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May 2016 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (April 29, 2016) As usual, there's a lot going on at the library, and we hope you'll take advantage of the opportunity to participate in the things that interest you.

A Scottish genealogy workshop will be offered on May 20 with Graeme Mackenzie, Ann Blomquist and Tom Gilliland. Registration is \$25 (\$35 with optional lunch), due by May 5. A [registration form](#) is attached to this document.

The Blount County Public Library is implementing a writing course called [Foothills Voices](#) which will continue for 10 months from June 23, 2016 through March 23, 2017. To be considered for this course go to www.blountlibrary.org or click [here](#). Application and writing samples are due by May 20. The class is limited to 20 students.

The Appalachian Studies Series will present the fourth speaker, Dr. Bob Hutton, who will discuss How Appalachia Became Appalachia on Monday, May 9.

Computer classes are offered by library staff for Rookies and Beyond the Basics while this year's Gains Classes (Microsoft Office computer classes to help people acquire a job or move to a different job), are taught by Adult Education teachers. Résumé Help (one-on-one) will be available May 2-5.

Experiencing new and exciting events will be integral for this year's Summer Reading Program theme fitness and sports. To give maximum time to enjoy participation at the library, all three Summer Reading Programs (Adults, Teens and Children) will kick off summer events on Saturday, May 28, with a Mini-Con Comic Convention. So plan now to join in the fun!

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

EVENTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1436

- **Friday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., “Job Fair at Second Harvest.”** Anyone looking for a job or wanting career development opportunities is invited to attend. There is no charge to attend. This Job Fair, co-sponsored by the Blount Partnership, the library and the Tennessee Career Center, Alcoa, will be held at the Second Harvest building at 136 Harvest Lane, Maryville, TN. Employers will be set up to interview potential job applicants, and there will be numerous presentations to assist those who are seeking jobs. For more information, call Blount Partnership at 865-983-2241.
- **Résumé Help Sessions** – Résumé help sessions are designed to give one-on-one help to job seekers in need of a new or improved résumé. Instructors will be available to help individuals

design or update a résumé using current formatting trends. A flash drive with various résumé templates will be provided to participants. Participants should bring job history, including employment addresses, phone numbers, dates of employment, list of responsibilities, and salary going back ten years. A reference list can also be completed during a session; please bring reference names and contact information, including address, phone number, and email address. Each session runs from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday through Thursday of the designated week. More than one session may be needed to complete a résumé and reference list. Registration is helpful but drop-ins are allowed. Please register at the reference desk. For more information on the program, please call Margaret Muller at Blount County Adult Education at 982-8998. *Bring your job history with dates to the computer lab.*

- **Monday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 12 noon** (a single one-on-one session)
- **Tuesday, May 3, 9 a.m. to 12 noon** (a single one-on-one session)
- **Wednesday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 12 noon** (a single one-on-one session)
- **Thursday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 12 noon** (a single one-on-one session)
- **Friday, May 6, “Library Closed for In-Service Staff Training.”**
- **Monday, May 9, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachia Studies Series: How Appalachia Became Appalachia.”** Bob Hutton, PhD, Senior Lecturer of History & American Studies at the University of Tennessee, will discuss how the culture developed in the Southern Appalachians after the Civil War. Politics and economics have played a large role in shaping the culture of Appalachia resulting in myths and misconceptions of the inhabitants. The lecture will address the realities of the Appalachian social history and the culture that subsequently evolved in the region. Hutton is the author of *Bloody Breathitt: Politics & Violence in the Appalachian South* which won the Appalachian Studies Association’s 2013 Weatherford Award for non-fiction. The program will be in Main Gallery of the Library.
- **Tuesday, May 17, 5:30 p.m., “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Wednesday, May 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (3rd Wednesday of each month), “Affordable Care Act Health Care Enrollment.”** A qualified Navigator will be at the library to meet with individuals and families to help with registration for the Affordable Care Act. **An appointment is required by calling 1-844-644-5443, or you can visit www.GetCoveredTenn.org/commit**
- **Thursday, May 19, 7 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? Well, you can 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 and coordinated by Jennifer Spirko, participants (16 years 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 Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, May 20, 8 a.m. until 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Paying It Forward: The Importance of Mentorship & Coachability.”** Networking will begin at 7:30 a.m. for this soft skills class taught by Adult Education instructors in the Computer Lab at the library. For class synopsis and registration information, go to www.blountchamber.com/community/soft-skills or call Amy Lawson at 865-983-2241.
- **Friday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Genealogy Workshop: Scottish Genealogy on Both Sides of the Pond.”** Registration fee is \$25 plus an added \$10 for optional boxed lunch. **Registration deadline is Thursday, May 5.** Call 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext. 4, for

more details. A [registration form](#) is attached with this calendar. Checks should be made out to Blount County Friends of the Library (BCFOL). Registration is limited.

Schedule for the day

- **8:30 to 9 a.m.** **Check in** and get settled.
 - **9 to 11 a.m.** **“Beginning Genealogy” by Ann Blomquist**, author of 13 genealogy books and administrator of the First Families of Tennessee project for the East Tennessee Historical Society in Knoxville.
 - **11:15 to 12:15** **“Tracing Your Emigrant Ancestor’s Forebears: Genealogical Research in Scotland as a Whole” by Graeme Mackenzie**, professional genealogist, specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland, for the last 25 years as well as author of articles and books about particular clans. [Native resident of Scotland]
 - **12:15 to 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
 - **1:30 to 2:30 p.m.** **“They Went Thataway: Migration Routes of Our Ancestors” by Ann Blomquist**
 - **2:45 to 3:45 p.m.** **“Clans, Septs and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland: Genealogical Research Issues in the Gaidhealtachd” by Graeme Mackenzie**
 - **4 to 5 p.m.** **“You Can’t Get There from Here: Finding Your Scots Roots” by Tom Gilliland**, retired Presbyterian USA pastor, who studied Gaelic in Nova Scotia and did family genealogy research in Londonderry and Belfast. Author of United Presbyterian church history book, *Truth in Love*.
- **Friday, May 20, “Foothills Voices: Written Prose Submission Deadline to apply for participation.”** You are invited to apply for the [Foothills Voices](#) project, a ten-month course (June 23, 2016 through March 23, 2017) in writing and research for novice or amateur writers, taught at the library’s new Learning Lab as part of the Southern Appalachian Studies program. The focus of the course is the creation of a written work of creative nonfiction that tells true stories of East Tennessee’s past and people. These works might take the form of memoir, family history or historical narrative, for instance. At the completion of the course, the students’ finished works will be compiled into a professionally published anthology. In addition to instruction, writing workshops, and library tours, the class will feature guest lecturers by a variety of accomplished professional writers, including Bill Landry, Jack Neely, Pamela Schoenewaldt, Kate Clabough and David Duggan. To be considered for this course go to www.blountlibrary.org or click [here](#). Applications and writing sample are due by May 20, 2016. Class size is limited to 20 students. For further information, contact the Reference Department at 865-982-0981, ext. 4, or 865-273-1428 or email jspirko@blounttn.org
- **Friday, May 20, “YOUR Coloring Creations For Art Wall Wanted: Submission Deadline to enter for participation.”** The Blount County Public Library wants YOUR coloring creations for an art wall display in June. Please submit any single-page colorings to the Reference Department by May 20. Submissions must be no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches and they **MUST** come with a mat (black or white). Mat openings should be large enough to show the entire coloring picture and no more than 2 inches wide. Include your name and contact information on a separate paper taped to the back of the mat (NOT to the coloring page). Your name and town (ONLY) will be displayed along with your picture; please notify

the staff if you prefer to remain anonymous. In the event too many entries are received, pictures will be chosen for display in the order received. For further information, contact the Reference Department at 865-982-0981, ext. 4, or 865-273-1428.

- **Saturday, May 28, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., “Mini-Con.”** Mini-Con is a free, **all ages** comic convention and the **kickoff to BCPL's Summer Reading Program!** For kids, come participate in a special story time, LEGO fun, art lessons, and meet some of your favorite superheroes. Adults can have fun learning about acting from special guest, actor and director Keith Brooks, interacting with local authors, getting some hands-on art experience, and even more. Everybody can enjoy shopping at tables filled with local vendors who are selling everything from hand-crafted costuming items to fandom soaps, as well as a free lunch and karaoke! **Come in costume** for the opportunity to win cool prizes at the Cosplay contest at the end of the day. Additionally, a local Girl Scout troop will be collecting used costumes and costume accessories at this event to repair and give away to children in need. These events will be held throughout the library.
- **Saturday, May 28 through Saturday, July 30: “2016 Summer Reading Program: Wellness, Fitness, and Sports.”** Throughout the summer, in addition to reading based on fitness and sports themes, there will be weekly events and activities for all ages, emphasizing the fitness and wellness theme. The three age groups and themes are
 - **Children: “On your mark, Get set, Read!”**
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- **Saturday, May 28, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (4th 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. Located at Founder’s Square, Downtown Maryville, near CBBC Bank.
- **Monday, May 30, “Library Closed in Honor of Memorial Day.”**

Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. HELP!

If you have an e-reader, tablet or other device, you may check out e-books, audiobooks, magazines 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 982-0981, ext. 302, or 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,**
- **Barnes & Noble account sign-in and password.**

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

COMPUTER COURSES – Registration Required:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Reference Desk or call

(865) 273-1428 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.

Basic Introductory Computer Classes:

Basic computer classes are offered, **free**, at the library: Introduction to the Computer--Meet the Mouse, Internet Searching, Email, Facebook and monthly Special Topics. **Registration is required for all classes by visiting the library's Reference Desk or calling the library at 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4.** Each of these one-time classes lasts approximately 90 minutes and is limited to an enrollment of 14 people, but students may take the classes more than once.

"Rookies" classes on Wednesdays are designed for computer users with little or no experience and will focus on very basic skills and techniques. "Beyond the Basics" classes on Thursdays are for computer users who are more comfortable with basic operations, but are not experts. As an example, a Rookie "Intro to Email" class will discuss how to set up an account, choose a password, send email and reply, etc. A "Beyond the Basics: Email" class, on the other hand, will assume that students have those basic skills already. It will instead focus on such function as attaching files (pictures, documents, etc.), folders and file management within email, signatures, vacation replies, etc.

If a person desires to enroll in the Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, the one-session, two-hour class of Meet the Mouse is a pre-requisite.

The basic computer class schedule is:

- **Wednesday, May 4, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Email"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, May 5, 2-3:30 p.m., "Email: Beyond the Basics"** in the Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, May 11, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Facebook"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, May 12, 2-3:30 p.m., "Facebook: Beyond the Basics"** in the Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, May 18, 2-3:30 p.m., "Meet the Mouse"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab
- **Wednesday, May 25, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Email"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, May 26, 2-3:30 p.m., "Internet Searching: Google Better"** in the Computer Lab
- **NO 'Rookies' or Beyond the Basics' classes in June.**
- **Thursday, June 16, 2-3:30 p.m., "Special Topic: Ancestry.com"** in the Computer Lab
(Please note: Because of the popularity of this course, we do not permit repeat registrations. If you have taken a previous Ancestry.com class and need additional help, please visit the Reference Desk.)

Microsoft Computer Courses:



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Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint (2010). Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library computer lab. 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, the single session, one-hour class of Meet the Mouse is a pre-requisite; check above in Basic Introductory Classes.)

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 ALCOA Foundation.

Microsoft Word 2010 Essentials – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2010, 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: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Session 4

Wednesdays, May 25 and June 1, 2016

Session 5

Wednesdays, August 24 and 31, 2016

Session 6

Wednesdays, October 19 and 26, 2016.

Microsoft Excel 2010 Essentials – This free class is an introduction to Excel 2010. 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: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

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

Session 4

Wednesdays, June 8 and 15, 2016

Session 5

Wednesdays, September 7 and 14, 2016

Session 6

Wednesdays, November 2 and 9, 2016.

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 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: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dates: *This is single-session class.*

Session 4

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

Session 5

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Session 6

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

Résumé Help Sessions – Résumé help sessions are designed to give one-on-one help to job seekers in need of a new or improved résumé. Instructors will be available to help individuals design or update a résumé using current formatting trends. A flash drive with various résumé templates will be provided to participants. Participants should bring job history, including employment addresses, phone numbers, dates of employment, list of responsibilities, and salary going back ten years. A reference list can also be completed during a session; please bring reference names and contact information, including address, phone number, and email address.

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Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Dates: *This is a single session.*

Session 3:

Monday, May 2, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Thursday, May 5, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Session 4:

Monday, June 27, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Tuesday, June 28, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Wednesday, June 29, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Thursday, June 30, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Session 5:

Monday, September 26, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Tuesday, September 27, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Wednesday, September 28, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Thursday, September 29, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Session 6:

Monday, November 28, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Tuesday, November 29, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Wednesday, November 30, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

Thursday, December 1, 2016 (a single one-on-one session)

TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:

Special Programs:

- **Saturday, April 30, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Curiosity Creates: STEAMday”** Join other teens in the reading rotunda end of the main gallery for a day of STEAM fun focusing on technology full of new gadgets from a Curiosity Creates grant. There will be demos for Ozobots, Makey Makeys, 3D printing, Cubelets, and so much more!
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- **Saturday, June 11, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Treat Yo’ Self Day,”** It’s time you take a day to take care of yourself and relax! At this event, teens will have plenty of opportunity to relax, express themselves and have a stress free environment to do it all. Be ready for art, music, dogs, cat videos, DIY spa stuff and more! Dogs will be provided by HABIT therapy dog volunteers, Parks and Recreation will be bringing arts and crafts and you can try your hand at a musical instrument. There will also be a raffle for a few “self-care kits” so the relaxing and self-expression can come home with you. This event will take place in the meeting room hallway as well as the Dorothy Herron room and the Sharon Lawson room.
- **Saturday June 25, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Gargantuan Gaming Day,”** On this day, take Teen Gaming Day to the next level with bigger games and games that make you think outside the box. See if you can beat a world record on a “Minute to Win It” challenge, learn a new way to play Scrabble, challenge a friend to a game of Dance Dance Revolution, and more! Pizza and drinks will be provided to fuel your competitive side. Bring a friend and challenge each other! This event will take place in the meeting room hallway as well as the Sharon Lawson room.

Regular Teen Programs – Phone (865) 273-1414:

- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Saturday.”** Middle and high school students (or any age) are invited to play chess. **Tom Jobe** coaches most

Saturdays in the Teen Central area of the library. On one Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.

- **Thursdays, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Thursday.”** Middle and high school students (or any age) are invited to play chess. **Tom Jobe** coaches most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Once per month: “Sanctioned Chess Tournament,”** coordinated by **Tom Jobe**, is held at the library in the Teen Central area.
- **Saturday, May 14, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Gaming @ Your Library.”** Games of all kind! Board games, MarioKart, Super Smash Bros., Yu-Gi-Oh!, or bring your own game to share! Bring friends! Gaming will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: 273-1414

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- **Saturday, June 4, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., “Make it Move with MUSE,”** Kids love sports and this action-packed, sports-themed program will get them interested in science as well! With the instructor as the referee, students will use a variety of sports equipment to learn about gravity, friction, force and Newton’s Three Laws of Motion. All of this will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., “*Get Moving with Magic*,”** It’s a bird! It’s a plane! No, it’s Ben Young, the magician & superhero! And this show really packs a punch! Bam! Comedy that will leave you in stitches. Pow! Magic that will make your jaw drop. Wham! Be a part of the show more than ever before! The library’s theme this year is fitness and sports, so get ready to wave your arms, hoot and holler, learn some games, and find out where you can learn more fun ways to stay active (hint: In the library) Get ready...to Get Moving With Magic! This event will be in the Sharon Lawson room.
- **Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., “*The Science of Sport with Mr. Bond*,”** a hands-on science program about sport science where children can learn about hand-eye coordination experiments, lung capacity, Bernoulli’s principle, aerodynamics, balancing miracles, sweet spot on rackets, aerodynamics and much more! Children can also make their own bouncy balls to take home. This event will take place in the Sharon Lawson room.
- **Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. until 12 p.m., “*Eric Carle Storywalk™ and Celebration*,”** Families will celebrate the birthday of Eric Carle with activities stationed at the library’s back entrance and an interactive exercise story, “From Head to Toe” through the Maryville-Alcoa greenbelt.

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Fridays, 4 until 5 p.m., “*S.T.E.A.M. Kids*,” for Grades K-5,** In the Children’s Library. Every week will be a different adventure, from science experiments to art projects and everything in between. Materials will be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “*LEGO Club*.”** LEGO Club 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!

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 monthly themes, supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and more information on early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., “*Little Learners*,” recommended for ages 3-5.** Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition and pre-literacy skills incorporating stories, music, motion, play, crafts and more.
- **Wednesdays, 10:30 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!
- **Tuesday May 31, 6:00 p.m., “*Sensory Story Time*,”** An interactive storytime 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 the kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3 - 5.

Library Tours and Outreach

Please call the Children's Library at 865-273-1414 or email rbaker@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:

May 1 to 31:

- ***"Townsend Artisan Guild"* Exhibit**, coordinated by **Susan Cooper**, on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, one vertical display case and one square pedestal case.
- ***"Blount Home Education Association (BHEA)"* Exhibit**, coordinated by **Cindy McDaniel**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the main gallery and 1 square pedestal case.
- ***"Foothills Voices & Southern Appalachian Studies"* Exhibit**, coordinated by **Linda Marcus** and **Brennan LeQuire** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***"Scottish Genealogy"* Exhibit** coordinated by **Brennan LeQuire** in one vertical display case.
- ***"Food Allergy Awareness"* Exhibit** coordinated by **Amanda Painter with Food Allergy Community of E. TN (FACET)**, in one mid-gallery display case across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery.
- ***"Sleeping Mats for Homeless"* Exhibit** coordinated by **Carolyn Martin**, in one mid-gallery display case across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery.
- ***"Gardening"* Exhibit** coordinated by **BCPL Circulation Staff** on two tables 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 Becca Baker 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 or Children's Librarian 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).

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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 type your email address in the box at the top right that says "Email for library news." Also check out Facebook at "Blount County Public Library," Twitter at "Blount_Library," Tumblr and Pinterest. 

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