



**BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**August 2017 Events at the Blount County Public Library**

MARYVILLE, TN (July 26, 2017) We're excited to announce that Cruz Contreras, former Blount Countian and now worldwide performer, will kick off this year's Hot Summer Nights Concert series at the library! Founder and front man for The Black Lillies and former co-founder of Robinella and the CC Stringband, Cruz is now performing internationally with The Black Lillies. Check out this year's lineup below. In addition, the library will be hosting a Total Solar Eclipse Party. Only 100 pairs of safe viewing glasses will be available, so they are available on a first come, first served basis, so arrive at least an hour early to take advantage of the opportunity to make a low-tech viewing pinhole camera. Other events for August will include

- "The Ebbert Family," 3 young siblings who perform bluegrass, mountain, celtic, classical music.
- "Sisters of the Silver Sage" perform wonderfully blended western and cowboy harmony.
- "Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra Small Ensemble" will be directed by Tom Lundberg.
- "Broadway and Operetta" will feature highlights from Broadway musicals and operettas, performed by artists from the Knoxville Opera Company.
- "Fiscal Fitness: Selling Your Home" by LeConte Realty, LLC.
- Total Solar Eclipse party at the library on Monday, August 21! Plan to arrive early to make a pinhold box camera to safely view and celebrate this unique event!
- "Smart Bicycling Skills for Adults (16+)" presented by Donna Dixon on Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Rain date will be on Sunday, August 13, from 1-5 p.m. at the library's Learning Lab parking lot. Pre-register.
- "Southern Mountain English" by Dr. Bethany Dumas, will continue the Appalachian Studies Series of programs.
- Note: Most events for children will be cancelled during August and will resume in September.

With school starting again and with hot summer days still hovering, we look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

- **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 3: Cruz Contreras**, Americana acoustic (and front man for the Black Lillies), will kick off this season’s series. Co-founding Robinella and the CC Stringband here in Maryville some years ago, he has now gone on to create an Americana band of talent that travels and performs internationally while drawing its songs from roots of blues, folk, soul and country.
  - **August 10: The Ebbert Family (Summar, Bridget & Tyler)** will perform bluegrass, mountain, Celtic, Civil War, gospel and classical on string instruments. Students of premier violinist and musician, Conny Ottway, this young family of siblings plays multiple instruments. Playing the violin for 8 years, Summar is followed closely by her sister Bridget who has been playing for 5. Tyler picked up the guitar a year ago and has been playing with his sisters ever since. Recently, all three competed in the 2017 Tennessee State Fiddle Championship where Bridget became the Tennessee Pee Wee Fiddle Champion.
  - **August 17: Sisters of the Silver Sage** will play western and cowboy music with a blended harmony reminiscent of the Old West and The Sons of the Pioneers. Three sisters, Rhonda, Janet and Donna formed the original group which now includes two of the sisters and a niece. The group has won awards in Western music.
  - **August 24: Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra Small Ensemble** will perform under the direction of Tom Lundberg. This small group plays with the larger Knoxville Jazz Youth Orchestra.
  - **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 40<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Monday, July 31, 6:15 p.m., “Build a Better World! Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing.”** Don’t miss the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading Program grand prize for a \$200 Amazon gift card. Last chance to turn your entry in will be 5 p.m.
- **Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Shakespeare’s Two Gentlemen of Verona.”** Presented by professional actors with the Tennessee Stage Company under the direction of Tom Parkhill, this is a live stage comedy of love, deceit, flirtation, friendship and mistaken identity, with plenty of puns and slapstick. This play by William Shakespeare, appropriate for the entire family, and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be presented in the Main Gallery near the Reading Rotunda.
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- **Saturday, August 12, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., "Smart Bicycling Skills for Adults (16+),"** presented by **Donna Dixon**, with the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation, using the League of American Bicyclist BikeEd Program. This course combines online instruction with parking lot and on-road practice of vehicular bicycling principles. **Preregistration is required: email: [donnasuedixon@hotmail.com](mailto:donnasuedixon@hotmail.com) or call Smoky Mountain Wellness at 865-803-8887.** For more information about the Jeff Roth Foundation and to learn more about the League of American Bicyclists, go to [www.jeffrothcyclingfoundation.org](http://www.jeffrothcyclingfoundation.org) For certification, the course begins with participants completing an online, self-guided course. **The Certificate of Completion must be printed by the participant and brought to the biking skills course.** Rain date will be Sunday, August 13, 1-5 p.m. The Smart Bicycling Skills course will be held at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab @ BCPL Parking Lot.
- **Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m., "Fiscal Fitness: Selling Your Home," presented by LeConte Realty, LLC.** The process of selling a home can seem overwhelming or even scary, but it doesn't have to be! This class will focus on the basic steps if you wish to sell your home. For instance, who are the team members if you choose to use professional realtors? How do you know what you owe on your mortgage? How do you set your sales price? What are your responsibilities if you have had issues in the home? Are there special rules you must follow that are part of your deed? How do you prepare your home for a potential buyer to see it? Get practical guidance and advice about how to sell your home. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Thursday, August 17, 5:30 p.m. "Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,"** in the Board Room of the library.
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- **Saturday, August 21, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., “Pop-Up Book Sale”** offered by Blount County Friends of the Library. The sale will be located in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
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  - **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, September 2, 3 & 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Labor Day.”**
  - **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. (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Spitler. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, meetings will be held the third Saturday of every other month in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “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).
- **Thursdays, 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.
- **Thursdays, August 17, 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 Reference Area of the library.
- **Saturdays, August 26, 8 a.m. to 12 p.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.

**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**



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 Word 2013 Essentials** – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2013, 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:** 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 14 and Wednesday, August 16, 2017

**Microsoft Excel 2013 Essentials** – This free class is an introduction to Excel 2013. 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:** 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 21 and Wednesday, August 23, 2017

**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

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

#### **Teen New Events: (See recurring events below the New Events)**

- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “*Fantastic Beasts.*”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring their animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Saturday, July 29, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., “*Yule Ball.*”** You’ve heard of Christmas in July? The finale of our Summer Reading program for teens is a Harry Potter-style Yule Ball. Wear your best and sparkliest winter finery, or dress as a favorite Harry Potter character. Dance the afternoon away and enjoy Harry Potter-themed refreshments. The winning house of the Conquest of Libraria will be announced as well as the individual teen winner of the Summer Reading Program’s grand prize (a Kindle Fire). This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
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- **Saturday, Aug. 12, 2-4 p.m., “*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.

Bring friends! Gaming will take place in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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- **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.”**

### **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.
- **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. 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. 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.
- **Saturdays, August 12, 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, Yu-Gi-Oh! or bring your own Wii or tabletop game to share. Bring friends! This is also your chance to hang out and meet up with your “Conquest of Libraria” Houses and talk strategy. Gaming will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: (865) 273-1414**

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

- **Friday, July 28, 4 p.m., “Potions Class: Harry Potter-Style.”** This is a special edition of STEAMkids with library staff and a guest instructor from Hogwarts, as part of the Summer Reading Program theme “Building a Better World.” Put on your wizard hat! This chemistry exploration will set the stage for the Harry Potter-themed summer finale, “Fantastic Beasts: Zoomobile” on Saturday, July 29.
- **Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** You don’t have to be magical to find fantastic beasts! The **Knoxville Zoo’s Zoomobile** will visit the library to help kids learn all about the real “fantastic beasts” that live all around us. Don’t forget to stay for the library’s adoption event at 12:15 p.m. (paired with the Blount County Animal Center), and maybe you can take home your very own beast to love.
- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring their animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Saturday, August 5, 10:30 a.m., “Movie Fun at the Library.”** 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 this movie (check library website [www.blountlibrary.org](http://www.blountlibrary.org) for title of movie) 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.
- **Monday, August 21, 1 to 4 p.m., “Total Solar Eclipse Safe Viewing & Activities.”** To celebrate this rare event of a total solar eclipse, the library is hosting a safe viewing of the solar eclipse (**Limited quantity** CE ISO certified viewing glasses. **To ensure you have viewing glasses, bring your own.**) and the low-tech pinhole camera as well as a variety of informational activities and children’s crafts related to the eclipse. You’re invited to the library’s main gallery, children’s library – and the solar eclipse viewing on the pedestrian bridge outside the library for this unique experience, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
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**Elementary Age Activities Recurring Events: Phone: (865) 273-1414**

- **NOTE:** Other than the Play Chess @ Your Library, there will be **NO** regular Elementary Aged Programming during the month of **August**. Programs **will resume in September**.
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- **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](http://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.

- **Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: 3,2,1...Blast Off!”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday’s Little Learners storytime. Discover how space is different from Earth, and explore the Earth/Moon/Sun system. Best for ages 4-5. Limited to 17 children. Advanced registration required! Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114. This event will be in the Children’s Library.
- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring their animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Saturday, August 5, 10:30 a.m., “Movie Fun at the Library.”** 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 this movie (check library website [www.blountlibrary.org](http://www.blountlibrary.org) for title of movie) 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.
- **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**

**NOTE:** There will be **NO** regular Growing Ready Readers Early Literacy Programs during the month of **August**. Storytimes and weekly Elementary Aged Programming **will resume in September**.

- **Thursday, July 27, 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. The **Muse Knoxville** will replace Little Learners on Thursday, July 27. There will be a limit of 17 children at this event. Advance registration is required. Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981 ext. 114.

**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 call!

**EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:****August 1 to 31:**

- **“Solar Eclipse: Scaled Sun, Moon & Earth” Exhibit**, by **Ron Halter**, 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.
- **“English Medieval Land Transfer Document” Exhibit**, by **Thomas Daves**, 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.
- **“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 near the magazine shelves in the Main Gallery.
- **“YES! Studio Art” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Cindy McDannel**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery and one vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- **“Hot Summer Nights” Exhibit**, by **Jane Smith**, will be located in one square pedestal display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- **“Southern Mountain English” Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus**, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Teen Video Game Trivia” Exhibit** by **Clay Kriese** in one square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **“Eclipse Across American 2017 Display”** located in the **Reference Department**.
- **“Action Packed: Ideas & Décor” 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](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,” Pinterest and Instagram.    

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