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August 2015 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (July 22, 2015) To celebrate the hot days of this season, the library community invites you to enjoy this year's Hot Summer Nights Concert series on every Thursday evening from August 6 through September 3. And the concerts, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library, will all be held indoors in the air-conditioned comfort of the library.

In addition, there will be a Business Processes workshop for small business owners and entrepreneurs by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center (through a partnership of the Blount County Chamber, TSBDC and the library).

And in another partnership of the library with Legal Aid of East Tennessee, attorneys will give a presentation on Government Benefits Law and Legal Information.

Don't forget that you can rent a Hot Spot for remote Internet access while you're on vacation! And if you and/or your children are students, remember that the library subscribes to many useful databases, all available any time, day or night, through the library's website.

MUSIC:

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 - **August 6, “The Classic Q Band”** – This classic rock band, new to the area, is comprised of founder Quincy Follweiler (vocals and guitar), Jamie Moore (vocals, acoustic guitar and percussion), Barry Cochran (bass guitar) and John DiCrosta (drums).
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 - **August 27, “The Outdoor Sisters and Ryan Worden”** – As the Outdoor Sisters (Loretta Howard, Barbara Woods and Mattie Forester) harmonize to present Native

American songs, Loretta Howard will explain the purpose of the music. Ryan Worden, a Native American cultural educator, crafter and dancer, will perform a Native American dance demonstration and demonstrate some songs as well as describe regalia and lifestyle.

- **September 3, “Knoxville Opera Company 2015-16 Season Preview”** – Maestro Brian Salesky, Executive Director and Conductor, will be the guest speaker and accompanist for two Knoxville Opera artists, Linda Barnett and Peter Johnson, who will preview the coming season’s operas: Boito’s *Mefistofele*, Humperdinck’s *Hansel and Gretel* and Puccini’s *Tosca*.

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

- **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 (indoors in air conditioned comfort!). This play, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library, is appropriate for all ages. In the story, a wealthy old man, Baptista 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.
- **Monday, August 17, 7 p.m., “Government Benefits Law and Legal Information.”** Lee Ann Swarm and Kristine Schmidt, attorneys with Legal Aid of East Tennessee, will give a presentation outlining government benefits and the laws related to them. They will cover Social Security, SSI, Medicaid, SNAP (food stamps) and unemployment compensation. They will also discuss benefits eligibility, how to apply and appeal rights. All information is free legal advice by attorneys with LAET. This program will be in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesday, August 18, 5:30 p.m., “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 5, 6 and 7, “Library Closed” in honor of Labor Day.**
- **Monday, September 14, 7 p.m., “An Evening with Dr. Bill Bass.”** Dr. Bill Bass, world-renowned forensic anthropologist, will give a presentation about some of the highlights from his lifetime of work, arguably the most important of which was establishing the Forensic Anthropology Center at UT in 1987 which is the first of its kind to permit the systematic study of human decomposition. Running a close second, though, would be training hundreds of students to be able to carry on the work, using skeletal collections and the Forensic Data Bank, of documenting change in the human population. The UT faculty and students provide forensic anthropologic services in skeletal analysis and body recovery to a variety of medical, legal and law-enforcement agencies. Dr. Bass has published hundreds of articles, several books and most recently has collaborated with Jon Jefferson to produce fictitious endeavors of Dr. Bill Brockton, a main character loosely based on the work of Dr. Bill Bass. Dr. Bass will have books for sale at the event which will be in the Reading Rotunda end of the main gallery of the library.
- **Monday, September 28, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. “Freedom Trunk Exhibit”** in the Main Gallery of the Library.
- **Monday, September 28, 7 p.m., “Freedom Trunk Presentation”** by Cato Clowney in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., “Choosing Employees” GrowthWheel Business Operations workshop by Bruce Hayes.** One of a series of workshops for small business owners and entrepreneurs, this presentation is co-sponsored by the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, the Blount County Chamber, and the Blount County Public Library. It will be held in the Dorothy Herron Room A at 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 273-1428 or 982-0981, ext. 4, to set a time for an 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**
- **Amazon 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 September.

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: 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.

Date: 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.
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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

- **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.
- There will no children’s programs during the month of August. Story Time and weekly elementary-aged **programming will resume the first week of September.**

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:


August 1-31:

- **“Journey of the Spirit Quilt Designs” Exhibit by Rosa Tellis** in one square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library and one gallery case in mid-gallery area across from the Bookmark Café.
- **“Historical Ship Models” Exhibit by Patrick Mitchell** in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Historical Aircraft Models” Exhibit by Patrick Mitchell** in one mid-gallery display case across from the Bookmark Café.
- **“Black Bear Solar Institute: Solar Technology” Exhibit by Mary Joyce Harris** in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibits coordinated by Linda Waterhouse** on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, one case in the Temporary Books Shelving area of the library and on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- **“Youthful Expressions Studio” Exhibit coordinated by Cindy McDannel** on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda and one square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Taming of the Shrew” Exhibit** in the Main Gallery area between 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 865-273-1435.
- **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).