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June 2017 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (May 26, 2017) As usual, the library is sponsoring a summer filled with events and activities for all ages (adults, teens, children) and, most importantly, reading. Better yet, you can read and win prizes! To get started, head to the library where registration begins on Friday, May 26, for this year's summer reading program, with theme of "Build a Better World." The first event for this year will again be a Mini-Con, so get your costume ready for the cosplay contest and bring the whole family to participate in a day of activities and events. Other programs in June will include

- Fun and educational children's events every Saturday, plus regular story hours,
- Teen activities and challenges,
- Adult events and programs,
- Tom Jobe Memorial Open Chess Tournament,
- Lisa Wingate, NY Times best-selling author,
- Southern Appalachian Studies: Sam Venable giving A Portrait of Southern Appalachia.

And much more! Pick up your copy of the Summer Reading brochure (or the monthly calendars) so that you'll have your own schedule of summer events for June and July. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org 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**, acoustic (and front man for the Black Lillies), will kick off this season's series.
 - **August 10: The Ebbert Family (Summer, Bridget & Tyler)** will perform bluegrass, mountain, Celtic and classical on string instruments.
 - **August 17: To Be Announced.**
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the direction of Tom Lundberg,

- **August 31: An Evening of Broadway & Operetta with Knoxville Opera Company**, conducted by Maestro Brian Salesky.

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

- **Monday, May 29, “Library Closed for Memorial Day.”**
- **Friday, May 26: Sign-ups for the Summer Reading Program begin for all age groups (adults, teens and children)!**
- **Friday, May 26 through Monday, 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. Registration begins May 26 for all age groups (children, teens and adults). Dates for the three age groups are
 - **Children: Friday, May 26 through Saturday, July 29**
 - **Teens: Friday, May 26 through Saturday, July 29**
 - **Adult: Friday, May 26 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.
- **Friday, May 26 through Monday, 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.
- **Friday, May 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Medic Blood Drive at the Library.”** Take advantage of this opportunity to donate blood. Donors will receive a free T-shirt and a coupon for a free appetizer from Texas Roadhouse. Give blood and save a life! This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, June 1 through Friday, July 28, “Beginning of the inaugural #BCPLHistoryHunt.”** The inaugural #BCPLHistoryHunt is a scavenger hunt designed to highlight some of the most historically important structures and locations in Maryville. The hunt will officially start on June 1 & run for 8 weeks. On **Thursdays, June 1 through July 20, a clue will be announced via FACEBOOK** (www.facebook.com/BlountCountyPublicLibrary) for the week’s history hunt. Once participants find a location, they will have until **noon on Friday of the following week** for a **“selfie” to be posted to participant’s INSTAGRAM account** (www.instagram.com). All selfies must be taken in front of the designated location and **tagged #BCPLHistoryHunt**. Participants under age 18 who want a “selfie” used on BCPL social media should go to the library with a parent to sign a photo release form. Don’t spoil the fun! Once you find it, do **NOT** post the name of the mystery building/location! **Weekly Drawing:** The name of the weekly winner will be drawn from correct submissions and announced on Friday afternoons, along with the name of the mystery building/location. **Monthly Drawing:** All patrons who participate in finding the clues for that month will be entered into the monthly drawing to be held at the end of the month, on **Friday, June 30 and July 28**, in addition to the weekly

drawings. Selfies for monthly drawings are cumulative, so the more you have, the greater the chances of winning the monthly prize. For more information go the Reference Department or call 865-982-0981, ext. 4, or 865-273-1428.

- **Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Pop-Up Book Sale”** offered by Blount County Friends of the Library. The sale will be located in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., “Mini-Con.”** Mini-Con is a free-for-all ages comic convention and the inaugural event of the library’s summer reading program, “Build a Better World.” Don your favorite superhero costume and participate in the Cosplay contest at 4 p.m.

Throughout the Day

- **Fencing demonstrations** by the Knoxville Academy of the Blade (Reading Rotunda)
- **Local authors** selling and signing their books (Meeting Room Hallway & Main Gallery)
- **Vendors** selling everything from Steampunk gear to baked goods (Main Gallery)
- **Adult Coloring:** Take a break with some adult coloring (Reference)
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- **Monday, June 5 and 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, Friday and Saturday, June 8, 9 and 10, “Pre-Owned Book Sale.”** This fundraiser for the library offers more than 50,000 books available for sale—\$1 for soft cover and \$2.50 for hard cover, plus movies (DVD & VHS), audiobooks and specially priced rare books, collectibles and others—by the Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL):
 - **Thursday, June 8, 12 noon until 6 p.m., “Members Only Sale”** is an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before other members of the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library Lower Level.
 - **Friday & Saturday, June 9 and 10, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public”** in the Library Lower Level.
- **Saturday, June 10, 12 noon., “Project Linus: Quilting a Better World.”** All Ages will participate in making simple quilts and blankets for Project Linus, which donates them to children and teenagers suffering from illness and trauma. This program will be in the Main Gallery.
- **Monday, June 12, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Identity Theft & Credit Fraud”** will be presented by **Andrea Warnick**, 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.
- **Tuesday, June 13, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., “Foothills Voices Book Project Presentation, presented by Brennan LeQuire, Nancy McEntee and Jennifer Spirko, to speak at Friends of the Library Annual Meeting.”** Open to the public, the Blount County Friends of the Library annual meeting will feature guest speakers, LeQuire, McEntee and Spirko who will discuss the new book *Foothills Voices: Echoes of Southern Appalachia*. This book came about beginning back in June of 2015. Twelve aspiring amateur writers began the library’s first-ever research and writing class, Foothills Voices, which was funded by the BCFOL. A year later, a 325 page anthology of locally based creative nonfiction was published by Blount County Friends of the Library. These speakers will describe what the process was like and how the finished product contributes to the history and culture of our area. The program will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, June 15, 7 p.m., “Lisa Wingate, New York Times Best-selling author”**, is returning to the Blount County Public Library to promote her latest book, *Before We Were Yours*. This event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., “Thomas B. Jobe Memorial Open Chess Tournament.”** In honor of the late Tom Jobe, who initiated the library’s chess program, players of all ages are invited to test their wits and skill. The entrance fee for Open and

U1600 players is \$25; the fee for scholastic (Pre-K through 12th grade) is \$15. Pre-register online at www.reg4chess.com or [download a form](#) from the library website to pay by mail via check by June 10 payable to Jennifer Ogle and mail to 10115 Loma Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922. For more information contact Jennifer Ogle at jenn@ogle.org Players may register on the day of the tournament, at 9 a.m. for an additional \$10. Check-in at the Entry Rotunda; chess rounds will take place throughout the library as assigned at check-in.

- **Monday, June 26, 7 p.m., "Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Mountain Hands: A Portrait of Southern Appalachia."** Author **Sam Venable** will talk about how his book *Mountain Hands* got started, its 4½ years of research, the process of writing and the stories of some of the individuals featured in the book. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room of the library.
- **Tuesday, July 4, "Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day."**
- **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. 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 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 live play, appropriate for the entire county, will be presented in the Main Gallery of the Reading Rotunda.
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- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 pm., “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).
- **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.
- **Thursdays, June 15, 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.
- **Tuesdays, June 20, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Saturdays, June 24, 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 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/mouserercise.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 10 and Wednesday, July 12, 2017

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

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

Session 7: Monday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 13, 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: Wednesday, July 26 and Monday, July 31, 2017

Session 7: Monday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 20, 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 5: Thursday, June 1, 2017

Session 6: Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Session 7: Monday, September 25, 2017

TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:

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

- **Monday, May 29, “Library Closed for Memorial Day.”**
- **Friday, May 26 through 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.
- **Friday, May 26 through 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, June 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 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, June 10**), the gathering will

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- **Tuesday, July 4, "Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day."**
- **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 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.

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. **On Saturday, June 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.,** the library will host the **Thomas B. Jobe Memorial Open Chess Tournament.** Pre-register at www.reg4chess.com. For more information see Teen New 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, 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.
- **Saturdays, June 10, 17, 24 and July 1, 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, June 10**), the gathering will take place in Teen Central.
- **Saturdays, June 10, 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! Gaming will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **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).

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

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

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Program! Children will have the chance to earn points and win prizes from May 26 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.

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Throughout the Day

- **Fencing demonstrations** by the Knoxville Academy of the Blade (Reading Rotunda)
- **Local authors** selling and signing their books (Meeting Room Hallway & Main Gallery)
- **Vendors** selling everything from Steampunk gear to baked goods (Main Gallery)
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- **Check out a book** from a variety of displays (Circulation & Children's)
- **Bubbles and sidewalk chalk** near the Shakespeare Garden (Outdoors)
- **The Smoky Mountain Ghostbusters** will bring their Ecto-1 for people to see, as well as all of their gear (Parking Lot)

Hour by Hour Schedule

9:00 – Library doors open; vendors will be set up and selling; pick up arm bands

10:00 – **Nerdy Storytime with Chelsea Tarwater**, in the Children's Library.

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- **Character Design: Adding Character to Your Characters, with Annie Shorey**, local artist, who has recently been invited to contribute to a new art zine.

11:00 – **Children's Department:** Kids will have the opportunity to participate in fun, nerdy LEGO challenges, led by a member of Knox Makers.

- **Newbery Award winning author Vince Vawter** will speak about the writing process and visualizing the illustrated novel.
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4:00 – Cosplay Contest: At the end of the day, Mini-Con attendees can enter a cosplay contest with categories for all ages. Come in your best costume for the chance to win prizes, judged by the talented folks at Steps in Tyme Designs.

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- **Friday, June 16, 4 p.m., “Building Birdhouses 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!
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- **Saturday, June 17, 10:30 a.m., “Magician Scott Humston.”** A BCPL favorite, Scott will bring his signature blend of mayhem and comedy and warm hearts with life lessons and character education. In the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **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.
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- **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!
- **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.”
- **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.
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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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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.

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- **Wednesday, June 14, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., “Vision Screening and Baby & Me.”** Lions Club volunteers will perform non-invasive **vision screenings** of children **ages 1-5** (parental consent form required) **during “Little Learners” (Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.)** and “Baby & Me” (Wednesday at 10 and 11 a.m.) storytimes, which will feature vision-themed stories and crafts. This event will be in the Children's Library.
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- **Thursday, June 22, 10:30 a.m., “MUSE Storytime: Round and Round It Goes.”** The **Muse Knoxville** will take over Thursday's Little Learners storytime. Learn how plants and animals change and grow, just like you! Best for ages 2-5. Limited to 17 children.! Advanced registration required! This event will be in the Children's Library.
- **Saturday, June 24, 10:30 a.m., “Family Storytime.”** Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages and that help encourage important early literacy skills! The theme this month is “Not a Box.” Hear stories about creativity, then get a box that you can turn into something else. Will it become a racecar? A spaceship? A castle? A sailing ship? You decide! Family Storytime takes place in the Children's Library.
- **Tuesday, June 27, 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. In keeping with the Summer Reading Program, the theme this month is “Building.” Youngsters will get to build with a variety of materials, some wet, some cold, some squishy and some hard. Open to children of all abilities, but especially designed for kids with special needs between the developmental ages of 3-5. This event will take place 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. Located in the Children’s Library
- **Tuesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **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! This program will be in the Children’s Library.
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- **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! 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! 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 3-5. 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! 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. Lions Club volunteers will perform non-invasive **vision screenings** of children ages 1-5 (parental consent form required) during Little Learners on June 13 & 15. The **Muse Knoxville** will replace Little Learners on Thursdays, June 22, 29 and 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. 4.

- **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. Lions Club volunteers will perform non-invasive **vision screenings** of children ages 1-5 (parental consent form required) during Baby & Me on June 14.
- **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. 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.
- **Last Saturday of each month, 10:30 a.m., “Family Storytime.”** Bring the whole family out for stories, songs, movement and activities that are fun for all ages and that help encourage important early literacy skills! This event will be in the Children’s Library.
* **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:

June 1 to 30:

- **“Author Lisa Wingate” Exhibit**, by **Ginger Rockers**, will be will be located in vertical display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area and in one mid-gallery display cases across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery.
- **“Blount County Community Health Initiative” Exhibit**, coordinated by **John Lamb**, will be located in vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of the check-in desk of Main Gallery.
- **“Maryville Farmers Market” Exhibit**, by **Jim Brown**, will be in square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **“Sadie Dukes Mixed Media” Exhibit**, by **Sadie Dukes**, will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café.
- **“Build a Better World: Summer Reading Program” Exhibit**, by **Chelsea Tarwater**, will be on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery and in square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area.
- **“What’s on Your Travel Bucket List?” Exhibit** by **A. J. Rowe and Sheila Pennycuff**, will be located on the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery and in one mid-gallery display cases across from the Bookmark Café in the Main Gallery.
- **“Crafts from Mountain Hands” Exhibit**, by **Linda Marcus**, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **“Western Book Display”** located in the **Reference Department**.
- **“Build a Better World: Summer Reading Program” 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 three 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).

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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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