events

Fantastic Beasts – Blount County Animal Center will have a pet adoption at the library.
12:15pm, Sat., July 29

Adult Reading Grand Prize Drawing – Entries must be turned in by 5 p.m. Monday.
Main Gallery before the Shakespeare Play
6:15pm, Mon., July 31

Shakespeare’s Two Gentlemen of Verona
Live performance by The Tennessee Stage Company – Tom Parkhill, Director
Inside the library - Air Conditioned
Main Gallery end of Reading Rotunda
6:30pm, Mon., July 31 For All Ages

Hot Summer Nights Concert Series
Inside the library - Air Conditioned
Reading Rotunda end of Main Gallery
7pm, Thursdays in August:
Aug. 3 – Cruz Contreras (Americana acoustic)
Aug. 10 – The Ebbert Family - (2017 State Fiddle Champion)
Aug. 17 – Sisters of the Silver Sage (Western and cowboy music)
Aug. 24 – Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra Small Ensemble (Tom Lundberg, Director)
Aug. 31 – Broadway & Operetta Concert by Knoxville Opera Company (Maestro Brian Salesky, Darius Thomas & Jaquie Brecheen)

Total Solar Eclipse Safe Viewing & Activities - For All Ages
Indoor/outdoor event. Limited number of NASA-approved safe viewing glasses on a first come, first served basis. Bring safe viewing glasses if you can. Will be able to see/or make a low tech “pinhole viewer” of the eclipse. Also, crafts, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and cold water. Bookmark Café will have “eclipse cookies” for sale.
Main Gallery, Children’s Library & Pedestrian Bridge Outside of library.
1-4pm, Mon., Aug. 21

Library at Downtown Maryville Farmers Market (Founder’s Square near CBBC Bank)
8am-12pm, Sat., Aug. 26

Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Southern Mountain English as a Variety of American English and a Shaper of Identity - presented by Bethany Dumas, J.D., Ph.D. Professor Emeritus of English, UTK
7pm, Mon., Aug. 28 Sharon Lawson Room

Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day
Sat., Sun. & Mon., Sept. 2, 3 & 4

Appalachian Reads – New book group reading works of Southern Appalachian authors. Amy Greene’s Long Man is the book, with discussion facilitated by Cynthia Spiteri. (Will meet the 3rd Saturday of every other month.)
10:30am, Sat., Sept. 16 Dorothy Herron Room A

CHILDREN EVENTS

Total Solar Eclipse Information Table - Presented by Maryville College physical science lecturer and instructor, Irene Guerinot
9:30am-5pm, Wed., Aug. 9 Entry Rotunda

Smart Bicycling Skills for Adults (16+)
Preregister at 865-803-8887.
10am-5pm, Sat., Aug. 12 Learning Lab Parking Lot Rain Date: 1:30-5:30 p.m. Sun. Aug. 13

Fiscal Fitness: Selling Your Home - by Leconte Realty, LLC
6:30pm, Mon., Aug. 14 Dorothy Herron Room A

BCPL Board of Trustees Meeting
5:30pm, Thurs., Aug. 17 Board Room

Adult Coloring – For Teens & Up
Coloring pages & supplies provided.
7-8:30pm, Thurs., Aug. 17 Reference Area

CHILDREN EVENTS cont.

Fantastic Beasts – Knoxville Zoo’s Zoomobile
10:30am, Sat., July 29 Sharon Lawson Room

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Movie Fun at the Library – Everyone Welcome!
If your little ones – or bigger ones – struggle with stillness and quiet expected at a movie theater, or find a darkened room or loud sound system of a commercial cinema overwhelming, this new family event is for you! LEGO's will be set up to add to the fun and give short attention spans an extra way to engage.
10:30am, Sat., Aug. 5 Sharon Lawson Room

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1-4pm, Mon., Aug. 21

Play Chess @ Your Library: All Ages welcome to play chess each Thurs. and Sat.
Teen Central Area
1-4pm, Thursdays & 10am-3pm, Saturdays

Sanctioned Chess Tournament: Monthly

S.T.E.A.M. Kids: Ages 2-17
Lapst sessions feature short stories, action rhymes, music & pre-literacy tips & tricks for caregivers. Social time for caregivers & babies.
10 & 11am, Wed., July 26

TEEN EVENTS

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Yule Ball – Dress as a Harry Potter character or in best winter finery. Dance. refreshments. Summer Reading winner will be announced.
1-4pm, Sat., July 29 Sharon Lawson Room

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Main Gallery end of Reading Rotunda
6:30pm, Mon., July 31 For All Ages

Gaming @ Your Library - Games of all kinds: Board games, Mario Kart, Smash Bros., Yu-Gi-Oh! Pokémon or bring your own. Snacks provided.
2-4pm, Sat., Aug. 12 Dorothy Herron Room A

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Main Gallery, Children’s Library & Pedestrian Bridge Outside of library.
1-4pm, Mon., Aug. 21

Video Game Trivia –
2pm, Sat., Aug. 26 Dorothy Herron Room A

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Teen Central Area
1-4pm, Thursdays & 10am-3pm, Saturdays

Sanctioned Chess Tournament: Monthly
Blount County Nerd Group: 7th grade & up
Computer Programming/Coding by Kaleb Davenport & Garrett Smith
3-5pm, Saturdays Board Room

Dungeons & Dragons – All Ages welcome but recommended for ages 12 & up. A tabletop role-playing game led by Brandon Clackum.
5:30-8:30pm, Tuesdays Reading Rotunda
**COMPUTER COURSES**

Classes will meet in Dorothy Herron Room B down the Meeting Room Hallway of the library.

**FREE Computer Courses** to promote job skills are taught by Adult Ed. & library instructors, funded by ARCONIC Foundation.

**Registration Required.** Call 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981 ext. 4 or go to Reference Desk. (You must have some computer experience.)

- **Microsoft Word 2013 Essentials**
  - 2-session class
  - 12:30-3pm, Mon., Aug. 14 & Wed., Aug. 16
- **Microsoft Excel 2013 Essentials**
  - 2-session class
  - 12:30-3pm, Mon., Aug. 21 & Wed., Aug. 23
- **Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 Essentials**
  - 2-session class
  - 12:30-3pm, Mon., Aug. 28 & Wed., Aug. 30
- **Email**
  - 1-session class.
  - 12:30-3pm, Wed., Sept. 6

**TECH TIME - BASICS**

Sessions are in Study Room A - Reference Area

**TECH TIME** – Walk in and learn basic computer skills: Email, Internet, Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest & E-Books. Bring your technology questions & get assistance. 2:30-4 pm, Every Thursday

**DATABASES & ONLINE RESOURCES** (www.blountlibrary.org)

- **Gale Courses** - Take free online noncredit courses entirely on the Internet whenever you want. Requires your Blount County Public Library card in good standing. Formerly Learn4Life/Ed2Go. Same great courses, new name.
- **Reference USA** - Useful for corporate research and marketing purposes.
- **The Daily Times** – Click to access the hometown Blount County newspaper from 1997 to present for news, obituraries, sports and more.
- **Ancestry Library Edition** – An online genealogy database. (Available only inside the library.)
- **Gale Virtual Reference Library** – Try these reference books delivered to you in e-book format.
- **Literature Criticism Online** – Print materials delivered in a digital format. Dig deeper into literature criticism with the largest, most extensive compilation of literary commentary available with tens of thousands of hard-to-find essays.
- **Tennessee Electronic Library & Gale** – Contains 33 databases of more than 400,000 subscriptions to periodicals and also includes ACT Preparations Resources, HeritageQuest Online genealogy database, Job & Career Resources including licensure pretests.
- **Gale Cengage Learning** – Magazines and journal articles, E-Books! Databases! Great information at your fingertips!
- **Gale Literature Resources Center** – Content covering all genres and disciplines, time periods and parts of the world.
- **Health and Wellness Resource Center** – Find alternative medicine focused research materials.
- **Learning Express** – Achieve your educational and career goals: Job search and workplace skills, college, military and GED test prep: resume, and study aids for all school ages.
- **Newspapers** – Knoxville News Sentinel, Newsbank, and more.

**GCFLearnFree.org** – Self-paced lessons for computer classes, technology and more.

**TechBoomers.com** - Learn how to use popular websites.

**DMV Practice Test** – Free Driver education program containing the following state-specific practice tests information for car, motorcycle, CDL (commercial driver’s license); online driver’s manuals (car, motorcycle & CDL) and FAQ section with detailed answers to over 100 DMV-related questions.

**Jobs4TN.gov** – Tennessee jobs seekers and employers now have a more powerful tool in searching for jobs and job candidates, plus creating resumes.

**Digital Photo Collections** – At www.blountlibrary.org click on Learning and then E-Library. William O. Garner Photo Collection of 1890s Blount County people and places. Also, the Historic Survey of Blount County Architecture, conducted by the Tennessee Historical Commission, consists of Blount County buildings dating from 1800 to 1930.

**PDF's & Brochures**

- Monthly Calendar of Library Events at the library.
- Resources for Unemployed Workers & Families
- Disability Services & Equipment at the library and in the Blount County area
- Hispanic Community Resources for Blount County—Bilingual in both Spanish & English, a directory of community services.
- Computer Courses available in Blount County

**Library Tours & Outreach**

Group tours of the library may be scheduled by contacting Joan VanSickle Sloan (for adults at 865-273-1408) or Jennifer Spirko (for children and teens at 865-273-1414).