorative book stacks, and more.

Also, we still have an Amazon wish list if you or someone you know would like to purchase items for our library. The list is updated regularly as more items are bought. We are also accepting monetary donations through our PayPal account. Here are the links:

Paypal link:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/unicoilibrary>

UCPL Foundation EIN (501c3) 

Unicoi County Public Library Foundation 26-0472351

Amazon wish list link:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/231NM5GVZT6AA/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/231NM5GVZT6AA/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex?fbclid=IwAR3SzyyOp5u5A781CEbhFUXmDL5c0nRNcWhr00EIKKfQhQAmOZdqid3VEg4)

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NEW RELEASES AT UCPL!

Where do I begin? First, we will have new spaces called "New To Us" sections for juvenile and adult books. These sections will include books that are not new releases, but are new UCPL. Look for these signs:



New books are hitting the shelves every couple of days! We've added the Boxcar Children series, graphic novels, non-fiction for children, homeschool headquarters' items, and so much more! We have baking, cooking, geography, history, anime, mysteries, holiday, young adult reads, and so much more pouring in from our Amazon wish list. You will want to visit to see! Here's a snippet of available titles:

