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## July 2018 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (June 27, 2018) We've made it to the dog days of summer and it sure is hot! Let the Blount County Public Library be your cool oasis in the middle of the long summer days. Through July, we'll still be celebrating our "Libraries Rock!" Summer Reading program and will continue with activities and programs for the whole family to enjoy. For music lovers, we have the Bluegrass Music Club on July 2 and 23 and The Drift Boat Cowboys performing their Mountain Music on July 23. Come watch some super cool Frisbee Tricks with a World Champ "Frisbee Guy" on July 9 and get up close and personal with some big trucks on July 14 with our "Touch a Truck" program. For teens, you can come show off your trivia knowledge on July 12 or dance your way through the decades at our Decades Dance and Karaoke on July 28. Other programs in July will include

- Fun and educational children's events every Saturday, plus regular story hours,
- Teen activities and challenges,
- Adult events and programs,
- Fiscal Fitness: Homeowner's Insurance,
- Shakespeare's "Cymbeline",
- Sensory Movies: "Kubo and The Two Strings" and "Mulan",
- Musical Instrument Petting Zoo

And much more! Pick up your copy of the Summer Reading brochure (or the monthly calendars) so that you'll have your own schedule of summer events for July. These items are also available on the library website at [www.blountlibrary.org](http://www.blountlibrary.org) We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

- **Monday, July 23, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Mountain Music with The Drift Boat Cowboys.”** The members of the group are **Justin Marcus, Jeremy Stephens, Brad Hitch, Mark Ross, David Rasnake, and Justin Hall**—all sons of Blount County. The Drift Boat Cowboys will play music that has been ringing throughout the mountains for years and passed on from generation to generation. Special attention will be given to songs recorded by the Victor Talking Machine Company in 1925 during the Bristol Sessions. This program will be in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursdays in August, 7 p.m., “Hot Summer Nights Concert Series” at the library!** Concerts will be inside the library in air conditioning and are sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
  - **August 2: Handsome and the Humbles** are based in Knoxville. They are an Alt-Country/Americana rock band that draws their inspiration from the music of Ryan Adams, along with the melancholy of the Jayhawks. Steve Wildsmith calls their music “a desperation for understanding, a soul-deep ache to belong, that can only come from the hearts of musicians who believe that hope is something worth championing.” The band includes the talents of Josh Smith, Tyler Huff, Jason Chambers, Josh Huston and Chris Bratta.
  - **August 9: Kukuly and the Gypsy Fuego** is a Knoxville based acoustic ensemble that plays Hot Jazz inspired by the music of legendary French Gypsy guitarist, Django Reinhardt, and jazz violinist, Stephane Grappelli. The band's extensive repertoire includes swing standards, ballads, bossa novas, waltzes, Latin songs and other vintage-jazz sources done in uniquely arranged styles making this band's shows fun and energetic yet full of virtuosity and class. Playing everything from Django Reinhardt through Gershwin and Antonio Carlos Jobim, *Kukuly and the Gypsy Fuego* plays jazz that knows no borders. The lineup includes guitarist and vocalist Kukuly Uriarte; violinist Seth Hopper; guitarist Jake Byrd and cello player Andy Bryenton.
  - **August 16: Wild Blue Yonder Band**, a rootsy East Tennessee ensemble, preserves the musical traditions of their Appalachian region while giving fresh voice to ancient themes of love and loss, time and trials. All three members, Melissa Wade, Phil Coward and Cindy Wallace, are veteran entertainers who not only deliver their music with passion and sincerity, but also engage every audience as if it were sitting on the living room couch sharing life stories up close and personal. Formed as a five-piece band in 2001, Wild Blue Yonder has flourished in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, producing two well-received contemporary bluegrass CDs and performing more than 50 shows a year for several years. Both discs, “Bolt Out of the Blue” and “Above & Beyond,” received airplay on Bluegrass and Folk stations across the U.S., and in the UK, Australia, and the Netherlands.
  - **August 23: Streamliners Swing Orchestra** is a seventeen piece big band led by Mike “Catfish” Spirko. They play songs by the likes of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Count Basie, and Louis Prima. This stylish jazz dance band will get your feet moving with their infectious music, as they smoothly blend blues, bebop, and traditional swing.
  - **August 30: Riverdale with caller Sara Melton.** Riverdale--a high-energy father-

son duo featuring Nick Shoemaker on the Swedish nyckelharpa (“key fiddle”) and Ed Shoemaker on the baritone guitar-- is a favorite with contra dancers in Knoxville, Jonesborough and Chattanooga. With tunes ranging from Scandinavia, Ireland, Scotland, and the Shetland Islands to Cape Breton, Quebec, New England, and the Southern Appalachians, Riverdale’s musical palette offers something for everyone!

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

- **Through Monday, July 30: “2018 Summer Reading Challenge Program: Libraries ROCK!”** Throughout the summer, in addition to reading, there will be weekly events and activities for all ages, emphasizing the theme.  
Dates for the three age groups are
  - **Children: Friday, May 25 through Monday, July 30**
  - **Teens: Friday, May 25 through Monday, July 30**
  - **Adult: Friday, June 1 through Monday, July 30**
 The 2018 Summer Reading Program is open to all ages, preschool through adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times, a music club and more. All programs are free of charge. Look for the brochure at the library with more publicity describing events and activities. 2018 Summer Reading is sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
- **Through Monday, July 30, *Tic-Tac-Toe*** returns with an all new set of goals for this year’s summer reading. 1) Pick up Tic-Tac-Toe card at the Patron Services Desk or Information Services Desk. You may enter multiple times. 2) Read, listen or watch three items per Tic-Tac-Toe card and fill in the card. 3) Validate the card at the Information Services Desk to enter weekly and Grand Prize drawings. 4) Weekly prizes will be awarded on Friday afternoons. The Grand Prize will be awarded at 6:15 p.m. before the Shakespeare play on Monday, July 30.
- **Wednesday, July 4, “*Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.*”**
- **Monday, July 9, 6:30 p.m., “*Fiscal Fitness: Homeowner’s Insurance*”** will be presented by **Charlotte Chance**, Agency Owner, Farmers Insurance. Buying a home is likely the largest investment most of us will make in our lifetime. So, how do we protect this large and important investment? How do we make sure we are protected in the event of an accident or a natural disaster? Homeowners Insurance not only protects your investment, but it is also often required by the lender of your mortgage. Do you understand the basic parts of homeowner’s insurance, what it covers, how to best use it when needed and how important it is to your lender? Charlotte Chance has 20 years of experience in the financial and insurance industry. This program will be in the Kathy Pagles Board Room.
- **Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “*Frisbee Fun with a World Champ.*”** Flips, throws, spins and tricks – you won’t believe all the cool things that World Champion Gary Auerbach, the “Frisbee Guy,” can do! Also, while supplies last, kids who attend the performance will receive a miniature Frisbee. He’ll present his fabulous Frisbee show for **all ages** in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, July 13, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “*It’s Your Career: How to Run an Effective Meeting,*”** will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Time is valuable. \$37 billion dollars of salary is lost annually in

unproductive meetings. Learn some tools to make the most of your meetings, stay on task and be productive! Class format features a short lecture on each topic, case studies discussion in small groups, and resources for use in businesses and organizations. Bring your laptop or tablet, or one will be provided for your use. This class will be at the Blount County Public Library's new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building). For class synopsis and registration information, go to [www.blountchamber.com/community/soft-skills](http://www.blountchamber.com/community/soft-skills) Soft Skills are strengthened and developed over time and are necessary if you desire to climb the career ladder. The classes are a collaboration of Blount Partnership, Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and the Blount County Public Library.

- **Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month)** “*Appalachian Reads.*” The second year of Blount County Public Library’s Appalachian Reads book club will begin on July 21 with *Over the Plain Houses* by North Carolina author **Julia Franks**. The novel was an NPR Best Book of 2016; one of the *The Atlanta Journal – Constitution’s* Ten Best Southern Books of 2016; and a winner of the 2016 Southern Book Prize. The author’s parents are residents of Blount County. Discussion will be facilitated by **Doug Floyd**. The group meets in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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- **Monday, July 30, 6:15 p.m., “Libraries ROCK! Summer Reading Challenge Grand Prize Drawing.”** Don’t miss the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Last chance to turn your entry in will be 5 p.m.
- **Monday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Shakespeare’s ‘Cymbeline.’”** Love lost – and found – a wicked queen, and plenty of schemes of disguise and displays of bravery: Experience one of Shakespeare’s lesser-known plays, presented by the Tennessee Stage Company. This tale of adventure and romance is suitable for **all ages**. The performance takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursday, August 2, 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., “Bike Repair Station Ribbon Cutting.”** With generous support from the Jeff Roth Foundation through the support of the Blount County Friends of the Library we are excited to make available to the public a free-standing bike repair station and air pump for cyclists using the Maryville-Alcoa Greenway. The repair station is located at the back side of the library building.

**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! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse, Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).

- **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.
- **Monday, July 2 and 23, 6 p.m. (Usually the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month with the exception in July), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club.”** Enjoy listening to or participate in playing local regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages** and skill levels. There is a one-time charge of \$20 for a book of bluegrass music which will be used in the club. **Josephine Cappelletti**, the orchestra teacher at Coulter Grove Intermediate School, is the director. Instrument donations will be welcome. Donated instruments may be dropped off at Information Services. The Music Club meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
- **Tuesday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Kathy Pagles Board Room of the library.
- **Thursday, July 19, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the Reference Area of the library.
- **Saturday, July 28, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (4<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Thursday, August 2 and 16, 6 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club.”** Enjoy listening to or participate in playing local regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages** and skill levels. There is a one-time charge of \$20 for a book of bluegrass music which will be used in the club. **Josephine Cappelletti**, the orchestra teacher at Coulter Grove Intermediate School, is the director. Instrument donations will be welcome. Donated instruments may be dropped off at Information Services. The Music Club meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).

### **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. 1450, 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!

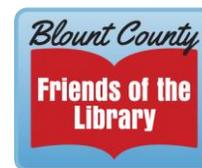
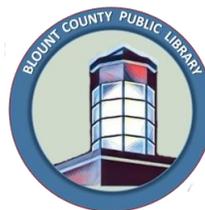
### **COMPUTER COURSES:**

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Information Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 273-1428 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450

### **Tech Time – in Study Room A/Reference Area:**

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### **ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program for Young Adults (18-26): Registration Required**



*The ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the ARCONIC Foundation. It is provided by the Institute of International Education, Blount Partnership, Blount County Public Library and Blount County Friends of the 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? Join us **July 9 – August 22** to gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **Contact Jackie Taylor-Tente with questions and to register, at 865-680-7668 or [jackie@jataylor.net](mailto:jackie@jataylor.net)** For more information go to [bcpl.populr.me/arconic-internship-program](http://bcpl.populr.me/arconic-internship-program)

**The program consists of three components:**

- 1) **July 9 – 27: 3 weeks of Workforce Readiness Training (60 hours)**

- **Training** will run 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) **July 30 – August 17: 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) **August 20 – 22: 3 half-days of Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation**
  - **Participants then return** for *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation*. Participants will receive a \$60 stipend upon completion of this component.

**Participants must complete all three components.**

### **All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series – Online Registration Required:**

**Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series.”** Because Blount County Public Library has received a Library Technology Training Grant, this series of Google Lunch and Learn classes is being offered to the public during 2018. [Online registration](#) is **required** at no cost. For lunch options, you may bring a sack lunch or an optional \$10 box lunch is available from the library’s Bookmark Café. Lunch order options are on the registration form. The classes will be held in the library’s new Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library’s outdoor sign. Participants who have Gmail accounts should bring their email address and password. Participants who do not have a Gmail account will create one at their first class. Participants should bring their library card. In some classes, participants will also learn how to use [Lynda.com](#), a new leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve their learning goals. A staff person will be at all classes to make sure that participants have an ecard to access Lynda.com for participants without library cards. Be sure to include email address on registration form. Each class is limited to 10 participants. Participants are invited to bring their personal laptops with wireless access to use in classes. See class title and synopsis below:

- **July 13, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Get Up and Running With Google Sites.”** – in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Create a website from scratch. Learn how to manage your site and add collaborators. Work with text, links, and learn how to embed features like videos, Google forms, and maps. Discover how to make your site public or private and add pages.
- **July 20, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Google Hangouts.”** – in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Learn how to use Google Hangouts to initiate one-to-one and group text chats, phone and video calls, how to facilitate group meetings, webinars, and more.
- **July 27, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “Essentials of Google Drive.”** – in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Have you wondered how to seamlessly create, back-up and access your files from anywhere? Discover how to use Google Drive, a powerful cloud-based file storage and office suite software. In this hands-on workshop, participants will create a Google

- account, navigate the Google Drive interface, organize, sync, locate, and share Drive files, and backup files to the cloud. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.
- **August 3, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive.*”** – in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Google Drive is a go-to online office suite and storage service for many. Yet there is more to Google Drive than meets the eye. With the right tools, Google Drive can be optimized to save time and increase productivity. Join us to discover tips, tricks, plug-ins and browser extensions that will help you shift your Google drive into overdrive.
  - **August 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Basics of Google Docs*”** – in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Take a closer look at how to use Google Docs to share and collaborate, store, translate, and publish documents on the web. Discover how to get around in Google docs and create professional-looking files you can access and edit anywhere you have Internet.
  - **August 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Advanced Google Docs*”** – in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Dive deeper into Google Docs features that help boost productivity. Use templates, create flowcharts, tag colleagues, convert Google Docs to MS Word, integrate Google Docs with other Google applications, and more.
  - **August 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Advanced Tips and Tricks for Gmail.*”**– in the Learning Lab.  
Online Registration required  
Build on your knowledge of Gmail to get even more out of Google’s popular email platform. Discover advanced features that allow you to maximize your productivity, such as checking different email accounts with Gmail, muting conversations, undoing email sends, integrating Gmail with other Google platforms, and more.

### **Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required**

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2016) and Gmail. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. 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) unless otherwise \*noted. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the library’s Information Services Desk or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, 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: [www.mouseprogram.com](http://www.mouseprogram.com) and [www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm](http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm))

**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:** 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

**Session:** Wednesday, August 8 and Friday, August 10, 2018

**Location:** Learning Lab

**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:** 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

**Session:** Wednesday, August 15 and Friday, August 17, 2018

**Location:** Learning Lab

**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:** 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

**Session :** Wednesday, August 22 and Friday, August 24, 2018

**Location:** Learning Lab

**Gmail How-to's** - An Intro to Gmail 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:** 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

**Session :** Wednesday, August 29 and Friday August 31, 2018

**Location:** Learning Lab

## **TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:**

### **Special Programs:**

- **Through Monday, July 30, “Summer Reading Challenge!”** This summer’s theme is “Libraries ROCK!” Youth (ages 12-18) can pick up their Summer Reading Challenge

Journals in Information Services (near Teen Central) or [click here](#) to print or go to the library's website. Mark points for reading and other activities, and bring in your completed Journals for a chance at our Grand Prize. Get a new Journal and keep going, for more chances to win, all summer long, until July 30.

- **Wednesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **Thursday, July 12, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Teen Trivia: Random Fandom.”** Are you up for a challenge? Strain your brain for prizes! More fun than an EOC, but you will need your thinking caps. Take the trivia plunge in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 14, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month), “Gaming @ Your Library.”** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, or bring your own tabletop game or video game console and games to share. We'll use multiple screens to multiply the fun. Bring friends! Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 28, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., “Decades Dance and Karaoke.”** Dance your way through the decades, from the early days of rock'n'roll and soul to today. You can even take your turn at the mic for karaoke fun. Of course, refreshments will be served – what's a party without snacks? We'll close out Summer Reading with a musical bash! (This event is coordinated by the Laser TAB Teen Advisory Board.) Join the party in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Shakespeare’s ‘Cymbeline.’”** Love lost – and found – a wicked queen, and plenty of schemes of disguise and displays of bravery: Experience one of Shakespeare's lesser-known plays, presented by the Tennessee Stage Company. This tale of adventure and romance is suitable for **all ages**. The performance takes place in the Main Gallery.

### **Regular Teen Events:**

- **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, 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Blount County Nerd Group.”** Teens can learn the basic principles of computer programming, also known as coding. By participating in the Blount County Nerd Group, students seventh grade and up can learn coding skills, such as making simple games, developing professional websites and creating mobile apps. The Nerd Group is coordinated by experienced web developers and teen entrepreneurs, **Kaleb Davenport** and **Garrett Smith**. Learn more about this group by checking out the introductory video on the Library's Facebook page. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, but laptops are also provided by the library. Learn more at [nerdgroup.org](http://nerdgroup.org) The Nerd Group meets in the Kathy Pagles Board Room
- **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! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and

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- **Saturday, July 21, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Teen Advisory Board.”** Do you want to help plan library programs and activities? Help pick out books, videos and magazines for the library’s collection? Basically, do you want to make the library a better place for teens? Let your voice be heard. To Sign Up go to <http://Tinyurl.com/BlountTeens> Meeting will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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

#### **Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)**

- **Saturday, June 30, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., “Magician Scott Humston.”** Magician Scott Humston never fails to amaze and amuse audiences. He weaves character lessons in with the jokes and tricks to create one of BCPL’s enduring favorite shows! The library can guarantee lots of laughs and more than a few gasps of surprise. See Scott perform in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Through Monday July 30, “Summer Reading Challenge!”** This summer’s theme is “Libraries ROCK!” Preschool and elementary-age children can pick up their Challenge Journals in the Children’s Library or [click here](#) to print or go to the library’s website. Keep track of reading and other activities, tally points, and bring the Journals to the Children’s Library to win a prize! (Then you can start all over again and keep winning all summer long, until July 30.)
- **Wednesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **Saturday, July 7, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: ‘Kubo and the Two Strings.’”** Kubo creates magical tales using only the haunting music of his shamisen, a traditional Japanese instrument, and folded origami animals. But when he draws the attention of a fearsome mythical warlord, he must go on an epic quest, aided by magical friends, his music and his own courage. Our Sensory Movie Fun approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing low light, a low-stress environment, and LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Frisbee Fun with a World Champ.”** Flips, throws, spins and tricks – you won’t believe all the cool things that World Champion Gary Auerbach, the “Frisbee Guy,” can do! Also, while supplies last, kids who attend the performance will receive a miniature Frisbee. He’ll present his fabulous Frisbee show for **all ages** in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. until noon, “Touch a Truck with City Street Beat.”** Have you ever gotten up close and personal with a wrecker or a police motorcycle? This is your chance to “meet” some of the incredible and powerful vehicles that make our community work. We’ll also have a special outdoor noisemaking party; make music the “City Street

Beat” way, with tubs, trash cans and more! “Touch a Truck” takes place on the library’s parking lot and lawn.

- **Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: ‘Mulan.’”** When her injured father is called to join the army, Mulan disguises herself as his son and takes his place. Her bravery not only saves the army, but later the empire itself! This classic tale of an unlikely hero gave us some of the best songs and scariest villains in Disney history. Our Sensory Movie Fun approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing low light, a low-stress environment, and LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. until noon, “Musical Instrument Petting Zoo.”** We’ll end our summer of music fun with a chance to touch and learn about all kinds of real-life musical instruments and hear how they sound up close. No animals at this petting zoo – just lots of noisy fun. This event takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

### **Elementary Age Activities:**

- **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. Get your build on in the Children’s Story Area (in the Children’s Library).
  - **NOTE: No LEGO Club in August.** Library staff will take the month of August off to regroup after our busy and fun summer, and to let families get adjusted to the new school year. LEGO Club and other regular programming will resume in September.
- **Fridays, 4 p.m. 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. STEAMkids normally takes place in the Children’s Discovery Corner (in the Children’s Library).
  - **Friday, June 29, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids with Home Depot.”** Belissa Croley from Home Depot will be here to teach a special building activity with flowerpots and plants. This will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
  - **Friday, July 6, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids with Keep Blount Beautiful.”** Once a month, Keep Blount Beautiful brings a special “green” lesson using recycled craft materials and environmental themes.
  - **Friday, July 13, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids: Fossils with Phil.”** Learn all about fossils with Walland Elementary teacher and paleontologist Phil Young!
  - **NOTE: No STEAMkids in August.** Library staff will take the month of August off to regroup after our busy and fun summer, and to let families get adjusted to the new school year. STEAMkids and other regular programming will resume in September.
- **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.

### **Growing Ready Readers -- Early Literacy Programs:**

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](http://www.blountlibrary.org)) or stop by the Children's Library for more information on supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and 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 Story Area (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, July 24, 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 Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **NOTE: No Storytimes in August.** Library staff will take the month of August off to regroup after our busy and fun summer, and to let families get adjusted to the new school year. Little Learners, Baby & Me, Sensory Story Time and other regular programming will resume in September.

### **Library Tours and Outreach**

Please call the Children's Library at (865) 273-1414 or email [jspirko@blounttn.org](mailto: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 get in touch!

### **EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:**

#### **July 1 to 31:**

- **“Fine Arts Blount” Art Exhibit, coordinated by Cindy McDannel,** will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café and in two vertical cases, one near the Audio-Visual (AV) area and one at the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-in Desk .
- **“Comic Art” Exhibit, by Robyn McCammon, graphic artist,** will be on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **“Farmers Market” Exhibit, by Jim Brown,** will be in the square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.

- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit, coordinated by Jeanie Dockery**, will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- **“Shakespeare” Exhibit, by Jennifer Spirko**, will be in one square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- **“Summer Reading: Libraries ROCK!” Exhibit, by Youth Services**, will be in two Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **“Mountain Music” Exhibit, by Linda Marcus** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“CQ Researcher: Check It Out!” by Information Services**, in the Reference Area of the library.
- **“Denso Japanese Collection” Exhibit, by Information Services**, 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 Kathleen Christy at (865) 273-1403 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450.
- Group Tours of the Children’s Library 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 the Reference Department.

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,” and Instagram.   

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