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November and December 2018 Events and Programs at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (October 18, 2018) Do you feel that cool breeze in the air? Or see the leaves falling? It's the best time of the year! Here at Blount County Public Library, we love this season and being able to bring some holiday and winter cheer to the community. While families may be busy with end of semester exams, holiday celebrations, or just enjoying the cooler weather, we hope that you stop in to the library in the upcoming months to enjoy the programs, activities, and fun we have to offer. Featuring various musical events like a Dulcimer Concert on November 5th and an installment of our Southern Appalachian Series about Christmas Music and Stories on November 26th. There will be a cabaret setting for our Christmas program with the Knoxville Opera on December 6th to bring in the holiday cheer. And on December 13th, we'll have Santa Claus!

Check out other programs in November and December like...

- Appalachian Reads Book Club Reading of "The Last Ballad;"
- Grandma Gatewood's Walk;
- NaNoWriMo Write-In;
- The Friends of the Library Quarterly Book Sale;
- Sensory Movie: Tangled;
- Family Storytimes;
- Teen Comic Drawing Class;
- Arconic Foundation Global Internship Program;

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

HOLIDAY MUSIC & EVENTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428

- **Monday, November 5, 7 p.m., “Dulcimer Concert.”** The Maryville Area Dulcimer Club will perform a variety of music featuring the various kinds of dulcimers. The event will be in the Main Gallery end of the Reading Rotunda.
- **Thursday, December 6, 7 p.m., “Christmas with the Knoxville Opera.”** The Knoxville Opera Company will perform while the audience can enjoy a cabaret setting. This event will be in the Main Gallery end of the Reading Rotunda.
- **Thursday, December 13, 6 p.m., “Stories by the Fire with Santa Claus!”** Join the library as we host a special visit from Santa Claus himself as we celebrate the holiday season. With a fireside storytime, holiday cheer, and hot chocolate, we will welcome Santa into the library! This will be located in the Main Gallery.
- **Throughout the Month of December, “Winter Concert Series.”** The library will be hosting a concert series in December featuring the **Maryville College Choir** and **local school choirs**. This will be located in the Main Gallery of the library. Check with Youth Services (Children’s Library) at 865-273-1414 for performers, dates and times which should be announced soon.

Here are just a few:

- **Wednesday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m.-9:45 a.m., “Montvale Elementary School Singers”**
- **Thursday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m., “Alcoa Middle School Sixth-Grade Chorus”**
- **Friday, Dec. 14, 1 p.m.-1:45 p.m., “Eagleton Elementary School Choir”**

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

- **Thursday, November 1 through Wednesday, November 28. “Centennial Logo Design Contest: Community Vote.”** Finalists were chosen by library staff in our Centennial Logo Design Contest and it is time for the community to vote! Please help choose the new design and celebrate with the Blount County Public Library’s centennial year in 2019. To place your vote go to <http://surveymonkey.com/r/100YearsLogo> or visit the library’s Facebook page or website. You may vote one time a day with a valid email address. Voting closes 12 AM on Wednesday, November 28, 2018.
- **Saturday, November 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., “Teachers Only Book Sale.”** Welcome to an exclusive book sale for **all** Blount County teachers which includes city, county, church, private and homeschool. There will be thousands of discounted books, CDs and DVDs available. Show the **Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL)** staff your ID Badge for entrance. All purchases from this sale will be discounted 10%. This will be located in the Lower Level of the library.
- **Saturday, Nov. 3 and Nov. 24, 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.

- **Friday, November 12, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day.”**
- **Tuesday, November 13, 7 p.m., “The Tennessee Vegetable Garden: Getting Started with Cool and Warm Season Crops,”** presented by the Blount County Extension Office and the Blount County Master Gardeners. This event will be held in Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month) “Appalachian Reads.”** *The Last Ballad*, by North Carolina author Wiley Cash, will be the topic for the November meeting of the Appalachian Reads book club. The book is based on the true story of East Tennessee native Ella May Wiggins, who risked everything to bring a better life to her family and others working in wretched conditions in the North Carolina mills in the 1920s. Discussion will be facilitated by singer and radio host **Sarah Pirkle**. The group meets in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Wednesday, November 21, “Library Closes Early at 5 p.m.”**
- **Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23, “Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day.”**
- **Monday, November 26, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Southern Appalachian Christmas Music and Stories,”** presented by **Jill Pair and the Mountain Shadow String Band**. Bob and Jill Pair and daughters, Hannah, Lydia, and Abigail, play a spectrum of instruments featuring Jill on a hammered dulcimer. The rich blend of their voices and instruments will enrich your holiday season. This will be held in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Tuesday, November 27, 7 p.m. “Grandma Gatewood’s Walk”.** Don't miss actress **Anne Van Curen’s** portrayal of Emma "Grandma" Gatewood as she describes what it was like to be the first woman to solo hike the Appalachian Trail in 1955. The dramatization is based on the book *Grandma Gatewood's Walk*, which was written from accounts of Gatewood's surviving family members, newspaper and magazine articles and her own diaries and trail journals. The event will be held in the Main Gallery.
- **Friday, November 30, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Making Your Social Media Look Good,”** will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Learn how to sharpen your online presence for a consistent, professional delivery of your brand or image. Explore tools and platforms for easy-to-create designs and beautiful graphics. 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 begins October 29. For class synopsis and registration information, go to www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/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. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer
- **Saturday, December 1 through Sunday, December 30, “Letters to Santa: Fireside Chats.”** The library owns a scrapbook of letters which local children wrote to Santa and were in the newspaper. Come by and read the letters that are being highlighted from the 1930’s. This scrapbook is located in Adult Services Genealogy Department.

- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 6, 7 and 8, “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, December 6, 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, December 7 and 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., “Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public”** in the Library Lower Level.
- **Friday, December 21, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Creating Infographics for Promoting Your Business,”** will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Infographics are a great tool to tell the story of your business or organization in a clear and visually compelling way. Learn the basics of what makes a good infographic and explore free tools for making them. 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, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library’s outdoor sign. Registration begins December 3. For class synopsis and registration information, go to www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/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. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer
- **Sunday through Wednesday, December 23, 24, 25 & 26, “Library Closed for Winter Holiday.”**
- **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, “Library Closed New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.”**

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).
 - **Please Note! Dungeons & Dragons will NOT meet December 25 and January 1 due to the library being closed those days. It will resume January 8, 2019.**
- **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, November 6 and 20 and December 4 and 18, 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 no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café).
- **Tuesday, November 20 and December 18, 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, November 15 and December 20, 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, November 3 and December 1, 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. 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.

Book-A-Librarian

Need help with **technology** and don't know where to start? Have a tough research **question**? Need a new **resume**? Having trouble with **R.E.A.D.S.**? Go to <https://goo.gl/forms/35a9eT5qArPctgmU2> to complete a registration form to schedule assistance from a professional library staff member, and get help setting up your own personal learning plan using library resources.

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 you desire 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 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: Monday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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

Session 1: Monday, November 5, and Friday, November 9, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Time: 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Session 2: Monday, December 10 and Wednesday December 12, 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: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Dates: *This is a 1-session class. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 1: Monday, November 19

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. to 4 p.m.

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

Session 1: Monday, November 26, Wednesday, November 28 and Friday, November 30, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

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.*

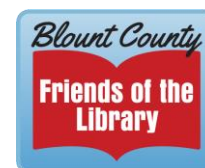
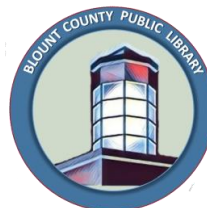
Session 1: Monday, December 3, Wednesday, December 5 and Friday, December 7, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Open Lab – Ages 16 and Up

Saturday, November 3 and December 1, 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.

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 **November 1 – December 21** 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) **November 1 – 21: 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) **November 26 – December 14: 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) **December 19, 20, and 21: 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, Nov. 3 and Nov. 24, 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.
- **Saturday, November 10 and Saturday, December 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.

- **Friday, November 12, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day.”**
- **Saturdays, November 17 and December 1, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.: “Teen Comic Drawing Class.”** The last two sessions of this four-session course continues and as always will bring out the artist in you! All materials will be provided. For more information, contact Clay Kriese, Youth Services Specialist, at ckriese@blounttn.org or call Youth Services (Children’s Library) at 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, option 4. The class will meet in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Wednesday, November 21, “Library Closes Early at 5 p.m.”**
- **Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23, “Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day.”**
- **Sunday through Wednesday, December 23, 24, 25 & 26, “Library Closed for Winter Holiday.”**
- **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, “Library Closed for New Year’s 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
 - **Please Note! The Nerd Group will NOT meet December 22 & 29 and January 5. It will resume January 12, 2019.**
- **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, Ashton Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
 - **Please Note! Dungeons & Dragons will NOT meet December 25 and January 1 due to the library being closed those days. It will resume January 8, 2019.**
- **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, November 10 and Saturday, December 8, 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, December 15, 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, November 10, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: ‘Tangled’.”** Join Rapunzel and Flynn Rider on their comical adventure in this fun retelling of the beloved folk tale. 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.
- **Friday, November 12, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day.”**
- **Wednesday, November 21, “Library Closes Early at 5 p.m.”**
- **Thursday, November 22 & Friday, November 23, “Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day.”**
- **Saturday, November 24, 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. The celebration also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout the Children’s Library.
- **Thursday, December 13, 6 p.m., “Stories by the Fire with Santa Claus!”** Join the library as we host a special visit from Santa Claus himself as we celebrate the holiday season. With a fireside storytime, holiday cheer, and hot chocolate, we will welcome Santa into the library! This will be located in the Main Gallery.
- **Sunday through Wednesday, December 23, 24, 25 & 26, “Library Closed for Winter Holiday.”**
- **Saturday, December 29, 10:30 a.m. until Noon, “Family Storytime: Noon Year’s Eve!”** Ring out the old year and ring in the new with our annual balloon drop and super-festive family celebration. Family Storytime also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout the Children’s Library.
- **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1, “Library Closed New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day.”**

Elementary Age Activities:

Please Note! There will be NO regular programming in the Children’s Library from December 17 through January 6. STEAMkids and the LEGOs Group will resume the week of January 7.

- **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).
- **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.

Please Note! There will be NO regular programming in the Children’s Library from December 17 through January 6 with the exception for Family Storytime: Noon Year’s Eve, see below. Regular Storytimes will resume the week of January 7.

- **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, November 20, 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).

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Ring out the old year and ring in the new with our annual balloon drop and super-festive family celebration. Family Storytime also helps encourage important early literacy skills! This event takes place throughout 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:

November 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 square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda, 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.
- **“Maryville Christian School Student Art” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Becky Patterson**, located on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **“Books for Soldiers” Exhibit**, by **Kellie Frazier & Karen Fair, Blount County Friends of the Library**, will be in the vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-In Desk of Main Gallery.
- **“Appalachian Christmas” Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus**, located in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Native American Heritage Month” Exhibit**, by **Youth Services**, will be in in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- **“NaNoWriMo (National Novel Writing Month)” Exhibit**, by **Youth Services and LaserTAB** in square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- **“100th Anniversary of End of WWI” Exhibit**, by **the Blount County Genealogical Historical Society (BCGHS)**, will be in the vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- **“Centennial: The War to End All Wars-Poetry” Exhibit**, by **Adult Services**, located on top of the Magazine Shelf in the Main Gallery [November Only. Poppy buttons will be given away the week of November 11, while supplies last.]
- **“What Are You Thankful For?” Exhibit**, by **Adult Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

December 1 to 31:




- **“Blount County Middle Schools Student Art” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Marsha Krout**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery, in the vertical case at the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-in Desk, and in one square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Paintings” Exhibit**, by **Medha Karandikar**, will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café.

- **“Christmas” Exhibit, by Adult Services**, will be in the square pedestal display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- **“World Peace” Exhibit, by Robert McClelland**, located in one vertical display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the library.
- **“Appalachian Christmas” Exhibit, by Linda Marcus**, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Steps of Basket Making” Exhibit, by Bruce Robertson**, will be in one Mid-Gallery cases near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit, coordinated by Ginny Dockery**, will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.

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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