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June and July 2019 Events and Programs
at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (May 21, 2019) We may be biased, but the summer months at the library are the best! There's so much going on and plenty of free time to come in, grab a book, and rack up some points for our 2019 Summer Reading Program "A Universe of Stories." Come have fun with space themed events that will run through the end of July. All ages can have fun reading and attending the summer reading activities at the library to win prizes. We'll be showing movies all summer long, like "Forbidden Planet" on June 11, "The Iron Giant" on June 15, "Lego Star Wars: Droid Tales" on July 6 and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" on July 15. The Appalachian Reads Book Club will be reading "Rocket Boys" and meeting July 20 to discuss. On June 27, we'll be hosting 'A Celebration of Space' which will be an out-of-this-world evening about all things space and fun. We'll be hosting our annual 'Touch-A-Truck' event on July 20 and bringing back Magician Scott Humston in late June. Remember to visit the Bookmark Café that will be featuring for June 1960's Banana Spice Cookies, July, the 1970's Old-Fashioned Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting and August will be the 1980's Peanut Butter Log. Other programs and activities include...

- Mini-Con V
- The Southern Appalachian Studies Series
- Are You Smarter Than a Librarian: BCPL Trivia Challenge
- Family and Sensory Storytimes
- Stranger Things Party
- Blount County Friends of the Library Book Sale
- ARCONIC Foundation Global Paid Internship Program for Young Adults (18-26): Preregistration Required

And our normal, regularly scheduled children, adult, and teen events like the Bluegrass Music Club, Chess Club, Little Learners storytimes, YA Café, Laser Tab and much more! Pick up a copy of the monthly newsletter so that you'll have your own schedule of events for June and July. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org We look forward to seeing you at the library!

CENTENNIAL BOOK SHOWER

When the Blount County Public Library first opened in 1919, the community held a book shower to fill the shelves. Celebrate the Library's 100th birthday with a monetary donation for new books. Every $25 contribution will bring a new book to the library collection and be designated with a Centennial Logo sticker. Contributions gladly accepted online or in person. Form is available on the library's website or click here.

BCPL CENTENNIAL TIMELINE

Our library has been around for 100 years! Watch our changes over the last century on the BCPL Centennial Timeline: www.blountlibrary.org / *scroll down to* 2019 Centennial Celebrations / 100 Years of BCPL (*on left*) or click here.

NEW: REVIEW YOUR BOOK OR DVD!

Did you like it? Hate it? Let everyone know with a review! For instructions: Go to the library website www.blountlibrary.org / How Do I? / Learn About / Reviewing a Book or click here.

NEW WAY TO LEARN: NO CHARGE WITH YOUR BCPL CARD

Be a life-long learner. **Universal Class** offers over **500 online classes** you can take at times convenient to you. Classes are both self-paced and instructor-led. You can be enrolled in up to 5 classes at a time and have 24/7 access to courses. From Dog Training to How to Start an Online Business to Electronics 101 to Cake Decorating to Criminology Basics or Web Development Classes, there is something here for most people. Whether for personal hobbies or something to help in your career, **Universal Class** offers practical information that you can put to immediate use.

Universal Class not only offers CEUs (continuing education units), the industry measurement of non-credit education, they are accredited as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

If you don't have a computer, use the library's internet computers. To register and start learning, go to www.blountlibrary.org / Learning / Continuing Education / Universal Class Courses to set up an account with your Blount County Public Library card or click here. With your library card, there's no charge!

WHY PLAY CHESS? COME PLAY AT THE LIBRARY FOR ALL AGES

Chess helps you to: 1. Focus 2. Develop problem-solving skills 3. Exercise both sides of the brain 4. Have fun!

Who said it? "Chess teaches foresight, by having to plan ahead; vigilance, by having to keep watch over the whole chess board; caution, by having to restrain ourselves from making hasty moves; and finally, we learn from chess the greatest maxim in life — that even when everything seems to be going badly for us we should not lose heart, but always hoping for a change for the better, steadfastly continue searching for the solutions to our problems." (Benjamin Franklin)

Play chess at the library Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meets in Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.

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

- **Through Thursday, October 31, *"Seed Library @ BCPL,"*** will be available during library hours and for **all ages**. There will be seeds available and located in the Reference Area of Adult Services and a location for kids in Youth Services end of the main desk. To check out seeds you must have a valid Blount County Public Library card. Please go to the library website or click here for further information.
- **Through Monday, July 29: *"2019 Summer Reading Challenge Program: A Universe of Stories."*** 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: Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, July 27**
    - **Teens: Tuesday, May 28 through Saturday, July 27**
    - **Adult: Tuesday, May 28 through Monday, July 29**

  The 2019 Summer Reading Program is **open to all ages**, preschool through adult. Everyone can have fun reading and doing activities to win prizes! There will be programs, story times, a music club and more. All programs are at no cost. Look for the library's newsletter for June and July with more publicity describing events and activities or go to the library's website calendar for details. 2019 Summer Reading is sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
  Children and Teens, get your Challenge Logs in the Children's Library at the Youth Services Desk.
  Adults, get your materials at Adult Services in the Reference Area or the Patron Services Desks in the Main Gallery.
- **Through Monday, July 29, *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 Adult Services Desk in the Reference Area or Patron Services Desk in the Main Gallery. 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 for Adults will be awarded at 6:15 p.m. before the Shakespeare play on Monday, July 29.
- **Saturday, June 1 through Thursday, October 31, *"Ugly Vegetable Contest."* For All Ages!** The Seed Library @BCPL announces our first ever "Ugly Vegetable Contest!" June

and July are exciting months, because that's when a lot of our veggies start really producing. Even though they're tasty and healthy for us, let's face it, some are prettier than others. So, we want to celebrate even the ugly ones, because they're just as delicious. **If you've got a tomato that's not perfect, or a cucumber that's not comely, send a photo to** spennycuff@blounttn.org**, and include your name and the name of the variety if you know it. Please send a selfie photo, in addition to the ugly vegetable close-up, with you and your veggie. We'll award a winner on Thursday, October 31, for the prize of a $100.00 gift card to our local garden center, "Out Of Eden."** So, if your pumpkin is puckered, or your gourd isn't gorgeous, be sure to share it with us. Watch the library's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for some spotlights on your entries, throughout the season!

- **Saturday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.,** *"Beyond the Shelves: Live Podcast!" at The Bird & The Book.* **All ages welcome!** Don't miss a spectacular live edition of the library's humorous and offbeat podcast that takes listeners behind the scenes and beyond the shelves. Be ready for special guests and special music, with a few surprises. **This off-site event takes place at The Bird & The Book, 1509 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville** at the Five Points roundabout (behind Southland Books and Café). Free parking is available behind the building.

- **Monday, June 3 and Monday, July 1, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1st Monday of each month),** *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* **All Ages Are Welcome!** While on the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! The library's new monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. Bring your teammates and compete for a prize! Questions start at 7:00 pm in the Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 6, 7 and 8,** *"Pre-Owned Book Sale."* This fundraiser for the library offers more than 50,000 books available for sale—$1 for soft cover and $2 for hard cover, plus movies (DVD & VHS), audiobooks and specially priced rare books, collectibles and others—by the [Blount County Friends of the Library (BCFOL)](#):
    - **Thursday, June 6, 12 noon until 6 p.m.,** *"Members Only Sale"* is an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library Lower Level.
    - **Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,** *"Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public"* in the Library Lower Level.
    - **Saturday Only: Purchase your screen print Logo T-Shirt while you wait!**

- **Saturday, June 8, All Day,** *"Mini-Con!"* The library's fifth-annual celebration of all things geeky, nerdy and fun. **All ages** are invited to dress in costume, play team trivia, watch a movie, do crafts, learn computer coding skills and play games. Special guests include Mister Bond's The Science Guys, The Spooky Ooos honkytonk band, costumed characters, and many vendors of collectibles, art, books and games. Mini-Con takes place throughout the library.

- **Tuesday, June 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.,** *"Summer Movie: Forbidden Planet."* **All Ages Welcome!** A rocket ship lands on a distant planet to uncover the disappearance of previous settlers but finds a scientist, his daughter, and a robot as the only survivors. Rated G. Run Time 98 min. The movie showing will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Monday, June 24, 7 p.m.,** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Seed Stories of Southern Appalachia,"* **presented by John Coykendall**, Blackberry Farm's Master Gardener. Coykendall has been saving seeds for 60 years along with rescuing several heirloom seeds from extinction. He has kept detailed seed journals throughout the years. From this memory banking he has stories to tell about the people who grew these seeds and how they used them in cooking. This program will be held in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.,** *"A Celebration of Space!"* **All ages** are invited to an out-of-this-world evening of games, contests, crafts and snacks. Watch out for a surprise guest! We'll have door prizes, contest prizes and, did we say, snacks? Join the fun in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Wednesday, July 4,** *"Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day."*
- **Tuesday, July 9, 7:00 p.m.,** *"Flower Gardens."* Join **Maryann Loicono** as she presents an hour long program of information on how to design, select, and plant flowers to brighten up your garden. She'll cover how to select your site, start plants from seeds, and much more, including information on both annuals and perennials. The program is located in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, July 15, 6:00-8:30,** *"Summer Movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind."* **All ages welcome!** After encountering a UFO flying overhead, electrical lineman Roy Neary becomes obsessed with uncovering the truth of what he and others saw and experienced. Hailed as one of the greatest science fiction films that set the precedence for generations. Rated PG. Run Time 135 min. The movie will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month),** *"Appalachian Reads."* The book club will discuss the book *Rocket Boys, m*emoir of retired NASA engineer Homer Hickam, a mine superintendent's son. He grew up in a small, struggling coal mining town in West Virginia during the cold war. It was the basis for the movie *October Sky.* Discussion will be facilitated by retired science museum director **David Sincerbox**. The book group will meet in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Monday, July 29, 6:15 p.m.,** *"A Universe of Stories 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 29, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.,** *"'A Midsummer Night's Dream'"* **presented by the Tennessee Stage Company.** Sneaky fairies, foolish buffoons, young lovers–all this and more makes for a magical comedy. This is one of William Shakespeare's best-loved works, with good reason. Join the library for a special performance by the Tennessee Stage Company's "Shakespeare on the Square" troupe, and see why "the course of true love never did run smooth." **All ages** are welcome and the play takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Tuesday, July 30, 7 p.m.,** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Musical Stories of the 1930s",* presented by the Drift Boat Cowboys—Justin Marcus, Jeremy Stephens, Brad Hitch, Mark Ross, David Rasnake, and Justin Hall—who are all sons of Blount County. The Drift Boat Cowboys will perform songs of the 1930s that tell stories of the Southern Appalachian Mountains that have been echoing throughout the years. The program will be in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, August 30, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.,** *"It's Your Career: Communicating and Listening Effectively,"* is part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. In this workshop you will learn effective communication is an essential component of professional success. Learn practical communication strategies that

will help make you a better leader, improve productivity, and combat communication breakdowns. 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 mobile device, tablet, or laptop, or one will be provided for your use.** All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating. **Registration begins July 29.** This class will be at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Registration is required. **For class synopsis and registration information, go to** https://www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/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. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer

RECURRING EVENTS: Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428

- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 pm.,** *"Dungeons & Dragons."* **Now operating via Signups Only!** If you are interested in joining, ask in Youth Services at the Children's Desk, or call 865-273-1414 or contact coordinators **Brandon Clackum, Randy Royse and Ashten Royse** via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook Page or email bcpldnd@gmail.com to reserve your spot. **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! The group meets in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.,** *"Thursday Night Gaming."* **All ages welcome!** If you're into any sort of analogue gaming, the Main Gallery of the Library is where you want to be! Interested in the Pokémon Card Game? Bring a deck and meet-up with local players, or learn to play with one of our decks. Like board games? Choose from our selection of tabletop favorites. In addition, during each Thursday night in **June**, we'll feature a unique live-action game. Join the game in the Main Gallery.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.
- **Saturday, June 1 and Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1ˢᵗ Saturday of each month),** *"Open Lab."* **Ages 16 and up** come play with all the cool tech in the Learning Lab! Lab equipment includes 3D printers, a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and other small electronics. Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org Open Lab will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
  - **During Open Lab, Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,** *"Fun with the Microbit."* Coding is not limited to creating programs for your desktop computer, laptop or phone. Learn how to write code for the MicroBit (www.microbit.org), use its sensors and display to create cool gadgets that continue to work after being disconnected from the computer. This workshop is **led by Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls**, a

nonprofit, to inspire girls in the Oak Ridge area to explore technology, coding and science. **Workshop targeted towards teens but open to all ages.**

- o **During Open Lab, Saturday, July 6, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,** *"Make a Website Using HTML/CSS."* In this workshop, students will learn the elements of HTML and CSS and use them to create a website. Using a text editor and web browser, students will edit web page templates and use them to make their own website. This workshop is **led by Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls**, a nonprofit, to inspire girls in the Oak Ridge area to explore technology, coding and science. **Workshop targeted towards teens but open to all ages.** Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.

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- ▪ **Tuesday, June 4 and June 18, and Tuesday, July 2 and July 16, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."* Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages** **and skill levels.** There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café.)

- ▪ **Thursday, June 6 and June 20, and Thursday, July 18, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."* A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It will meet in Sharon Lawson Room. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you." **PLEASE NOTE! The Quiltin' Bee group will not meet Thursday, July 4, due to the library being closed in honor of Independence Day.**

- ▪ **Tuesday, June 18 and Tuesday, July 16, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month),** *"Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,"* in the Kathy Pagles Board Room of the library.

- ▪ **Thursday, June 20 and Thursday, July 18, 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 the Adult Services Reference Area 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 stream movies from Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling Adult Services (Reference Desk) at 865-982-0981, ext. 1450, 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,**
- **Kindle e-readers: Amazon sign-in and password**

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

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES, INTERNSHIPS AND RESOURCES:

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

Social Media for Business Classes – Registration Required

Nearly 7 out of every 10 Americans are on social media. You want your marketing to be where your customer base is, yet not every social media platform is a good fit for every business. Join us for this eight-part, stand-alone series on *Using Social Media for Business*. Discover which tools are the best fit for your business, gain strategies to engage new and existing customers, create highly optimized, high quality ads, capture leads, drive brand awareness, and monetize the social platform.

*These are single-session, stand-alone classes. This eight-week series covers:

1. Facebook for Business
2. Instagram for Business
3. Pinterest for Business
4. Maximizing Your Visual Impact on Social Media
5. LinkedIn for Business
6. Twitter for Business
7. Managing Your Social Media Across Platforms
8. Search Engine Optimization and Advertising with Google

Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register online, go to the library's website or click here or for assistance with the online registration please visit the library's Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428.** Feel free to bring your own device or a laptop will be provided for you.

Facebook for Business
With 2.23 billion monthly users, Facebook remains the leading social media platform in the U.S. Learn how to create or refine a Facebook page for your business, stay abreast of key changes to Facebook, create and manage successful ad campaigns, create and advertise events, do

giveaways and contests, use Facebook Live to engage with your market, and more. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, June 7, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Instagram for Business
Instagram is a growing photo (and video) sharing platform, with 500 million people using it daily. Join us to create an Instagram business account, explore Instagram Stories and Story Highlights, use live videos, advertise, engage with your audience, and leverage analytics to track your effectiveness over time.
Class Requirement: You must have a Facebook page for your business in order to register for this class. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, June 14, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Pinterest for Business
More than 87 percent of users have bought a product because of Pinterest. In this class, you will create a Pinterest business account, boards where you save and share creative, inspiring, and actionable pins. Find trending topics, key words, and insights that will influence what you pin. Explore strategies for fun, unique, and engaging content. Advertise and analyze the effectiveness of your marketing on Pinterest. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, June 21, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Maximizing Your Visual Impact on Social Media
Learn how to sharpen your visual online presence for a consistent, professional delivery of your brand or image. Explore tools and platforms for easy-to-create designs and beautiful graphics that you optimize for a variety of media, turn designs into animations, and more. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, June 28, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

LinkedIn for Business
With 260 million monthly users, LinkedIn is a great platform for finding top talent, painting yourself as an industry leader, and promoting your business. Join us to create a company page, create and/or engage in industry-related groups, and establish yourself as a thought leader and industry expert. Get tips to grow your following. Use Company Page analytics to track and analyze your effectiveness. Use Showcase Pages to publish highly relevant messaging to subsets of your target audience. Click here to register!
Time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.
Date: Friday, July 12, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Twitter for Business
Twitter is one of the top websites in the world, ranked 8th in the U.S. and 13th internationally. Use Twitter to post headlines about your business, retweet related content, and broadcast live events – all of which build a following. Join us to create a twitter account for business, learn strategies to gain followers, interact with customers and influencers, and analyze your efforts. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, July 19, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Managing Your Social Media Across Platforms
You're thinking of using more than one social media platform–how do you know which ones are most worth your time? Join us to create a social media strategy for your business. Explore tools to help you plan and schedule your social content in advance, and manage your accounts from one place. Get tips and templates that will help you streamline your efforts and market with intent. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, August 2, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Search Engine Optimization and Advertising with Google
By leveraging the foundations of SEO, you can ensure that your business pops up in consumers' online searches, whether on laptops, smartphones, tablets, or more. Join us to learn how to make improvements that boost your website's visibility on search engines, attracting the right kind of traffic to the right pages on your site. Learn proven, step-by-step strategies to achieve higher positions with major search engines. Discover how to implement foundational optimization strategies and techniques, like:

- Conducting keyword research
- Interpreting and observing trends
- Best structuring SEO and pay-per-click plans around the insights you capture from keyword research
- Building internal and external links
- Optimizing your pages and content for maximum searchability
- Developing an informed long-term SEO strategy

– And discovering how to apply keyword insights to Google AdWords campaigns and measuring the results of your SEO and AdWords efforts. Click here to register!
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Date: Friday, August 16, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft and Google Apps Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint (2016), and Gmail. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. Is your workplace moving over to Google-based products? Sign up for free classes in Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Calendar. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register online, go to the library's website or click here or for assistance with the online registration please visit the library's Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428.** (If you desire to enroll in computer courses but do not have computer experience, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available: www.mouseprogram.com and www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm)

Classes for June – July cover:
- Google Drive Essentials
- Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive
- Google Docs Basics
- Google Docs Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Sheets Essentials
- Google Sheets Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Calendar Essential Training
- Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Gmail Basics
- Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks

Essentials of Google Drive – 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 back up 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. Click here to register!
Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Monday, June 3, 2019

Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.
Location: Learning Lab

Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive – 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, you can optimize your Google Drive 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. Click here to register!
Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Wednesday, June 5, 2019
Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.
Location: Learning Lab

Basics of Google Docs – 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.
Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Monday, June 10, 2019
Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Advanced Google Docs – 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. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, June 12, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Google Sheets Essentials – Discover how to get the most from Google Sheets. Learn how to navigate the interface, use basic formulas and functions, convert file formats like Excel to Google Sheets, and make your data work for you. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Monday, June 17, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Advanced Google Sheets – Learn practical applications for Google Sheets, such as calculating investments and loan payments, the effects of interest and inflation, using Sheets to determine dates and times for project deliverables, and more. Explore how to maximize your productivity by using conditional formatting, creating charts, and expanding Google Sheets capabilities using Add Ons. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, June 19, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Google Calendar Essential Training – Manage your personal and professional calendars more effectively with Google Calendar. From scheduling events and tracking to-dos, to sharing calendars and creating invites, get the basics of Google Calendar to help make your day run more smoothly. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Monday, June 24, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks – Build on your knowledge of Google Calendar to become a Google Calendar guru. Join us to discover advanced features of Google Calendar, such as creating events with a video option for meetings, making available appointment slots so that others can schedule time with you, use Agenda view, add Labs to give yourself new calendar features, and more. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, June 26, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials – This free class is 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, cut, copy, paste, editing, formatting, spell check/thesaurus, page setup, line spacing, the ruler, navigating, changing margins, changing case, word count, and bullets and numbering. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Date: Monday, July 8, 2019
Bring: These are single session classes. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – Building off prior knowledge of MS Word, we will explore ways to create a high quality, professional-looking document. The free class will

cover skills such as inserting pictures and captions, charts, hyperlinks, headers, footers, page numbers, table of contents, and cover pages. Participants will learn the ins and outs of design features, customizing the spell check dictionary, locking documents to restrict editing, and more. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dates: Wednesday, July 10, 2019

Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds. Participants may also bring a current project they are developing, such as a resume or other work/volunteer-related project.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials – Join us for a free introduction to Excel 2016. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Navigating the Excel interface
- Entering text and formulas
- Editing and viewing worksheets
- Working with formulas and functions
- Formatting cells
- Changing the appearance of worksheets
- Changing column width and row height
- Using auto fill
- Selecting cell ranges
- Using move and copy shortcuts
- Inserting/deleting columns, rows, and worksheets
- Renaming and moving worksheets

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Dates: Monday, July 15, 2019

Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks **–** Building off prior knowledge, participants will explore ways to make spreadsheet information readable and understandable using advanced formatting techniques. For instance, participants will learn how to:

- Use fill color and patterns for cell backgrounds
- Leverage alignment tools for readability
- Accentuate dynamic data with conditional formatting
- Work with tables, styles, and themes for consistent formatting
- Display data as an outline; summarize data using pivot tables, charts and more.

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Dates: Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds. Participants may also bring a current project they are developing, such as a budget, project management chart, or other work/volunteer-related project.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials – Participants will gain skills needed to produce a simple, professional-looking presentation. Topics include navigating the interface; applying or changing a theme; inserting and adjusting pictures, clip art, screenshots, video, tables and charts; using screen toolbar features to play and markup a presentation; create handouts and print, and more. Click here to register!
Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Monday, July 22, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – In this free class, learn how to make presentations more compelling by:
- Customizing the theme and animating text and graphics
- Engaging the audience with audio and video
- Creating information rich, visually compelling presentations driven by Excel data
- Applying time-saving shortcuts that will help you create more engaging presentations quickly

– Discover strategies to keep your audience engaged, and explore tools to make your presentation look more professional, polished and accessible. Click here to register!
Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Wednesday, July 24, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Gmail Basics – Tired of wasting time in email and not having what you need at your fingertips? Join this free class to master the basics of Gmail, including how to:
- Register (or retrieve your password) for a Gmail account
- Send and receive emails with and without attachments
- Organize and work with your inbox
- Search, filter, and label emails for efficiency
- Avoid pitfalls when using email, such as getting computer viruses

— And more. Discover how to manage the inbox so that you can be more productive in less time. Click here to register!
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Monday, July 29, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks – 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 POP3 email accounts with Gmail so you get all of your emails in one place
- Mastering labels, stars, and filters
- Using aliases to determine referrals
- Muting conversations
- Undoing email sends
- Integrating Gmail with Outlook and Google apps like Google Calendar

[Click here to register!](#)
Time: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, July 31, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

It's Your Career Soft Skills Training Sessions

Once a month on Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., *"It's Your Career,"* will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. 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 mobile device, tablet, or laptop, or one will be provided for your use.** All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating. **Registration is required.** This class will be at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. **For Class Synopsis and Registration Information**
Go to www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/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. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer

Open Lab – Ages 16 and Up

Saturday, June 1 and Saturday, July 6, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1st Saturday of each month), *"Open Lab."* **Ages 16 and up** come play with all the cool tech in the Learning Lab! Lab equipment includes 3D printers, a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and other small electronics. Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org Open Lab will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
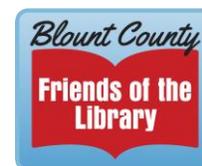- **During Open Lab, Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,** *"Fun with the Microbit."* Coding is not limited to creating programs for your desktop computer, laptop or phone. Learn how to write code for the MicroBit (www.microbit.org), use its sensors and display to create cool gadgets that continue to work after being disconnected from the computer. This workshop is **led by Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls**, a

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Need help with **technology** and don't know where to start? Have a tough research **question?** Need a new **resume?** Having trouble with **R.E.A.D.S.?** Go to https://goo.gl/forms/35a9eT5qArPctgmU2 to complete a registration form to schedule assistance from a professional library staff member, and get help setting up your own personal learning plan using library resources.

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 **June 24 through August 2, 2019** 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   For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/arconic-internship-program **Deadline to Apply: Wednesday, June 5, 2019**

The program consists of three components:

1) **June 24 – July 12: 3 weeks of** *Workforce Readiness Training* **(60 hours)**
   o *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 15 – July 26: 100 hours of hands-on manufacturing experience interning with a Blount County manufacturer**
   o **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) **July 31, August 1 and 2: 3 half-days of *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation***
   o **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.

<u>TEEN PROGRAMS   –   Phone 865-273-1414:</u>

<u>Special Programs</u>:

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- **Saturday, June 1 through Thursday, October 31, *"Ugly Vegetable Contest."* For All Ages!** The Seed Library @BCPL announces our first ever "Ugly Vegetable Contest!" June and July are exciting months, because that's when a lot of our veggies start really producing. Even though they're tasty and healthy for us, let's face it, some are prettier than others. So, we want to celebrate even the ugly ones, because they're just as delicious. **If you've got a tomato that's not perfect, or a cucumber that's not comely, send a photo to** spennycuff@blounttn.org, **and include your name and the name of the variety if you know it. Please send a selfie photo, in addition to the ugly vegetable close-up, with you and your veggie. We'll award a winner on Thursday, October 31, for the prize of a $100.00 gift card to our local garden center, "Out Of Eden."** So, if your pumpkin is puckered, or your gourd isn't gorgeous, be sure to share it with us. Watch the library's Facebook and Instagram pages for some spotlights on your entries, throughout the season!
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  - **Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Teen Gaming, Special Mini-Con Edition."* Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii games, Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart – or bring your own. For this special edition of Teen Gaming, we'll also have PCs available. Join the fun in Dorothy Herron Room B.
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- **Saturday, July 6, 1 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"Stranger Things Watch Party."* Are you ready for Season 3? Eleven, Mike, Dustin, Lucas, Will and Max are facing some new challenges and terrors – at the Starcourt Mall and elsewhere. Wear your coolest '80s fashions or impersonate one of the creatures or characters. We'll have themed snacks and games. No need to travel to the Upside Down; this party takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Teen 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.
- **Monday, July 15, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.,** *"Summer Movie: Close Encounters of the Third Kind."* **All ages welcome!** After encountering a UFO flying overhead, electrical lineman Roy Neary becomes obsessed with uncovering the truth of what he and others saw and experienced. Rated PG. Run Time 135 min. The movie showing will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 27, 1:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.,** *"Teen Summer Finale Bash: A Universe of Arts."* Showcase your talents and your passions at a combination art show/open mic/karaoke bash. We'll hand out prizes for the Summer Reading Challenge, as well as prizes for the "Universe of Art" showcase. There will, of course, be snacks. Join the party in the Sharon Lawson Room.

Regular Teen Events:

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- **Tuesday, June 4 and June 18, and Tuesday, July 2 and July 16, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."* Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages** and skill levels. There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café.)
- **Thursday, June 6 and June 20, and Thursday, July 18, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."* A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It will meet in Sharon Lawson Room. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you." **PLEASE NOTE!** **The Quiltin' Bee group** will not meet Thursday, July 4, due to the library being closed in honor of Independence Day.
- **PLEASE NOTE!** **The Blount County Nerd Group** will be on summer hiatus! Follow them on the library's Facebook page to get advance notice of the restart date.
- **Saturday, June 22, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"YA Café."* All teens are invited to engage in

discussions about favorite books and media, with coffee and cookies. YA Café meets in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Saturday, June 22, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"Laser TAB: Teen Advisory Board."* Help plan library programs and activities. Recommend books and videos for the library's collection. Basically, you can help make the library a better space for teens. If you're in the 6th through 12th grade, you can join! Laser TAB meets monthly in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 pm.,** *"Dungeons & Dragons.***" Now operating via Signups Only!** If you are interested in joining, ask in Youth Services at the Children's Desk, or call 865-273-1414 or contact coordinators **Brandon Clackum, Randy Royse and Ashten Royse** via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook Page or email bcpldnd@gmail.com to reserve your spot. **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! The group meets in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.,** *"Thursday Night Gaming."* **All ages welcome!** If you're into any sort of analogue gaming, the Main Gallery of the Library is where you want to be! Interested in the Pokémon Card Game? Bring a deck and meet-up with local players, or learn to play with one of our decks. Like board games? Choose from our selection of tabletop favorites. In addition, during each Thursday night in **June**, we'll feature a unique live-action game. Join the game in the Main Gallery.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: Phone: 865-273-1414

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

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- **Saturday, June 29, 10:30 until noon,** *"Family Storytime Goes to Space."* Youngsters and their families can blast off with stories and songs that are out of this world. Family Storytime includes crafts, stories and songs and helps encourage important early literacy skills. This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.
- **Wednesday, July 4,** *"Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day."*
- **Saturday, July 6, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,** *"Sensory Movie Fun: 'LEGO Star Wars: Droid Tales.'"* Relive the classic adventures of Star Wars through the eyes (er, receptors) of the droids we love: R2D2 and C3PO. It's a funny and fun take on the saga. This Disney mini-series was released for TV and is appropriate for all ages. Everyone is welcome! Our "Sensory Movie Fun" approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing moderate lighting and a low-stress environment, plus LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. This event is welcoming for but not limited to those with sensory or attention issues, however. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 13, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,** *"One Small Step: The Real-Life Journey to Outer Space."* As we approach the 50th anniversary of the Apollo moon landing this month, join Bright Star Theatre and a cast of scientists and astronauts to see how it all went down – or rather, up – when humans first visited the Moon! Join the journey in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 20, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,** *"Touch-a-Truck."* Your annual adventure is back and truckier than ever! Kids and families can visit with a whole fleet of cool vehicles, including a fire truck, a garbage truck, a police motorcycle and a police patrol car, a tow truck, a dump truck, a backhoe, an ambulance and the Blount County Sheriff Department's "Big Truck"! We'll have other fun activities, and snow cones for sale to help you cool off. Touch-a-Truck takes place on the library lawn and parking area.
- **Saturday, July 27, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.,** *"Children's Summer Reading Finale Bash."* Celebrate another fabulous and fun-filled summer with crafts, music and special guests, including a Frisbee mini-golf course and other life-size games. Bring your Summer Challenge Logs for a last chance to pick up your great summer reading prizes. Join the party in the Children's Library and adjoining Main Gallery area.

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Saturdays, 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.,** *"Art with Amanda: Craft Lessons for Kids."* Join artist-instructor **Amanda Wasinger** for a weekly creativity adventure. **Kids ages 5-12** are invited to have fun learning new skills, creating treasures to take home. **(Younger children are welcome with parental help.)** We provide the materials; you bring the creativity! Crafting happens in the Children's Library Discovery Corner each Saturday.
- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"LEGOs in the Library,"* **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).

- **Fridays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m.,** *"STEAMkids,"* **for Grades K-5**. Every week brings 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 7 and Friday, July 5, *"Eco-STEAMkids with Keep Blount Beautiful."*** On the first Friday of each month, kids will get to make an earth-friendly craft project and learn how to keep our community, and our world, cleaner and healthier with a fun project led by Keep Blount Beautiful.
  - **Friday, June 21, *"'3-2-1 Blast Off!' with MUSE."*** Discover how space is different from Earth and explore the Earth, Moon, and Sun. Students will discover what is out in space that can be observed with your own eyes and beyond. Learn with exploration stations to learn about the sun, moon, and stars. This special STEAMkids program will be presented by the MUSE hands-on children's museum.
  - **Friday, July 19, *"'The 50th Anniversary of Apollo' with MUSE."*** Did you know that the May Apollo 10 mission was a dress rehearsal for the landing on the moon in July? Students will learn how Snoopy and Charlie Brown traveled with the astronauts. In honor of this milestone, students will help Snoopy make a lunar rover he can use to explore the moon if NASA calls on him to travel there again. This special STEAMkids program will be presented by the MUSE hands-on children's museum.
- **Tuesday, June 4 and June 18, and Tuesday, July 2 and July 16, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."* Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages and skill levels.** There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café.)
- **Thursday, June 6 and June 20, and Thursday, July 18, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month),** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."* A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It will meet in Sharon Lawson Room. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you." **PLEASE NOTE! The Quiltin' Bee group** will not meet Thursday, July 4, due to the library being closed in honor of Independence Day.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the 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) 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 Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **Tuesday, June 25 and Tuesday, July 23, 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).

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 get in touch!

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

June 1 to 30:

- ***"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* Exhibit, coordinated by Sandy Miller**, will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- ***"Teen Art Contest"* Exhibit, coordinated by Jennifer Spirko,** will be on the Art Panels located down the Meeting Room Hallway.
- ***"Townsend Artisian Guild"* Exhibit, coordinated by Susan Cooper,** will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, in the square pedestal case in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library, and in the vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- ***"Barbie's 60th Birthday"* Exhibit,** coordinated by **Laurel Veal,** will be located in one Mid-Gallery case in the Main Gallery of the library.
- ***"Seed Stories"* Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus,** will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***"A Universe of Stories"* Display**, **by Adult Services,** will be located in the Reference Hutch in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library. Come see some of the stellar titles on space.
- ***"A Universe of Stories"* Exhibit**, **by Patron Services,** will be located in the Main Gallery between the two Patron Services Circulation Desks.
- ***"Decades: Celebrate Recipes Through the Years"* Exhibit**, **by the Bookmark Café**, in the display case located in the Bookmark Café.

July 1 to 31:

- *"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art"* **Exhibit, coordinated by Sandy Miller**, will be on easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- *"Teen Art Contest"* **Exhibit, coordinated by Jennifer Spirko,** will be on the Art Panels located down the Meeting Room Hallway.
- *"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 Patron Services Circulation Check-in Desk .
- *"50th Anniversary of the Apollo 11 Moon Landing"* **Exhibit**, **by Ron Halter,** will be located in one Mid-Gallery case in the Main Gallery of the library.
- *"1930s Musical Stories"* **Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus,** located in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- *"A Universe of Stories"* **Display, by Adult Services,** in the Reference Area of the library throughout the summer to see some of the stellar titles on space, science, and technology and the stories they hold!
- *"Celebrate Freedom"* **Exhibit**, **by Patron Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.
- *"Decades: Celebrate Recipes Through the Years"* **Exhibit**, **by the Bookmark Café**, in the display case located in the Bookmark Café.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- Group Tours of the Main Library and Adult Services (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 Adult Services (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 . 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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