



BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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November 2017 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (October 26, 2017) It's that time of year for giving thanks, and at the library we are thankful for the many individuals and groups who share their time, talent and expertise with others so that there are informative and entertaining programs. Some of the upcoming events are

- Dulcimer concert by the Maryville Area Dulcimer Club,
- Stories by local authors, highlighting the Appalachian region and history through personal experience – and launching the book “Foothills Voices: Echoes of Southern Appalachia,”
- A “Fake News/Real News: What’s the Difference?” panel of communications/journalism professionals,
- Affordable Care Act health plan enrollment assistance. Call for appointment at 1-844-644-5443.
- Identity Theft & Credit Fraud presentation,
- “Medicare and Part D Drug Plans for 2018” presentation,
- “Stories from a Mountain Kid: Southern Appalachian Studies Series program by
- Book discussion group of “A Death in the Family” by James Agee, facilitated by Sarah Horn,
- Several movies & discussions for teens related to Civil Rights: “Selma,” “Mighty Times: The Children’s March,” and “I Am Not Your Negro.”
- Several movies for children: “Labyrinth,” “LEGO Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles,”
- Ongoing Teen events and Children’s events.
- Interesting Art, Historical & Community Exhibits ... and much more.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

(***NOTE:** School Music Teachers, to have your students perform holiday music at the library during the month of December, contact Joan VanSickle Sloan at 865-273-1408 or jsloan@blounttn.org.)

- **Monday, November 6, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Dulcimer Concert”** at the library by the **Maryville Area Dulcimer Club**. The concert, featuring popular, patriotic, classical and even some holiday songs, will be in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Month of December: “Holiday Music and Events at the Library.”**
 - **Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. “City of Maryville Tree Lighting & Music,”** at the end of the Pedestrian Bridge across from the library (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Reading Rotunda of the library).
 - **Monday, December 4, 7:30 p.m., “Santa at the Library!”** Children can have their pictures taken with Santa in the library. Photos are free. The event is sponsored by the City of Maryville, Blount County Parks and Recreation and hosted by the Blount County Public Library.
 - **Tuesday, December 5, 7 p.m., “Holiday Scenes From Stage and Film,”** performed by the **Maryville High School Drama Students** under the direction of **Clarissa Feldt**.
 - **Wednesday, December 6, 11 a.m., “Clayton Bradley Academy Singers,”** directed by **Lisa Kosier**, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
 - **Thursday, December 7, 11 a.m., “Alcoa Middle School Chorus,”** directed by **Trent Gilmore**, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
 - **Thursday, December 14, 1:30 p.m., “Eagleton Elementary School Choir,”** directed by **James R. Gann, Jr.**, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
 - **Friday, December 15, 11 a.m., “Carpenters Elementary School Choir,”** directed by **Rachel Owens**, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

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

- **Thursdays, November 2, 9, 30, Dec. 7 and 14, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. “Affordable Care Act Health Care Enrollment.”** A certified counselor will be at the library to meet with individuals and families to help with registration for the Affordable Care Act. **An appointment is required by calling 1-844-644-5443, or you can visit www.GetCoveredTenn.org** ACA will meet in Dorothy Herron Room B, with the exception of Thursday, December 7, ACA will meet from 3-5 p.m. in Dorothy Herron Room B and from 5-7 p.m. in the Reference Area of the library.
- **Thursday, November 2, 7 p.m., “Foothills Voices: Stories of Appalachia” (with reception at 6:30 p.m.)** Based on a ten month research and writing class project by the Blount County Public Library, 12 unpublished East Tennessee writers published an anthology of stories, “Foothills Voices: Echoes of Southern Appalachia.” Stories included true accounts of Revolutionary War-era ancestors, civil rights pioneers, Native Americans, coal miners, mill workers, orphans ... and even a murderer! At this book launch, five of those writers will share their stories and something of the writing process in which they engaged. **Alice Kolbe**, a native of Blount County will share her story about Decoration Day in the Smokies. **Cathy Madden**, a retired educator, will talk about her parents’ life in a coal camp. **Cynthia Spittler**, a library staff member, will discuss memories of growing up in the small town of Talbott, TN. **Faye Wooden**, professional storyteller, will relate the tragic death of a little girl in the Smokies in 1910. And **Joyce Leo**, a Maryville native, will explore family lore of a murderer. These writers “reveal the rich and varied heritage of Southern

Appalachia while giving voice to stories that transcend regional limitations,” according to Brennan LeQuire, an anthology editor. Books will be for sale at the presentation, and plans for the next round of classes will be announced. This project is sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library. The presentation will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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- **Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m. , “Fake News/Real News: What’s the Difference?”** How do we determine what is true and what is false news in the daily landslide of information presented in media? The **League of Women Voters** of Blount County has invited a panel of experienced journalists and communication professionals to share their knowledge with the public. They will talk about how they, as professionals, determine if news is accurate and will share tips on how the viewing audience can determine the accuracy of news. Panelists for this program are **Rachel McClelland**, Director of Communications for the University of Tennessee School of Law and teacher in the College of Communications; **Deborah Fisher**, Executive Director of the Tennessee Coalition for Open Government and former senior editor for news for “The Tennessean;” **Melissa Erickson**, Multi-platform producer at WBIR-TV and former reporter with “The Daily Times;” **Thomas Fraser**, Senior Content Specialist with Ripley Public Relations. **K. C. Williams**, Library Director, will moderate the program which will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, November 10, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day.”**
- **Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Identity Theft & Credit Fraud”** will be presented by **Andrea Warnick**, Branch Manager from Regions Bank. Identity theft, scams and fraud are serious issues. The Department of Justice reports there were 17.6 million victims of identity theft in 2014. How can you prevent identity theft and fraud? What protections do you have by law? This class includes the warning signs and how it happens. Finally, you should know how to deal with fraud and identity theft if it happens to you. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Monday, November 13, 7 p.m., “ ‘Valor’ Film.”** In remembrance of East Tennesseans that participated in World War One, Blount County Archives will host a screening of the film “Valor”, presented by filmmaker and author Marc McClure, Ph. D., Professor of History, Walters State Community College. “Valor” presents the story of Kiffin Rockwell, who along with his brother, Paul, volunteered for the French Foreign Legion immediately upon the start of World War I in August 1914. After a year of fighting in the trenches both brothers were wounded. While Paul, owing to the severity of his wounds, left the legion and became a war correspondent based in Paris, Kiffin gained admittance into the French aviation division, where he soon became a noted aviator. In April 1916 Kiffin joined a newly formed squadron of American volunteer pilots, which eventually became the famous Lafayette Escadrille. Kiffin became a celebrated member of the American unit as it fought against German aviators for control of the skies during the battle of Verdun in June and July 1916 and in other sectors of the front. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Wednesday, November 15, 11 a.m., “Focus on Seniors: Medicare Review and Part D Drug Plans.”** Confused whether to select an Advantage plan or stay with original Medicare with a supplemental (Medi-gap) policy? Can’t decide which Part D plan is the best for you? **Jeremy Long, D.Ph., at City Drug Store and Joani Shaver, Director, Blount County Office on Aging**, will present information to help make decisions that are appropriate for you as part of this Focus on Seniors partnership between the library and the Office on Aging. Shaver will discuss the differences between original Medicare, supplemental plans and Advantage plans as well as how to determine which are best for you. Long will talk about

the prescription (Part D) plans and selecting one appropriate for your needs. Both Shaver and Long will remain after the presentation to answer individual questions. Participants are encouraged to visit www.medicare.gov prior to the presentation to review the latest information on Medicare and come to the presentation with their questions. Enrollment concludes December 7. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room of the library.

- **Saturday, November 18, 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. James Agee’s *A Death in the Family* will be the topic of this meeting, facilitated by Sarah Horn. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, meetings will be held the third Saturday of every other month in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Wednesday, November 22, “Library Closes Early at 5 p.m.”**
- **Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24, “Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day.”**
- **Monday, November 27, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Stories From a Mountain Kid”** presented by **Roxanna Jones**, Director of Connectional Ministries, Fairview United Methodist Church. Everybody has a story and in Southern Appalachia storytelling has been honed to a fine art. Roxanna Jones has many great stories to tell. Get a jump start on the holiday season by listening to these personal stories about mountain living. This program will be presented in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, December 4, 6:30 p.m., “City of Maryville Tree Lighting,”** at the end of the Pedestrian Bridge near The Daily Times building. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted in the library’s Main Gallery.
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- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 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, December 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, December 8 and 9, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public”** in the Library Lower Level.

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.
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- **Thursday, November 16, 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 Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **Tuesday, November 21, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.

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 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 or attend a Tech Time session (check monthly calendar for day and time) for help. 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,**
- **Kindles e-readers: Amazon 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

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2016) and Email. **Check back for future class dates and times in 2018.** 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 the Blount County Public Library’s new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building). Spaces are limited and registration is required. (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/mouercise.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 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: To Be Announced (TBA).

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive. Check back for upcoming dates TBA in 2018.*

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: TBA.

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive. Check back for upcoming dates TBA in 2018.*

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: TBA

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive. Check back for upcoming dates TBA in 2018.*

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: TBA.

Dates: *This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive. Check back for upcoming dates TBA in 2018.*

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? **Check back for future dates and times to be announced** to gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Spaces are limited and registration is required.

The program consists of three components:

- 1) **3 weeks of Workforce Readiness Training**
 - **Training** will run for specific periods of time, with another session beginning soon, 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*. 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)

- **Sat., November 4, 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.: NaNoWriMo Write-along Motivation Party.** If you're participating in the worldwide phenomenon National Novel Writing Month, or interested in learning more about it, join other writers for a mini-marathon session to get your momentum going. The bash will feature motivational games, word challenges, graffiti wall, snacks and lots and lots of writing fuel, a.k.a. coffee! Remember: The first ten **teens** to sign up with NaNoWriMo.org will receive a prize package of a book and writing journal. The NaNoWriMo party takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Sundays, November 5 and November 19, 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 join a new writing group, which meets every other Sunday in the Board Room of the library.
- **Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 p.m., “Civil Rights, Uncivil Times” Film and Discussion: “Selma: The Bridge to the Ballot.”** Watch the acclaimed short documentary film that recounts the dangers and the idealism of the 1965 protest march from Selma, Ala., to Montgomery, 54 miles away. The protesters helped change the Civil Rights Movement – and U.S. history. Be sure to stay for a vibrant discussion after the 40-minute film. This is the second of three film nights sponsored by Talking with Kids and Teens about Race, a community education initiative; the series continues on Nov. 14. The film and discussion take place in The Learning Lab (in the separate building adjoining the library parking lot).
- **Saturday, November 11, 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, or bring your own Wii or tabletop game to share. There will be multiple screens to multiply the fun. Bring friends! Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, November 14, 6:30 p.m., “Civil Rights, Uncivil Times” Film and Discussion: “Mighty Times: The Children’s March.”** Watch a powerful short documentary film about the shocking and inspiring protests that shook Birmingham, Ala., in 1963, bringing teenagers and tweens into the streets to resist segregation. The film tells their unforgettable story in their own words. Be sure to stay for a vibrant discussion after the 40-minute film. This is the last of three film nights sponsored by Talking with Kids and Teens about Race, a community education initiative. The film and discussion take place in The Learning Lab (in the separate building adjoining the library parking lot).
- **Saturday, November 25, 2 p.m., “Video Game Trivia.”** Test your wits and win gaming

cred! Our trivia master will challenge you with questions about all kinds of video games, across platforms. Work off those pumpkin pie calories with unique “Minute to Win It”-style physical challenges. 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, Dec 2, 2:00 p.m., “Documentary + Discussion of *I Am Not Your Negro*.”** One of the most talked-about documentaries of recent years, “I Am Not Your Negro” is based on the work of author-activist James Baldwin and narrated by Samuel L. Jackson. Baldwin’s writing changed American literature, and his life and work intersected with some of the most influential and divisive people in the Civil Rights Movement. Co-sponsored by the Blount County United Education Committee and SURJ-Blount County, this Oscar-nominated documentary brings Baldwin’s voice vibrantly to life, encouraging renewed focus to the important racial history he wrote about. There will be two discussion sessions, one during an intermission and one after the film, which takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room
NOTE: This film is rated PG-13 for violent images (including scenes of beating, lynching and riots); for profanity (in a song during closing credits) and racist language; and for very brief nudity. The difficult subject matter is of clear cultural importance, but please consider very carefully whether to bring younger children to the film. Library staff can help parents research the film’s content and ratings criteria.
- **Save the Date: Saturday, December 16, 10:30 a.m., “Sensory Movie Fun with *Star Wars!*” (Preschool through Teen)** If your little ones – or bigger ones! – struggle with the stillness and quiet expected at a movie theater, or if they find the darkened room or loud sound system of a commercial cinema overstimulating, this new family event is for you! Enjoy “LEGO Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles” without the pressures of stillness and silence, and with a low, constant light level. LEGOs will be set up to add to the fun and give short attention spans an extra way to engage. Everyone is welcome! The movie will be shown in the Sharon Lawson Room.

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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.
- **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.
- **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

Special Programs:

- **Tuesday, October 31, 5:30-7:30, “Trick or Read.”** Wear your costume to the library for special treats – books! Visit any service desk (or all of them) and get candy and even a free children’s book! Be on the lookout for library staff in costume, too. This event will be in the Children’s Library, at Information Services (Reference Desk) and Patron Services (Circulation Desk).
- **Thursday, November 2, 10:30 a.m., “KSO Musical Storytime.”** The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra’s string quartet visits with a special music-filled edition of “Little Learners.” Join the storytelling virtuosos in the Children’s Library.
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Elementary Age Activities: 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. (There will be no

STEAMkids on Friday, November 10, as the library is closed in observance of Veterans Day, and again on Friday, November 24, as the library will be closed for Thanksgiving.) Unless otherwise noted, STEAMkids takes place in the Children's Library.

- **November 3 and December 1: Keep Blount Beautiful.** On the first Friday of the month, community partner Keep Blount Beautiful brings a special green craft activity to STEAMkids. Help make the world better by using recycled materials as you learn and create.
- **Dec. 8: Home Depot** will bring a special building activity to STEAM kids! To get youngsters ready for the winter season, make gingerbread yardsticks and stamped wrapping paper.
- **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 -- Early Literacy: Phone: (865) 273-1414

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.

- **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. (Please note: There will be no Little Learners on Thursday, November 23, as the library will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.)
 - **Thursday, Nov. 2: “KSO Musical Storytime.”** The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's string quartet visits with a special music-filled edition of “Little Learners.” Join the storytelling virtuosos 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, Oct. 31, 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. **This month, Sensory Story Time will have a special Halloween theme!** 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 Library.
- **Saturday, Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m., “Family Storytime.”** 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! This event takes place in the Children's Library.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 28, 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 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:

November 1 to 30:

- ***“Knoxville News Sentinel Historical Exhibit,”*** by East Tennessee History Center and Adam Alfrey will be in the Reading Rotunda of the library.
- ***“Fake News/Real News” Exhibit*** by Kathleen Christy and K.C. Williams in the Reading Rotunda of the library.
- ***“Commemoration of 150th Anniversary of ‘The Maryville Republican’ and William B. Scott” Exhibit,*** by Elaine Russell will be in one mid-gallery display near the Magazine Shelves.
- ***“Blount County Potters Guild” Exhibit,*** coordinated by Marian Schlauch, will be in one vertical display case and one square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- ***“Archives Week” Exhibit,*** by Jackie Glenn, Blount County Archives, will be in the square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- ***“Appalachian Storytelling” Exhibit,*** by Linda Marcus, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***“World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse” Exhibit,*** by Nicole Wicker and New Hope Children's Advocacy Center, will be on one easel space in the sitting area 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.
- ***“Maryville Christian School Student Art” Exhibit,*** coordinated by Becky Patterson, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- ***“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 and in one mid-gallery display case in the near the Magazine Shelves.
- ***“Thanks, Food and Giving” Display by Information Services*** located in the Reference Area of the library.
- ***“Confederate Civil War Submarine: Working Scale Model” Exhibit,*** by Lee Reynolds, will be on the Magazine Counter in the Main Gallery.

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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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).