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### **April, May and June 2021 Online Events, Programs and Information at the Blount County Public Library**

As we start the new year during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic still with us. Please look at all the library has to offer. **Technology computer classes** are still available with teachings of Google, Microsoft Office and other Social Media classes that will be available through February. All of these classes **will be offered by online registration and via Zoom**. All our **programs and events** will be **held virtually**. We will be having a **monthly Let's Play Dungeons and Dragons(online)** for all ages that you can register for. There will be a **LEGO's Contest in March** for ages 16 and under that will be online and you will be voting. These are just a few of the programs to choose from. The **Seed Library is closed until March 1 but accepts donations all year long** and to learn more about it go [here](#) on how to donate seeds. We are still offering **Curbside Pickup Service, Computers by Appointment, Self-Serve Computers**. Meeting Rooms are available just go to the [Library's Website](#) for more information.

Our E-Newsletter has now gone Quarterly. Remember to watch the Library's [Website Calendar](#) and view the Full Details List of programs that is found under What's Happening and choose [Monthly Calendar](#). Also, watch the [Library Facebook](#) page and the [Library's YouTube Channel](#).

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

The Bookmark Cafe is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Go to the library's [website](#) to see more about The Bookmark Café!

### **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](http://www.bcfol.org)

- **For Volunteer Info:** Call 865-982-0981 ext. 1451 or email [friendsbcpl@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsbcpl@hotmail.com). Volunteers are needed! To Apply go to <https://www.bcfol.org/portfolio/volunteer-application/> or you can pick up an application at the Library's Self-Checkout Desk.
- **The BCFOL will be accepting book donations:** Bring books to the back of the library parking lot and place in designated book drops.
- **BCFOL Book Sale on Ebay Store:** Go to <https://www.ebay.com/str/bcfriendsoflibrary> to see the many items for sale.
- **Friends Bookstore:** Located in the Blount County Friends of the Library's office near the elevator. Open to anyone as long as the door is open and books are available. If it is unmanned, the prices of the books are either a set price that is listed or marked on the book if it is a special price. Signs are in the bookstore directing you with instructions on how the Friends Bookstore is handled. Also, look at the books for sale on the designated shelf near The Bookmark Café and the Main Gallery of the Library on the glass shelves marked with Booksale.
- **Book Sale:** Everyone is welcome! The sale is held monthly on the **Second Saturday of Each Month** (when the library is open), **BUT due to the numbers with COVID-19:**
  - Check the [Friends of the Library's website](#) and **Social Media** to see if **there will be a Book Sale in April, May & June.**
  - **Members Only** (can join at the door or online) from ??
  - **Open to Public** from ??
  - Possible appointment may be required. **Check in at the Friends of the Library's office** near the elevator and you will be directed to the Library's Lower Level one family at a time.
  - **Masks are required** for your safety and our volunteers.

We have books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs, and much more! If you would like to become a member of Blount County Friends of the Library, you may join at the Friends' office in the Library or visit our [membership form](#) on the BCFOL website. **For more information** go to [BCFOL's website](#).

- **BCFOL Community Market(closed):** This community-based market features local farms and produce, crafters, artisanal bakers and food crafters, plants, and many local vendors. The market will be held on the lawn near the entrance of the Library. **The market is CLOSED** for now but **will return around April or May 2021**. Follow the market on Facebook at [BCFOL Community Market](#).

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

- **Library and Phone/Reference Service Hours:** Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Closed
- **Meeting Room Scheduled Hours:** Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. **To learn more on Meeting Room, go to <https://www.blounttn.org/205/Meeting-Rooms>** **To reserve a Meeting Room online, go to <https://www.blounttn.org/1797/Online-Meeting-Room-Bookings>**
- **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 Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., to reset your PIN and/or we can help you reserve your items (limit 5 reserves). If the materials are out, you can still reserve them; they will become available after they are returned. Curbside Pickup days are **ONLY on Tuesdays** 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. a) **Tuesday Pickups:** Reserves placed after 3 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and until 3 p.m. on Mondays. b) **Saturday Pickups:** Reserves placed after 3 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays before 3 p.m. When you **arrive on the Curbside Pickup day designated to you call 865-273-1402 (number is only answered on Tuesday 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.**
- **Resources for Home Learners:** If your family is homeschooling or doing virtual / online school, we want to help! In addition to our traditional collection of “Teacher Resource” reference books (located in the Children’s Library and available for checkout or curbside service), what other resources can we provide? We’re thinking of databases, curated online sites, and the like, but also things like making available a virtual meeting space, such as Zoom or Discord. Reach out and let us know how you’d like for your library to support your home learning! Email Jennifer [jspirko@blounttn.org](mailto:jspirko@blounttn.org).
- **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, April 2, 3 & 4, “Library Closed for Spring Holiday.”**
- **Tuesday, April 20, Tuesday, May 18 and Tuesday, June 15, 5:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting.”** In accordance with the Governor’s Executive Order No. 16 regarding limiting gathering to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and allowing public meetings to be conducted by electronic meetings. The meetings will be conducted with Library Board of Trustees Members and Library Staff participating electronically via Zoom and can be viewed by members of the

public at <https://zoom.us/join>. Check back on the [Library's website](#) to get the meeting ID number closer to time of the meeting.

- **(ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL Appointments Are FILLED) They are NO longer taking calls. For More Locations: [AARP Tax Help](#) and [IRS.gov Tax Help](#) Through Thursday, April 15, “AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Tax Preparation Assistance” is being offered by AARP Volunteers. **NO Walk-Ins Please! Appointments Only! [Click Here](#) For What to Bring to Your Tax Appointment! MUST Wear Mask!****

**Days and Hours of Operation:**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**To Receive Tax Assistance:**

- **Appointment by Phone: (ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL Appointments Are FILLED)**
  - **Phone # NO longer available.** Waiting List FULL.
  - Leave a message and best time to call you back. NO multiple messages please;
  - Someone will return your call within 72 hours, between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to setup an appointment.
- **Appointment Booking Online: (ANNOUNCEMENT: ALL Appointments Are FILLED)**
  - Go to <https://tinyurl.com/blounttaxes>
  - Website above **NO longer** taking appointments,
  - But you can check on online appointments that have been accepted.
  - You will receive email reminders and a list of items to bring with you.

**What to Expect When You Arrive for Your Appointment:**

- You will NOT meet in person with tax preparers;
- Documents will be scanned and you will participate in a brief interview with a tax counselor;
- You will keep your original documents; scanned documents are used by volunteers working remotely to create and quality review tax returns.

**What to Expect When You Return One Week Later:**

- You will return to sign and pick up tax returns;
- When signed, returns will then be e-filed by the on-site tax counselor.

- **Monday, May 31, “Library Closed for Memorial Day.”**
- **All Year Long, “Accepting Seed Donations”.** The Seed Library @ BCPL accepts seeds year around. If you are interested in donating seeds for The Seed Library look on the Library’s Website under [Seed Donations](#) as to the type of seeds that will be accepted and fill out the [Seed Return Form](#) and bring your seeds to Adult Services in the Reference area.
- **Through Sunday, October 31, 2021, “The Seed Library @ BCPL” is now open** and is available for **all ages**.

**How to Checkout Seeds:**

- You must have a **valid Blount County Public Library card**.
- **Limit 5 packs** of seed **once per month; per card holder**.
- **Check availability of seeds** on the Library's [website](#) under [Seed Catalog List](#). (There are 3 separate tabs for herbs, flowers, and vegetables.)
- **To request**, fill out the [Online Seed Request Form](#) OR call 865-982-0981, Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (We will be glad to assist, if needed, in filling out online request form.)
- You will be **called when the requests are ready**. Please allow 2-4 business days for orders to be filled during high demand time periods.
- **Pickup** will be **available** through the [Curbside Pickup Service](#); Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. OR **at the Self-Checkout Desk** during the Library's operating hours.
- Seed requests made before the Seed Library is open will not be ready for pickup before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **BCPL New Mobile App Launched:** Download the new Blount County Public Library Mobile App on [Google Play](#) and [Apple App Store](#). If you need help with installing the BCPL App on your phone, watch the [BCPL App Install & Account Setup](#) tutorial. You can see many tutorials and BCPL programs on the [Library's YouTube Channel](#).
- **Mobile Printing:** The library is offering Mobile Printing. Send your documents to BCPL from anywhere on any internet enabled device. To print an email message or attachment, simply forward your email to [bcpl-print-bw@printspots.com](mailto:bcpl-print-bw@printspots.com) (.25 cents per page) OR [bcpl-print-color@printspots.com](mailto:bcpl-print-color@printspots.com) (.55 cents per page). Make sure to **include a subject line** to ensure that the print job goes through! You will be sent a release code for the email message and each attachment. You will then go to Adult Services at the Reference Desk and let them know and you will then pay and be able to pick up your prints. To access [handout with instructions](#).

**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)**

- **Storytime for Grown-ups (Virtual):** 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. Please check the [Library's Facebook Page](#) for future postings. We also invite you to visit the [Library's YouTube Channel](#) for a full playlist of past Storytime for Grown-up recordings.
- **5 for 5 Book Recommendations:** Need a new book to read, but don't know where to start? Let us help you. Our book recommendation service is called "**5 for 5**," and we are here to get you started on some great new reads! Give it a try! Tell us five titles or authors you like, and

we will tell you five different books we think you'll like. 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>

- ***Maryville 1920: From Pistol Creek to the Palace Theater***, by Reference Librarian Brennan LeQuire, is the newest book to be published by Blount County Friends of the Library. This glimpse of Maryville as it was 100 years ago, complete with pictures and maps of the day, is edited by Jim Stovall, the Library's Writer-In-Residence. It is the seventh book in the Southern Appalachian Editions series of books, which tell local stories in local voices. The book is available for purchase at The Bookmark Cafe, The Friend's Bookstore and on [Amazon!](#)
- **Once a Month, Tuesday, “Canning Clinic Series,” 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** All Programs are presented by the UT/TSU Extension. The Canning Clinic is designed for individuals with little or no experience canning or anyone that would like to brush up on their skills is welcome. Each class will be held Online Live Via Zoom.

Please register at <https://forms.gle/ft9CaGXHBLsAfFRJ6>

- **Session 2: Best Practices: Jams/Jellies** – Tuesday, **April 6** (Class for beginners)
- **Session 3: Tomatoes** – Tuesday, **May 4**
- **Session 4: Pickles** – Tuesday, **June 15**

For More Information or help with signing up for the programs, contact UT/TSU Extension FCS Agents Mary Beth Lima, [MLima@utk.edu](mailto:MLima@utk.edu) or Linda Hyder, [LHyder@utk.edu](mailto:LHyder@utk.edu) The recording will also be available on the [Library's YouTube Channel](#).

- **Friday April 30, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Healthy Boundaries for Success at Work”** is part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. "You teach people how to treat you by what you allow, what you stop and what you reinforce." - Tony Gaskins Boundaries help us increase productivity by protecting the quality of our work. Learn how to use boundaries to work smarter and create more effective and productive working relationships. **Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this class will be held via the Zoom platform. For class synopsis and registration information, go to <https://www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/soft-skills/>.**
- **Friday May 21, 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Improving Communication at Work”** is part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Effective communication is an essential component of professional success. Learn practical communication strategies that will help make you a better leader, improve productivity, and combat communication breakdowns. **Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this class will be held via the Zoom platform. For class synopsis and registration information, go to <https://www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/soft-skills/>.**

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

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  - Seed requests made before the Seed Library is open will not be ready for pickup before March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., “Smart Cycling Traffic Skills Course.”** Course is **free**. This course combines online instruction with parking lot and on-road practice of vehicular bicycling principles. **Pre-registration is required** [online](#) or call **Donna Dixon at 865-803-8887, or email: [donnasuedixon@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasuedixon@hotmail.com)** Registration ends **Monday, March 15**. For more information about the Jeff Roth Foundation and to learn more about the League of American Bicyclists, go to [www.jeffrothcyclingfoundation.org](http://www.jeffrothcyclingfoundation.org) For certification, the course begins with participants completing an online, self-guided course. Go to [www.bikeed.org](http://www.bikeed.org) Online course must be completed prior to course date. The Certificate of Completion must be printed by the participant and brought to the biking skills course. The Smart Bicycling Skills course will be held at the Blount County Public Library’s Learning Lab Parking Lot. (**Inclement weather date, March 21, 2021, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**)

**TEEN ONLINE PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION: Phone 865-273-1414: (See Children Events below the Teen Online Program and Information)**

- **Saturday, May 1 and Saturday, June 5, 2:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month), “Dungeons & Dragons: One-Shot Adventure ONLINE on Roll20.”** A single-session campaign with a new story and characters each time! Great for newbies as well as

experienced players. **Sign-Up by Friday at Noon by emailing [cgodfrey@blounttn.org](mailto:cgodfrey@blounttn.org).** You will then be playing **online via the easy-to-access Roll20 platform.**

- **Saturday, May 8 and Saturday, June 12, 2:30 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month), “Tabletop Games.”** Play via Zoom. We'll set up the game in the library, and you can join online, voting on moves and directing the action. **Sign-Up by Friday at Noon by emailing [cgodfrey@blounttn.org](mailto:cgodfrey@blounttn.org).** You will then be sent a Zoom link.
- **Saturday, May 15 and Saturday, June 19, 2:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month), “YA Café.”** A virtual hangout. Join for casual conversation and share your favorite songs, anime, videos, etc. **Sign up in advance and get a “Café Crate,”** complete with some treats, an activity and other goodies, courtesy of your librarians. **Café Crates can be picked up via the Library’s Curbside Pickup Service or at the Children’s Library Desk** inside the building during open hours. **Sign-Up by Friday at Noon** by emailing [cgodfrey@blounttn.org](mailto:cgodfrey@blounttn.org). You will then be sent a Zoom link.
- **Saturday, May 26 and Saturday, June 26, 2:30 p.m. (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month), “Trivia Challenge.”** Questions both silly and serious (not very), with bonus challenges like closet scavenger hunts. Teen can win a prize! **Sign-Up by Friday at Noon by emailing [cgodfrey@blounttn.org](mailto:cgodfrey@blounttn.org).** You will then be sent a Zoom link.

#### **CHILDREN’S ONLINE PROGRAMS AND INFORMATION: Phone: 865-273-1414**

- **Every Tuesday, 10:30 a.m., “Facebook Online Storytime.”** (*Recommended for ages 0-5.*) Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition and pre-literacy skills incorporating stories, music, motion and play. Join librarians our librarians live for interactive shoutouts! [Library’s Facebook Page](#) (live videos are available afterward as recordings)
- **Saturday, April 17, Saturday, May 22 and Saturday, June 19 (Saturday before the Last Saturday of each Month), 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).
- **Saturday, April 24, Saturday, May 29 and Saturday, June 26 (Last Saturday of each Month), 10: 30 a.m., “Facebook Family Storytime Online.”** (*Recommended for ages 3-6 and their families.*) Celebrate reading as a family, along with Ms. Chelsea, with a special storytime each month, featuring colorful books, music, craft ideas and other early-literacy fun. Now, families can **pick up a customized craft kit** that goes with each storytime! Just come to the Children’s Library to get your craft kit OR request one from the Curbside service librarians. Craft kits are available in the week preceding Family Storytime. [Library’s Facebook Page](#) (live videos are available afterward as recordings).
- **Resources for Home Learners:** If your family is homeschooling or doing virtual / online school, we want to help! In addition to our traditional collection of “Teacher Resource” reference books (located in the Children’s Library and available for checkout or curbside service), what other resources can we provide? We’re thinking of databases, curated online

sites, and the like, but also things like making available a virtual meeting space, such as Zoom or Discord. Reach out and let us know how you'd like for your library to support your home learning! **Email Jennifer** [jspirko@blounttn.org](mailto:jspirko@blounttn.org)

### **LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:**

\* Due to COVID-19 the Group Tours are on hold. Feel free to call, as things change with the pandemic, for more 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 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); 865-982-0981, ext. 1450.

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](http://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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