



DECEMBER 2017 at the LIBRARY

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Library Hours:
Mon-Thurs: 9 am-9 pm
Fri-Sat: 9 am-5:30 pm
Sun: 1-5:30 pm



EVENTS

NO Board of Trustees December Meeting

Coats for the Community—Donate new or gently used coats, sweaters, hats, gloves & scarves in collection barrels in library's main gallery. Through Jan. 31

Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Stories From a Mountain Kid by Roxanna Jones, Director of Connectional Ministries, FUMC
7pm, Mon., Nov. 27 Sharon Lawson Room

ACA Health Plans & Lowering Your Costs – Learn about 2018 Guidelines!
7pm, Mon., Nov. 28 Sharon Lawson Room

Affordable Care Act Enrollment
Appointments required; call 1-844-644-5443.
3pm-7pm, Thursdays, Dec. 7 & 14

Documentary + Discussion of I Am Not Your Negro – Film is Rated PG-13
2pm, Sat., Dec. 2 Sharon Lawson Room

Pre-Owned Book Sale – 50,000+ books by Friends of the Library. Receipts from this sale help fund library equipment & events.
>12 noon-6pm (Members Only) Thurs., Dec. 7
>9am-5pm (Open to Public)
Fri., Sat., Dec. 8 & 9 Library Lower Level

Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Stories From Cemeteries of the Smokies by author, Gail Palmer, Ph.D.
6pm, Thurs., Dec. 7 Dorothy Herron Rms. A & B

Adult Coloring – For Teens & Up
Coloring pages & supplies provided.
7-8:30pm, Thurs., Dec. 21
Reading Rotunda end of Main Gallery

Library Closed for Winter Holidays —
Sat., Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 23 – 26

Library Closed for New Year's Day —
Mon., Jan. 1

Fiscal Fitness: Homeowners Insurance - by Charlotte Chance- Agency Owner-Farmers Insurance
6:30pm, Mon., Jan. 8 Board Room

HOLIDAY EVENTS

All Events/Concerts are in the Reading Rotunda End of the Main Gallery

6:30pm, Mon., Dec. 4 – City of Maryville Tree Lighting & Music End of Pedestrian Bridge

7:30pm, Mon., Dec. 4 – Santa at the Library

7pm, Tues., Dec. 5 – Holiday Scenes From Stage and Film: Maryville High School Drama Students, directed by Clarissa Feldt

11am, Wed., Dec. 6 – Clayton Bradley Academy Singers led by Lisa Kosier

11am, Thurs, Dec. 7 – Alcoa MS Chorus led by Trent Gilmore

2pm, Mon., Dec. 11 – William Blount HS Cadence Choir led by Carol Bellgrau

11am, Tues., Dec. 12 – Heritage MS 8th Grade Choir led by Tyler Owens

12pm, Tues., Dec. 12 – William Blount HS Singers led by Carol Bellgrau

2:30pm, Tues., Dec. 12 – William Blount HS Beginning Choir led by Carol Bellgrau

11:45am, Wed., Dec. 13 – Heritage MS 7th Grade Choir led by Tyler Owens

1:30pm, Wed., Dec. 13 – William Blount HS Concert Choir led by Carol Bellgrau

1:30pm, Thurs, Dec. 14 – Eagleton Elementary School Choir led by James R. Gann, Jr.

11am, Fri., Dec. 15 – Carpenters Elementary School Choir led by Rachel Owens

CHILDREN EVENTS

Programs are in Children's Library unless noted

Elementary Age Activities:

NO Storytimes or Weekly Programming Dec. 18 through Jan. 7. All resume on Jan. 8 (exception Family Storytime, Sat. Dec. 30.)

Sensory Movie Fun—"LEGO Star Wars: The Yoda Chronicles" – Preschool to Tweens! If little ones – or bigger ones! – struggle with stillness and quiet expected at a movie theater, this new family event is for you! LEGOs will be set up to add to the fun.
10:30am, Sat., Dec. 16 Sharon Lawson Room

CHILDREN EVENTS cont.

Family Storytime: Noon Year's Eve— Preschool to Tweens! Bring the whole family for party with stories, songs, movement & crafts.
10:30am, Sat., Dec. 30

One Book Blitz – Preschool to Tweens! Local schools will announce name of book & library will have displays.
Mon., Jan. 8

One Book Blitz Festival – All Ages
Activities & events include movies, vendors, games, book distribution & more-in cooperation with the 3 area school systems.
9am-4pm, Sat., Jan. 27 Throughout the Library

LEGO Club--Grades K-5. Children complete themed & timed challenges + time for free play
4-5pm, Every Tuesday - LEGOs provided

STEAMkids--Grades K-5. A different adventure every week from science experiments to art projects. Materials available while they last. 4-5pm, Every Friday
--Keep Blount Beautiful: Go "green" using recycled materials. Fri., Dec. 1

--Home Depot: Special building activities for winter season. Fri., Dec. 8

--One Book Blitz Meets STEAMkids: Activities themed to book to be revealed Jan 8.
4pm., Fri., Jan. 12

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

Growing Ready Readers-Early Literacy:

Little Learners- Ages 3-5. Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition & pre-literacy skills: stories, music, motion, play, crafts.
10:30am, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Baby & Me—Ages 2 & under
Lapsit sessions feature short stories, action rhymes, music & pre-literacy tips & tricks for caregivers. Social time for caregivers & babies.
10 & 11am, Wednesdays

Sensory Story Time: Water— Open to all, but especially designed for kids w/ special needs & developmental age of 3-5. Interactive stories, songs, movement.
10:30am, Tues., Nov. 28

Family Storytime—Open to all, but recommended for ages 5 & under Bring the whole family for interactive stories, songs, movement & activities.
Noon Year's Eve: 10:30am, Sat., Dec. 30

TEEN EVENTS

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2pm, Sat., Dec. 2 Sharon Lawson Room

Teen Writers Group - Join writing colleagues for discussion & inspiration, plan regular meetings, start a related Facebook group & discuss ideas with Hanna Spirko, coordinator.
2pm-3pm, Sun., Dec. 3 & 17 In Boardroom

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., Dec. 9 Sharon Lawson Room

Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens – Film is Rated PG-13
6pm, Thurs., Dec. 14 Sharon Lawson Room

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No Blount County Nerd Group for the month of December. Will resume on January 6.

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



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COMPUTER COURSES

Classes will meet in The Learning Lab @ BCPL (in separate building adjoining the library parking lot)

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

Check back for future class dates and times in 2018.

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 2016 Essentials

2-session class
Date & Time TBA in 2018

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials

2-session class.
Date & Time TBA in 2018

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials

2-session class.
Date & Time TBA in 2018

Email

1-session class.
Date & Time TBA in 2018

PAID INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

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.

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 Tuesday

EXHIBITS

December 1 to 31:

“Letters to Santa: The Roaring 20’s” Exhibit by Information Services in Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.

“Letters to Santa: The Roaring 20’s” Christmas Tree in Genealogy Area of the library. Read what local children asked Santa for in the 1920’s..

“Holiday Surprises!” Exhibit by Information Services – in Teen Central Area.

“WWII Christmas Cards” Exhibit by Wes Beaver – in 2 mid-gallery cases near Magazine Shelves in Main Gallery.

“Holiday” Exhibit – in square pedestal case near Audio Visual (AV) in Main Gallery.

“Heritage Dickens Village” Exhibit – donated by Marth Black & displayed in Bookmark Café exhibit case.

“Christmas” Exhibit by Information Services located in the Reference Area of library.

“Jim Joyce Photographs” Exhibit by Jim Joyce – on Art Wall at the Bookmark Café.

“Blount County Middle Schools Student Art” Exhibit coordinated by Marsha Krout – on the Art Panels at Reading Rotunda end of Main Gallery, in 1vertical display case near Audio Visual (AV) in Main Gallery and in 1 square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.

“Computer Clocks” Exhibit, by Bill Cochran - in vertical display case at the end of Circulation Check-in Desk of Main Gallery.

“Blount County Arts & Crafts Guild Member” Exhibit coordinated by Lyda Plemons - on 2 easels in sitting area of the Main Gallery.

“Confederate Civil War Submarine Working Scale Model” Exhibit by Lee Reynolds – on Magazine Counter in the Main Gallery of the Library.

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, obituaries, 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 pre-tests.

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 locations. Also, the Historic Survey of Blount County Architecture, conducted by the Tennessee Historical Commission, consists of Blount County buildings dating from 1800 to 1930.

E-Reader Help!

How to Access/Download Free E-Books from the Library: Call the Reference Desk at 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext. 302, & schedule a time for an appointment for assistance to set up accounts to access R.E.A.D.S. for free downloadable e-books, audiobooks and materials through the library’s website. **Bring these items:**

- library card in your name and in good standing
- your e-reader, tablet or other device (fully charged)
- email account user name & password,
- Kindles e-readers:- Amazon account, email & password

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).