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September and October 2018 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (August 20, 2018) As we get back into the swing of the school year, it's important to take a break from the homework and attend some programs at BCPL! Before we know it, we'll be well into fall, and we can't wait to welcome the new season. We are still taking submissions for our Centennial Logo Design Contest. The library turns 100 in 2019 and we need your help to celebrate, see the library's Facebook page for more details.

We'll be featuring two installments of the Southern Appalachian Studies Series in September: "What You Are Getting Wrong About Appalachia" with author Elizabeth Catte on September 4 and "The Melungeons: Sons and Daughters of the Legend" on September 17. Our Cultural Festival, which is part of the 1READ experience, will take place on September 8. We hope you come out and celebrate the many cultures that have enriched our community with food, music, panels, and dancing. In addition, author Alan Gratz, known for his book "Refugee," will visit on September 11 for an Author Talk and Book Signing, also part of 1READ. This month, we will resume our schedule of Story Times, STEAMkids, LEGO Club, and other Children's programs.

October will feature "Introduction to Self-Publishing," on October 6, hosted by our writer-in-residence, Jim Stovall. We will also have Christopher Swann, author of "Shadow of the Lions" doing a book talk on October 9th. Our STEAM Festival will be October 20, featuring the second semi-annual LEGO contest and other celebrations of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. We'll close out the spooky month of October with Trick or Read on October 31 and a Teen Halloween Bash on October 27. Other programs going on in September and October include

- Teen activities and challenges;
- Adult events and programs;
- Banned Book Week;

- Free Legal Advice Clinic;
- Southern Appalachian Series: Seed Swap;
- Focus on Seniors: Medicare Overview and Updates and Medicare Overview and Drug Plans;
- Sensory Story Time;
- Teen Drawing Class;
- Harry Potter Life Size Clue Game;
- Sensory Movie: "The Hobbit".

And much more! Pick up your copy of the monthly newsletter so that you'll have your own schedule of events for September and October. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

- **Submissions are being accepted now and must be received by 12:00 a.m., EST, 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 no later than 12:00 a.m., EST, October 18. The top five finalists 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.
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 and 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.
- **Saturday, September 8, All Day: *"Finding Home: Cultural Festival."*** Celebrate some of the many cultures that have enriched our community. As part of the library's inaugural 1Read experience, we will meet organizations that work with refugees and immigrants, learn about the immigrant experience, and enjoy food and music from around the world. This event takes place throughout the library, with informational tables and interactive crafts in the Main Gallery, Meeting Room Hallway and Children's Library. Pick up a schedule of events so you don't miss a thing!
    - **Saturday, September 8, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., *"Special Edition of Gaming as part of 'Finding Home: Cultural Festival.'"* Teens and adults** alike are invited to join our game master for a quick and fun introduction to the smash hit board game Ticket to Ride. Travel cross-country and build your railroads before your opponents do in a fast-paced and easy-to-learn strategy adventure.
- **Saturday, September 8, 1:30 p.m. to 2 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.

- **Tuesday, September 11, 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.,** *"Alan Gratz 'Refugee' Book Talk."* Author Alan Gratz, author of "Refugee" and other award-winning children's novels, will visit the library to talk about his work, answer your questions and sign books! Gratz is an East Tennessee native who has written about sports, families, monsters, the future, the past, school, the world, home and – well, you get the idea. His visit is part of the library's inaugural 1Read experience, in conjunction with the Blount County Schools and sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library. Copies of "Refugee" will be available for purchase, or bring your own to get signed. This event takes place in the Main Gallery.

- **Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m.,** *"Garden Series: Climate and Site Selection,"* presented by the Blount County Extension Office and the Blount County Master Gardeners. This event will be held in Sharon Lawson Room.

- **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 Blount County Friends of the Library (BCFOL):
  - **Thursday, September 13, 12 noon until 6 p.m.,** *"Members Only Sale"* is an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before 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.

- **Saturday, September 15, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month)** *"Appalachian Reads."* *Flight Behavior*, the seventh novel by Kentucky native Barbara Kingsolver, will be the topic for the September meeting of the Appalachian Reads book group at Blount County Public Library. Discussion will be led by **Jim Stovall**, the library's writer-in-residence. The book group will meet in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Monday, September 17, 7 p.m.,** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: The Melungeons: Sons and Daughters of the Legend,"* presented by **Wayne Winkler,** the author of *Walking Toward the Sunset: The Melungeons of Appalachia.* Winkler, director of public radio station WETS-FM, will present an overview of the Melungeons, a mixed ethnic group first documented in the Clinch River region of northeast Tennessee and southwest Virginia in the early 19th century. The mystery of their origin led to numerous legends, while speculation about their racial background led to social and legal discriminations. This program will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Wednesday, September 26, 11 a.m., "***Focus on Seniors: Medicare Overview and Updates,"*** presented by Joani Shaver, Director of the Blount County Office on Aging. For many people, going on Medicare is frightening and complicated. Shaver will review the basics and explain any changes proposed for 2019. In addition to seven years of experience heading up the Office on Aging, Shaver has received numerous hours of training on Medicare. This program will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **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 Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building). Registration began July 16 and seating is limited. **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.

- **Tuesdays, October 2 through November 20, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *"Wordpress Classes."*** This 8-week class series, led by Jeremy LaDuke of Epic Nine Marketing, will explore how to setup, edit, and design a Wordpress website. Students will learn some basic HTML and CSS as well as explore some of the uses of PHP. If you are a business owner who wants to learn more about your website or an aspiring blogger, or if you just want to understand a little more about web design, then join us for this exciting workshop series. Online registration is required at **no cost**, and students should attend the whole class series. Limited seating available. This 8-week class will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
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- **Saturday, October 6, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *"Introduction to Self-Publishing."*** Learn the basics of self-publishing in this half-day workshop conducted by **Jim Stovall**, the Blount County Public Library's current writer-in-residence (www.jprof.com). The workshop will cover everything you need to know about getting started in the world of independent publishing and how to make your book available on Amazon, Kindle, Barnes and Noble, iBooks, and other book-selling forums. Topics covered: manuscript creation and set-up; handling photographs and images; choosing a self-publishing service; costs; and promotion. Advance 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. Seating is limited to 30. For more details, call Adult Services (Reference Desk) at 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext. 1450. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, October 8, 7 p.m., *"Garden Series: Soil and Plant Nutrition,"*** presented by the Blount County Extension Office and the Blount County Master Gardeners. This event will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, October 9, 7 p.m., *"Christopher Swann, author of Shadow of the Lions,"*** a gripping literary thriller. Swann is the chair of the English department at a private school in Atlanta. The book takes you deep into the dark heart of privilege, secrets, and lies at an elite boys' boarding school in Virginia. Meet and listen to the author in the Main Gallery of the

library.

- **Saturday, October 13, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. "***Free Legal Advice Clinic."*** Volunteer attorneys from the Blount County Bar Association will join Legal Aid of East Tennessee staff attorneys to provide free advice on various legal matters. "Legal help will be available on a first come, first served basis," says **Dr. Kathryn Ellis,** LAET's Pro Bono Project Director. "The public will be able to seek advice on topics such as adoption, child custody and support, criminal defense, divorce, elder law, foreclosure, identity theft, personal injury, VA benefits, wills, worker's comp, and more." The clinic is open to the public regardless of income level. No appointment is necessary. For more information regarding this program, please contact Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 307 Ellis Avenue, Maryville, Tennessee 37801, 865-981-1818 or 865-637-0484, or visit www.laet.org The legal advice clinic will be in the Sharon Lawson Room of the library.

- **Saturday, Oct. 20, 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"STEAM Festival."* This annual celebration of science, tech, engineering, arts and math will bring a host of fun, hands-on activities for all ages, all day long! The library will host our second semi-annual LEGO Design competition, as well, with prizes for master builders. The fun kicks off with a wacky science show from Professor Greybeard at 10:30 a.m., with other activities take place throughout the library, until 5 p.m.

- **Wednesday, October 24, 11 a.m.** *"Focus on Seniors: Medicare Overview and Drug Plans,"* presented by **Joani Shaver**, Director of the Blount County Office on Aging. Open enrollment for Medicare is between October 15 and December 7. This is a critical time to review health plans, compare costs, and change providers, if necessary. Learn about available options and how drug plans fit into the larger Medicare picture. A pharmacist and Medicare professionals who can assist with answering individual questions will be available following the presentation. This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

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- **Monday, October 29, 7 p.m.,** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Seed Swap and Talk"* with Blount County Master Gardener **Beki Lincks**. All are invited to bring seeds to share. Please make sure seeds are non-GMO, non-hybridized, fully dried, in small sealed bags and marked with the name of seed. If sharing seeds, please bring them at 6:30 PM for organizing. The seed talk will be in the Sharon Lawson Room. The seed swap will take place immediately after the talk.

RECURRING EVENTS:　　　**Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428**

- **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.
- **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.
- **Tuesday, September 18 and October 16, 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.
- **Thursday, September 20 and October 18, 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.
- **Saturday, September 22 and October 27,   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.
- **Saturday, October 6 and November 3, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1st Saturday of each month),** *"Open Lab."* **Ages 16 and up** come play with all the cool tech in the learning lab! This month's focus will be on microcontrollers using Sparkfun's Inventor's Kit, an easy introduction to Arduinos. Other lab equipment includes 3D printers, a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and other small electronics. Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org Open Lab will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.

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 stream movies from Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling Adult Service (Reference Desk) at 865-982-0981, ext. 1450, 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!

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext.1450.

Tech Time – in Study Room A/Reference Area:

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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 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:

- o **September 7, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., *"Google Calendar Essential Training."* –** in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

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 **September 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

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 **September 21, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Google Sheets Essentials." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

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 **September 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Advanced Google Sheets." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

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 **October 5, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Get Up and Running With Google Sites." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

Create a website from scratch. Learn how to manage your site and add collaborators. Work with text, links, and learn how to embed features like videos, Google forms, and maps. Discover how to make your site public or private and add pages.

o **October 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Google Hangouts." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

Learn how to use Google Hangouts to initiate one-to-one and group text chats, phone and video calls, how to facilitate group meetings, webinars, and more.

o **October 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Learning Online Surveys With Google Forms." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required

Use online surveys to collect the feedback you need to inform your work. Discover when surveys are useful and how they can help collect the input needed to drive key business decisions. Join us for an overview of some popular survey tools, and learn how to use Google Forms to meet your survey needs.

o **October 26, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,** *"Using Google Slides to Create Presentations." –* in the Learning Lab.

Online Registration required
Learn how to create a presentation using Google Slides. Practice sharing and collaborating when developing presentations, and see how to publish a presentation on the web. Discover tools and add-ons that will help you enhance the quality of your creations.

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, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the library's Adult Services Desk or call 865-982-0981, ext. 1450, 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/mousercise.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 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 3-session class, so plan to attend all sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 1: Tuesday, September 4, Wednesday, September 5 and Friday, September 7, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Dates: *This is a 3-session class, so plan to attend all sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 2: Monday, October 1, Wednesday, October 3 and Friday, October 5, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Time: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 3-session class, so plan to attend all sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 3: Monday, October 29, Wednesday, October 31 and Friday, November 2, 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 p.m.

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Session 1: Monday, September 10, Wednesday, September 12 and Friday, September 14, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Dates: *This is a 3-session class, so plan to attend all sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 2: Monday, October 8, Wednesday, October 10 and Friday, October 12, 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 p.m.

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Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

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Session 2: Monday, October 15, Wednesday, October 17 and Friday, October 19, 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 p.m.

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

Session 1: Monday, September 24 and Wednesday September 26, 2018

Session 2: Monday, October 22 and Wednesday, October 24, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

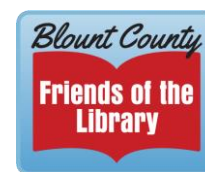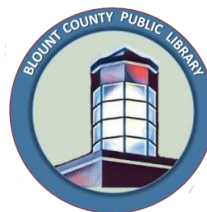**Wordpress Classes – Online Registration Required**

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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)**
   o *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**
   o **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*
   o **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, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 and 3, "***Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.***"**
- **Saturday, September 8, All Day: "***Finding Home: Cultural Festival.***"** Celebrate some of the many cultures that have enriched our community. As part of the library's inaugural 1Read experience, we will meet organizations that work with refugees and immigrants, learn about the immigrant experience, and enjoy food and music from around the world. This event takes place throughout the library, with informational tables and interactive crafts in the Main Gallery, Meeting Room Hallway and Children's Library. Pick up a schedule of events so you don't miss a thing!
- **Saturday, September 8,   2 p.m. until 4 p.m., "***Teen 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 Sharon Lawson Room.
  - o ***"Special Edition of Gaming as part of 'Finding Home: Cultural Festival.'"*** **Teens and adults** alike are invited to join our game master for a quick and fun introduction to the smash hit board game Ticket to Ride. Travel cross-country and build your railroads before your opponents do in a fast-paced and easy-to-learn strategy adventure.
- **Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, September 29: "***Banned Books Week.***"** Join the library in celebrating our First-Amendment rights and honoring the value of books that change people and the world. Check in at the Children's Library or on Facebook to join a Scavenger Hunt, with a drawing that will occur at our finale bash on Sat., Sept. 29, "Harry

Potter Life-Size Clue Game."

- **Saturday, September 29, 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.,** *"Banned Books Week: Harry Potter Life-Size Clue Game."* Celebrate your freedom to read with one of the most-often challenged (and most-beloved) book series! Search the library for clues to a magical mystery; for this game of "Clue," the whole building is the board. (This event is coordinated by the Laser TAB, Teen Advisory Board.) Pick up your game cards and gather prizes in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"STEAM Festival."* This annual celebration of science, tech, engineering, arts and math will bring a host of fun, hands-on activities for all ages, all day long! Teens can also participate in our debut Drawing Class and in our regular Blount County Nerds Group, during STEAM Festival. The activities take place throughout the library.
- **Saturdays, October 20, October 27, November 17 and December 1; 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.:** *"Teen Drawing Class."* **Sign-up is required.** This four-session course will bring out the artist in you! All materials will be provided. Sign up by contacting Clay Kriese, Youth Services Specialist, at ckriese@blounttn.org or contacting Youth Services at 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, option 4. The class will meet in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, October 27, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.,** *"Halloween Bash."* The lords of misrule and mayhem – or at least of spooky fun – will rule the library in this after-hours shindig full of chills and treats (and maybe a few tricks). Wear your favorite costume and join in the fun in the Meeting Room Hallway.
- **Saturday, November 3, 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.,** *"NaNoWriMo Write-In."* Join fellow writers for an afternoon of motivation, quiet workspace and glorious caffeine. The library will have laptops available if you do not have your own; please plan to save your work to the cloud or to bring your own flash drive. The Write-In takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

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, September 8 and Saturday, October 13, 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, September 22 and Saturday, October 20, 4 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. This gathering takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 and 3,** *"Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day."*
- **Thursday, September 6, 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.,** *"Unlikely Author: Wendy Gilhula Book Talk and Signing."* More than 30 years ago, Wendy Gilhula wrote a children's book – then promptly stashed it away in a drawer. Fear of rejection and, maybe more so, fear of publicly expressing her art led her to hide her work. But a couple of years ago, Wendy was asked a question by one of her students that would open a whole new world to her. Join this "unlikely author" of the "Pika Bunny" children's books to find out what that question was and how she answered it. You can also buy Wendy's books and get them signed. This presentation for all ages takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Saturday, September 8, All Day:** *"Finding Home: Cultural Festival."* Celebrate some of the many cultures that have enriched our community. As part of the library's inaugural 1Read experience, we meet about organizations that work with refugees and immigrants, learn about the immigrant experience, and enjoy food and music from around the world. This event takes place throughout the library, with informational tables and interactive crafts in the Main Gallery, Meeting Room Hallway and Children's Library. Pick up a schedule of events so you don't miss a thing!
- **Tuesday, September 11, 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.,** *"Alan Gratz 'Refugee' Book Talk."* Author Alan Gratz, author of "Refugee" and other award-winning children's novels, will visit the library to talk about his work, answer your questions and sign books! Gratz is an East Tennessee native who has written about sports, families, monsters, the future, the past, school, the world, home and – well, you get the idea. His visit is part of the library's inaugural 1Read experience, in conjunction with the Blount County Schools and sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library. Copies of "Refugee" will be available for purchase, or bring your own to get signed. This event takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Saturday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,** *"Sensory Movie Fun: 'The Hobbit'*

(animated)." Bilbo Baggins leads a perfect – and perfectly boring – life, until a mysterious wizard and a group of dwarves convince him to join their expedition. This adventure takes him out of his comfort zone and into the path of many dangers, and the dragon isn't even the worst of them! This version of the beloved fantasy by J.R.R. Tolkien is animated and suitable for all ages. Our Sensory Movie Fun approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing moderate lighting and a low-stress environment, plus LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, September 29:** *"Banned Books Week."* Join the library in celebrating our First-Amendment rights and honoring the value of books that change people and the world. Check in at the Children's Library or on Facebook to join a Scavenger Hunt, with a drawing that will occur at our finale bash on Sat., Sept. 29, "Family Storytime: Free to Read."
- **Saturday, September 29, 10:30 a.m. until Noon,** *"Family Storytime: Free to Read."* Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages. This month, we're having fun with freedom, in honor of Banned Books Week. The celebration also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.
- **Saturday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"STEAM Festival."* This annual celebration of science, tech, engineering, arts and math will bring a host of fun, hands-on activities for all ages, all day long! The library will host our second semi-annual LEGO Design competition, as well, with prizes for master builders. The fun kicks off with a wacky **science show from Professor Greybeard at 10:30 a.m**., with **other activities** take place throughout the library, until 5 p.m.
- **Saturday, October 27, 10:30 a.m. until Noon,** *"Family Storytime."* Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages. Family Storytime also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.
- **Wednesday, October 31, 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.,** *"Trick or Read."* Wear your costume to the library for the best kind of treats – books! Visit any service desk (or all of them) and get candy and even a free children's book to keep. Be on the lookout for library staff in costume, too. In the Children's Library, Adult Services and Patron Services.

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"LEGOs in the Library,"* **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 brings 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 takes place in the Children's Discovery Corner (in the Children's Library).
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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.

- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 1, 2 and 3,** *"Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day."*
- **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, September 25, and Tuesday, October 30, 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:

September 1 to 30:

- *"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* **Exhibit, coordinated by Ginny Dockery**, will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, in the vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area, in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery and on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.

- ***"Blount County Photo Club" E*xhibit,** coordinated by **Carol Rothschild,** on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery and in square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.
- ***"1 READ"* Exhibit, by Youth Services,** will be in the vertical case at the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-in Desk, in square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery and in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- ***"Melungeons"* Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***"Walk in Their Shoes: Biographies"* Exhibit, by Adult Services**, located on top of the Magazine Shelf in the Main Gallery and in the Adult Services (Reference) area of the library.
- ***"Refugee"* Exhibit**, **by Adult Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

October 1 to 31:
- ***"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* Exhibit, coordinated by Ginny Dockery**, will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, in the square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library and on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- ***"Maryville Junior High School and Maryville High School" E*xhibit, coordinated by Raquel Roy and Nicole Puckett,** on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- ***"National Volkssport Month: East Tennessee Wanderers"* Exhibit,** coordinated **by David Bonewitz,** will be in two Mid-Gallery cases near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- ***"1 READ"* Exhibit, by Youth Services,** will be in the vertical case at the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-in Desk
- ***"Gardening and Seeds"* Exhibit, by Adult Services,** will be in the vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- ***"STEAM Festival"* Exhibit, by Youth Services,** will be in the square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- ***"Heritage Seeds"* Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***"Centennial: The War to End All Wars: Poetry"* Exhibit, by Adult Services**, located on top of the Magazine Shelf in the Main Gallery.
- ***"Bumps in the Night"* Exhibit**, **by Adult Services**, will be in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:
- Group Tours of the Main Library and Adult Services (Reference Department) may be scheduled by contacting Kathleen Christy at 865-273-1403 or 865-982-0981, ext. 1450.
- 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 Adult Services (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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Blount County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).