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June and July 2020 Online Events and Programs
at the Blount County Public Library

ATTENTION: Due to the uncertain nature of our current situation, we are operating on a day-to-day basis. We will provide updates via social media and our website. We appreciate your patience and flexibility.

During this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic all **Technology computer classes and Soft Skills classes will be offered by online registration and via Zoom.** We are offering **Curbside Pickup Service** and a variety of online events. You can, also enjoy the **2020 Summer Reading Program Challenge: "Imagine Your Story" for all ages**. Please read on for more information.

THE BOOKMARK CAFÉ: (865) 273-1439   (See BCFOL below The Bookmark Café)

We're so excited to introduce this program from our Bookmark Cafe! 'Cooking with Kids' is designed to give our patrons a fun recipe with easy ingredients, fun trivia, and even some math to get your kiddos (or you!) thinking and using your noggins.

Our very own Chelsea, Bookmark Cafe Coordinator, misses her normal customers so much and wanted to bring some of our cafe fun to your homes. If you have any ideas for recipes to do with your kids, let us know in the FB comments on our Library's Facebook Page!

Go to our website or checkout our FB page to see the recipes we've published so far!

THE BLOUNT COUNTY FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (See Library 411 below BCFOL)

Want to learn more about what the BCFOL do? Check out the BCFOL Facebook Page or website: www.bcfol.org

- O **For Volunteer Info:** Call 865-982-0981 ext. 1451 or email friendsbcpl@hotmail.com
- O **The BCFOL will be excepting book donations while the library is closed.** Bring books to the back of the library parking lot and place in designated book drops.

LIBRARY 411:   Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428 (See Adult Information below Library 411)

- **CURBSIDE Pickup Service: To reserve materials for Curbside Pickup,** go to this link https://blountcpltn.booksys.net/opac/blountcpltn/index.html and **click on "Account"** in the top right corner. **Log in with** your BCPL **library card number and PIN**, then search for the materials you want and **click on the "Holdings" tab** to reserve it. **If you do not know your PIN,** you can **call the library at 865-982-0981, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** or message the Library's Facebook Page and request specific items. If the materials are out, you can still reserve them; they will become available after they are returned. Curbside Pickup days are **ONLY on Thursdays** from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. **and Saturdays** from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. When your items are ready you will be called to let you know which day that you can pick up. Reserves placed on Thursday will be available for pickup on Saturday and reserves placed after 3pm on Friday will be available the following Thursday. When you **arrive on the Curbside Pickup day designated to you call 865-273-1402 (number is only answered on Thursday and Saturday Pickup Days)** to **notify Patron Services** staff you have arrived at the library. Please provide your name, color and model of your car to assist staff in identifying you. The pickup point is located at the Main entrance of the library. Please remain in your car. A Patron Services staff member will deliver your order to you.
- **POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE - "*AARP Tax Preparation Assistance."*** Check back with the library website for updates. Taxes are now due July 15. You may go to irs.gov at https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile/jsp/index.jsp to free file taxes. Some tax forms are available at the library and can be requested through the Curbside Pickup.
- **Friday and Saturday, July 3 and July 4, *"NO STAFF - Library Closed for Independence Day."***
- **Through October 31, 2020, *"The Seed Library@BCPL"*** will be available for **all ages**. There will be seeds available through the Curbside Pickup Service. To check out seeds you must have a **valid Blount County Public Library card with a limit to 5 packs per card, per month.** To **request, call 865-982-0981 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Your request will be sent to the Adult Services Reference Department and they will do their best to fill your request. **You will be called when request is ready for Curbside Pickup.** Curbside Pickup days are Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Let us see your gardens! We have given away almost 1000 packs of seeds through the Little Free Libraries

in Blount County this spring! Show us what those seeds have grown in to -- be sure to tag us @blountcountypubliclibrary and hashtag #bcplseeds so we can see your beautiful plants! Please click here to learn more about the Seed Library.

- ***BCPL New Mobile App Launched*:** Download the new Blount County Public Library Mobile App on Google Play and Apple App Stores.

ADULT ONLINE PROGRAMS, WORKSHOP OR INFORMATION : Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428 (See All Ages Online Programs and Information below Adult Online Programs and Information)

- *"Summer Reading Program Challenge Begins,"* Join the fun and win prizes with this year's "Imagine Your Story" **Adult Summer Reading Challenge!** Read, listen to, or watch challenges each week to complete your board and be entered for a chance to win.
    - **Now – Monday, July 27. *"Adult Summer Reading Tic-Tac-Toe."*** The Adult Summer Reading Program returns with new Tic-Tac-Toe challenge boards for this year's theme of "Imagine Your Story." Each week we'll have boards to inspire your reading and summer activities along with the chance to win prizes! Imagine the possibilities! **1) Request your Tic-Tac-Toe card** through the Curbside Pickup Service or get it from the library's website. You may enter multiple times. **2) Read, listen or watch** three items per Tic-Tac-Toe card and fill in the card. **3) Return and validate the card** by emailing it back to the library at questions@blounttn.org with "Adult Summer Reading" in the subject line and your name and contact information in the email or return it through the outside Library Return Book Drop with your name and contact information in an envelope marked "Adult Summer Reading." **4) Prizes will be awarded at the end of the summer.**
- **Every Thursday,** *"Facebook Storytime for Grown-ups."* We love connecting with our youngest library users through our online storytimes, but why should only the kids have fun? Welcome to BCPL's virtual Storytime for Grown-ups! Sit down and relax for a few minutes as your friends on the staff read from their favorite short stories, poems, and books. You can follow us on the library's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/pg/BlountCountyPublicLibrary/videos/?ref=page_internal
- *Garden and Museum Virtual Tours:* 2020 Summer Reading Program. If you're staying in this summer but itching to travel, check out these virtual tours that you can take anytime from your home! Stroll through beautiful gardens of exquisite flowers and explore museums across the world full of priceless artwork and treasures. Imagine all of the places you can go with your mind and the library! Go to https://www.blounttn.org/DocumentCenter/View/21037/Virtual-Tours-SRP-links
- *5 for 5 Book Recommendations:* Need a new book to read, but don't know where to start? We can help with 5 for 5, our new book recommendation service. You tell us 5 books or authors you like, and we can get you started on 5 more great reads this summer! Get ng lost

in an interesting book to help relieve stress, entertain, and combat loneliness. C.S. Lewis once said, "I read to know that I am not alone." Use this form to give us a little bit of information, and we'll send some reading suggestions your way. Go to https://www.blounttn.org/1743/5-FOR-5-Book-Recommendations \

- *Book-a-Librarian:* Got questions? We can help! Use this form to get help from a professional librarian, Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. Librarians are available by email or to schedule a one-on-one Zoom help session to meet your information needs. If you would prefer phone assistance, please call 865-982-0981, 9am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Go to https://www.blounttn.org/1421/Book-A-Librarian

- **Friday, June 19, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., *"It's Your Career: Networking Strategically,"*** is part of an ongoing series of **Soft Skill workshops** designed to take your career to the next level. In this workshop you will learn how to build a network that is beneficial and strategic. Learn how to avoid networking traps and break out of the mold in order to advance project and professional goals. All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating from Pellissippi State. **Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this class will be held via the Zoom platform.** Your instructor will contact you on how to access your class. Registration is required. **For class synopsis and registration information, go to** https://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.

ALL AGES ONLINE PROGRAM EVENTS AND INFORMATION: Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428 (See Technology Classes and Job Skills Classes below All Ages Events)

- **Now through July 27, *"Summer Reading Program Challenge" (For All Ages)* <u>Teens and Children</u>** can join the fun and win prizes in a new way this summer as BCPL's **Summer Reading Challenge goes online! "Imagine Your Story,"** and earn cool prizes with **ReadSquared,** and app that can be accessed from a computer or smartphone. Get the app in your app store or visit http://bcpl.readsquared.com/. We'll have links and complete info on the Library's Facebook Page and Instagram, too! You can log points for reading, watching BCPL's online programs, or participating in special challenges. Any questions, send to jspirko@blountn.org.
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name and contact information in the email or return it through the outside Library Return Book Drop with your name and contact information in an envelope marked "Adult Summer Reading." **4) Prizes will be awarded at the end of the summer.**

- **Tuesday, June 2, 7 p.m. (Via Zoom),** *"Who Wants To Know? Dungeons and Dragons."* Want to know more about the wildly popular tabletop role-playing game? Maybe you'd like to get started, or maybe you're a veteran player who wants to know about the new ways to play online using apps like Roll20 and Discord. Maybe you just want to share ideas with veteran gamers. **All ages** join our panel of experts for a Q&A zoom session and get ready to roll for initiative! **Email Jennifer at** jspirko@blounttn.org **for a link to join via Zoom.**

- **Fridays, June 5, June 19, July 17 and July 31, 4 p.m.** *"Facebook Live Tween and Teen Reads."* Love learning about great books to read for tweens and teens? Librarians will book talk middle grade and young adult novels every other Friday. We'll give you a brief overview of the book, what we liked about it, and answer any questions (without spoilers!). Tune in and you may find your next favorite book! Find it on the Library's Facebook Page (live videos are available afterward as recordings)

- **Saturday, June 6,** *"Virtual Mini-Con."* Our annual **all-ages** celebration of comics and nerd culture is going **online this year.** Enjoy workshops and activities from the comfort of your own screens, including our fabulous Cosplay Contest. You have until June 1 to enter Mini-Con 2020: Virtual Cosplay Contest. To see official rules and enter contest, click here (you will need a google account to sign in.) Schedules will be posted on the library's website and the Library's Facebook Page; to get involved or make a suggestion call the library (865-982-0981) or email ctarwater@blounttn.org. This will be **via Social Media and Zoom**.

- **Tuesdays, June 30 and July 28, Noon (Via Zoom),** *"YA Book or Movie?"* Have you ever felt strongly over which was better, the book or movie? Join us for a critical evaluation of popular books and their movie counterparts. This drop-in Zoom classroom will provide a fun place to learn about literature and talk with librarians about what makes a good story and movie adaptation. Each month we will discuss a different book and movie. Watch our social media for titles to be featured -- and to suggest your own favorites!

- **Tuesday, July 7, 7 p.m. (Via Zoom), "***Who Wants To Know? Gardening.****"* How green is your thumb? Here's your chance to check in with some gardening experts, with your questions about everything from houseplants to farming and all green things in between. Join the conversation via zoom and green up those thumbs! **Email Jennifer at** jspirko@blounttn.org **for a link to join via Zoom.**

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gardens! We have given away almost 1000 packs of seeds through the Little Free Libraries in Blount County this spring! Show us what those seeds have grown in to -- be sure to tag us @blountcountypubliclibrary and hashtag #bcplseeds so we can see your beautiful plants! Please click here to learn more about the Seed Library.

TECHNOLOGY AND JOB SKILLS CLASSES ONLINE: (See All Teen Events below the Technology and Job Skills Classes)

Free technology classes are offered in a variety of topics such as MS Office products, Google Apps, Social Media and more. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy in certain topics as indicated. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. **All computer classes will be held virtually on the Zoom platform until further notice, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.** Your instructor will contact you on how to access your class. **To register online,** click here **or for questions or assistance please call the (865) 982-0981, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

PowerPoint I: Working with the Basics — Learn how to make a basic PowerPoint. Use the various slide layouts and interchange them. Insert photos, screen shots, text boxes, video and more. Practice working "under the hood" in PowerPoint and view your slideshow creation.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Date: Monday, June 8, 2020

PowerPoint II: Power Up Your Presentation with Transitions, Animations, and Slide Masters
— Take your PowerPoint to the next level by learning how and when to add transitions and animations. Learn best practices for designing PowerPoint as a visual aide, and practice creating your own template design using Slide Masters. Basic PowerPoint skills are required.
At the end of class, take the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment for PowerPoint. Score 85% or higher and earn a nationally recognized certificate you can use for work or job seeking.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Facebook — Learn the ins and outs of your Facebook account, Newsfeed, and Stories. Tweak your Newsfeed Preferences and Privacy settings. Explore how to leverage groups, create and join events, sell on Marketplace, and raise funds for a good cause.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, June 12, 2020

Work Online with Google Drive — Learn how to create documents, save your files online and collaborate with others on Google Drive. Email address required.
[Click to Register](#)
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Monday, June 15, 2020

Google Drive Advanced Tips and Tricks — 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, you can optimize your Google Drive 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.
[Click to Register](#)
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Learning Instagram — Get up and running quickly with Instagram. Discover how to follow other users and hashtags. Post, shoot, and process your images using Instagram filters, and add captions and hashtags to your posts. Gain tips for building your network, communicating with others. Learn how to build Instagram stories—photos and videos that expire after a day—and discover why stories have become so popular. Smartphone or device required.
[Click to Register](#)
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, June 19, 2020

Google Docs Essentials — 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.
[Click to Register](#)
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Monday, June 22, 2020

Google Docs Advanced Tips and Tricks — 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.
[Click to Register](#)
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, June 24, 2020

Social Media Marketing — Social media is a powerful communication tool these days. In this class, we will learn how to get started with Facebook, Twitter, blogs, and personal websites. No existing accounts required.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, June 26, 2020

Gmail Basics — Tired of wasting time in email and not having what you need at your fingertips? Join this free class to master the basics of Gmail, including how to:
- register (or retrieve your password) for a Gmail account
- send and receive emails with and without attachments
- organize and work with your inbox
- search, filter, and label emails for efficiency
- avoid pitfalls when using email, such as getting computer viruses

— and more. Discover how to manage the inbox so that you can be more productive in less time.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020

Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks — 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 POP3 email accounts with Gmail so you get all of your emails in one place
- Mastering labels, stars, and filters
- Using aliases to determine referrals
- Muting conversations
- Undoing email sends
- Integrating Gmail with Outlook and Google apps like Google Calendar

Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Google Calendar — 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.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, July 10, 2020

Clean Up and Speed Up Your Computer — Learn how to remove programs, manage the space on your computer, speed up your browsing and more.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 13, 2020

Viruses & Malware Basics — Learn about malware threats, how to tell if a computer is infected, and how to install and use a high quality free antivirus program.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Job Skills I - Make a Resume — Begin the process of developing a stellar, targeted resume to show your best side.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, July 17, 2020

Protecting Your Privacy Online — Increase your awareness about how your online behavior is tracked and used. You'll learn tips on how to limit what's shared about you online.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020

How to Spot Fake News — Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference between news that's well researched and news that's false or misleading. In this presentation you'll learn techniques for evaluating the credibility of news stories and learn the importance of getting information from multiple reliable sources.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Job Skills II - Resume Polishing — Continue working on your resume and add polish with clean formatting and making the words earn their spot.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, July 24, 2020

Smartphone and Tablet Basics — Learn how to navigate commonly used features on your Windows, Android, or Apple smartphone or tablet. Afterwards, there will be time for answering your questions.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 27, 2020

Video Chat — Explore free video chat programs like Skype and Google Hangouts. You'll learn how to start and troubleshoot video chats on a computer or smartphone.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Job Skills III— Search and Apply for Jobs Online - An in-depth exploration of jobs4tn.gov and other sites where local businesses are listing jobs.
Click to Register
Time: 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Date: Friday, July 31, 2020

TEEN ONLINE PROGRAM AND EVENTS – Phone 865-273-1414: (See Children Events below the Teen Online Program and Events)

- **Now through July 25,** *"Summer Reading Program Challenge"* **Teens** can join the fun and win prizes in a new way this summer as BCPL's **Summer Reading Challenge goes online! "Imagine Your Story,"** and earn cool prizes with **ReadSquared,** and app that can be accessed from a computer or smartphone. Get the app in your app store or visit http://bcpl.readsquared.com/. We'll have links and complete info on the Library's Facebook Page and Instagram, too! You can log points for reading, watching BCPL's online programs, or participating in special challenges. Any questions, send to jspirko@blountn.org.
    - **Every Day until July 25 (Via the library's website and social media),** *"Imagine Your Art: Teen Summer Contest."* Do you have a painting? Video? Photograph? Story? Poem? Chalk drawing? Island from Animal Crossing? Share your creative works. Art will be displayed online during the Summer Reading Challenge. Winners will be announced July 25. Videos with a reading, fairy tale, mythology or fantasy theme can also be submitted to the 2020 National Teen Video Challenge. **Email questions and submissions to Clay at** ckriese@blounttn.org.

- **Thursday, June 11, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., *"Choose Your Own Adventure: House of Danger Part 2 - Virtual Event."*** The classic "Choose Your Own Adventure" series comes to life AGAIN in this live and interactive journey. Will you survive the House of Danger? Starting at 7 p.m., on the night of Thursday, June 11, **virtually gather online** with fellow adventurers. Librarian Clay will guide you through the mysterious House of Danger in which, collaboratively, you'll make risky choices, collect items, and face off against dire challenges. **To sign up, send an email to Clay at** ckriese@blounttn.org, and he'll soon reply with your "Passport to Adventure" (Zoom link). Also, check us out on the Library's Facebook Page.

- **Saturday, June 13, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., *"Pokemon Sword and Shield Virtual Tournament."*** Clash head-to-head with other local trainers in an online format. **To enter the bracket, sign-up by emailing your name and age to** ckriese@blounttn.org **prior to June 12.**

- **Saturday, July 18, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., *"YA Cafe."*** All teens are invited to engage in discussions about their favorite books and media in an online gathering. **To get a Zoom link to the cafe, email Clay at** ckriese@blounttn.org

- **Saturday, July 18, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., *"Laser TAB (Teen Advisory Board)."*** Help plan library programs and activities. Make the library a better space for teens. If you're going into the 6th through 12th grade, you can join! **To get a Zoom link to the meeting, email Clay at** ckriese@blounttn.org

- **Saturday, July 25, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., *"Teen Summer Reading Finale: Karaoke Dance Fantasy*."** It's an online dance and video party! Join your friends for a fantasy-themed bash. Winners of the summer art contest ("Imagine Your Art") will be announced live!

CHILDREN'S ONLINE PROGRAMS AND EVENTS: Phone: 865-273-1414 (See Growing Ready Readers Programs below Children Online Events)

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

- **Now through July 27, *"Summer Reading Program Challenge"* <u>Children</u>** can join the fun and win prizes in a new way this summer as BCPL's **Summer Reading Challenge goes online! "Imagine Your Story,"** and earn cool prizes with **ReadSquared,** and app that can be accessed from a computer or smartphone. Get the app in your app store or visit http://bcpl.readsquared.com/. We'll have links and complete info on the Library's Facebook Page and Instagram, too! You can log points for reading, watching BCPL's online programs, or participating in special challenges. Any questions, send to jspirko@bloutntn.org.

- **Alternate Fridays, June 12, June 26, July 10 and July 24, 4 p.m., *"Facebook STEAMkids: Science You Can Do from Your Kitchen."*** The library has taken our weekly science and crafts adventures online! On alternate Fridays, our librarians bring you a science experiment you can do with materials you probably have around your own house.

- ***Monthly, "BCPL Marble Runs!"*** Buckle in for the wild and wacky world of marble runs. BCPL is in on the trend with a new race each month. You can expect zany custom courses

and high-energy sports commentators as you root for marbles racing for local teams and schools. New races monthly on [Blount County Public Library YouTube Channel](#); old races are archived for you to view.

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) and our social media for more information on supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

- **Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., *"Facebook Little Learners Online Storytime."*** *(Recommended for ages 3-5.)* Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition and pre-literacy skills incorporating stories, music, motion and play. Join librarians Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Jennifer or Mr. Clay live for interactive shoutouts! [Library's Facebook Page](#) (live videos are available afterward as recordings)
- **Every Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., *"Facebook Baby and Me Online Storytime."*** *(Recommended for ages 2 and under.)* These lapsit sessions for baby and caregiver feature brief stories, action rhymes, music and pre-literacy tips and tricks for caregivers. Join librarians Ms. Chelsea or Ms. Kathy live for interactive shoutouts! [Library's Facebook Page](#) (live videos are available afterward as recordings)
- **Saturday, June 27 and Saturday, July 25 (Last Saturday of each Month), 10: 30 a.m., *"Facebook Family Storytime: Online Storytime."*** *(Recommended for ages 3-6 and their families.)* Celebrate reading as a family, along with our librarians, with a special storytime each month, featuring colorful books, music and other early-literacy fun. [Library's Facebook Page](#) (live videos are available afterward as recordings)
- **Saturday, June 20 and Saturday, July 18, 7 p.m., *"Facebook Bedtime Storytime Online."*** *(Recommended for ages 3-5.)* Let Ms. Chelsea read the littles to sleep with her unique blend of picture books and music. [Library's Facebook Page](#) (live videos are available afterward as recordings)

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION (will resume when the library reopens):

- 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 or other visits by children and teens 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," Instagram at "BCPLibrary" and YouTube at "Blount County Public Library."

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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)