



BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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November 2015 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (October 23, 2015) With the approach of Thanksgiving and the Holiday Season, the library's schedule seems to accelerate even more, with more events, more helpful workshops, programs, training and even exhibits!

At the library, you can get help with deciding Medicare plans or with figuring out Affordable Care Act Healthcare plan choices. You can take a business, computer or career class. You can enjoy a concert. Your teen can participate in a LEGO Robotics STEM series of workshops – as can your elementary-age child in a separate LEGO Robotics STEM series.

Fine Arts Blount will have several very special exhibits at the library from November 9 through 20, some of which may even “come to life” right before your eyes! And there will be many more fantabulous exhibits including a Wizard of Oz three-dimensional diorama-type exhibit.

It's well worth your time to visit your library because your library offers many very exciting opportunities for you, whether you want to enhance your career, figure out health plans, learn new STEM activities, enjoy the fine arts. Your library works for you! Come find out how it can help you!

MUSIC: Note: Music teachers and drama teachers are invited to contact Joan VanSickle Sloan at 273-1408 to schedule student, school, church or organization concerts at the library during the month of December.

- **Monday, November 2, 7 p.m., “Dulcimer Concert” at the library by the Maryville Area Dulcimer Club!** The concert will be in the reading rotunda end of the main gallery of the library.
- **Month of December: “Holiday Music and Events at the Library.”**
 - **Thursday, December 3, 7 p.m., “TBA,” directed by TBA,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
 - **Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m. “City of Maryville Tree Lighting & Music,”** at the end of the Pedestrian Bridge across from the library (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Reading Rotunda of the library).
 - **Monday, December 7, 7:20 p.m. “Santa at the Library,” sponsored by the City of Maryville and Parks and Recreation and hosted by Blount County Public Library,”**

will give children the opportunity to meet and be photographed (free) with Santa Claus indoors at the library.

- **Wednesday, December 9, 11:30 a.m., “William Blount High School Singers,” directed by Carol Bellgrau,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, December 10, 1:30 p.m., “William Blount High School Concert Choir,” directed by Carol Bellgrau,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, December 11, 10 a.m., “Heritage Middle School Mustang Singers,” directed by Tyler Owens,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, December 11, 1 p.m., “Eagleton Elementary Choir,” directed by James R. Gann, Jr.,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, December 11, 2:30 p.m., “William Blount High School Beginning Choir,” directed by Carol Bellgrau,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Tuesday, December 15, 11 a.m., “Eagleton Middle School Singers,” directed by Kim Juday,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, December 17, 2:30 p.m., “William Blount High School Cadence Choir,” directed by Carol Bellgrau,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

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

- **Monday, November 2, 7 p.m., “Dulcimer Concert” at the library by the Maryville Area Dulcimer Club!** The concert will be in the reading rotunda end of the main gallery of the library.
- **Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., “Mini Maker Faire at Barnes & Noble Knoxville.”** Blount County Public Library will be participating in Barnes and Nobles’ Mini Maker Faire for families and sharing some of the awesome making we do with LEGO Robotics, Makey Makey, art, science and more! Library staff will also be sharing plans for the library’s new makerspace, the Learning Lab. While at the Maker Faire, if you mention Blount County Public Library Book Fair or present a Book Fair voucher, a portion of your purchase proceeds will go toward the children’s summer reading program at the library. This event will be at Barnes & Noble Knoxville, 8029 Kingston Pike.
- **November 9 - 20, library hours, “Artistic Connections Exhibit.”** This special Fine Arts Blount member and community art exhibit will be a Giant Puzzle Piece Event: artwork painted on giant, connected puzzle pieces and displayed on screens in the sitting area near the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **Wednesday, November 11, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans’ Day.”**
- **Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m., “Affordable Care Act Insurance Plans and Choices.”** If you’re confused about whether or not you qualify for health care coverage under the guidelines of the Affordable Care Act, this presentation by **Laura Sell**, volunteer coordinator for the Tennessee Health Care Campaign, will help you know where to begin. Following her presentation, advisors will be available at the library to assist with one-on-one health plan enrollment registration in the library’s computer lab. The presentation will be in the library’s Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., “Affordable Care Act Healthcare Insurance Enrollment (one-on-one assistance).”** Qualified advisors will be available at the library to assist with one-on-one health plan enrollment registration in the library’s computer lab.
- **Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m., “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Wednesday, November 18, 11 a.m., Medicare Plan Choices.”** Confused whether to select an Advantage plan or stay with original Medicare with a supplemental (Medi-gap) policy? Can’t decide which Part D plan is the best for you? **Jeremy Long, D.Ph., at City Drug Store and Joani Shaver, Director, Blount County Office on Aging,** will present information to help make decisions that are appropriate for you. Shaver will discuss the differences between original Medicare, supplemental plans and Advantage plans as well as how to determine which are best for you. Long will talk about the prescription (Part D) plans and selecting one appropriate for your needs. Both Shaver and Long will remain after the presentation to answer individual questions. Participants are encouraged to visit www.medicare.gov prior to the presentation to review the latest information on Medicare and come to the presentation with their questions. Enrollment concludes December 7. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room of the library.
- **Friday, November 20, 7:30-10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Working Smarter; Keys to Career Success”** will be a part of an ongoing series of soft skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. 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. This class will be at the Blount County Public Library’s Dorothy Herron Room A. For class synopsis and registration information, go to www.blountchamber.com/community/soft-skills or call Amy Lawson at 865-983-2241.
- **Wednesday, November 25, “Library Closes Early at 5 p.m.”**
- **Thursday, November 26 & 27, “Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day.”**
- **Monday, December 7, 6:30 p.m., “City of Maryville Tree Lighting”** at the end of the Pedestrian Bridge near The Daily Times building. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted in the library’s Main Gallery.
- **Monday, December 7, 7:20 p.m., “Santa at the Library!”** Children can have their pictures taken with Santa in the library. Photos are free. The event is sponsored by the City of Maryville, Blount County Parks and Recreation and hosted by the Blount County Public 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, **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. Sign up no earlier than one month prior to a class.** Each of these one-time classes lasts approximately **one hour** and is limited to an enrollment of 14 people, but students may take the classes more than once.

NEW! **"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. 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 functions such 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:

Rookies Classes:

- **Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Internet Searching"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab.
- **Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Email"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Facebook"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2-3:30 p.m., "Meet the Mouse"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2-3:30 p.m., "Intro to Internet Searching"** (Rookies class) in the Computer Lab.

Beyond the Basics Classes:

- **Thursday, Nov. 5, 2-3:30 p.m., "Search Better: Google Beyond the Basics"** in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, Nov. 12, 2-3:30 p.m., "Email: Beyond the Basics"** in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, Nov. 19, 2-3:30 p.m., "Facebook: Beyond the Basics"** in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, Dec. 3 2-3:30 p.m., "Special Topic: Shop Safe"** in the Computer Lab
- **Thursday, Dec. 10, 2-3:30 p.m., "Search Better: Google Beyond the Basics"** in the Computer Lab

Microsoft Computer Courses:

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. 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 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: Wednesday, November 4, and Tuesday, November 10, 2015. (Note that the second class is on a Tuesday because the library is closed on Wednesday, November 11, Veterans' Day.)

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, November 18, 2015 (a single class session).

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.

Sessions run from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday through Thursday of the designated week. More than one session may be needed to complete a resume 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 (982-8998).

Please bring a flash drive.

Time: 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

Dates: Monday, November 30, 2015 (a single one-on-one session)
Tuesday, December 1, 2015 (a single one-on-one session)
Wednesday, December 2, 2015 (a single one-on-one session)
Thursday, December 3, 2015 (a single one-on-one session)

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, November 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! Snacks will be provided. Bring friends! Gaming will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., “Barnes and Noble Mini Maker Faire.”** Join in the fun at Barnes and Noble’s Mini Maker Faire! We will be bringing our cool making tools such as LEGO Robotics, MakeyMakey and more. Mention the Blount County Public Library and a small portion of sales will be donated to the library’s Summer Reading program.
- **LEGO Robotics:**
Youth Services is excited to offer LEGO Robotics classes for teens starting in November. If your kid loves LEGOs, they will love learning new STEM skills while exploring the world of LEGO robotics. **Spaces are limited**, so please **call to register your child at (865) 982-0981 ext. 114**. Classes will gather in the Children’s Library before moving to a different space.
 - **LEGO Mindstorms for Teens (ages 12+)**
2-4 p.m., Saturday, November 7
6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, November 12
2-4 p.m., Saturday, November 21
6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, December 10

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: 273-1414

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m. until 8 p.m., “Barnes and Noble Mini Maker Faire.”** Join in the fun at Barnes and Noble’s Mini Maker Faire! We will be bringing our cool making tools such as LEGO Robotics, MakeyMakey and more. Mention the Blount County Public Library and a small portion of sales will be donated to the library’s Summer Reading program.

- **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.

November's Theme

- *Engineering!*
- **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!
- **LEGO Robotics:**
Youth Services is excited to offer LEGO Robotics classes for kids and teens starting in November. If your kid loves LEGOS, they will love learning new STEM skills while exploring the world of LEGO robotics. **Spaces are limited**, so please **call to register to your child (865)982-0981 ext. 114**. Classes will gather in Children's Library before moving to a different space.
 - **LEGO WeDo (ages 7-11)**
6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, November 5
6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, November 19
6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, December 3
6:30-8 p.m., Thursday, December 17

"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 November 24, 6:00 p.m. "*Sensory Story Time (NEW!)*"** is 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 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:

November 1-30:

- ***“Wizard of Oz” 3-D Exhibit* by Dr. Pete Mueller** in the Main Gallery on a magazine countertop.
- ***“Artistic Connections Art” Exhibit* by members of Fine Arts Blount, coordinated by Cindy McDannel** on art screens around the chair sitting area near the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- ***“Native American Heritage Month” Exhibit* by Kathy Thompson** in the Main Gallery on a magazine countertop.
- ***“Maryville Christian School Student Art” Exhibit* coordinated by Jenny Goins** on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the main gallery and in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- ***“Maryville High School Student Art” Exhibit* by coordinated by Dr. Jeanie Parker and Raquel Roy** in two square pedestal cases in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- ***“Blount County Arts and Craft Art” Exhibit* by members and coordinated by Linda Waterhouse** on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, two cases in the Main Gallery area and on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- ***“National Adoption Month” Exhibit* by Youth Villages and coordinated by Mariah Parton** in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- ***“A WWII Sailor’s Journal and Map” Exhibit* by Elaine Russell** in the Genealogy display case in the Temporary Books Shelving area of the library
- ***“Records Found in Blount County Archives” Exhibit* coordinated by Jackie Glenn, Blount County Records Management Director** in one easel in the Sitting Area of the Main Gallery of the library.
- ***“Flu Vaccinations” Exhibit* by Blount County Health Department and coordinated by DeAnna Fields** on one easel in the Sitting Area of the Main Gallery of the library.
- ***“Crafts” Exhibit* by Circulation staff** 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 865-273-1403 or 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, 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, this program is hosted by the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville, where services are an example of your tax dollars at work for you.

For further information about library programs or services, call the library at 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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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).