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July 2017 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (July 26, 2017) With the warm days of July and August come the annual Hot Summer Nights Concert Series and Shakespeare play. Hometown guy, Cruz Contreras, front man for The Black Lillies, will be the headliner to kick off for this year's concert series, followed by a nice variety of music genres and musicians. "Two Gentlemen of Verona" is the Shakespeare comedy to be performed by the Tennessee Stage Company. All performances are indoors, so you can watch the events in air conditioned coolness. And this year's "Build a Better World" summer reading program will continue through July, continuing a challenging and interesting series of events, reading activities and challenges, and programs – for all ages: children, teens and adults!

- Patti Callahan Henry will be the second NY Times Best-Selling author to visit the library in a span of two months. She'll be talking about her new-release book, "The Bookshop at Water's End."
- A new book club, "Appalachian Reads," will commence on July 15, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the library.
- "Homeowners' Insurance" will be the Fiscal Fitness topic for July.
- "Mountain Dulcimers" by Mike Clemmer, local craftsman and musician, will continue the Appalachian Studies Series of programs.
- Multiple exciting events continue for teens and children.
- And – Looking ahead to a Total Solar Eclipse party at the library on Monday, August 21! Plan to attend to safely view and celebrate this unique event!

What better way to spend part of your summer days than "Helping Build a Better World!" We look forward to seeing you at the library!

MUSIC / CONCERTS: **Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428**

- **Thursdays in August, 7 p.m., "Hot Summer Nights Concert Series" at the library!**
Concerts will be inside the library in air conditioning and are sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
 - **August 3: Cruz Contreras**, Americana acoustic (and front man for the Black

Lillies), will kick off this season's series. Co-founding Robinella and the CC Stringband here in Maryville some years ago, he has now gone on to create an Americana band of talent that travels and performs internationally while drawing its songs from roots of blues, folk, soul and country.

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- **August 31: An Evening of Broadway & Operetta with Knoxville Opera Company, conducted by Maestro Brian Salesky.** This **Hot Summer Nights** finale will feature a concert of Broadway and Operetta classics presented by Knoxville Opera: exciting selections from *West Side Story*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *The Music Man*, along with gorgeous melodies from German and American operettas. As kick-off to Knoxville Opera's 40th anniversary season, Maestro Brian Salesky, Executive Director and Conductor of Knoxville Opera, will host the library concert and accompany two outstanding young artists: soprano Jacquie Brecheen, and tenor Darius Thomas.

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

- **Tuesday, July 4, "Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day."**
- **Through July 31: "2017 Summer Reading Program: Build a Better World."** Throughout the summer, in addition to reading based on "Build a Better World" themes, there will be weekly events and activities for all ages, emphasizing the theme.
Dates for the three age groups are
 - **Children: Through Saturday, July 29**
 - **Teens: Through Saturday, July 29**
 - **Adults: Through Monday, July 31**Readers of all ages will explore, through books, activities and events, how to build a better world. The 2017 Summer Reading Program is open to all ages, preschool through adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times, a reading club and more. All programs are free of charge. Look for the brochure at the library and more publicity describing events and activities.
- **Through July 31, 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 Circulation desk. 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 Circulation Desk to enter weekly and Grand Prize drawings. 4) Weekly prizes will

be awarded on Friday afternoons. The Grand Prize will be awarded before the Shakespeare play on Monday, July 31, at 6:15 p.m.

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- **Monday, July 10, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Homeowner’s Insurance”** will be presented by **Charlotte Chance**, Agency Owner, Farmers Insurance. Buying a home is likely the largest investment most of us will make in our lifetime. So, how do we protect this large and important investment? How do we make sure we are protected in the event of an accident or a natural disaster? Homeowners Insurance not only protects your investment, but it is also often required by the lender of your mortgage. Do you understand the basic parts of homeowner’s insurance, what it covers, how to best use it when needed and how important it is to your lender? Charlotte Chance has 20 years of experience in the financial and insurance industry. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesday July 11, 6:30 p.m., “Family/Team LEGO Building Challenge.”** Take part in building replicas of famous and important historical buildings! Open to teams and families of **all ages**. This event will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month)** **“Appalachian Reads.”** The new book group will read works of Southern Appalachian authors. Wendell Berry’s *Jayber Crow* will be the topic of the inaugural meeting, facilitated by Doug Floyd. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, meetings will be held the third Saturday of every other month in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Monday, July 17, 7 p.m., “Patti Callahan Henry, New York Times Best-selling author”** will be here to talk about her new book *The Bookshop at Water’s End*. This newly-released book is a disentanglement of issues experienced by multiple characters in the book, all of whom retreat to a small beach town community to try to sort out some tragic and/or difficult life, family and career challenges. Callahan Henry has been nominated multiple times for the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA) Book Award for Fiction. She is a frequent speaker at luncheons, book clubs and women’s groups. Sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library and Southland Books, this event will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, July 17, 7 p.m., “Zentangle Workshop” with Katie Kinney and Fine Arts Blount.** An art that helps increase focus and helps the mind to relax after a long day. This event will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Monday, July 24, 7 p.m., "Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Mountain Dulcimers with Mike Clemmer."** Clemmer will discuss the history of mountain dulcimers as well as the craft of creating and playing them. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room of the library.
- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., "Fantastic Beasts."** The Blount County Animal Center will bring animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Monday, July 31, 6:15 p.m., "Build a Better World! Summer Reading Program Grand Prize Drawing."** Don't miss the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading Program grand prize for a \$200 Amazon gift card. Last chance to turn your entry in will be 5 p.m.
- **Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., "Shakespeare's Two Gentlemen of Verona."** Presented by professional actors with the Tennessee Stage Company under the direction of Tom Parkhill, this is a live stage comedy of love, deceit, flirtation, friendship and mistaken identity, with plenty of puns and slapstick. This play by William Shakespeare, appropriate for the entire family, and sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be presented in the Main Gallery of the Reading Rotunda.
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solar eclipse (with CE ISO certified viewing glasses) and the low-tech hole camera as well as a variety of informational activities as well as children's crafts related to the eclipse. You're invited to the library's main gallery, children's library – and the solar eclipse viewing on the pedestrian bridge outside the library for this unique experience, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.

RECURRING EVENTS: **Phone (865) 982-0981 or (865) 273-1428**

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- **Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., “Tech Time.”** Need help with technology and don’t know where to start? Tech Time is designed to be space to get your questions answered and set you on the path you need for technology success! Having trouble with **email**? Can’t find what you need on the **internet**? Curious about **Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest**? Need help with **eBooks**? Bring your technology questions and get assistance from a Tech Time facilitator. Tech Time will be held in Study Room A in the Reference area of the library.
- **Tuesdays, July 18, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Thursdays, July 20, 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 Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Saturdays, July 22, 8 a.m. to 12 p.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. The Farmers Market is located at Founder’s Square, Downtown Maryville, near CBBC Bank.

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 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 (865) 982-0981, ext. 302, 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,
- Amazon account sign-in and password,

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

COMPUTER COURSES:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Reference Desk or call (865) 273-1428 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.

TECH TIME – in Study Room A/Reference Area:

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Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2013) and Email. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. Seeking employment? At end of each class session receive résumé help, online job searches, online applications, practice interview skills or create and update LinkedIn account. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in Dorothy Herron Room B at the Blount County Public Library. 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, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available:

<http://www.mouseprogram.com/> and <http://www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm>)
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 ARCONIC Foundation.

Microsoft Word 2013 Essentials – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2013, 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: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Session 6: Monday, July 3 and Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Session 7: Monday, August 14 and Wednesday, August 16, 2017

Microsoft Excel 2013 Essentials – This free class is an introduction to Excel 2013. 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: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Session 6: Monday, July 10 and Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Session 7: Monday, August 21 and Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Microsoft PowerPoint 2013 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: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Session 6: Monday, July 17 and Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Session 7: Monday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 30, 2017

Email How-to's - An Intro to Email class will discuss how to register for a new email account, create a username and secure password, send and reply to emails, etc. This class will also include instruction on attaching files, moving and deleting emails, email etiquette, as well as pitfalls to avoid when using email, such as opening files with viruses. Online assessment will be given at the end of class.

Time: 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Dates: *This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive.*

Session 6: Monday, July 24, 2017

Session 7: Wednesday, September 6, 2017

TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:

Teen New Events: (See recurring events below the New Events)

- **Tuesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **Through Saturday, July 29: Sign-ups for the Teen’s Summer Reading Challenge!** This summer, teens will do more than challenge themselves to read and earn points toward prizes – though you can still do that! Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge and get your Challenge Journal at the Reference desk (near Teen Central). The Challenge Journal will help you track points toward weekly drawings and, at summer’s end, a grand prize drawing for a Kindle Fire. Sign up at the Reference Desk.
- **Through Saturday, July 29: Conquest of Libraria Begins!** When you sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, you’ll also be assigned to one of five “Houses,” and all Challenge points you earn will also accumulate toward House totals. Each week, librarians will tally points to see which House is on its way to conquering the mysterious realm of Libraria! Earn points for reading, writing, attending library events, doing community service and more. Weekly House Meeting Hangouts, starting in June, will let teens plan strategies with your House members, or just meet face-to-face with your fellow Libraria contenders and enjoy social time, games and snacks. **See Youth Services or Reference librarians for complete rules for the Conquest.** Check out the map posted each week in the library and on social media to see how the Conquest is going. And remember: The honor of your House is at stake!
- **Saturdays, July 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2 p.m., “Conquest of Libraria” House Meeting Hangouts.** This is your chance to talk strategy with your fellow House members, including

declaring battles and alliances – or just hang out and meet face-to-face. If the hangout doesn’t coincide with another event (such as “**Gaming @ Your Library**,” **July 8** or “**Video Game Trivia**,” **July 22**), the gathering will take place in Teen Central.

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- **Saturday, July 8, 2 p.m., “#Adulting.”** Adulting is hard. But the library is here to help! Experts in personal finance, nutrition, time management and stress relief will be on hand to help teens navigate the tough business of being human adults in today’s world. And don’t miss the chance to play on a life-size board game. This event takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday July 11, 6:30 p.m., “Family/Team LEGO Building Challenge.”** Take part in building replicas of famous and important historical buildings! Open to teams and families of **all ages**. This event will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, July 22, 2 p.m., “Video Game Trivia”:** Teens test your wits and win gaming cred! Our trivia master will challenge you with questions about all kinds of video games, across platforms. And remember what Chief says in “Animal Crossing”: “Don’t wish it were easier; wish you were better.” Video Game Trivia takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring their animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Saturday, July 29, 2 p.m., “Yule Ball.”** You’ve heard of Christmas in July? The finale of our Summer Reading program for teens is a Harry Potter-style Yule Ball. Wear your best and sparkliest winter finery, or dress as a favorite Harry Potter character. Dance the afternoon away and enjoy Harry Potter-themed refreshments. The winning house of the Conquest of Libraria will be announced as well as the individual teen winner of the Summer Reading Program’s grand prize (a Kindle Fire). This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
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Teen Recurring Events – Phone (865) 273-1414:

- **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 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.” All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Once per month: “Sanctioned Chess Tournament,”** is held at the library in the Teen Central Area.
- **Saturdays, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Blount County Nerd Group.”** Teens can learn the basic principles of computer programming, also known as coding. By participating in the Blount County Nerd Group, students seventh grade and up can learn coding skills, such as making simple games, developing professional websites and creating mobile apps. Experienced web developers, **Kaleb Davenport and Garrett Smith** are students at local high schools who have worked very hard to learn about many different technologies and are excited to share their expertise with local teens. In the constantly changing job market, coding is a huge advantage for students and job seekers. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, including a laptop. However, students who do not have adequate technology will be provided a laptop by the library. Power outlets and internet are available. The Nerd Group meets in the Board Room.
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- **Saturdays, July 8, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), “Gaming @ Your Library.”** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, Yu-Gi-Oh! or bring your own Wii or tabletop game to share. Bring friends! This is also your chance to hang out and meet up with your “Conquest of Libraria” Houses and talk strategy. Gaming will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS: Phone: (865) 273-1414

Elementary Age Activities New Events: (See recurring events below the New Events)

- **Tuesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **Through Saturday, July 29: Sign-ups for Children's Summer Reading Program!** Children will have the chance to earn points and win prizes through July 29. This summer's theme is “Build a Better World”! Be sure to pick up your Summer Reading Challenge Journal in the

Children's Library – then have fun filling it in. Show completed logs to Children's Library staff to earn a prize, and don't forget to check out the special themed crafts, displays and activities all summer long as the whole library community reads the way to a better world. Sign up in the Children's Library.

- **Friday, June 30, 4 p.m., “Building a Better World with Keep Blount Beautiful.”** This special “green” edition of **STEAM Kids** will feature community partner Keep Blount Beautiful and an environmentally friendly activity.
- **Saturday July 1, 10:30 a.m., “Touch a Truck.”** Have you ever wanted to get close to those interesting vehicles that do the work of our world? Come and check them out! In the library parking lot.
- **Tuesday July 11, 6:30 p.m., “Family/Team LEGO Building Challenge.”** Take part in building replicas of famous and important historical buildings! Open to teams and families of **all ages**. This event will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, July 15, 10:30 a.m., “Tomorrow’s World” with Mr. Bond the Science Guy.** Mad scientist Mr. Bond is back to show us that science can be fun and funny. This year, the irrepressible Mr. Bond brings hands-on experiments to show how we can build “Tomorrow’s World”! Kids will get the chance to make and eat real cotton candy after the show. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, July 21, 4 p.m., “Building Toolboxes with Home Depot.”** This special edition of **STEAM Kids** will feature community partner Home Depot and a building craft, as part of the Summer Reading Program theme “Building a Better World.” This program is limited to 25 kids. Advanced Registration is required! You may call the Children's Library Service Desk at 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114 to reserve your spot. This special STEAMkids will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Friday, July 28, 4 p.m., “Potions Class: Harry Potter-Style.”** This is a special edition of **STEAMkids** with library staff and a guest instructor from Hogwarts, as part of the Summer Reading Program theme “Building a Better World.” Put on your wizard hat! This chemistry exploration will set the stage for the Harry Potter-themed summer finale, “Fantastic Beasts: Zoomobile” on Saturday, July 29.
- **Saturday, July 29, 10:30 a.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** You don't have to be magical to find fantastic beasts! The **Knoxville Zoo’s Zoomobile** will visit the library to help kids learn all about the real “fantastic beasts” that live all around us. Don't forget to stay for the library's adoption event at 12:15 p.m. (paired with the Blount County Animal Center), and maybe you can take home your very own beast to love.
- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring their animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.
- **Monday, August 21, 1 to 4 p.m., “Total Solar Eclipse Safe Viewing & Activities.”** To celebrate this rare event of a total solar eclipse, the library is hosting a safe viewing of the solar eclipse (with CE ISO certified viewing glasses) and the low-tech hole camera as well as a variety of informational activities as well as children's crafts related to the eclipse. You're invited to the library's main gallery, children's library – and the solar eclipse viewing on the pedestrian bridge outside the library for this unique experience, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.

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- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “LEGO Club,” 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!

- **Fridays, 4 until 5 p.m., “S.T.E.A.M. Kids,” for Grades K-5**, will be 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.
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- **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 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.” All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Once per month: “Sanctioned Chess Tournament,”** will be held at the library in the Teen Central area.

Growing Ready Readers New Events -- Early Literacy: Phone: (865) 273-1414 (See recurring events below the New Events)

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.

- **Tuesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **Through Saturday, July 29: Sign-ups for Children’s Summer Reading Program!** Children will have the chance to earn points and win prizes through July 29. This summer’s theme is “Build a Better World”! Be sure to pick up your Summer Reading Challenge Journal in the Children’s Library – then have fun filling it in. Show completed logs to Children’s Library staff to earn a prize, and don’t forget to check out the special themed crafts, displays and activities all summer long as the whole library community reads the way to a better world. Sign up in the Children’s Library.
- **Thursday, June 29, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: Ramps, Slides and Pathways.”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday’s Little Learners storytime. In this introduction to gravity, force and motion, children design experiments to study the movement of objects on ramps, slides and pathways. Best for ages 4-5. Limited to 17 children. Advanced registration required. Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114. Located in the Children’s Library

- **Thursday, July 6, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: What’s the Buzz About Coding.”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday’s Little Learners storytime. Explore the basics of robotics and coding with games and BeeBot, the programmable robot for kids! This class requires open floor space for each student group. . Best for ages 4-5. Limited to 17 children. Advanced registration required! Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114. This program will be in the Children’s Library.
- **Tuesday July 11, 6:30 p.m., “Family/Team LEGO Building Challenge.”** Take part in building replicas of famous and important historical buildings! Open to teams and families of all ages. The events will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Thursday, July 13, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: Fairy Tale Engineering.”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday’s Little Learners storytime. Connect with a character from children’s literature who solves a problem. Explore different materials and build a prototype! This class requires open floor space for each student group. . Best for ages 4-5. Limited to 17 children. Advanced registration required! Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114. This program will be in the Children’s Library.
- **Thursday, July 20, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: Shake, Rattle, Roll.”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday’s Little Learners storytime. Explore motion and forces using balls and your body. There is a short story time, music and an assortment of balls with simple directions. Best for ages 2-3. Limited to 17 children. Advanced registration required! Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114. This event will be in the Children’s Library.
- **Tuesday, July 25, 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. **Buddy, the library’s partner dog from H.A.B.I.T. (Human and Animal Bond in Tennessee)** will be at the library. The theme this month is “Nature.” Youngsters will get to explore textures of the outdoor world, make nature-themed collages, learn about bugs, mud and more. Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3 and 5. This event will take place in the Children’s Library.
- **Thursday, July 27, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: 3,2,1...Blast Off!”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday’s Little Learners storytime. Discover how space is different from Earth, and explore the Earth/Moon/Sun system. Best for ages 4-5. Limited to 17 children. Advanced registration required! Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 114. This event will be in the Children’s Library.
- **Saturday, July 29, 12:15 p.m., “Fantastic Beasts.”** The Blount County Animal Center will bring their animals to the library for patrons to begin the adoption process.

Growing Ready Readers Recurring Events -- Early Literacy: Phone: (865) 273-1414

- **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 Library. The **Muse Knoxville** will replace Little Learners on Thursdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27. There will be a limit of 17 children at each event. Advance registration is required. Call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981 ext. 114.
- **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 Library.
- **Last Tuesday of each month, 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. Buddy, the library's partner dog from H.A.B.I.T. (Human and Animal Bond in Tennessee) will be here. Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3-5. This will be in the Children's Library.

- **Note: There will be no Family Storytime in July.**

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 call!

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

July 1 to 31:

- **“Author Patti Callahan Henry” Exhibit**, by **Ginger Rockers**, will be located in square pedestal display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- **“Confederate Civil War Submarine Working Model” Exhibit**, by **Lee Reynolds**, will be on the magazine counter in the Main Gallery of the Library.
- **“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 at the Audio-Visual (AV) area and one at the end of the Circulation Check-in Desk .
- **“Build a Better World: Summer Reading Program” Exhibit**, by **Jane Smith**, will be in one mid-gallery display cases across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery.
- **“Hot Summer Nights Concert & Shakespeare Theatre” Exhibit**, by **Jane Smith**, will be in one mid-gallery display case in the Mid-Gallery area.
- **“Mountain Dulcimers” Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus**, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Summer Reads Display”** located in the **Reference Department**.
- **“My Travel Bucket List!” Exhibit** by **Abigail Beemer**, will be in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.
- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit** coordinated by **Lyda Plemons**, will be 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) 273-1403 or (865) 982-0981, ext. 4.
- **Group Tours of the Children’s Library** may be scheduled by contacting Jennifer Spirko 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, Information Services Manager or Youth Services Manager 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 (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," Pinterest and Instagram.

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