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October 2017 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (September 26, 2017) Along with the gorgeous hues of fall color, you can enjoy numerous events and activities at your public library, including

- 2017 Big Read activities & events based on the book, “Station Eleven,”
- Free Legal Advice Clinic,
- Presentation, “What Baby Boomers Need to Know About Social Security,”
- “Landscaping with Wood Ornamentals.”
- Take Back the Night walk and presentations to bring awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault and how to practice self defense (in cooperation with Pellissippi State and the Maryville Police Department),
- Medicare Plans and Choices for 2018,
- Appalachian Studies presentation: TVA’s Global Career: East Tennessee and the World,
- Ghosts and Appalachian Literature (history) and author of book, “The Dead Shall Rise,”
- Ongoing Teen events, and
- A Children’s STEAM Festival!
- And computer classes, LEGO robotics, story hours ... and much more.

We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

- **Monday, November 6, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Dulcimer Concert”** at the library by the **Maryville Area Dulcimer Club**. The concert, featuring popular, patriotic, classical and even some holiday songs, will be in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

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

- **Month of October, “2017 Big Read: ‘Station Eleven’ by Emily St. John Mandel.”** The community is invited to read the book, attend presentations, participate in games and activities and enjoy interactive exhibits at the library throughout the month of October. These

activities and events are sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library and coordinated with the Knox County Public Library. Events and activities include:

- **October 1 to 31, “Station Eleven Interactive Exhibit”** will be in the Reading Rotunda and will feature these interactive exhibits focusing on Station Eleven themes:
 - **In the Art Response Room**, ponder how art contributes to the human experience. Share your thoughts and questions about creativity, experiences, what “art” means and more.
 - **Informational exhibits for: 1918 Flu Epidemic, Emily St. John Mandel, Shakespeare.**
 - **Write a letter to your family:** What would you want to say to your family if you were suddenly gone?
 - **Museum of Modern Civilization:** Display of modern artifacts and accoutrements – like in the novel. If you’d never seen them before, and had no electricity, could you explain what these items were?
 - **Arts & Tragedy:** Despite experiencing difficult times, people still desire beauty. What is the role of art in tragedy? Healing? Therapy? Self-expression? Understanding?
- **October 1 to 31, “Dystopian Lit. and Why It’s Important”** exhibit at the Circulations Desks in the Main Gallery.
- **Tuesday, October 3, 7 p.m., “Survival!: Tips & Anecdotes.”** Could you survive in the wild? Join **Dolphin Riggs, Burt Emmerson and Joe Kelley** as they explain tools and strategies needed to survive alone in nature. Emmerson and Kelley are backpackers, and have taught and camped in the backcountry many times. Kelley is a retired Great Smoky Mountains National Park ranger. Join them for tips, strategies and stories. This event will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, Oct. 14, 2-4 p.m., Gaming @ Your library, featuring Pandemic Board Game & Pandemic: The Cure:** Join the team of specialists and rescue humanity from four diseases that have broken out and threaten the world in this game based on a fictitious plot. Play these two games, find the cures and save mankind. This month, **teens and adults** are also invited to learn and play the hit strategy board games *Pandemic* and *Pandemic: The Cure*, tense races against four killer diseases that threaten the world’s population. Players must collaborate to find a cure and stop the diseases – if even one virulent plague breaks out of containment, everyone loses! It’s a heart-pounding competition against an all-too-real foe. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m., “Station Eleven Adult Coloring.”** We all know surviving a fictitious pandemic, and then surviving in the post-apocalyptic world, is stressful and tiring. So calm down while being creative. Color pandemic- and “Station Eleven”-themed coloring pages.
- **Monday, October 23, 7 p.m., “TVA’s Global Career: East Tennessee and the World.”** Despite causing what felt like a pandemic to some people, TVA is a model for regional uplift and was exported across the globe during the Cold War era. The rural development program reached places as far flung as Afghanistan, India, Mexico as well as many other countries and was quite involved in 20th-century global conference. This presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m., “What Baby Boomers Need to Know About Social Security,”** presented by **Kevin Proffitt**, Certified Financial Planner, Wealth Management Advisor and Managing Director of Northwest Mutual - Knoxville. As baby boomers fast

approach retirement years, some critical questions arise: How much social security can I expect to receive? When should I apply for social security? How can I maximize my benefits? Will social security be enough to live on? Proffitt will answer these questions and help audience members know better how to plan for, apply for, and manage social security benefits. The program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Personal Banking Options”** will be presented by **Andrea Warnick, Branch Manager at Regions Bank**. Ever wonder what the benefits of banking are and why you should open an account? What are the different types of accounts available to you and how do you set one up? Perhaps you’re not sure what the differences are between a bank and a credit union. Are there fees involved? How is your money protected once you deposit it? This banking class will provide a basic overview of these things and more related to banking and is open to any interested community member. This program will be in the Kathy Pagles Board Room.
- **Saturday, October 14, 9 a.m. until 12 noon. “Free Legal Advice Clinic.”** Part of LAET’s Pro Bono Project, the Advice Clinic is offered in celebration of National Pro Bono Month. Volunteer attorneys from the Blount County Bar Association will join LAET staff attorneys to provide free advice on various legal matters. “Legal help will be available on a first come, first served basis,” says Dr. Kathryn Ellis, LAET’s Pro Bono Project Director. “The public will be able to seek advice on topics such as adoption, child custody & support, criminal defense, divorce, elder law, foreclosure, identity theft, personal injury, VA benefits, wills, worker’s comp, and more.” The clinic is open to the public regardless of income level. No appointment is necessary. The clinic will be in the Sharon Lawson Room and Board Room of the library. For more information regarding this program, please contact Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 307 Ellis Avenue, Maryville, Tennessee 37801, (865) 981-1818 or 637-0484, or visit www.laet.org
- **Monday, October 16, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Landscaping with Wood Ornamentals,”** presented by **John Wilson**, Blount County UT Extension Agent, and trainer for the Blount County. Plan your landscape with wood ornamentals that thrive in this East Tennessee climate. This presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, October 19, 5:30-8:30 p.m., “Take Back the Night” at the library** is a Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Awareness event co-sponsored by Pellissippi State Community College and the Blount County Public Library. The event will be held at the library. “Take Back the Night” is designed to promote safe communities and respectful relationships while seeking to end sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual abuse and all other forms of sexual violence.

The evening will feature a series of events:

- **5:30 p.m., Introduction**– Meet in Reading Rotunda end of Main Gallery for welcome & sign-making. Ready-made signs will be provided by PSCC, or materials will be available for participants to make their own signs. Arrive earlier than 5:30 if you desire to make a sign.
- **5:45 p.m., Walk/March**- Follow a prescribed parade route (approximately 1 mile) through downtown Maryville, beginning and ending at the Blount County Public Library’s Reading Rotunda and Main Gallery.
- **7 p.m., Speak Out or Informational Session** – Attend the session of your choice:
 - **Speak Out** – Participants 18 years of age and older may attend this session which will include a guest speaker from The Helen Ross McNabb Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee and voluntary audience sharing in the Sharon Lawson Room. Mental health counselors will be on hand to offer support as needed.

- **7 p.m., Self Defense and Safety: Informational Session** - This will be a general self-defense and safety session by the Maryville Police Department. They will include self-defense protection actions and will invite audience members to practice if they desire to do so. This session will be open to the general public as well as interested Take Back the Night participants, including those under 18 years of age. This session will be held in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **8:15 p.m., Finale/Candlelight Vigil** – Following the presentation sessions, attendees will proceed to the back patio area of the library, near the pedestrian bridge, for the concluding ceremony.
- **Thursday, October 19, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., “Station Eleven 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 Reference Area of the library.
- **Monday, October 23, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: TVA’s Global Career - East Tennessee and the World,”** presented by **Tore C. Olsson, Ph. D., UTK.** Today, many define southern Appalachia by its isolation and disconnection from the world. This presentation argues the opposite – that East Tennessee in particular has had a massive global footprint. Olsson will look specifically at the Tennessee Valley Authority, the New Deal-era rural development program, and how various nations sought to imitate its program within their own nations during the Cold War years. This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Wednesday, October 25, 11 a.m., “Medicare Plans and Changes for 2018.” Joani Shaver, Blount County Office on Aging Director,** will discuss Medicare and the changes for 2018: What’s new this year, What Medicare Parts A and B cover, Medicare costs, Health and prescription drug plans and Fraud prevention. Shaver will discuss Medicare and Medicaid, Medigap/Supplemental Plans, enrollment in Medicare prescription drug plans (Part D), Low Income Subsidy, finding help with the cost of prescription drugs during coverage gaps and access to drugs not covered under Part D, Medicare Advantage options, claims and billing problem resolution, information and referral on public benefit programs, employer and retiree health insurance options for those with Medicare, and VA benefits and other military health insurance for those with Medicare. Participants are encouraged to visit www.medicare.gov prior to the presentation to come to the presentation with their questions. The program’s goal is solely to help consumers make informed decisions and will be in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room of the library.
- **Monday, October 30, 7 p.m., “Ghosts and Appalachian Literature: The Dead Shall Rise,” present by Melanie K. Hutsell.** This will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, November 6, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Dulcimer Concert”** at the library by the **Maryville Area Dulcimer Club.** The concert, featuring popular, patriotic, classical and even some holiday songs, will be in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, November 10, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans’ Day.”**
- **Monday, November 13, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Identity Theft & Credit Fraud”** will be presented by **Andrea Warnick**, Branch Manager from Regions Bank. Identity theft, scams and fraud are serious issues. The Department of Justice reports there were 17.6 million victims of identity theft in 2014. How can you prevent identity theft and fraud? What

protections do you have by law? This class includes the warning signs and how it happens. Finally, you should know how to deal with fraud and identity theft if it happens to you. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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

- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Dungeons & Dragons.”** All ages (12 and up) and skill levels can join in the fun of this tabletop role-playing game by learning about D&D and sharing your love of fantasy gaming! Coordinated by **Brandon Clackum**, a Maryville City Schools teacher, this group meets in the Reading Rotunda at the end of the Main Gallery (but may move to another area, depending on other events).
- **Tuesdays, 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 a 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.
- **Tuesday, October 17, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Thursday, October 19, 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 Reference Area of the library.
- **Saturday, October 28, 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:

Tuesdays, 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.

Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required

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Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2016) 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 the Blount County Public Library’s new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building). 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/mouserice.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 2016 Essentials – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2016, 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: 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

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

Monday, October 9 and Wednesday, October 11, 2017

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials – This free class is an introduction to Excel 2016. 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: 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*
Monday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 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: 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Dates: *This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a USB Drive.*
Monday, October 23 and Friday, October 27, 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: 12:00 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Dates: *This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive.*
Monday, October 30, 2017

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults: Registration Required



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The Arconic Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the Arconic Foundation. It is provided by the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County, Blount Partnership, and the Blount County Public Library.

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults Interested in Manufacturing Careers:

Are you between the **ages of 18 – 26** and would you like to get **paid to intern** at a local manufacturer? Check back for future dates and times to be announced to gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Spaces are limited and registration is required.

Classes are full for this session and will continue from Monday, September 11 to Wednesday, October 25, 2017.

The program consists of three components:

1) 3 weeks of Workforce Readiness Training

- **Training** will run for specific periods of time, with another session beginning soon, Monday through Friday. During this time participants will receive training in skills needed to obtain and maintain a job in the manufacturing field. Participants will receive a \$300 stipend upon completion of this component.

2) 100 hours of hands-on manufacturing experience interning with a Blount County manufacturer

- **The *Internship*** will be at a local manufacturer where participants will be paid \$10/hr. for 100 hours, get hands-on job experience, and potentially get certifications such as forklift operation.

3) 2 half-days of *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation*

- **Participants then return** for *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation*. Participants will receive a \$40 stipend upon completion of this component.

Participants must complete all three components.

TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:

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

- **Sundays, Oct. 8 and Oct. 22, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “*Teen Writers Group Interest Meeting.*”** Calling all writers! If you are looking for inspiration, motivation, feedback or camaraderie, this is your group. Teenagers are invited to join a new writing group, which meets every other Sunday in the Board Room of the library.
- **Saturday, Oct. 14: “*STEAM Festival,*”** part of a statewide celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and math, will bring a host of fun, hands-on activities for all ages, all day long!
 - **10:30 a.m., Science Show with Professor Greybeard:** The library’s favorite mad scientist is back to shock kids (and their grownups!), tickle your fancy and your funny bone, and teach all sorts of cool stuff about science. There will be hand-on science booths after the show! In the Main Gallery and Children’s Library.
 - **2:00-4:00 p.m., Gaming @ Your library, featuring PANDEMIC:** This regular gaming day (see below) features Wii games on the big screen, including Super Smash Bros., Mario Kart and more. This month, we’re also inviting **teens and adults** to learn and play the hit strategy board games *Pandemic* and *Pandemic: The Cure*, tense races against four killer diseases that threaten the world’s population. Players must collaborate to find a cure and stop the diseases – if even one virulent plague breaks out of containment, everyone loses! It’s a heart-pounding competition against an all-too-real foe. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
 - **2:00-4:00 p.m., Craft Jam: Redwork Embroidery:** Learn to do Redwork Embroidery with preprinted patterns! Margaret and Sassy of Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop (320 Court St., Maryville) will bring fabric, embroidery floss and needles – try your hand at this simple but beautiful craft, or just watch other crafters at work. In the Main Gallery.
- **Saturday, Oct. 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m., “*Gaming @ Your Library Featuring Pandemic.*”** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, or bring your own Wii or tabletop game to share. Bring friends! As part of **STEAM Festival** (see Teen New Events), Gaming @ Your Library will host a special dual session of the hit board games *Pandemic* and *Pandemic: The Cure* along with the regular action. Learn to play this collaborative thriller game and fight off a global disease outbreak. Gaming will take place in Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6:30 p.m., “*Film and Discussion Series: A Time for Justice: America’s Civil Rights Movement.*”** Watch the Oscar-winning short documentary film that concisely captures the turbulent and inspiring Civil Rights Movement, crucial to understanding 20th-century American history and the many ways it continues to influence our politics and culture. Be sure to stay for a vibrant discussion after the 38-minute film. This is the first of three film nights co-sponsored by Talking with Kids and Teens about Race, a community education initiative; the series continues on Nov. 7 and Nov. 14. The film and discussion take

place in The Learning Lab (in the separate building adjoining the library parking lot).

- **Saturday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m., “Video Game Trivia.”** 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.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m., “Film and Discussion Series: Selma, the Bridge to the Ballot.”** This short documentary brings to life the drama, zeal and danger of the massive 18-day march from Selma, Alabama, to the state capital of Montgomery in 1965, one of the important milestones of America’s Civil Rights Movement. After the 40-minute film, stay for a vibrant discussion of its subject and its implications for today. This is the second of three film nights co-sponsored by Talking with Kids and Teens about Race, a community education initiative; the series continues on Nov. 14. The film and discussion take place in The Learning Lab (in the separate building adjoining the library parking lot).

Teen Recurring Events – Phone (865) 273-1414:

- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 pm., “Dungeons & Dragons”** All skill levels can join in the fun of this tabletop role-playing game by learning about D&D and sharing your love of fantasy gaming! **All ages** are welcome, but recommended for ages 12 and up. Coordinated by **Brandon Clackum**, a Maryville City Schools teacher, this group normally meets in the Reading Rotunda at the end of the Main Gallery (but may move to another area, depending on other events).
- **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, 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.
- **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. 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.
- **Saturday, October 14, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), “Special Gaming @ Your Library featuring PANDEMIC.”** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, or bring your own Wii or tabletop game to share. Bring friends! As part of **STEAM Festival** (see under Teen New Events), Gaming @ Your Library will host a special dual session of the hit board games Pandemic and Pandemic: The Cure along with the regular action for teens and adults. Learn to play this collaborative thriller game and fight off a global disease outbreak. Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Sunday, Oct. 8 and Oct. 22, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., (Every other Sunday of each month), “Teen Writers Group Interest Meeting.”** Calling all writers! If you are looking for inspiration, motivation, feedback or camaraderie, this is your group. Teenagers are invited to join a new writing group, which meets every other Sunday in the Boardroom.
- **Saturday, October 28, 2 p.m. (4th Saturday of each month), “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.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: (865) 273-1414

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

- **Saturday, October 14: “STEAM Festival,”** part of a statewide celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and math, will bring a host of fun, hands-on activities for all ages, all day long!
 - **10:30 a.m., Science Show with Professor Greybeard:** The library’s favorite mad scientist is back to shock kids (and their grownups!), tickle the fancy and the funnybone, and teach all sorts of cool stuff about science. There will be hand-on science booths after the show! In the Main Gallery and Children’s Library.
 - **12:30-1:30 p.m., Scribfolio Workshop for kids and adults:** Anyone can be an artist! Think you can’t draw? No worries: With Scribfolio your scribbles become art. **Cindy McDannel** of Fine Arts Blount will lead this fun workshop for ages 6 and up. Please **pre-register** with the Children’s Library (call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 4) to ensure we have enough materials for the class. Workshop takes place in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
 - **1:00-4:00 p.m., Coding Workshops for Kids:** Grades 5-8 are invited to learn real computer coding with Thomas Proffen of ORNL and Oak Ridge Computer Science Girls! There are THREE separate workshops – sign up for one or all three! **(1) You Can Code:** Think coding is hard? Everyone can code. Join in and get started. Blockly, a drag and drop language, will be used to instruct the computer. **(2) Building Virtual Worlds:** Create your very own virtual world using cospaces.io. This class combines creativity in creating a 3D virtual world with coding to make it come alive. **(3) Mobile Apps and Games:** Learn how to develop apps or games for mobile devices using Microsoft’s free TouchDevelop development platform! **Pre-register** in the Children’s Library (call 865-273-1414 or 865-982-0981, ext. 4) or message us on Facebook. The workshop takes place in Dorothy Herron Rm. B (the Computer Lab).
 - **2:00-4:00 p.m., Craft Jam: Redwork Embroidery:** Learn to do Redwork Embroidery with preprinted patterns! Margaret and Sassy of Twisted Sisters Quilt Shop will bring fabric, embroidery floss and needles, so try your hand at this simple but beautiful craft, or just watch other crafters at work! This workshop will be in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursday October 19, 4:15 p.m., “Girl Scout Storytime.”** GS Troop 20275 visits for a unique storytime and crafts. In the Children’s Library.
- **Saturday, October 21, 10:30 a.m., “Charles the Pig.”** Visit a real-life wildfire survivor and local hero, Charles the Pig, who survived the Gatlinburg wildfires last fall. Charles will visit the library with his human, Robert Holmes, who co-wrote a children’s book about Charles’

adventures. The book, “The Miraculous Story of Charles the Pig,” will be available for purchase and signing after this special storytime treat in the Children’s Library.

- **Saturday October 28, 10:30 a.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: “Labyrinth.”** If your little ones – or bigger ones! – struggle with the stillness and quiet expected at a movie theater, or if they find the darkened room or loud sound system of a commercial cinema overstimulating, this new family event is for you! Enjoy “Labyrinth,” a puppet-filled tale of adventure and hijinks about a girl who must go on a mysterious quest to rescue her baby brother from the sinister Goblin King. You’ll have fun viewing this fantasy without the pressures of stillness and silence, and with a low, constant light level. LEGOs and a puppet-making craft station will be set up to add to the fun and give short attention spans an extra way to engage. Everyone is welcome! The movie will be shown in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesday, October 31, 5:30-7:30, “Trick or Read.”** Wear your costume to the library for special treats – books! Visit any service desk (or all of them) and get candy and even a free children’s book! Be on the lookout for library staff in costume, too. This event will be in the Children’s Library, at Information Services and Patron Services.
- **Thursday, November 2, 10:30 a.m., “KSO Musical Storytime.”** The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra’s string quartet visits with a special music-filled edition of “Little Learners.” Join the storytelling virtuosos in the Children’s Library.

Elementary Age Activities Recurring Events: Phone: (865) 273-1414

- **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., “STEAMkids,” for Grades K-5.** Every week will be a different adventure, from hands-on science experiments to art projects and everything in between. Materials may be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Unless otherwise noted, STEAMkids takes place in the Children’s Library.
 - **Oct. 6: Keep Blount Beautiful.** On the first Friday of the month, community partner Keep Blount Beautiful brings a special green craft activity to STEAMkids. Help make the world better by using recycled materials as you learn and create. This special edition of STEAMkids takes place in the Children’s Library.
- **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,”** 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.

- **Thursday October 19, 4:15 p.m., “Girl Scout Storytime.”** GS Troop 20275 visits for a unique storytime and crafts. In the Children’s Library.
- **Saturday October 28, 10:30 a.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: “Labyrinth.”** If your little ones – or bigger ones! – struggle with the stillness and quiet expected at a movie theater, or if they find the darkened room or loud sound system of a commercial cinema overstimulating, this new family event is for you! Enjoy “Labyrinth,” a puppet-filled tale of adventure and hijinks about a girl who must go on a mysterious quest to rescue her baby brother from the sinister Goblin King. You’ll have fun viewing this fantasy without the pressures of stillness and silence, and with a low, constant light level. LEGOs and a puppet-making craft station will be set up to add to the fun and give short attention spans an extra way to engage. Everyone is welcome! The movie will be shown in the Sharon Lawson Room.
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- **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.
 - **Thursday, Nov. 2: “KSO Musical Storytime.”** The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra’s string quartet visits with a special music-filled edition of “Little Learners.” Join the storytelling virtuosos in the Children’s Library.
- **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.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 31, 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. **This month, Sensory Story Time will have a special Halloween theme!** Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3-5. Sensory Storytime takes place in the Children’s Library.

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:

October 1 to 31:


- **“Station Eleven: The Big Read Interactive Exhibit”** will be in the Reading Rotunda and will feature these interactive exhibits focusing on Station Eleven themes:
 - **In the Art Response Room,** ponder how art contributes to the human experience. Share your thoughts and questions about creativity, experiences, what “art” means and more.

- **Informational exhibits for: 1918 Flu Epidemic, Emily St. John Mandel, Shakespeare.**
- **Write a letter to your family:** What would you want to say to your family if you were suddenly gone?
- **Museum of Modern Civilization:** Display of modern artifacts and accoutrements – like in the novel. If you’d never seen them before, and had no electricity, could you explain what these items were?
- **Arts & Tragedy:** Despite experiencing difficult times, people still desire beauty. What is the role of art in tragedy? Healing? Therapy? Self-expression? Understanding?
- **“Dystopian Lit. and Why It’s Important” Exhibit** by **Abigail Beemer** at the Circulations Desks in the Main Gallery
- **“Comanche and Seminole Dolls” Exhibit**, by **Dianna McCullough**, will be in one vertical display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- **“Book Bonanza: World Orphans” Exhibit**, by **Kate Borders**, will be on one easel space in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- **“Substance Abuse Awareness” Exhibit**, by **Will Gates, Blount County Health Department**, will be in the vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-In Desk of Main Gallery.
- **“Maryville Junior High School” Exhibit**, coordinated by **Raquel Roy**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit** coordinated by **Lyda Plemons**, will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery and in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **“TVA’s Impact in Appalachia” Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus**, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“National Volkssport Month: East Tennessee Wanderers” Exhibit**, coordinated by **David Bonewitz**, will be in one mid-gallery display cases across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery and in one mid-gallery display case near the Magazine Shelves
- **“National Novel Writing Month” Exhibit**, by **Chelsea Tarwater**, will be in the square pedestal display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area in the Main Gallery.
- **“Confederate Civil War Submarine: Working Scale Model” Exhibit**, by **Lee Reynolds**, will be on the Magazine Counter in 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 go to What's Happening? on the Menu Bar. Then under News and Events click on Join Calendar Email List. Also check out Facebook at "Blount County Public Library," Twitter at "Blount_Library," Pinterest and Instagram. 

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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).