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April 2018 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (March 28, 2018)   With spring well underway, children and parents alike are enjoying the sunshine and looking for activities and events to enjoy. Thankfully, we are open and offering events and programs all month long! Come learn about the environment around our community at the Ecological Landscape Workshop or get some financial pointers from our Fiscal Fitness program to make sure you can save up for those upcoming summer vacations. Participate in some career development with the free resources in the 'It's Your Career' program or learn about the role of women in the business world in the 'Unique Challenges Women Face in Leadership' discussion. And as always, we have plenty of fun activities for children and teen's as well, like our Family Story Time in Children's or the Teen Poetry Smash. We hope to see you this month for the following events:

- Baseball's Brotherhood Team with local author Bryan Steverson,
- Southern Appalachian Studies Series New Bluegrass Club for all ages,
- Online registration for All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series,
- Register as a sponsor or a speller for the 23rd Annual Adult Spelling Bee and for more information email adultedfoundationbc@gmail.com,
- Southern Appalachian Studies Series: The Face of Coal presented by Joe Martin,
- Focus on Seniors: Dementia Has Many Faces presented by Dr. Kevin James,
- Adult College Opportunities,
- And ongoing Teen events and Children's events and much more.

MUSIC / CONCERTS: **Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428**
- **Thursday, May 3, 7 p.m.,** *"Grace Notes Flute Ensemble Concert,"* **directed by Dr. Sue Swilley**, will be performed at the library. The performance will be at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

NEW EVENTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428   (See recurring events below the new events)

- **Through Monday, April 16, "*AARP Tax Preparation Assistance"* is being offered by AARP Volunteers. To receive tax assistance, you must call for an appointment at 865-206-9816, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m**. Do Not Call the Library!
- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 30, 31 and April 1, "*Library Closed for Spring Holiday."***
- **Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m. "*Baseball's Brotherhood Team,"* presented by local author Bryan Steverson**.   He will share inspiring stories about baseball players taking stands against prejudice when it was not the norm during our country's history. This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, April 5 & 19, 6 p.m., (1ˢᵗ and 3ʳᵈ Thursday of each month), *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."* A Bluegrass Music Club for all ages** and skills will meet the 1ˢᵗ and 3ʳᵈ Thursday of every month. There is a one-time charge of $20 for a book of bluegrass music which will be used in the club. **Josephine Cappelletti**, the orchestra teacher at Coulter Grove Intermediate School, will be the director. Instrument donations will be welcome. Donated instruments may be dropped off at Information Services. The Music Club meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
- **Fridays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *"All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series."* Because Blount County Public Library has received a Library Technology Training Grant, this series of 40 Google Lunch and Learn classes is being offered to the public during 2018.** Online registration **is required as is a $10 registration fee which includes a box lunch** from the library's Bookmark Café. Participants in the classes will learn how to access and enroll in Lynda.com classes as well as Google features such as email, Google documents, Internet searching and more. The classes will be held in the library's new Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor digital sign at the entrance drive. (See more detailed course descriptions in the Computer Classes section of this calendar.)
- **Saturday, April 7,   9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Nurturing Nature - A Ecological Landscape Workshop,"* presented by Dr. Mike McKinney,** Evolutionary Biology and Environmental Science, UTK**; Meredith Clebsch,** Land Director of Foothills Land Conservancy **and Leah Gardner,** Landscape Architect and Ecological Landscape Consultant of the Blount County Soil Conservation District. Spend a morning learning how you can be the caretaker of your own piece of Tennessee's natural world. Experts will share information about the vital role your garden can play in protecting biodiversity, and give you tools and resources for transforming your property into a beautiful and valuable refuge for Tennessee's native plants, birds and pollinators. This workshop will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Monday, April 9, 6:30 p.m., *"Fiscal Fitness: Understanding Your Credit and Underwriting."* will be presented by Sarah Hooks,** Family Services Director at Habitat for Humanity**.** Knowing what your credit score is and what is used to develop that score is important in each person's credit history, especially if a person is trying to apply for a loan for a big-ticket item, like a house or car. This program which will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.,** *"The 23rd Annual Adult Spelling Bee."* Sponsored by the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and the Blount County Public Library, the contest will be held in the Main Gallery of the library. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m. Spelling begins at 10 a.m. **For more information or to register as a sponsor or a speller, email** adultedfoundationbc@gmail.com **or contact Carol Ergenbright at (865) 661-8747 or Melinda Rust at (865) 724-8177.**

- **Monday, April 16, 7 p.m.,** *"Unique Challenges Women Face in Leadership,"* presented by **Loretta K. Cate, DPh., CPCC** founder and principal of Access Leadership EDGE. Much has been written about the impending wave of retirements as the Baby Boomer cohort reaches the traditional age range. Recent robust stock market gains and other economic improvements have given many the wherewithal to retire. With many Boomers occupying key leadership positions, the management exodus promises to be significant. All agree that moving into this vacuum will be an influx of millennials and minorities, particularly, women. The imperative now for organizations will be to understand how best to find, engage, develop, and retain these professionals. Despite CEO commitment to gender parity, organizational culture and practices are not shifting women's perceptions and beliefs regarding career advancement.   The unique challenges women face in leadership are as much about the system as the individual. It is important for organizations to identify barriers to gender parity and women to understand how they may be self-sabotaging their career. Attendees will: Discover the total business impact of strengthening women's leadership roles; draw insights from the latest research; gain new strategies for increasing the effectiveness of networks and mentorships; learn methods for retaining and advancing women at any age; and understand tactics to advance oneself and others. Who should attend: Key business stakeholders; women's initiative officers; women in leadership roles; and women who want to lead. This program will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Thursday, April 19, 6 p.m., (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."* A Bluegrass Music Club for **all ages** and skills will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. There is a one-time charge of $20 for a book of bluegrass music which will be used in the club. **Josephine Cappelletti**, the orchestra teacher at Coulter Grove Intermediate School, will be the director. Instrument donations will be welcome. Donated instruments may be dropped off at Information Services. The Music Club meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).

- **Monday, April 23, 7 p.m.,** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: The Face of Coal,"* presented by **Joe Martin.** Joe Martin grew up in the coal fields of West Virginia and worked in the coal industry for many years and will bring his unique perspective on coal mining, an industry that has changed the face of Southern Appalachia.   This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Wednesday, April 25, 11 a.m.,** *"Focus on Seniors: Dementia Has Many Faces"* presented by Dr. **Kevin James**, Geriatrics, Blount Memorial Hospital. Dementia changes spouses, parents, and siblings. As caregiver, how does one cope? Dr. James will address these and other mental health issues. This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Friday, April 27, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.,** *"It's Your Career: Free Resources for Professional Development,"* will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Learn more about the great online and in-person professional development resources available for your staff in topics from marketing

to web design and software to soft skills. The sky's the limit! Class format features a short lecture on each topic, case studies discussion in small groups and resources for use in businesses and organizations. Bring your laptop or tablet, or one will be provided for your use. This class will be at the Blount County Public Library's new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign). Registration begins March 26. **For class synopsis and registration information, go to** www.blountchamber.com/community/soft-skills   Soft Skills are strengthened and developed over time and are necessary if you desire to climb the career ladder. The classes are a collaboration of Blount Partnership, Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and the Blount County Public Library.

- **Monday, April 30, 7 p.m., "*Adult College Opportunities."*** Do you want to return to college? Or start going to college? Join **Barbara Little**, Educational Opportunity Center, University of Tennessee, and others from Pellissippi State Community College and TN Reconnect to learn how. TN Reconnect is a Tennessee initiative to help more of our state's adults enter higher education to gain new skills, advance in the workplace, and fulfill lifelong dreams of completing a degree or credential. In Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, May 1, 7 p.m.,** *"The Cigar Factory: A Novel of Charleston."* Author **Michele Moore** tells the story of two entwined families, both devoutly Catholic—the white McGonegals and the African American Ravenels—in the storied port city of Charleston, South Carolina, during the world wars. Moore's novel follows the parallel lives of family matriarchs working on segregated floors of the massive Charleston cigar factory, where white and black workers remain divided and misinformed about the duties and treatment each group receives.
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- **Monday, May 14, 6:30 p.m.,** *"Fiscal Fitness: Personal Banking Options"* will be presented by **Aaron Killian,** Financial Relationship Consultant, Regions Bank. Ever wonder what the benefits of banking are and why you should open an account? What are the different types of accounts available to you and how do you set one up? Perhaps you're not sure what the differences are between a bank and a credit union. Are there fees involved? How is your money protected once you deposit it? This banking class will provide a basic overview of these things and more related to banking and is open to any interested community member. This program will be in the Board Room.
- **Saturday, May 19, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month)** *"Appalachian Reads."* The book group will read and discuss works of Southern Appalachian authors. Silas House's *A Parchment of Leaves* facilitated by Jan Taylor, will be the topic of this discussion. Sponsored by Blount County Friends of the Library, meetings will be held the third Saturday of every other month in Dorothy Herron Room A

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- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 pm.,** *"Dungeons & Dragons.***"** All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of this tabletop role-playing game by learning about D&D and sharing your love of fantasy gaming! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse**,

Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum, meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).

- **Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.,** *"Tech Time."* Need help with technology and don't know where to start? Tech Time is designed to be a space to get your questions answered and set you on the path you need for technology success! Having trouble with **email?** Can't find what you need on the **internet?** Curious about **Facebook, Twitter** or **Pinterest?** Need help with **eBooks?** Bring your technology questions and get assistance from a Tech Time facilitator. Tech Time will be held in Study Room A in the Reference area of the library.

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- **Tuesday, April 17, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month),** *"Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,"* in the Board Room of the library.

- **Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of each month), "***Adult Coloring.***"** Remember the carefree joy of picking up your favorite crayon or marker and adding color to a beautiful picture? Experience the same fun and relaxation even though you are now an adult! For this program, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library, participants **(teens and older)** can bring their own coloring books and materials, or you can select from a variety of intricate adult coloring pages and utilize coloring supplies provided at the library. Just show up at the library at 7 p.m., on the third Thursday of every month, select a fun design and color away to your heart's content. This program will be in Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.

Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. HELP!

If you have an e-reader, tablet or other device, you may check out e-books, audiobooks and streaming movies from Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling the Reference Desk at (865) 982-0981, ext. 302, or (865) 273-1428 to schedule a time for an appointment or attend a Tech Time session (check monthly calendar for day and time) for help. To set up access to download e-books, audiobooks and materials from the library, bring these items:

- **library card in your name and in good standing,**
- **your device (fully charged),**
- **email account user name and password,**
- **Kindles e-readers: Amazon sign-in and password**

You are ready to enjoy your Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. experience!

COMPUTER COURSES:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Information Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 273-1428 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.

Tech Time – in Study Room A/Reference Area:

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All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series – Online $10 Registration Required:

Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *"All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series."* Because Blount County Public Library has received a Library Technology Training Grant, this series of 40 Google Lunch and Learn classes is being offered to the public during 2018. Online registration **is required as is a $10 registration fee which includes a box lunch** from the library's Bookmark Café. Lunch is not optional, and lunch order options are on the registration form. The classes will be held in the library's new Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Participants who have Gmail accounts should bring their email address and password. Participants who do not have a Gmail account will create one at their first class. Participants should bring their library card. In some classes, participants will also learn how to use Lynda.com, a new leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve their learning goals. A staff person will be at all classes to make sure that participants have an ecard to access Lynda.com for participants without library cards. Be sure to include email address on registration form. Each class is limited to 10 participants. Participants are invited to bring their personal laptops with wireless access to use in classes.

- o **April 6, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Basics of Google Docs*" –** in the Learning Lab. Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included)
  Take a closer look at how to use Google Docs to share and collaborate, store, translate, and publish documents on the web. Discover how to get around in Google docs and create professional-looking files you can access and edit anywhere you have Internet.
- o **April 13,   11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Advanced Google Docs*"** – in the Learning Lab. Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included)
  Dive deeper into Google Docs features that help boost productivity. Use templates, create flowcharts, tag colleagues, convert Google Docs to MS Word, integrate Google Docs with other Google applications, and more.
- o **April 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Google Calendar Essential Training*"**
  Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included) – in the Learning Lab
  Manage your personal and professional calendars more effectively with Google Calendar. From scheduling events and tracking to-dos, to sharing calendars and creating invites, get the basics of Google Calendar to help make your day run more smoothly.

- o **April 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks*"**
  Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included) - in the Learning Lab.
  Build on your knowledge of Google Calendar to become a Google Calendar guru.
  Join us to discover advanced features of Google Calendar, such as creating events
  with a video option for meetings, making available appointment slots so that others
  can schedule time with you, use Agenda view, add Labs to give yourself new
  calendar features, and more.
- o **May 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Google Sheets Essentials" –*** in the Learning Lab.
  Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included)
  Discover how to get the most from Google Sheets. Learn how to navigate the
  interface, use basic formulas and functions, convert file formats like Excel to Google
  Sheets, and make your data work for you.
- o **May 11,   11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Advanced Google Sheets"*** – in the Learning Lab.
  Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included)
  Learn practical applications for Google Sheets, such as calculating investments and
  loan payments, the effects of interest and inflation, using Sheets to determine dates
  and times for project deliverables, and more. Explore how to maximize your
  productivity by using conditional formatting, creating charts, and expanding Google
  Sheets capabilities using Add-ons.
- o **May 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., "*Automating Tasks with Google Drive and IFTTT (If
  This Then That)"*** – in the Learning Lab.
  Online Registration required ($10 – lunch included)
  What would happen if you could automate some tasks in your day-to-day living?
  Consider syncing Gmail orders and invoices to Google Sheets; tracking Fitbit
  activity; creating maps that update live as more people register for an event or donate
  to a cause; or automatically saving new email attachments to Google drive. The web-
  based tool IFTTT and Google Drive work together to help you do just that. Join us to
  explore how you can connect your favorite web services to automate

Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2016), Email and
Social Media. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar
Digital Literacy. Seeking employment? Receive résumé help, online job searches, online
applications, practice interview skills or create and update LinkedIn account. Course descriptions
and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's new
Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building) unless
otherwise noted. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the
library's Information Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 4, or (865) 273-
1428. Sign up no earlier than one month prior to a class.** (If a person desires to enroll in the

Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available: http://www.mouseprogram.com/ and http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm)

The free computer courses are offered through a partnership between the Blount County Public Library and the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and made possible by generous funding from the ARCONIC Foundation.

Résumé Help Sessions – Résumé help sessions are designed to give one-on-one help to job seekers in need of a new or improved résumé, conduct online job searches, apply online and create or update a LinkedIn account. Instructors will be available to help individuals design or update a résumé using current formatting trends. A flash drive with various résumé templates will be provided to participants. Participants should bring job history, including employment addresses, phone numbers, dates of employment, list of responsibilities, and salary going back ten years. A reference list can also be completed during a session; please bring reference names and contact information, including address, phone number, and email address.

Sessions run from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Mondays of the designated month in the Learning Lab. More than one session may be needed to complete a résumé and reference list. Please register at the Reference Desk. For more information on the program, call 865-982-0981 ext. 4 or 865-273-1428.

Bring your job history with dates.

Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Dates: *This is a single session.*

Session 4: Mondays, April 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2018

Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2016, including topics such as toolbars/ribbons, shortcuts, save/save as, files/folders, selecting text, moving text, drag and drop, editing, formatting, spell check/thesaurus, page setup, line spacing, the ruler, navigating, changing margins, changing case, word count, bullets/numbering and attachments.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 4: Monday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials – This free class is an introduction to Excel 2016. Topics include toolbars/ribbons; navigation; entering text and formulas; editing and viewing worksheets; introduction to formulas and functions; formatting the contents of cells; changing the appearance of worksheets; changing column width and row height; auto complete; fill series; selecting cell ranges; move and copy shortcuts; inserting/deleting columns and rows; inserting/deleting worksheets; renaming worksheets; and moving worksheets.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 4: Monday, April 9 and Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials – This free class will provide students with the skills needed to produce a professional-looking presentation. Topics include editing, outlining, drawing, graphing, images, and presentation management functions.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 4: Monday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 18, 2018

Email How-to's - An Intro to Email class will discuss how to register for a new email account, create a username and secure password, send and reply to emails, etc. This class will also include instruction on attaching files, moving and deleting emails, email etiquette, as well as pitfalls to avoid when using email, such as opening files with viruses. Online assessment will be given at the end of class.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: *This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 4: Monday, April 23, 2018

Social Media for Job Seekers – An introduction to social media know-how for job seekers will explore how to best manage social media accounts for work. The class includes managing privacy settings, sharing and publishing content, distinguishing between public and private spaces online, and creating a social media account using LinkedIn, Facebook, or Twitter.

Time: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Dates: *This is a single class session. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 4: Wednesday, April 25, 2018

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults: Registration Required

The ARCONIC Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the ARCONIC Foundation. It is provided by the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County, Blount Partnership, and the Blount County Public Library.

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults Interested in Manufacturing Careers:

Are you between the **ages of 18 – 26** and would you like to get paid to intern at a local manufacturer? Join us **July 9 – August 22** to gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **Contact Jackie Taylor-Tente with questions and to register, at 865-680-7668 or jackie@jataylor.net**

The program consists of three components:

1) **July 9 – 27: 3 weeks of *Workforce Readiness Training***
   - ○ *Training* will run for specific periods of time, with another session beginning soon, Monday through Friday. During this time participants will receive training in skills needed to obtain and maintain a job in the manufacturing field. Participants will receive a $300 stipend upon completion of this component.

2) **July 30 – August 17: 100 hours of hands-on manufacturing experience interning with a Blount County manufacturer**
   - ○ The *Internship* will be at a local manufacturer where participants will be paid $10/hr. for 100 hours, get hands-on job experience, and potentially get certifications such as forklift operation.

3) **August 20 – 22: 3 half-days of *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation***
   - ○ **Participants then return** for *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation.* Participants will receive a $60 stipend upon completion of this component.

Participants must complete all three components.

TEEN PROGRAMS   –   Phone (865) 273-1414:

Special Programs:

- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 30, 31 and April 1, "*Library Closed for Spring Holiday.*"**
- **Saturday, April 7, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., "Poetry Smash."** Teens bring a poem of your own – or herald your favorite and song lyrics by someone else – to share at this open-mic-style event. Create new poems by blacking out passages from boring old books. Hurl 15th-century insults at your friends, and get away with Shakespearean slurs. Deface the library sidewalk with chalked rhymes. And of course there will be snacks. Get your poetry on in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), *"Gaming @ Your Library."*** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, or bring your own tabletop game or video game console and games to share. We'll use multiple screens to multiply the fun. Bring friends! Gaming will take place in the Dorothy Herron Room A. (**Note:** Changed location!)
- **Saturday, April 21, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., *"Teen Advisory Board Meeting."*** Do you want to help plan library programs and activities? Help pick out books, videos and magazines for the library's collection? Basically, do you want to make the library a better place for teens? Come hear more about what a Teen Advisory Board can do, enjoy snacks and give us your feedback. To Sign Up go to http://Tinyurl.com/BlountTeens   Meeting will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Through April 30, *"Teen ARC (Advanced Reader Copy) Reviews."*** Check out the new display of ARC (advanced reader copy) books, located just before you get to the Reference and Teen Central areas. These are books that have yet to go through their final edits and be published, but we scored some just for you! Choose a book from the display to take home, read, and then write a review and post on the library's Facebook page for others to see.

Regular Teen Events:

- **Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Once per month:** *"Sanctioned Chess Tournament,"* is held at the library in the Teen Central Area.
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays in the Teen Central Area of the library. On one Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.
- **Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Blount County Nerd Group."* Teens can learn the basic principles of computer programming, also known as coding. By participating in the Blount County Nerd Group, students seventh grade and up can learn coding skills, such as making simple games, developing professional websites and creating mobile apps. Experienced web developers, **Kaleb Davenport and Garrett Smith** are students at local high schools who have worked very hard to learn about many different technologies and are excited to share their expertise with local teens. In the constantly changing job market, coding is a huge advantage for students and job seekers. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, including a laptop. However, students who do not have adequate technology will be provided a laptop by the library. The Nerd Group meets in the Board Room
- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 pm.,** *"Dungeons & Dragons."* All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of this tabletop role-playing game by learning about D&D and sharing your love of fantasy gaming! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse**, **Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
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- **Sundays, April 15 and April 29, 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. (Meets every other Sunday of each month),** *"Teen Writers Group."* Calling all writers! If you're looking for inspiration, motivation, feedback or camaraderie, this is your group. Teenagers are invited to join writing colleagues for discussion and inspiration. The Teen Writing Group, coordinated by **Hannah Spirko,** meets in the Boardroom.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: Phone: (865) 273-1414

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 30, 31 and April 1, "***Library Closed for Spring Holiday."*
- **Saturday, April 28, 10:30 a.m.:** *"Family Story Time: Beach Party with 'My Old Man Tree.'"* Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages. This month, join in a Beach Party! Bring your towel and plastic shovel and get ready for fun beach music and activities, with our very special guests. **Author Ken**

McCullough and photographer Janet McCullough will share their new children's book, "My Old Man Tree," a celebration of nature inspired by Anastasia Island. Join the fun in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).

- **Saturday, May 5, 10:30 a.m.,** *"Imagination Library Graduation Gala."* Celebrate Imagination Library and congratulate those youngsters who have "graduated" from the monthly book program. Graduates (who have had their sixth birthday from June 2017 through May 2018) and their families can enjoy refreshments and get graduation goody bags. Everyone will enjoy children's book readings by community leaders, with special crafts and LEGO fun for youngsters. Parents and guardians can sign up their children – and themselves! – for library cards. (To sign up for a card, bring photo ID and a piece of mail proving residence in Blount County within the past 30 days.) Imagination Library sponsor, Kiwanis Club of Maryville, is coordinating this event, which will take place in the Main Gallery and the Children's Library.

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"LEGO Club,"* **for Grades K-5**, will take place in the Children's Library. Kids will complete different-themed and timed LEGO Challenges, as well as have some time for free building. The library will provide the LEGOs, so all you have to bring is your imagination. Get your build on in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **Fridays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., "STEAMkids," for Grades K-5**. Every week will be a different adventure, from hands-on science experiments to art projects and everything in between. Materials may be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. STEAMkids normally takes place in the Children's Discovery Corner (in the Children's Library).
  - **Friday, April 6 and May 4, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., "STEAMkids with Keep Blount Beautiful."** Once a month, Keep Blount Beautiful brings a special "green" lesson using recycled craft materials and environmental themes.
- **Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Once per month:** *"Sanctioned Chess Tournament,"* is held at the library in the Teen Central Area.
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.,** *"Play Chess at the Library."* **All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays in the Teen Central Area of the library. On one Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.

Growing Ready Readers -- Early Literacy Programs:

The Blount County Public Library is committed to growing ready readers and equipping caregivers with the tools they need to help their child be school-ready. Check the Blount County Public Library website (www.blountlibrary.org) or stop by the Children's Library for more information on supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.,** *"Little Learners,"* **recommended for ages 3-5.** Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition and pre-literacy skills incorporating

stories, music, motion, play, crafts and more in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).

- **Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., *"Baby and Me,"* recommended for ages 2 and under.** These lapsit sessions for baby and caregiver feature short stories, action rhymes, music and pre-literacy tips and tricks for caregivers. It is also a great time for caregivers and babies to socialize! These sessions are in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **Tuesday, April 24, 6 p.m., *"Sensory Story Time."*** An interactive story time with stories, songs, movement and activities designed to increase early literacy skills and provide a safe and open space for children and families to learn and interact. Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental **ages of 3-5**. Sensory Storytime takes place in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).

Library Tours and Outreach

Please call the Children's Library at (865) 273-1414 or email jspirko@blounttn.org to schedule tours for your group, class or organization. Also if you would like a librarian to come to your class, community event, or parent night and share about awesome library resources and services for patrons ages 0-18, please get in touch!

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

April 1 to 30:

- *"Pellissippi State Community College Student Art"* **Exhibit,** featuring the **art of Frank Story** and coordinated by **Marty Komorny,** will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café.
- *"New Horizon Montessori Schools"* **Exhibit,** coordinated by **Jamie Watts,** will be on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- *"Child Abuse Prevention Month"* **Exhibit,** coordinated by **Nicole Wicker,** will be located in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- *"Big Brother/Big Sister"* **Exhibit,** coordinated by **Vivian Gwinn,** will be in one vertical display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area and in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- *"Smoky Mountain Bike Rodeo Poster"* **Exhibit,** coordinated by **Donna Dixon,** will be on one easel in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- *"Earth Matters Month"* **Exhibit,** coordinated by **John Lamb,** will be located in vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-In Desk and in one square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- *"Civil War Poetry"* **Exhibit**, by **Elaine Russell**, will be in the square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- *"The Face of Coal"* **Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- *"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* **Exhibit,** coordinated **by Jeanie Dockery**, will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- *"Teen ARC (Advanced Reader Copy) Reviews."* Check out the new display of ARC (advanced reader copy) books, located just before you get to the Reference and Teen Central areas. These are books that have yet to go through their final edits and be published, but we

scored some just for you! Choose a book from the display to take home, read, and then write a review and post on the library's Facebook page for others to see.
- ▪ *"Artistic April"* **Exhibit**, by **Patron Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- ▪ Group Tours of the Main Library and Reference Department may be scheduled by contacting Kathleen Christy at (865) 273-1403 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.
- ▪ Group Tours of the Children's Library may be scheduled by contacting Jennifer Spirko at the Children's Check-out desk (865) 273-1414.
- ▪ If interested in displaying community information about nonprofit services or fine arts events (flyers and brochures) contact Kathleen Christy, Sheila Pennycuff or Brenna LeQuire at the Reference Department.

Open to the public, these programs are hosted by the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville, where services are an example of your tax dollars at work for you.

For further information about library programs or services, call the library at (865) 982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org . To sign up to receive a monthly calendar by email, go to the library's Home Page and go to What's Happening? on the Menu Bar. Then under News and Events click on Join Calendar Email List. Also check out Facebook at "Blount County Public Library," Twitter at "Blount_Library," Pinterest and Instagram.

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