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September 2017 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (August 29, 2017) Summer is waning and fall programs are coming up. With school started already, the library also offers many resources and services for students, including online databases to assist with research, reports and ideas for projects – for all ages of students, so please check out the e-library section on the library’s website. Parents, that’s homework assistance 24/7 - at any Internet computer!

Some interesting September program options are

- Friends of the Library Pre-Owned Book Sale
- Understanding Your Credit & Underwriting
- Appalachian Reads Book Group will discuss Amy Greene’s “Long Man”
- Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts & Probate by Matt Haralson
- Appalachian Folk Music with Sonrize
- Basic Landscape Design
- Many Teen events
- Elementary-Age Programs, including LEGO Robotics (sign up now)
- Children’s Growing Ready Readers Early Literacy Story Hours
- *NEW!* Paid internship program for young adults interested in a manufacturing career

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

MUSIC / CONCERTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428

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 - **August 31: An Evening of Broadway & Operetta with Knoxville Opera Company, conducted by Maestro Brian Salesky.** This **Hot Summer Nights** finale will feature a concert of Broadway and Operetta classics presented by Knoxville Opera: exciting selections from “West Side Story,” “Porgy and Bess,” and “The Music Man,” along with gorgeous melodies from German and American operettas. As kick-off to Knoxville Opera’s 40th anniversary season, Maestro Brian Salesky, Executive Director and Conductor of Knoxville Opera, will host the library concert and accompany two outstanding young artists: **soprano Jacquie Brecheen,**

and tenor **Darius Thomas**.

- **Monday, September 25, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Appalachian Folk Music with Sonrize.”** Immigrants from England, Wales, Ireland, and Scotland had a powerful influence on the music of the Southern Appalachians. The group Sonrize will perform some of the traditional ballads and folksongs brought from the “Old Country” and then nurtured and passed down through the ages by the first settlers who came into the Smoky Mountains. Sonrize is a group of musicians who love the music of the mountains where they grew up and love playing it. The group consists of **Mark Ross, Lester Baldwin, Donny Anderson, Justin Marcus, Jill Bond** who play guitars, a mandolin, fiddle, and bass fiddle that backup the voices as they sing the songs of the mountains. This program will be in the Main Gallery end of the Reading Rotunda.

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- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 2, 3 and 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, September 7, 8 and 9, “Pre-Owned Book Sale.”** This fundraiser for the library offers more than 50,000 books available for sale—\$1 for soft cover and \$2.50 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, September 7, 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 & Saturday, September 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public”** in the Library Lower Level. All day Saturday, FOL will have a special. For \$5, purchase a bag and fill it up with books of your choice, excluded are collectible books and specially priced books.
- **Monday, September 11, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Understanding Your Credit and Underwriting”** will be presented by **Sarah Hooks**. Knowing what your credit score is and what is used to develop that score is important in each person’s credit history, especially if a person is trying to apply for a loan for a big-ticket item, like a house or car. Sarah Hooks, Family Services Director at Habitat for Humanity, will give this program which will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, September 16, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month) “Appalachian Reads.”** The new book group will read and discuss works of Southern

Appalachian authors. Amy Greene's *Long Man* will be the topic of this meeting, facilitated by Cynthia Spittler. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, meetings will be held the third Saturday of every other month in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Monday, September 18, 7 p.m., “Basic Landscape Design” by Dr. Tom Knight**, retired professor of horticulture and landscape design at Eastern Kentucky University. At this session, Dr. Knight will introduce basic home landscape design principles. The use of color, shape, form and function of landscape features will be addressed as well as plant selection and proper placement within the landscape to maximize aesthetic appeal and functionality. Proper use of hardscape features, along with green materials, will be visited to complement understanding of landscape access features and service areas. A properly planned, installed and maintained landscape can certainly add curb appeal and may add to property value as well. This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
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- **Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m., “Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts & Probate.”** **Matt Haralson, Elder Law Attorney** with Kizer & Black Attorneys, PLLC, will discuss how to approach estate planning. He will talk about the difference between wills and trusts and information that’s important to know about, and include, in each. He will also discuss probate, especially in Blount County. The presentation will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Month of October, “2017 Big Read: ‘Station Eleven’ by Emily St. John Mandel.”** The community is invited to read the book, attend presentations, participate in games and activities and enjoy interactive exhibits at the library throughout the month of October.
- **Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., “What Baby Boomers Need to Know About Social Security,”** presented by **Kevin Proffitt**, Certified Financial Planner, Wealth Management Advisor and Managing Director of Northwest Mutual - Knoxville. As baby boomers fast approach retirement years, some critical questions arise: How much social security can I expect to receive? When should I apply for social security? How can I maximize my benefits? Will social security be enough to live on? Proffitt will answer these questions and help audience members know better how to plan for, apply for, and manage social security benefits. The program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Personal Banking Options”** will be presented by **Andrea Warnick, Branch Manager, Regions Bank**. Ever wonder what the benefits of banking are and why you should open an account? What are the different types of accounts available to you and how do you set one up? Perhaps you’re not sure what the differences are between a bank and a credit union. Are there fees involved? How is your

money protected once you deposit it? This banking class will provide a basic overview of these things and more related to banking and is open to any interested community member. This program will be in the Kathy Pagles Board Room.

- **Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. until 12 noon. “Free Legal Advice Clinic.”** Anyone can receive legal advice from lawyers free of charge regardless of socio-economic status at the Free Legal Advice Clinic. Lawyers from the Blount County Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee will be available to answer legal questions. However, the scope of the program is limited. The Free Legal Clinic will not create an attorney-client relationship unless separately memorialized by agreement of the potential attorney and client after the Free Legal Clinic's conclusion. Therefore, participants should not expect that counsel would otherwise continue beyond the Clinic itself. The program's coordinator is **Kathryn Ellis**, attorney with Legal Aid of East Tennessee who is the Pro Bono Project Director. For more information regarding this program, please contact Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 307 Ellis Avenue, Maryville, Tennessee 37801, (865) 981-1818. The clinic will be in the Sharon Lawson Room and Board Room of the library.

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! Coordinated by **Brandon Clackum**, a Maryville City Schools teacher, this group meets in the Reading Rotunda at the end of the Main Gallery (but may move to another area, depending on other events).
- **Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., “Tech Time.”** Need help with technology and don't know where to start? Tech Time is designed to be a space to get your questions answered and set you on the path you need for technology success! Having trouble with **email**? Can't find what you need on the **internet**? Curious about **Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest**? Need help with **eBooks**? Bring your technology questions and get assistance from a Tech Time facilitator. Tech Time will be held in Study Room A in the Reference area of the library.
- **Tuesdays, September 19, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Thursdays, September 21, 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 Reference Area of the library.
- **Saturdays, September 23, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. (4th Saturday of each month), “Library at Downtown Maryville Farmers Market.”** Visit the library's table for garden- and food-related book suggestions and library information. The Farmers Market is located at Founder's Square, Downtown Maryville, near CBBC Bank.

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 streaming movies from Overdrive and Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling the Reference Desk at (865) 982-0981, ext. 302, 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,**
- **Amazon account sign-in and password,**

You are ready to enjoy your Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. experience!

COMPUTER COURSES:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Reference Desk or call (865) 273-1428 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.

TECH TIME – in Study Room A/Reference Area:

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Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required



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Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2013) and Email. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. Seeking employment? At end of each class session receive résumé help, online job searches, online applications, practice interview skills or create and update LinkedIn account. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in Dorothy Herron Room B at the Blount County Public Library. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the library’s Reference Desk or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 4, or (865) 273-1428. Sign up no earlier than one month prior to a class.** (If a person desires to enroll in the Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available:

<http://www.mouseprogram.com/> and <http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mouserice.htm>)

The free computer courses are offered through a partnership between the Blount County Public Library and the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and made possible by generous funding from the ARCONIC Foundation.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 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: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Session 7: Monday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Email How-to's - An Intro to Email 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: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Session 7: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults: Registration Required



The Arconic Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the Arconic Foundation. It is provided by the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County, Blount Partnership, and the Blount County Public 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? **Register today** and gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Training will be in Dorothy Herron Room B at the Blount County Public Library. Spaces are limited and registration is required.

To register, contact Jackie Taylor at (865) 680-7668 or email jackie@jataylor.net

Classes continue from Monday, September 11 to Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

The program consists of three components:

- 1) **3 weeks of Workforce Readiness Training**
 - **Training** will run from September 11–29 from 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) **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) **2 half-days of Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation**
 - **Participants then return** for *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation* on Tuesday, October 24th and Wednesday, October 25th, 1-5 p.m. both days. Participants will receive a \$40 stipend upon completion of this component.

Participants must complete all three components.

TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:**Teen New Events: (See recurring events below the New Events)**

- **Saturday, Aug. 26, 2 p.m., “Video Game Trivia.”** Teens test your wits and win gaming cred! Our trivia master will challenge you with questions about all kinds of video games, across platforms. And remember what Chief says in “Animal Crossing”: “Don’t wish it were easier; wish you were better.” Video Game Trivia takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 2, 3 & 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**
- **Saturdays, September 9, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), “Gaming @ Your Library.”** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, Yu-Gi-Oh! or bring your own Wii or tabletop game to share. Bring friends! Gaming will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Sunday, Sept. 10, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Teen Writers Group Interest Meeting.”** Calling all writers! If you are looking for inspiration, motivation, feedback or camaraderie, this is your group. Teenagers are invited to start a new writing group, which will plan regular meetings, start a related Facebook group, and discuss ideas. This session meets in the Boardroom.
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- **Saturday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Rock the First Amendment.”** Celebrate the freedom to read with rock band Covalence. In between jams, teens and young adults can have snacks, make their own collectible buttons and enter a drawing for a gift bag of Banned Books. The party takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

Teen Recurring Events – Phone (865) 273-1414:

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- **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.
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- **Saturdays, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Blount County Nerd Group.”** Teens can learn the basic

principles of computer programming, also known as coding. Students, seventh grade and up, can learn coding skills, such as making simple games, developing professional websites and creating mobile apps. Experienced web developers, **Kaleb Davenport and Garrett Smith** are students at local high schools who have worked very hard to learn about many different technologies and are excited to share their expertise with local teens. In the constantly changing job market, coding is a huge advantage for students and job seekers. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, including a laptop. However, students who do not have adequate technology will be provided a laptop by the library. Power outlets and internet are available. The Nerd Group meets in the Board Room.

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CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: (865) 273-1414

Elementary Age Activities New Events: (See recurring events below the New Events)

- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 2, 3 & 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**
- **Friday, September 1, 4 p.m., “STEAMkids.”** Keep Blount Beautiful will lead a special “green” STEAMkids using recycled materials. This will take place in the Children’s Library.
- **Saturday, Sept. 9, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Reading to Learn about Race and Racism.”** Join families for stories, discussion, crafts and free play to encourage social justice and racial equity in our community. This event is co-sponsored by Blount County United Education Committee, Blount County Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), and Talking with Kids and Teens about Race community education initiative. In the Children’s Library.
- **Sunday, Sept. 24 through Saturday, Sept. 30, “Banned Books Week.”** Kids can go on a Book Challenge Trip around the world to learn about book banning in other countries, as well as in the U.S. Winners will get a sticker, a certificate and a chance at a prize drawing! As kids fill out their passports, they can check out interactive displays throughout the library about attempts to ban books – and why it matters. In addition, parents can follow the library on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to catch our surprise “Read Out” readings to showcase our favorite banned books, ranging from Dr. Seuss to Harry Potter to “To Kill a Mockingbird” and more. Get passports in the Children’s Library; displays are located throughout the library.
- **LEGO Robotics:** If your kid (ages 7-11) loves LEGOS, they will love learning coding skills while exploring the world of LEGO robotics using the “WeDo” software. Children can sign up for a single workshop or the whole series. **Spaces are limited, and advance registration is required.** Please visit the Children’s Library or call to register your child: (865) 982-0981 ext. 114 or 865-273-1414. The LEGO Robotics workshops will meet in the Learning Lab @ BCPL (located in the building shared by the County Clerk drive-through office, adjoining the library parking lot). Parents should plan to stay with their children, but seating and wifi will be available.

LEGO WeDo (ages 7-11):

- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 5
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 12
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 19
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 26
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 3
- 6:30-7:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 10

Elementary Age Activities Recurring Events: Phone: (865) 273-1414

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “LEGO Club,” 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!
- **Fridays, 4 until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids,” for Grades K-5**. Every week will be 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. Unless otherwise noted, STEAMkids takes place in the Children’s Library.
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- **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.
- **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,”** will be held at the library in the Teen Central area.

Growing Ready Readers New Events -- Early Literacy: Phone: (865) 273-1414 (See recurring events below the New Events)

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 monthly themes, supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and more information on early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 2, 3 & 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**

Growing Ready Readers Recurring Events -- Early Literacy: Phone: (865) 273-1414

- **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 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 Library.

- **Tuesday, September 26, 6 p.m. (Last Tuesday of each month), “Sensory Story Time: Sea Life.”** 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. **This month, Sensory Story Time will have fun learning about sea life.** Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3-5. This will be in the Children’s Library.
- **Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. (Last Saturday of each month), “Family Storytime: Pajama Party.”** Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages and that help encourage important early literacy skills! **Wear your coziest PJs and bring a favorite stuffed pal for a snuggly, giggly storytime.** This event takes place in the Children’s Library.

Library Tours and Outreach

Please call the Children’s Library at (865) 273-1414 or email jspirko@blounttn.org to schedule tours for your group, class or organization. Also if you would like a librarian to come to your class, community event, or parent night and share about awesome library resources and services for patrons ages 0-18, please call!

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

September 1 to 30:

- **“Appalachian Folk Songs” Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus**, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Foothills Quilters Guild Quilt Show” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Ann Rushing**, will be in one vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-In Desk of Main Gallery and in one square pedestal display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- **“Blount County Photo Club” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Carol Rothschild**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery and in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit** coordinated by **Lyda Plemons**, will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery, in one mid-gallery display case near the magazine shelves in the Main Gallery and one vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- **“United Way Campaign” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Julie Stansbury**, will be in one mid-gallery display cases across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery.
- **“Confederate Civil War Submarine: Working Scale Model” Exhibit**, by **Lee Reynolds**, will be on the Magazine Counter in the Main Gallery.
- **“Making Sense of a New America” Display** located in the **Reference Department**.
- **“Dear Diary” Exhibit**, by **Abigail Beemer**, will be in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- **Group Tours of the Main Library** and Reference Department may be scheduled by contacting Joan VanSickle Sloan at (865) 273-1408 or Kathleen Christy at (865) 273-1403 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.
- **Group Tours of the Children’s Library** may be scheduled by contacting Jennifer Spirko at the Children’s Check-out desk (865) 273-1414.

- **Community Information about Nonprofit Services or Fine Arts Events (flyers and brochures)** is available for the public on the Community Information wall at the Reference area of the library. If interested in displaying materials, contact Joan VanSickle Sloan at (865) 273-1408 or make an appointment to see her at the library.
- **Outreach programs** can be presented by the Library Director, Public Relations Manager, Information Services Manager or Youth Services Manager for civic organizations, community events, school fairs and special events or parent organizations. Call (865) 273-1408 (for adult presentations) or (865) 273-1414 (for children's programs).

Open to the public, this program is 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," Pinterest and Instagram. 

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