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August 2018 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (July 27, 2018) As the summer days wind down and we replace pool noodles and popsicles with pencils and notebooks, we hope the library is still a fun escape from the dreaded days of back to school. Starting August 1, we will be taking submissions for our Centennial Logo Design Contest. BPCL turns 100 in 2019 and we need your help to celebrate. See our website or Facebook page for more details. Throughout August, we will begin our Hot Summer Nights Concert Series; every Thursday night will be a new artist performing in the library's Main Gallery. These events are free and will be a musical escape for the month. We'll also be featuring another installment of the Southern Appalachian Studies Series entitled "Family, Faith, and Freedom - The Scots-Irish Presence in Early Appalachia" on August 27. There will also be a book talk by author HM Clay, discussing his book "Garden of Chaos" on August 21. Join us on August 2 for our Bike Repair Station Ribbon Cutting Event, made possible through the generous support of the Jeff Roth Foundation and the Blount County Friends of the Library. For fans of our Children's Library programming, please note that there will be no regular events in August (with the exception of Chess Club). We will resume our schedule of Story Times, STEAMkids, LEGO Club, and other programs in September. Other programs going on in August include

- Teen activities and challenges,
- Adult events and programs,
- Fiscal Fitness: Selling Your Home,
- Smart Bicycling Skills for Adults",
- Teen Movie: Meet the Anime,

And much more! Pick up your copy of the monthly calendar so that you'll have your own

schedule of summer events for August. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org We look forward to seeing you at the library!

MUSIC / CONCERTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428

- **Thursdays in August, 7 p.m., “*Hot Summer Nights Concert Series*” at the library!** Concerts will be inside the library in air conditioning and are sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
 - **August 2: Handsome and the Humbles** are based in Knoxville. They are an Alt-Country/Americana rock band that draws their inspiration from the music of Ryan Adams, along with the melancholy of the Jayhawks. Steve Wildsmith calls their music “ a desperation for understanding, a soul-deep ache to belong, that can only come from the hearts of musicians who believe that hope is something worth championing.” The band includes the talents of Josh Smith, Tyler Huff, Jason Chambers, Josh Huston and Chris Bratta.
 - **August 9: Kukuly and the Gypsy Fuego** is a Knoxville based acoustic ensemble that plays Hot Jazz inspired by the music of legendary French Gypsy guitarist, Django Reinhardt, and jazz violinist, Stephane Grappelli. The band's extensive repertoire includes swing standards, ballads, bossa novas, waltzes, Latin songs and other vintage-jazz sources done in uniquely arranged styles making this band's shows fun and energetic yet full of virtuosity and class. Playing everything from Django Reinhardt through Gershwin and Antonio Carlos Jobim, *Kukuly and the Gypsy Fuego* plays jazz that knows no borders. The lineup includes guitarist and vocalist Kukuly Uriarte; violinist Seth Hopper; guitarist Jake Byrd and cello player Andy Bryenton.
 - **August 16: Wild Blue Yonder Band**, a rootsy East Tennessee ensemble, preserves the musical traditions of their Appalachian region while giving fresh voice to ancient themes of love and loss, time and trials. All three members, Melissa Wade, Phil Coward and Cindy Wallace, are veteran entertainers who not only deliver their music with passion and sincerity, but also engage every audience as if it were sitting on the living room couch sharing life stories up close and personal. Formed as a five-piece band in 2001, Wild Blue Yonder has flourished in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, producing two well-received contemporary bluegrass CDs and performing more than 50 shows a year for several years. Both discs, “Bolt Out of the Blue” and “Above & Beyond,” received airplay on Bluegrass and Folk stations across the U.S., and in the UK, Australia, and the Netherlands.
 - **August 23: Streamliners Swing Orchestra** is a seventeen piece big band led by Mike “Catfish” Spirko. They play songs by the likes of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, and Louis Prima. This stylish jazz dance band will get your feet moving with their infectious music, as they smoothly blend blues, bebop, and traditional swing.
 - **August 30: Riverdale with caller Sara Melton.** Riverdale--a high-energy father-son duo featuring Nick Shoemaker on the Swedish nyckelharpa (“key fiddle”) and Ed Shoemaker on the baritone guitar-- is a favorite with contra dancers in Knoxville,

Jonesborough and Chattanooga. With tunes ranging from Scandinavia, Ireland, Scotland, and the Shetland Islands to Cape Breton, Quebec, New England, and the Southern Appalachians, Riverdale's musical palette offers something for everyone!

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

- **Wednesday, August 1 through Thursday, October 18, 2018, “2019 Blount County Public Library Centennial Logo Design Contest.”** After 100 years there are only a few things in this world that age to perfection; whiskey, tortoises, and the Blount County Public Library. With the centennial year, 2019, just around the corner the library needs help to celebrate. The library is holding a Centennial Logo Design contest. Logo designs can be submitted beginning August 1 until October 18. The top five finalist will then be voted on by the public from November 1 – 28, and the winning design will be announced on December 4, 2018. For the official rules and how to enter you may visit the library's [Facebook page](#).
- **Thursday, August 2, 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., “Bike Repair Station Ribbon Cutting.”** With generous support from the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation through the support of the Blount County Friends of the Library we are excited to make available to the public a free-standing bike repair station and air pump for cyclists using the Maryville-Alcoa Greenway. The repair station is located at the back side of the library building.
- **Friday, August 10, “Library Closed for In-Service Staff Development Day.”**
- **Monday, August 13, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Selling Your Home,” presented by LeConte Realty, LLC.** The process of selling a home can seem overwhelming or even scary, but it doesn't have to be! This class will focus on the basic steps if you wish to sell your home. For instance, who are the team members if you choose to use professional realtors? How do you know what you owe on your mortgage? How do you set your sales price? What are your responsibilities if you have had issues in the home? Are there special rules you must follow that are part of your deed? How do you prepare your home for a potential buyer to see it? Get practical guidance and advice about how to sell your home. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, August 25, 12 Noon to 2 p.m., “Smart Bicycling Skills for Adults (16+),”** presented by **Donna Dixon**, with the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation, using the League of American Bicyclist BikeEd Program. This course combines online instruction with parking lot and on-road practice of vehicular bicycling principles. **Preregistration is required: email: donnasuedixon@hotmail.com or call Smoky Mountain Wellness at 865-803-8887.** For more information about the Jeff Roth Foundation and to learn more about the League of American Bicyclists, go to www.jeffrothcyclingfoundation.org For certification, the course begins with participants completing an online, self-guided course. **The Certificate of Completion must be printed by the participant and brought to the biking skills course.** The Smart Bicycling Skills course will be held at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab Parking Lot. (Rain date will be Sunday, August 26, 2-5 p.m.)
- **Monday, August 27, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Family, Faith, and Freedom: The Scots-Irish presence in Early Appalachia,”** presented by **Mark Davidson**, an adjunct professor at Pellissippi State Community College. Davidson will discuss these resilient people who filtered out of Pennsylvania into the Shenandoah Valley, the Carolina

Piedmont, and eventually into the Tennessee Valley and beyond. Many of them have local ties to this day. This event will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 & 3, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**
- **Tuesday, September 4, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia,”** by historian and writer Elizabeth Catte. She will be doing a reading from her book and engaging the audience in a question and answer session. A book signing will follow and books will be available for purchase to help benefit the Blount County Friends of the Library. This event will be in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Monday, September 10, 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.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 13, 14 and 15, “Pre-Owned Book Sale.”** This fundraiser for the library offers more than 50,000 books available for sale—\$1 for soft cover and \$2 for hard cover, plus movies (DVD & VHS), audiobooks and specially priced rare books, collectibles and others—by the Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL):
 - **Thursday, September 13, 12 noon until 6 p.m., “Members Only Sale”** is an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before other members of the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library Lower Level.
 - **Friday and Saturday, September 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., “Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public”** in the Library Lower Level.
- **Friday, September 28, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Improving Your Presentation Style-Speaking,”** will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Whether you’re naturally shy or love hamming it up for a crowd, learn how to effectively capture an audience and inspire action. 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). Registration began July 16. 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.

RECURRING EVENTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428

- **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.
- **Thursday, August 2 and 16, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club.”** Enjoy listening to or participate in playing local regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages** and skill levels. 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, is the director. Instrument donations will be welcome. Donated instruments may be dropped off at Information Services. The Music Club is looking for a facilitator for September through the Fall and Winter months. If interested, please call Information Services at 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext. 1450. The Music Club meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
- **Thursday, August 16, 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 the Reference Area of the library.
- **Tuesday, August 21, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Kathy Pagles Board Room of the library.
- **Saturday, August 25, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (4th Saturday of each month), “Library at Downtown Maryville Farmers Market.”** Visit the library’s table for garden- and food-related book suggestions and library information. The Farmers Market is located at Founder’s Square, Downtown Maryville, near CBBC Bank.

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, option 3, 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,**
- **Kindle 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, option 3.

Tech Time – in Study Room A/Reference Area:

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.

All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series – Online 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 Google Lunch and Learn classes is being offered to the public during 2018. [Online registration](#) is **required** at no cost. For lunch options, you may bring a sack lunch or an optional \$10 box lunch is available from the library’s Bookmark Café. 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. See class title and synopsis below:

- **August 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive.”** – in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
Google Drive is a go-to online office suite and storage service for many. Yet there is more to Google Drive than meets the eye. With the right tools, Google Drive can be optimized to save time and increase productivity. Join us to discover tips, tricks, plug-ins and browser extensions that will help you shift your Google drive into overdrive.
- **August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Basics of Google Docs”** – in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
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.

- **August 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Advanced Google Docs”** – in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
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.
- **August 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Advanced Tips and Tricks for Gmail.”**– in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
Build on your knowledge of Gmail to get even more out of Google’s popular email platform. Discover advanced features that allow you to maximize your productivity, such as checking different email accounts with Gmail, muting conversations, undoing email sends, integrating Gmail with other Google platforms, and more.

Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2016) and Gmail. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. 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 Desk or call (865) 982-0981, option 3, 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: www.mouseprogram.com and www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mouserercise.htm)

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: Wednesday, August 8 and Friday, August 10, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

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: Wednesday, August 15 and Friday, August 17, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

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 : Wednesday, August 22 and Friday, August 24, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Gmail How-to's - An Intro to Gmail 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.

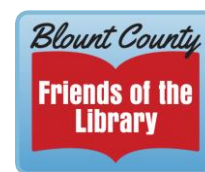
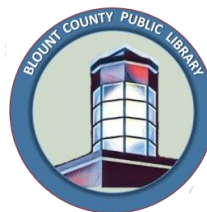
Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Session : Wednesday, August 29 and Friday August 31, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program for Young Adults (18-26): Registration Required



The ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the ARCONIC Foundation. It is provided by the Institute of International Education, Blount Partnership, Blount County Public Library and Blount County Friends of the 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 **October 1 – November 16** 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** For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/arconic-internship-program

The program consists of three components:

- 1) **October 1 – 19 : 3 weeks of *Workforce Readiness Training* (60 hours)**
 - *Training* will run 1-5 p.m., 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) **October 22 – November 9: 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) **November 14, 15, and 16: 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:

- **Saturday, August 11, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), “*Teen Gaming @ Your Library.*”** (Middle to High School Age) 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 Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, Aug. 21, 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., “*Garden of Chaos: Book Talk by Author HM Clay.*”** Beware of the Final Exam! In a countdown towards cerebral conversion, a college student must decide: shall he wager his freedom—and his life? Local author HM Clay will discuss his newly released dystopian novel, with some visuals to bring this dark adventure for emerging adults to life. Buy (or bring) your own copy and get it signed! This presentation takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Saturday, Aug. 25, 2:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., “*Teen Movie: Meet the Anime.*”** Share a favorite Japanese film and snacks. “...the undying, feverish loyalty of the fans of the genre has been such a life-changing influence for me...” said voice actor Steven Blum about his work in anime. Come see what the fuss is about! “Meet the Anime” screens in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 & 3, “*Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.*”**

Regular Teen Events:

- **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. The Nerd Group is coordinated by experienced web developers and teen entrepreneurs, **Kaleb Davenport** and **Garrett Smith**. Learn more about this group by checking out the introductory video on the Library’s Facebook page. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices,

but laptops are also provided by the library. Learn more at nerdgroup.org The Nerd Group meets in the Kathy Pagles 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).
- **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.
- **Saturday, August 11, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), “Teen Gaming @ Your Library.”** (Middle to High School Age) 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 Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, August 25, 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., “Laser TAB (Teen Advisory Board).”** 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? Let your voice be heard. Laser Tab members are planning lots of events and making BCPL their own! This meeting takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A, after the anime screening.

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

Elementary Age Activities:

NOTE: Other than Play Chess @ Your Library, there will be **NO** regular Elementary Aged Programming during the month of **August**. Programs **will resume in September**.

- **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.
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 & 3, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**

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.

NOTE: There will be **NO** regular Growing Ready Readers Early Literacy Programs during the month of **August**. Storytimes and weekly Elementary Aged Programming **will resume in September**.

- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 & 3, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**

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:




August 1 to 31:

- **“YES! Studio Art” Exhibit, by coordinated Cindy McDannel**, will be on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery and one vertical case at the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-in Desk.
- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit, coordinated by Jeanie Dockery**, will be in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves, on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café and on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- **“I READ Kickoff” Exhibit, by Youth Services**, will be in one vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- **“Mixed Media” Exhibit, by Susan McCollum**, will be in the square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Hot Summer Nights” Exhibit, by Jennifer Spirko**, will be in one square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- **“Scots-Irish” Exhibit, by Linda Marcus** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Walk in Someone Else’s Shoes: Biographies” Exhibit, by Information Services**, in the Reference Area of the library and located on top of the Magazine Shelf in the Main Gallery.
- **“I READ: Finding Home” Exhibit, by Information Services and Youth Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks and one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.

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, option 3
- 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 Brennan 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,” and Instagram.   

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