



BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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July 2015 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (June 25, 2015) Now that it's mid-summer, wouldn't you like to do something to escape the ordinary? You can do just that by participating in the Out of the Ordinary Fair at the library on July 11! In addition, there will be all kinds of other extraordinary events throughout the month of July – for all ages: adults, teens and children. Put these events on your calendar and plan to attend! And don't forget that you can rent a Hot Spot for remote Internet access while you're on that relaxing vacation this summer!

MUSIC:

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

- **Through July 27: “Escape the Ordinary” Adult Summer Reading Program.** Why should the kids have all the fun? Adults, sign up for summer reading! Win daily prizes and a grand prize. For more information, register at any desk at the library.
 - **Who's Your Hero?** Is there someone you especially look up to? Write the names of your personal heroes on paper around columns in the library's main gallery. Let Blount County know who your heroes are!

- ***Heroes vs. Villains*** Vote for your most valiant hero and dastardly villain each day in voting jars at the Bookmark Café and track results on columns in the main gallery and on Twitter, tag the library “@Blount_Library” and use the hashtag #bcplvote. Track the bracket results in the library’s gallery, columns and social media.
- **Saturday, June 27, 6 to 9 p.m. “Alcoa Freedom Fest.”** Stop by the library’s table before the fireworks at the Alcoa Duck Pond! Enjoy hands-on activities.
- **Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4, “Library Closed” in honor of Independence Day.**
- **Tuesday, July 7, 12 to 7 p.m. “Medic Blood Drive at the Library.”** Take advantage of this opportunity to donate blood in the library’s Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 11, 1 to 4 p.m., “Out of the Ordinary Fair.”** Experience out-of-the-ordinary activities at the library: line dancing, yoga at your desk, honey-making exhibit, creativity techniques, basket making, local history, the new digital signage at the library and more! These events and activities will occur throughout the library.
 - **Events:**
 - **1:30 p.m. Line Dancing** with **Kay McDonald** from the Wellness Center
 - **2:30 p.m. Rapier Fighting Demonstration** by the **Barony of Thor’s Mountain, Society for Creative Anachronism**
 - **3:30 p.m. Tai Chi**, a presentation by **Clear’s Silat and Street Kung Fu**
 - **Exhibits and Demos (from 1 to 4 p.m.):**
 - **Digital Technology (Signage and in Meeting Rooms at the Library)** by **K.C. Williams, Library Director**
 - **Basket Weaving** by **Bruce Robertson**
 - **Chair Massage** by **Brittney Crump** from Blount Memorial Wellness Center
 - **Laundry Soap: Science & Demo** by **Colette and Kathleen Souder** of Rainwater Farm
 - **Textiles Demonstration (Spinning, weaving and knitting with fibers gathered from the denizens of her farm)** by **Sheri Liles** of Liles Acres Organic Farm
 - **Blount County Master Gardener Association** (discussing their current service project, the Shakespeare Garden at the library, and answering questions about plants and gardening)
 - **BYOD: Bring Your Own Device** (If you have a tablet or smart phone and aren’t sure how best to take advantage of its features, area **Girls Scouts** will help visitors one-on-one to learn about the devices)
 - **Exhibits (from 1 to 4 p.m.):**
 - **Blount County Genealogical & Historical Society**
 - **Blount County Friends of the Library**
 - **Clear’s Silat, Street Kung Fu** (the many kinds of martial arts for various ages)
 - **Barony of Thor’s Mountain, Society for Creative Anachronism** (table displays of medieval/Renaissance costumes, culture and crafts)
 - **Dennis Barry, Beekeeper** (demonstration and display)
 - **Yoga in a Chair or at a Desk** by **Andrew Siprelle**
 - **UTCVM H.A.B.I.T.** (circumstances and consequences of human-animal bond – demo with at least one dog)
 - **Creativity Table** by **Kathleen Christy, Library Information Services Manager**

- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, July 16, 17 and 18, “Used Book Sale,”** fundraiser for the library where more than 50,000 books are available—\$1 for soft cover and \$2.50 for hard cover, plus movies (DVD & VHS), audiobooks and specially priced rare books, collectibles and others—by the Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL):
 - **Thursday, July 16, 12 noon until 6 p.m. “Members Only Sale,”** an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before other members of the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library lower level.
 - **Friday & Saturday, July 17 and 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Used Book Sale – Open to the Public,”** in the Library lower level.
- **Monday, July 20, 7 p.m., “Meet John Sevier.”** Lynn Fox brings local historical hero, John Sevier, to life as he entertains and educates in this living history program which is appropriate for all ages. John Sevier, sometimes referred to as the Father of Tennessee, was born in Virginia, migrated to what is now Washington County, TN, became governor of the failed State of Franklin, and then in 1796, when Tennessee became a state, he became governor of the state of Tennessee. The presentation will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesday, July 21, 5:30 p.m., “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Wednesday, July 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., “Blackberry Farm Career Fair at the Library.”**
- **Monday, July 27, 6:15 p.m., “Grand Prize Drawing.”** Some fortunate adult summer reading participant will win a Samsung Galaxy Tab. The drawing will occur before the start of the Shakespeare play performance in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **Monday, July 27, 6:30 p.m., “The Taming of the Shrew,”** one of William Shakespeare’s comedy plays will be performed live by the Tennessee Stage Company in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery. This play is appropriate for all ages. In the story, a wealthy old man, Baptiste Minola, has two daughters, one a fair young maiden, Bianca, who has three suitors, including Lucentio, trying to win her hand in marriage. A condition of the marriage of Bianca, however, is that her elder, vicious-tempered sister, Katherine, must marry first. Fortunately, Petruchio arrives on the scene, quite willing to marry anyone who is rich, even Katherine. Late to his own wedding, Petruchio begins the process of “taming” Katherine while Lucentio proceeds to try to win the hand of Bianca. Meanwhile, one of her suitors, Hortensio, decides to marry a wealthy widow. The three new husbands decide to stage a contest to see which of their wives will be most obedient – with surprising results.
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- **Thursday, August 6, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., “Business Processes Workshop,” presented by Tennessee Small Business Development Center.** This session is part of a GrowthWheel series of workshops offered through a 3-way partnership with the Small Business Development Center, the Blount County Chamber and the Blount County Public Library hosted at the library. [Registration](http://www.tsbdc.org/training/) required at www.tsbdc.org/training/. Bring your own laptop. Participants are welcome to bring lunch or purchase lunch at the library’s Bookmark Café. This workshop will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A of the library.

E-READER HELP!

If you have an e-reader, tablet or other device, you may check out a vast array of e-books, audio books and streaming movies from the library website. You can seek individual help by calling the Reference Desk at 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4, and set a time for a personal appointment. That way you can be assured of personalized assistance.

During the help session, you will download a book to your e-reader device, so to access/download e-books and materials from the library, **bring these items:**

- **library card in your name and in good standing,**
- **your e-reader device (fully charged).**
- **email account user name and password, and**
- **Kindle account, email 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) 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4.

Basic Introductory Computer Classes:

Basic computer classes are offered, at no cost, at the library: Introduction to the Computer--Meet the Mouse, Internet Searching, Email and Facebook. **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 up to two hours and is limited to an enrollment of 14 people, but students may take the classes more than once. Note that now you can also learn how to set up and maintain a Facebook account.

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.

- **Classes will resume in August.**

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 865-273-1436. (If a person desires to

enroll in the Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, the single session, two-hour class of Meet the Mouse is a pre-requisite; check above in Basic Introductory Classes.)

The free computer classes 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 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.

This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a flash drive.

Time: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dates: (All classes are now full except for this one.)

Round 6

Wednesdays, September 9 and 16, 2015.

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.

Please bring a flash drive.

Time: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dates: (All classes are now full except for these.)

Round 6

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

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.

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Teen Lego Club.”** Teen Lego Club will take place every Tuesday throughout the summer in the Dorothy Herron Room A. Teens will complete different themed and timed Lego Challenges while working together or independently. The library will provide the Legos, so all you have to bring is your imagination!

“Unmasked!” Teen Summer Reading Program – through August 1:

Register at any desk for a chance to win weekly prizes by reading, coming to events, and other fun stuff.

- **Saturday, July 11, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Gaming @ Your Library.”** There will be games of all kinds! Board games, MarioKart, Super Smash Bros., Yu-Gi-Oh!, or bring your own game to share! Snacks will be provided. Bring friends! This event will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, July 18, 2 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., “Tell Your Story.”** Make your own short film! No prior knowledge necessary. The library will provide cameras, props, costumes, editing software and guidance. Then we will screen your short films with a panel of local TV and theatre professionals. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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- **Saturday, August 1, 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., “Superhero Ball.”** Movie screenings, food, and a DIY superhero costume construction contest will all occur in the Sharon Lawson Room. And the winner of the summer reading contest will be announced. Don’t miss out!

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: 273-1414

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.

July’s Theme

- *Earth Science!*

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Lego Club.”** Lego Club will be rescheduled for every Tuesday throughout the summer, taking place in the Children’s Library. Kids will complete different themed and timed Lego Challenges. In addition, there will be some time for free building. The library will provide the Legos, so all you have to bring is your imagination!

“Every Hero Has a Story!” Children’s Summer Reading Programs – through August 1:

Register at any desk to win prizes by reading, coming to events, and other fun stuff.

- **Saturday, July 11, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., “Heroes of Science.”** Mr. Bond will do experiments inspired by great heroes of science: the Father of chemistry, Lavoisier, who fell victim to the guillotine; Madame Curie who was killed by the radiation she discovered; Nicola Tesla who gave away his amazing machines of limitless energy and more! This program will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room and will feature cotton candy science with free samples!
- **Saturday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., “Muse: Backyard Basic Training.”** The consequences are life or death as students become the animals amid essential habitat components of their own backyard. Compare and contrast the way in which these animals develop and adapt for survival. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 25, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. “Muse: Super Space Exploration.”** Explore space in the Star Lab, Muse’s mobile planetarium, and enjoy other space-themed activities. This event will be in the Children’s Library and Main Gallery.
- **Saturday, August 1, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. “Be a Superhero - The Magic Inside You!”** Join magician and performer **Ben Young** for this interactive magic show focusing on character development. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

“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 am, *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 am, *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!

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:**July 1-31:**


- **“Fine Arts Blount Member Art” Exhibits** coordinated by **Cindy McDannel** on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda and in two vertical display cases in the Entry Rotunda area of the library.
- **“Out of the Ordinary” Exhibit** by **Kathleen Christy** in one square pedestal display cases in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **Exhibit** in the Main Gallery area between Circulation Desks.

- **“Model Aircraft and Ship Models” Exhibit, by Patrick Mitchell** in two square pedestal display cases in the Entry Rotunda of the library and one Genealogy case in Temporary Books Shelving area.
- **“Food Allergy Management” Exhibit coordinated by Amanda Painter for FACET (Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee)** in two display cases in the mid-gallery area of the library near the Bookmark Café.
- **“Blount County Arts & Crafts Guild” Member Exhibit, coordinated by Linda A. Waterhouse,** on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.

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 865-273-1435.
- **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, Community Outreach Coordinator 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).

Open to the public, the program is sponsored by the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville, where the services are an example of your tax dollars at work for you.

For further information about other library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org. To sign up to receive a monthly calendar by email, type in your email address under “Programs and Events” on the Home Page. Also check out Facebook at “Blount County Public Library.” Twitter at “@Blount_Library,” Tumblr and Pinterest. 

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Blount County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).