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October and November 2019 Events and Programs at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (September 16, 2019) Our fall programs are in full swing here at BCPL and we hope you come out and join us! In the meantime, we'll be continuing our Centennial year. We invite you to come out to our 100th Birthday Party on October 24, eat some cake, and enjoy the memories of the Blount County Public Library.

We're preparing for our Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival, which will take place November 1-3. We'll be welcoming some award-winning Southern Gothic authors as well as some local storytellers, artists, and other community partners.

Check out some of the other programs throughout October and November:

- Beyond the Shelves: Lives Podcast at The Bird & The Book,
- LEGO Contest and Sensory Movie Fun,
- Garden Series and Southern Appalachian Studies Series,
- Homeschool Resources @ Your Library,
- Second Friday Science Lunch (NASA downlinks),
- Focus on Seniors and the 10th Anniversary Dulcimer Concert,
- Start Your Own Podcast! 6-week Course (Open to All Ages 14 & Up)
- Free Legal Advice Clinic,
- National Novel Writing Month Write-In,
- Social Media and Computer Classes – Online Registration Required,
- Monthly Tech Class For Ages 10 and Up,
- Teen Gaming and Teen Supernatural Ball,

And much more! Pick up your copy of the monthly calendar so that you'll have your own schedule of events for October and November. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org We look forward to seeing you at the library!

THE BOOKMARK CAFÉ

The Bookmark Café's Centennial Celebration "100 Years of Recipes" parties on with these featured items: **October (2000s)** Double Chocolate Sour Cream Cupcakes; **November (2010s)** BLT Wraps.

The Café will also offer the following **Seasonal Items:** for **October:** Spooky Cider, Ghost Soda, Pumpkin Spiced Latte; for **November:** Pumpkin Pie White mocha, Mexican Mocha, Iced Salted Caramel Latte. For more information go to the library's website or [click here](#). Come celebrate BCPL's Centennial at The Bookmark Café!

CENTENNIAL BOOK SHOWER

When the Blount County Public Library first opened in 1919, the community held a book shower to fill the shelves. Celebrate the Library's "100th Birthday" with a monetary donation for new books. Every \$25 contribution will bring a new book to the library collection and be designated with a Centennial Logo sticker. Contributions gladly accepted online or in person. Form is available on the library's website or [click here](#).

BCPL CENTENNIAL TIMELINE

Our library has been around for 100 years! Watch our changes over the last century on the BCPL Centennial Timeline: www.blountlibrary.org / scroll down to 2019 Centennial Celebrations / 100 Years of BCPL (on left) or [click here](#).

REVIEW YOUR BOOK OR DVD!

Did you like it? Hate it? Let everyone know with a review! For instructions: Go to the library website www.blountlibrary.org / How Do I? / Learn About / Reviewing a Book or [click here](#).

NEW WAY TO LEARN: NO CHARGE WITH YOUR BCPL CARD

Be a life-long learner. **Universal Class** offers over **500 online classes** you can take at times convenient to you. Classes are both self-paced and instructor-led. You can be enrolled in up to 5 classes at a time and have 24/7 access to courses. From Dog Training to How to Start an Online Business to Electronics 101 to Cake Decorating to Criminology Basics or Web Development Classes, there is something here for most people. Whether for personal hobbies or something to

help in your career, **Universal Class** offers practical information that you can put to immediate use.

Universal Class not only offers CEUs (continuing education units), the industry measurement of non-credit education, they are accredited as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

If you don't have a computer, use the library's internet computers. To register and start learning, go to www.blountlibrary.org / Learning / Continuing Education / Universal Class Courses to set up an account with your Blount County Public Library card or [click here](#). With your library card, there's no charge!

WHY PLAY CHESS? COME PLAY AT THE LIBRARY FOR ALL AGES

Chess helps you to: 1. Focus 2. Develop problem-solving skills 3. Exercise both sides of the brain 4. Have fun!

Who said it? "Chess teaches foresight, by having to plan ahead; vigilance, by having to keep watch over the whole chess board; caution, by having to restrain ourselves from making hasty moves; and finally, we learn from chess the greatest maxim in life — that even when everything seems to be going badly for us we should not lose heart, but always hoping for a change for the better, steadfastly continue searching for the solutions to our problems." (Benjamin Franklin)

Play chess at the library Thursdays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meets in Adult Services in the Reference area of the library.

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

- **Monday, November 4, 7 p.m., "10th Anniversary Dulcimer Concert".** The Maryville Area Dulcimer Club has played their dulcimers and shared their music for 10 years. Come and listen to some excellent music played on a variety of dulcimers. This program will be in the Main Gallery.

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

- **Through Thursday, October 31, "Seed Library @ BCPL,"** will be available during library hours and for **all ages**. There will be seeds available and located in the Reference Area of Adult Services and a location for kids in Youth Services end of the main desk. To check out seeds you must have a valid Blount County Public Library card. Please go to the library website or [click here](#) for further information.
- **Through Thursday, October 31, "Ugly Vegetable Contest." For All Ages!** The Seed Library @BCPL announces our first ever "Ugly Vegetable Contest!" As lots of veggies are producing, even though they're tasty and healthy for us, let's face it, some are prettier than others. So, we want to celebrate even the ugly ones, because they're just as delicious. **If**

you've got a tomato that's not perfect, or a cucumber that's not comely, send a photo to spennycuff@blounttn.org, and include your name and the name of the variety if you know it. Please send a selfie photo, in addition to the ugly vegetable close-up, with you and your veggie. We'll award a winner on Thursday, October 31, for the prize of a \$100.00 gift card to our local garden center, "Out Of Eden." So, if your pumpkin is puckered, or your gourd isn't gorgeous, be sure to share it with us. Watch the library's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for some spotlights on your entries, throughout the season!

- **October 1 – 31, “Happy 100th Birthday”.** On October 24, 1919, the Blount County Public Library first opened its doors to the people of Maryville, Alcoa and Blount County. We will be having a special celebration on this day.
 - **Thursday, October 24, 4 p.m., “Happy 100th Birthday Party.”** You're invited for the library's “Happy 100th Birthday” Celebration. Hear the first reading of the proclamation marking this historic occasion, learn about the history of how our local library was formed, sing Happy Birthday, and have a piece of cake! This event is free and open to the public, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library. The party will be in the Main Gallery.
- **Friday, October 4, 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., “Beyond the Shelves: Live Podcast!” at The Bird & The Book. All Ages Welcome!** Don't miss a spectacular live edition of the library's humorous and offbeat podcast that takes listeners behind the scenes and beyond the shelves. Meet special guests, enjoy live music and laugh with us! **This off-site event takes place at The Bird & The Book**, a family-friendly pub located at 1509 E. Broadway Ave. (behind Southland Books).
- **Tuesday, October 8, 7 p.m., “Garden Series: Native Plants and Pollinators,” presented by Becky Hornyak and Louminda Torbett.** One hour of exciting information on what native plants and pollinators grow easily in east Tennessee, where to find these native plants, how to use them in your landscape and more! Sponsored by Blount County Master Gardeners and Blount County Extension Office. This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Fridays, October 11 and November 8, noon until 2 p.m., “Second Friday Science Lunch.”** We'll screen NASA downlinks and broadcasts and other up-to-the-moment science and tech shows, with additional interactive activities for **all ages**. Bring your lunch if you like and join the conversation in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m. “Homeschool Resources @ Your Library.”** Do you know everything your library offers? From books, DVDs, electronic resources, and special collections, the library provides many resources that could be especially useful to homeschooling families. Join **Nikki Branam-Snyder**, homeschooling mom and librarian from the Ocoee Regional Library system, and **Andrea Zielke**, librarian from the Tennessee State Library and Archives, as they share resource ideas for homeschool families. There will also be a round table discussion with local homeschool representatives. This will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Monday, October 21, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: *Man of Sorrow, the Life and Times of Carter Stanley.*” Presented by Gary Reid**—actor, musician, historian, and author. Reid will perform a one-man show based on the life and times of Carter Stanley, the brother of Ralph Stanley. Reid uses a mix of storytelling and music to bring to life the saga of an Appalachian mountain music treasure. This program will be in the Main Gallery.
- **Tuesdays, October 22 through November 26, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Start Your Own Podcast!”** Ever wanted to start a podcast, but think that you don’t have the equipment, skills, or time? Experienced **podcaster Clay Kriese** will teach you how easy it can be. In this **six week course**, you’ll learn about recording, production, editing, marketing, monetizing, and more. [Online registration is required](#). Class size is limited and classes are cumulative. **Open to ages 14 and up.** This will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library’s outdoor sign.
- **Wednesday, October 23, 11 a.m. until 12 Noon, “Focus on Seniors: Medicare Matters,” presented by Joani Shaver** of the Blount County Office on Aging. **Attention! Open enrollment for 2020 is October 15 - December 7, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and Noon until 4 p.m.** There will be an overview of Medicare options and changes for 2020. Medicare counselors will be available to assist individuals with reviewing choices and enrolling in different plans before and after the program. **For an appointment on October 23 with the Medicare counselors, call the SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) office at 844-887-7447.** Program and appointments will be in Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, October 25, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Managing Conflict,”** is part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. In this workshop you will gain insights into your conflict management style and the styles of your team. Discover your own emotional triggers, explore ways to deal with conflict, and leave with best practices you can apply in professional and personal settings. Class format features a short lecture on each topic, case studies discussion in small groups and resources for use in businesses and organizations. **Bring your mobile device, tablet or laptop, or one will be provided for your use.** All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating. **Registration begins September 30.** This class will be at the Blount County Public Library’s Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library’s outdoor sign. Registration is required. **For class synopsis and registration information, go to <https://www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/soft-skills/>** Soft Skills are strengthened and developed over time and are necessary if you desire to climb the career ladder. The classes are a collaboration of Blount Partnership, Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and the Blount County Public Library. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer
- **Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. “Free Legal Advice Clinic.”** Volunteer attorneys from the Blount County Bar Association will join Legal Aid of East Tennessee 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 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 (856) 637-0484, or visit www.laet.org.

- **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, November 1, 2 & 3, “Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival”** celebrates authors preserving culture, sparking conversation and weaving tales in Appalachia. Please come and join us for this three day festival, November 1st-3rd, 2019, featuring national, regional and local authors such as Ron Rash, Sharyn McCrumb, Amy Greene, Frank X. Walker, Lin Stepp and more! The festival will include celebration of local history and the Blount County Public Library's Centennial. There will be live Appalachian arts demonstrations, musical performances and fun activities for the whole family to engage with East Tennessee's unique literary history. The festival is named after Cormac McCarthy to highlight his time in Blount County and also a piece of public art he made in 1971 while living here. For more author and schedule information please go to the [library's website](#) or go to the [library's Facebook Event page](#) for more updates!
- **Tuesday, November 5, 6:30 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: City of Alcoa Centennial DVD.” Presented by David R. Duggan,** Blount County Circuit Court Judge and City of Alcoa historian. Duggan will introduce, present, and answer questions pertaining to this engaging DVD of Alcoa's first 100 years. This program will be in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Fridays, November 8, noon until 2 p.m., “Second Friday Science Lunch.”** We'll screen NASA downlinks and broadcasts and other up-to-the-moment science and tech shows, with additional interactive activities for **all ages**. Bring your lunch if you like and join the conversation in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, November 9, 11 a.m., “A Salute to Veterans Past and Present.”** Veterans and the Armed Forces have provided not just protection and defense but a unifying symbol for the nation. We appreciate the service and sacrifice of all of the men and women who have donned the military uniform, and this event is our way of expressing that appreciation. As such, **the public is invited and encouraged to attend.** In addition to our salute to veterans, we will be launching two new publications from the Blount County Friends of the Library: *Loyal Mountaineers: The Civil War Memoirs of Will McTeer* and *Vietnam Voices: Stories of East Tennesseans Who Served in Vietnam, 1965-1975* (vol. 1). Reception to follow. Sponsored by the [Blount County Friends of the Library](#) in partnership with the [Blount County Veteran Affairs Office](#). This event will be held in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Saturdays, November 9, 23 and 30, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., “National Novel Writing Month Write-In.”** Join your fellow writers in a dedicated space to get that word count up! We provide tables (with electrical outlets) and wifi; you provide the inspiration. These are

welcoming, unstructured writing sessions in the Reading Rotunda and Main Gallery.

- **Monday, November 11, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day.”**
- **Tuesday, November 12, 7.p.m., “Garden Series: Yardstick Gardening.”** Presenter **Nicky Linneman**, will teach you how to evaluate the environmental friendliness of your yard and what steps you can implement to make it more environmentally friendly. Join others at this one-hour program for some fun information and facts that will make you look at your yard in a holistic fashion! **Sponsored by Blount County Master Gardeners and Blount County Extension Office.** This program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, November 16, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month), “Appalachian Reads Book Club.”** The book discussion this month is *The Tall Woman* by Wilma Dykeman. Tennessee Historian Wilma Dykeman was an author, teacher, columnist, and environmentalist who was passionate about the need for education in Appalachia. The book deals with a post-Civil War family in the mountains whose many needs included a school for their children. Discussion will be led by **Jan Taylor**, who teaches writing at Maryville College. The book group will meet in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, November 16, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., “National Novel Writing Month: Halfway There Party.”** You’ve made it halfway through NaNoWriMo, so celebrate with us — and, more importantly, write with us! We’ll have coffee and treats for fuel, with door prizes and other surprises. We’ll keep it low-key, though; the goal is writing! Laptops will be available for writers’ use, but please remember to save your work to the cloud or your own flash drive. Find the quietest party in town in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, November 18, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., “Computer and Electronics Free Training and Education Session.”** Cellairis Alcoa is hosting their first ever computer, cell phone and tablet no-cost education session and town hall-style Q & A. The goal is to educate and empower local residents of Maryville, Alcoa, Knoxville and all of the surrounding communities. Space is limited to 50 seats. For questions, you may call 865-268-7517. Also, you can go to the [Facebook Event Page](#) to reserve your spot. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Cellairis Alcoa is partnering with the Blount County Public Library for this event. This will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Wednesday, November 20, 11 a.m. “Focus on Seniors: Medicare & Drug Plans,” presented by Joani Shaver** of the Blount County Office on Aging and **Pat Collins, BS Pharm.** **Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7.** Appointment times are **from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. and Noon until 4 p.m.** This program provides a review of Medicare and drug plan options available for 2020. Medicare counselors will be available to assist individuals with reviewing choices and enrolling in different plans before and after the program. **For an appointment on November 20, before or after the program, call the SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) office at 844-887-7447.** The program and appointments will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, November 22, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: Building Success by Developing Leadership,”** is part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to

take your career to the next level. In this workshop you will learn the difference between management and leadership. Explore the characteristics, qualities and attributes of proven leaders, and see how you can develop these traits within yourself and others. Class format features a short lecture on each topic, case studies discussion in small groups and resources for use in businesses and organizations. **Bring your mobile device, tablet or laptop, or one will be provided for your use.** All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating. **Registration begins October 28.** This class will be at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Registration is required. **For class synopsis and registration information, go to <https://www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/soft-skills/>** Soft Skills are strengthened and developed over time and are necessary if you desire to climb the career ladder. The classes are a collaboration of Blount Partnership, Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and the Blount County Public Library. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer

- **Wednesday, November 27, "Library Closes Early at 5 p.m."**
- **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, "Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day."**
- **Monday, December 2, 7 p.m., "Southern Appalachian Studies Series: An Appalachian Christmas with Jill Bond".** Jill Bond, a native of the Duff Community of Campbell County and now Blount County resident, will be ushering in the holiday season with beautiful songs and a few stories from the East Tennessee Mountains. This program will be in the Main Gallery.
- **Friday, December 13, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., "It's Your Career: Creating Infographics for Promoting Your Business,"** is part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. In this workshop you will learn the basics of what makes a good infographic and explore free tools for making them. Class format features a short lecture on each topic, case studies discussion in small groups and resources for use in businesses and organizations. **Bring your mobile device, tablet or laptop, or one will be provided for your use.** All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating. **Registration begins November 25.** This class will be at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Registration is required. **For class synopsis and registration information, go to <https://www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/soft-skills/>** Soft Skills are strengthened and developed over time and are necessary if you desire to climb the career ladder. The classes are a collaboration of Blount Partnership, Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and the Blount County Public Library. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer

RECURRING EVENTS: Phone 865-982-0981 or 865-273-1428

- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 pm., “Dungeons & Dragons.” Now operating via Signups Only!** If you are interested in joining, email bcpldnd@gmail.com to reserve your spot. **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! The group meets in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Micronational Club.” Recommended for ages 8 to 18.** Have you ever dreamed of ruling over your own country? Here’s your chance! What will the laws, customs, and history be? You decide. What will the flag, coins, and postage stamps look like? You will create them. With a different project each week, you’ll build an empire! For more information go to the [Micronational Club Starter Packet](#). This club usually meets in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., “Thursday Night Gaming.” All ages welcome!** If you’re into any sort of analogue gaming, the Main Gallery of the Library is where you want to be! Interested in the Pokémon Card Game? Bring a deck and meet-up with local players, or learn to play with one of our decks. Like board games? Choose from our selection of tabletop favorites. Join the game in the Main Gallery.
- **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. Grandmaster Simon Williams said, “The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be.” What will chess be for you? You are welcome to come join or just enjoy watching the game. This will be held in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Saturday.” All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays. Grandmaster Simon Williams said, “The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be.” What will chess be for you? You are welcome to come join or just enjoy watching the game. This will be held in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library
- **Tuesday, October 1 and October 15, and Tuesday, November 5 and November 19, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club.”** Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages and skill levels**. There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café.)
- **Thursday, October 3 and October 17, and Thursday, November 7 and November 21, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin’ Bee.”** A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It will meet in Kathy Pagles Board Room. “If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you.”
- **Monday, October 7 and Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1st Monday of**

each month), “Are You Smarter than a Librarian?” All Ages Are Welcome! While on the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! If you beat one of our librarian's scores, you could walk away with an extra prize! The library's monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. Bring your teammates and compete for a prize! This event is in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Tuesday, October 15 and Tuesday, November 19, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Kathy Pagles Board Room of the library.
- **Thursday, October 17 and Thursday, November 21, 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 Adult Services Reference Area of the library.

Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. HELP!

If you have an e-reader, tablet or other device, you may check out e-books, magazines, audiobooks and stream movies from Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling Adult Services (Reference Desk) at 865-982-0981, ext. 1450, 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,**
- **Kindle e-readers: Amazon sign-in and password**

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

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES, INTERNSHIPS AND RESOURCES:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call 865-273-1428 or 865-982-0981, ext.1450.

Social Media for Business Classes – Registration Required

Nearly 7 out of every 10 Americans are on social media. You want your marketing to be where your customer base is, yet not every social media platform is a good fit for every business. Join us for this eight-part, stand-alone series on ***Using Social Media for Business***. Discover which

tools are the best fit for your business, gain strategies to engage new and existing customers, create highly optimized, high quality ads, capture leads, drive brand awareness, and monetize the social platform.

***These are single-session, stand-alone classes.** This eight-week series covers:

1. LinkedIn for Business
2. Twitter for Business
3. Managing Your Social Media Across Platforms
4. Search Engine Optimization and Advertising with Google
5. Facebook for Business
6. Instagram for Business
7. Pinterest for Business
8. Maximizing Your Visual Impact on Social Media

Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Spaces are limited and registration is required. To register online, go to the library's website or [click here](#) or for assistance with the online registration please visit the library's Adult Services (Reference Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428. Feel free to bring your own device or a laptop will be provided for you.

LinkedIn for Business

With 260 million monthly users, LinkedIn is a great platform for finding top talent, painting yourself as an industry leader, and promoting your business. Join us to create a company page, create and/or engage in industry-related groups, and establish yourself as a thought leader and industry expert. Get tips to grow your following. Use Company Page analytics to track and analyze your effectiveness. Use Showcase Pages to publish highly relevant messaging to subsets of your target audience. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Date: Friday, October 4, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Twitter for Business

Twitter is one of the top websites in the world, ranked 8th in the U.S. and 13th internationally. Use Twitter to post headlines about your business, retweet related content, and broadcast live events – all of which build a following. Join us to create a twitter account for business, learn strategies to gain followers, interact with customers and influencers, and analyze your efforts.

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, October 11, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Managing Your Social Media Across Platforms

You're thinking of using more than one social media platform—how do you know which ones are most worth your time? Join us to create a social media strategy for your business. Explore tools to help you plan and schedule your social content in advance, and manage your accounts from one place. Get tips and templates that will help you streamline your efforts and market with intent. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, October 18, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Search Engine Optimization and Advertising with Google

By leveraging the foundations of SEO, you can ensure that your business pops up in consumers' online searches, whether on laptops, smartphones, tablets, or more. Join us to learn how to make improvements that boost your website's visibility on search engines, attracting the right kind of traffic to the right pages on your site. Learn proven, step-by-step strategies to achieve higher positions with major search engines. Discover how to implement foundational optimization strategies and techniques, like:

- Conducting keyword research
- Interpreting and observing trends
- Best structuring SEO and pay-per-click plans around the insights you capture from keyword research
- Building internal and external links
- Optimizing your pages and content for maximum searchability
- Developing an informed long-term SEO strategy

— And discovering how to apply keyword insights to Google AdWords campaigns and measuring the results of your SEO and AdWords efforts. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, November 1, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Facebook for Business

With 2.23 billion monthly users, Facebook remains the leading social media platform in the U.S. Learn how to create or refine a Facebook page for your business, stay abreast of key changes to Facebook, create and manage successful ad campaigns, create and advertise events, do giveaways and contests, use Facebook Live to engage with your market, and more. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, November 8, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Instagram for Business

Instagram is a growing photo (and video) sharing platform, with 500 million people using it daily. Join us to create an Instagram business account, explore Instagram Stories and Story Highlights, use live videos, advertise, engage with your audience, and leverage analytics to track your effectiveness over time.

Class Requirement: *You must have a Facebook page for your business in order to register for this class.* [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, November 15, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Pinterest for Business

More than 87 percent of users have bought a product because of Pinterest. In this class, you will create a Pinterest business account, boards where you save and share creative, inspiring, and actionable pins. Find trending topics, key words, and insights that will influence what you pin. Explore strategies for fun, unique, and engaging content. Advertise and analyze the effectiveness of your marketing on Pinterest. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, December 6, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Maximizing Your Visual Impact on Social Media

Learn how to sharpen your visual online presence for a consistent, professional delivery of your brand or image. Explore tools and platforms for easy-to-create designs and beautiful graphics that you optimize for a variety of media, turn designs into animations, and more. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Date: Friday, December 13, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft and Google Apps Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint (2016), and Gmail. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. Is your workplace moving over to Google-based products? Sign up for free classes in Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Slides, and Calendar. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register online, go to the library's website or [click here](#) or for assistance with the online registration please visit the library's Adult Services (Reference**

Desk) or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428. (If you desire to enroll in computer courses but do not have computer experience, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available: www.mouseprogram.com and www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mousercise.htm)

Classes for October – November cover:

- Gmail Basics
- Google Drive Essentials
- Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive
- Google Docs Basics
- Google Sheets Essentials
- Google Docs Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Sheets Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Calendar Essential Training
- Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks

Gmail Basics – Tired of wasting time in email and not having what you need at your fingertips? Join this free class to master the basics of Gmail, including how to:

- Register (or retrieve your password) for a Gmail account
- Send and receive emails with and without attachments
- Organize and work with your inbox
- Search, filter, and label emails for efficiency
- Avoid pitfalls when using email, such as getting computer viruses

— And more. Discover how to manage the inbox so that you can be more productive in less time.

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Session 1: Tuesday, October 1, 2019 [Click here to register!](#)

Session 2: Monday, November 25, 2019 [Click here to register!](#)

Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

Essentials of Google Drive – Have you wondered how to seamlessly create, back-up and access your files from anywhere? Discover how to use Google Drive, a powerful cloud-based file storage and office suite software. In this hands-on workshop, participants will create a Google account, navigate the Google Drive interface, organize, sync, locate, and share Drive files, and back up files to the cloud.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: This is a single-session class.

Session: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.

Location: Learning Lab

Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks – Build on your knowledge of Gmail to get even more out of Google’s popular email platform. Discover advanced features that allow you to maximize your productivity, such as:

- Checking different POP3 email accounts with Gmail so you get all of your emails in one place
- Mastering labels, stars, and filters
- Using aliases to determine referrals
- Muting conversations
- Undoing email sends
- Integrating Gmail with Outlook and Google apps like Google Calendar

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Session 1: Thursday, October 3, 2019 [Click here to register!](#)

Session 2: Tuesday, November 26, 2019 [Click here to register!](#)

Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive – Google Drive is a go-to online office suite and storage service for many. Yet there is more to Google Drive than meets the eye. With the right tools, you can optimize your Google Drive to save time and increase productivity. Join us to discover tips, tricks, plug-ins and browser extensions that will help you shift your Google drive into overdrive. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: This is a single-session class.

Session: Friday, October 4, 2019

Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices with files that they wish to add to their personal Google Drive.

Location: Learning Lab

Basics of Google Docs – Take a closer look at how to use Google Docs to share and collaborate, store, translate, and publish documents on the web. Discover how to get around in Google Docs and create professional-looking files you can access and edit anywhere you have Internet.

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Dates: This is a single-session class.

Session: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

Bring: Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.

Location: Learning Lab

Google Sheets Essentials – Discover how to get the most from Google Sheets. Learn how to navigate the interface, use basic formulas and functions, convert file formats like Excel to Google Sheets, and make your data work for you. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.

Location: Learning Lab

Advanced Google Docs – Dive deeper into Google Docs features that help boost productivity. Use templates, create flowcharts, tag colleagues, convert Google Docs to MS Word, integrate Google Docs with other Google applications, and more. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Dates: Thursday, October 10, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.

Location: Learning Lab

Advanced Google Sheets – Learn practical applications for Google Sheets, such as calculating investments and loan payments, the effects of interest and inflation, using Sheets to determine dates and times for project deliverables, and more. Explore how to maximize your productivity by using conditional formatting, creating charts, and expanding Google Sheets capabilities using Add Ons. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: Friday, October 11, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.

Location: Learning Lab

Google Calendar Essential Training – Manage your personal and professional calendars more effectively with Google Calendar. From scheduling events and tracking to-dos, to sharing calendars and creating invites, get the basics of Google Calendar to help make your day run more smoothly. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Dates: Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.

Location: Learning Lab

Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks – Build on your knowledge of Google Calendar to become a Google Calendar guru. Join us to discover advanced features of Google Calendar, such as creating events with a video option for meetings, making available appointment slots so that others can schedule time with you, use Agenda view, add Labs to give yourself new calendar features, and more. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5p.m.

Dates: Thursday, November 7, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops or devices. Those without a device will be provided a laptop for use.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials – This free class is 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, cut, copy, paste, editing, formatting, spell check/thesaurus, page setup, line spacing, the ruler, navigating, changing margins, changing case, word count, and bullets and numbering. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5p.m.

Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019

Bring: These are single session classes. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials – Join us for a free introduction to Excel 2016. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Navigating the Excel interface
- Entering text and formulas
- Editing and viewing worksheets
- Working with formulas and functions

- Formatting cells
- Changing the appearance of worksheets
- Changing column width and row height
- Using auto fill
- Selecting cell ranges
- Using move and copy shortcuts
- Inserting/deleting columns, rows, and worksheets
- Renaming and moving worksheets

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – Building off prior knowledge of MS Word, we will explore ways to create a high quality, professional-looking document. The free class will cover skills such as inserting pictures and captions, charts, hyperlinks, headers, footers, page numbers, table of contents, and cover pages. Participants will learn the ins and outs of design features, customizing the spell check dictionary, locking documents to restrict editing, and more.

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Dates: Thursday, November 14, 2019

Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds. Participants may also bring a current project they are developing, such as a resume or other work/volunteer-related project.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – Building off prior knowledge, participants will explore ways to make spreadsheet information readable and understandable using advanced formatting techniques. For instance, participants will learn how to:

- Use fill color and patterns for cell backgrounds
- Leverage alignment tools for readability
- Accentuate dynamic data with conditional formatting
- Work with tables, styles, and themes for consistent formatting
- Display data as an outline; summarize data using pivot tables, charts and more.

[Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: Friday, November 15, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds. Participants may also bring a current project they are developing, such as a budget, project management chart, or other work/volunteer-related project.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials – Participants will gain skills needed to produce a simple, professional-looking presentation. Topics include navigating the interface; applying or changing a theme; inserting and adjusting pictures, clip art, screenshots, video, tables and charts; using screen toolbar features to play and markup a presentation; create handouts and print, and more. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: Monday, November 18, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks – In this free class, learn how to make presentations more compelling by:

- Customizing the theme and animating text and graphics
- Engaging the audience with audio and video
- Creating information rich, visually compelling presentations driven by Excel data
- Applying time-saving shortcuts that will help you create more engaging presentations quickly

– Discover strategies to keep your audience engaged, and explore tools to make your presentation look more professional, polished and accessible. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Dates: Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.

Location: Learning Lab

It's Your Career Soft Skills Training Sessions

Once a month on Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career,” will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Class format features a short lecture on each topic, case studies discussion in small groups and resources for use in businesses and organizations. **Bring your mobile device, tablet, or laptop, or one will be provided for your use.** All participants will earn .5 CEUs (Continuing Education Unit) for participating. **Registration is required.** This class will be at the Blount County Public Library’s Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library’s outdoor sign. **For Class Synopsis and Registration Information**

Go to www.blountchamber.com/community/festivals-events/soft-skills/ Soft Skills are strengthened and developed over time and are necessary if you desire to climb the career ladder. The classes are a collaboration of Blount Partnership, Adult Education Foundation of Blount

County and the Blount County Public Library. For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/itsyourcareer

Tech Classes – Ages 10 and Up!

Tech classes for tweens and teens are **led by science educator Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls** and are open to boys and girls of all ages interested in fun, hands-on learning experiences with STEM topics! Located in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.

3D Computer Modeling and Animation – Enjoy animated movies like Finding Nemo and the Incredibles? Have you ever wondered how animated movies are made, or how cartoon characters are created? In this workshop, students will learn the basics of 3D computer graphics, create and model using the web based Clara.io. No previous experience is required. Open to all ages 10 and up.

Time: 1 pm – 4 pm

Session: Saturday, October 5, 2019

Location: The Learning Lab

Machine Learning – All around us tools are getting smarter from voice recognition to finding faces in pictures thanks to machine learning. Wonder how this works? In this class girls and boys will learn about the basics of machine learning, and gain some hands-on experience by running a machine learning example in Python. Open to all ages 10 and up.

Time: 1 pm – 4 pm

Session: Saturday, November 9, 2019

Location: Learning Lab

Start Your Own Podcast! Ever wanted to start a podcast, but think that you don't have the equipment, skills, or time? Experienced **podcaster Clay Kriese** will teach you how easy it can be. In this six week course, you'll learn about recording, production, editing, marketing, monetizing, and more. [Online registration is required](#). Class size is limited and classes are cumulative. **Open to ages 14 and up.**

Time: 7 pm – 9 pm

Session: Tuesday evenings from October 22 - November 26 (six sessions)

Location: Learning Lab

Book-A-Librarian

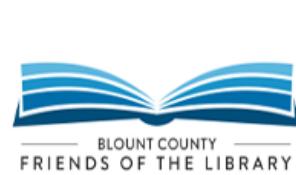
Need help with **technology** and don't know where to start? Have a tough research **question?**

Need a new **resume?** Having trouble with **R.E.A.D.S.?** Go to

<https://goo.gl/forms/35a9eT5qArPctgmU2> to complete a registration form to schedule assistance

from a professional library staff member, and get help setting up your own personal learning plan using library resources.

ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program for Young Adults (18-26): Registration Required



The ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program is made possible through a generous grant from the ARCONIC Foundation. It is provided by the Institute of International Education, Blount Partnership, Blount County Public Library and Blount County Friends of the 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? Join us **October 14 through November 22, 2019** to gain training and real-world, hands-on manufacturing experience with the possibility of getting hired permanently. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **Contact Jackie Taylor-Tente with questions and to register, at 865-680-7668 or jackie@jataylor.net** For more information go to bcpl.populr.me/arconic-internship-program **Deadline to Apply: Wednesday, October 9, 2019**

The program consists of three components:

- 1) **October 14 – 29: 3 weeks of Workforce Readiness Training (60 hours)**
 - **Training** will run 12-5 p.m., 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) **November 4 – 19: 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) **November 20, 21 and 22: 3 half-days of Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation**
 - **Participants then return** for Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation. Participants will receive a \$60 stipend upon completion of this component.

Participants must complete all three components.

TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone 865-273-1414:**Special Programs:**

- **Through Thursday, October 31, “Seed Library @ BCPL,”** will be available during library hours and for **all ages**. There will be seeds available and located in the Reference Area of Adult Services and a location for kids in Youth Services end of the main desk. To check out seeds you must have a valid Blount County Public Library card. Please go to the library website or [click here](#) for further information.
- **Through Thursday, October 31, “Ugly Vegetable Contest.” For All Ages!** The Seed Library @BCPL announces our first ever "Ugly Vegetable Contest!" As lots of veggies are producing, even though they're tasty and healthy for us, let's face it, some are prettier than others. So, we want to celebrate even the ugly ones, because they're just as delicious. **If you've got a tomato that's not perfect, or a cucumber that's not comely, send a photo to spennycuff@blounttn.org, and include your name and the name of the variety if you know it. Please send a selfie photo, in addition to the ugly vegetable close-up, with you and your veggie. We'll award a winner on Thursday, October 31, for the prize of a \$100.00 gift card to our local garden center, "Out Of Eden."** So, if your pumpkin is puckered, or your gourd isn't gorgeous, be sure to share it with us. Watch the library's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for some spotlights on your entries, throughout the season!
- **Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., “LEGO Contest.” Ages 17 and under** come by and pick up a copy of the **complete rules** for the Children's Library fourth semi-annual competition of creativity and engineering — now with a teen category (up to age 17)! Even if you don't enter, be sure to come by during the contest to view the fabulous entries and vote for “Fan Favorite”! You must **deliver entries by 10:30 a.m. and pick them up by 4 p.m.** Voting closes at 1 p.m., and prizes will be announced soon after. Entries must be your own creation and sizes must follow official rules. [See full official rules and categories.](#) Deliver entries – and vote on winners! – in the Children's Library.
- **Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., “3D Computer Modeling and Animation.”** Enjoy animated movies like Finding Nemo and the Incredibles? Have you ever wondered how animated movies are made, or how cartoon characters are created? In this workshop, students will learn the basics of 3D computer graphics, create and model using the web based Clara.io. No previous experience is required. **Open to all ages 10 and up.** Tech classes for tweens and teens are **led by science educator Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls** and are open to boys and girls of all ages interested in fun, hands-on learning experiences with STEM topics! Located in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
- **Fridays, October 11 and November 8, noon until 2:00 p.m., “Second Friday Science Lunch.”** We'll screen NASA downlinks and broadcasts and other up-to-the-moment science and tech shows, with additional interactive activities for all ages. Bring your lunch if you like and join the conversation in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- Want to walk in space? We do, too -- someday. But for now, we have the chance to watch

today's astronauts' spacewalk! Join us for a brown-bag viewing of NASA's stream of International Space Station Mission 57 Spacewalk! We'll screen NASA's live cast on our three big screens, plus we'll have some hands-on activities for kids. **Bring your lunch** and hang out with us to watch the action in orbit. **All ages welcome!** The spacewalk will begin before 8 a.m. and run all day. We'll screen NASA's coverage during the two hours of the program, near the end of the adventure. This program takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Saturday, October 12, 2 p.m. 4 p.m., “Teen Gaming.”** Middle to High School Age. Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, or bring your own tabletop game or video game console and games to share. We'll use multiple screens to multiply the fun. Bring friends! This will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Tuesdays, October 22 through November 26, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., “Start Your Own Podcast!”** Ever wanted to start a podcast, but think that you don't have the equipment, skills, or time? Experienced **podcaster Clay Kriese** will teach you how easy it can be. In this six week course, you'll learn about recording, production, editing, marketing, monetizing, and more. Online registration is required. Class size is limited and classes are cumulative. **Open to ages 14 and up.** This will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
- **Saturday, October 26, 2 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Supernatural Ball.”** The lords of misrule and mayhem – or at least of spooky fun – will rule the library in this shindig full of chills and treats. Wear your favorite costume and join in the fun in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, November 1, 2 & 3, “Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival”** celebrates authors preserving culture, sparking conversation and weaving tales in Appalachia. Please come and join us for this three day festival, November 1st-3rd, 2019, featuring national, regional and local authors such as Ron Rash, Sharyn McCrumb, Amy Greene, Frank X. Walker, Lin Stepp and more! The festival will include celebration of local history and the Blount County Public Library's Centennial. There will be live Appalachian arts demonstrations, musical performances and fun activities for the whole family to engage with East Tennessee's unique literary history. The festival is named after Cormac McCarthy to highlight his time in Blount County and also a piece of public art he made in 1971 while living here. For more author and schedule information please go to the library's website or go to the library's Facebook Event page for more updates!
- **Fridays, November 8, noon until 2 p.m., “Second Friday Science Lunch.”** We'll screen NASA downlinks and broadcasts and other up-to-the-moment science and tech shows, with additional interactive activities for all ages. Bring your lunch if you like and join the conversation in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, November 9, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Teen Gaming with Special Event: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament.”** Our usual slate of Wii and board games will continue, but this month, teens can test their skill in the next round of our smash-hit Smash Tournament. **To get on the bracket, sign up at the Children's Desk (or email**

ckriese@blounttn.org or call 865-273-1414), starting November 2. As always, you're also invited to bring your own tabletop game or video game console and games to share. Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Saturday, November 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., “Machine Learning.”** All around us tools are getting smarter from voice recognition to finding faces in pictures thanks to machine learning. Wonder how this works? In this class girls and boys will learn about the basics of machine learning, and gain some hands-on experience by running a machine learning example in Python. **Open to all ages 10 and up.** Tech classes for tweens and teens are **led by science educator Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls** and are open to boys and girls of all ages interested in fun, hands-on learning experiences with STEM topics! Located in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
- **Saturdays, November 9, 23 and 30, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., “National Novel Writing Month Write-In.”** Join your fellow writers in a dedicated space to get that word count up! We provide tables (with electrical outlets) and wifi; you provide the inspiration. These are welcoming, unstructured writing sessions in the Reading Rotunda and Main Gallery.
- **Monday, November 11, “Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day.”**
- **Saturday, November 16, 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., “National Novel Writing Month: Halfway There Party.”** **Teens are especially invited!** You've made it halfway through NaNoWriMo, so celebrate with us — and, more importantly, write with us! We'll have coffee and treats for fuel, with door prizes and other surprises. We'll keep it low-key, though; the goal is writing! Laptops will be available for writers' use, but please remember to save your work to the cloud or your own flash drive. Find the quietest party in town in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, November 23, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., “Dungeon Master Bootcamp.”** Want to be a DM but aren't sure how to begin? BCPL's resident Dungeon Master **Ashten Royse** will lead a workshop on Dungeons & Dragons playstyle, how to handle players and the roles and responsibilities of DMs. Refreshments will, of course, be served. The quest to become a DM begins in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Wednesday, November 27, “Library Closes Early at 5 p.m.”**
- **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, “Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day.”**

Regular Teen Events:

- **Tuesday, October 1 and October 15, and Tuesday, November 5 and November 19, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club.”** Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages and skill levels**. There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café.)
- **Thursday, October 3 and October 17, and Thursday, November 7 and November 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee.”** A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference

Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It will meet in Kathy Pagles Board Room. “If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you.”

- **Monday, October 7 and Monday, November 4, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1st Monday of each month), “Are You Smarter than a Librarian?” All Ages Are Welcome!** While on the job, librarians learn new things every day. So it's safe to say that we're pretty smart. But now you have a chance to test your knowledge against one of us! If you beat one of our librarian's scores, you could walk away with an extra prize! The library's monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. Bring your teammates and compete for a prize! This event is in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, October 19 and Saturday, November 16, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m., “YA Café.”** All teens are invited to engage in discussions about favorite books and media, with coffee and cookies. YA Café meets in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, October 19 and Saturday, November 16, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Laser TAB: Teen Advisory Board.”** Help plan library programs and activities. Recommend books and videos for the library's collection. Basically, you can help make the library a better space for teens. If you're in the 6th through 12th grade, you can join! Laser TAB meets monthly in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 pm., “Dungeons & Dragons.” Now operating via Signups Only!** If you are interested in joining, email bcpldnd@gmail.com to reserve your spot. **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! The group meets in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., “Micronational Club.” Recommended for ages 8 to 18.** Have you ever dreamed of ruling over your own country? Here's your chance! What will the laws, customs, and history be? You decide. What will the flag, coins, and postage stamps look like? You will create them. With a different project each week, you'll build an empire! For more information go to the [Micronational Club Starter Packet](#). This club usually meets in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., “Thursday Night Gaming.” All ages welcome!** If you're into any sort of analogue gaming, the Main Gallery of the Library is where you want to be! Interested in the Pokémon Card Game? Bring a deck and meet-up with local players, or learn to play with one of our decks. Like board games? Choose from our selection of tabletop favorites. Join the game in the Main Gallery.
- **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. Grandmaster Simon Williams said, “The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be.” What will chess be for you? You are welcome to come join or just enjoy watching the game. This will be held in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library

- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Saturday.” All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays. Grandmaster Simon Williams said, “The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be.” What will chess be for you? You are welcome to come join or just enjoy watching the game. This will be held in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library

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

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

- **Through Thursday, October 31, “Seed Library @ BCPL,”** will be available during library hours and for **all ages**. There will be seeds available and located in the Reference Area of Adult Services and a location for kids in Youth Services end of the main desk. To check out seeds you must have a valid Blount County Public Library card. Please go to the library website or [click here](#) for further information.
- **Through Thursday, October 31, “Ugly Vegetable Contest.” For All Ages!** The Seed Library @BCPL announces our first ever "Ugly Vegetable Contest!" As lots of veggies are producing, even though they're tasty and healthy for us, let's face it, some are prettier than others. So, we want to celebrate even the ugly ones, because they're just as delicious. **If you've got a tomato that's not perfect, or a cucumber that's not comely, send a photo to spennycuff@blounttn.org, and include your name and the name of the variety if you know it. Please send a selfie photo, in addition to the ugly vegetable close-up, with you and your veggie. We'll award a winner on Thursday, October 31, for the prize of a \$100.00 gift card to our local garden center, "Out Of Eden."** So, if your pumpkin is puckered, or your gourd isn't gorgeous, be sure to share it with us. Watch the library's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for some spotlights on your entries, throughout the season!
- **Saturday, October 5, 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., “LEGO Contest.” Ages 17 and under** come by and pick up a copy of the **complete rules** for the Children's Library fourth semi-annual competition of creativity and engineering — now with a teen category (up to age 17)! Even if you don't enter, be sure to come by during the contest to view the fabulous entries and vote for “Fan Favorite”! You must **deliver entries by 10:30 a.m. and pick them up by 4 p.m.** Voting closes at 1 p.m., and prizes will be announced soon after. Entries must be your own creation and sizes must follow official rules. [See full official rules and categories](#). Deliver entries – and vote on winners! – in the Children's Library.
- **Saturday, October 5, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., “3D Computer Modeling and Animation.”** Enjoy animated movies like Finding Nemo and the Incredibles? Have you ever wondered how animated movies are made, or how cartoon characters are created? In this workshop, students will learn the basics of 3D computer graphics, create and model using the web based Clara.io. No previous experience is required. **Open to all ages 10 and up.** Tech classes for tweens and teens are **led by science educator Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls** and are open to boys and girls of all ages interested in fun, hands-on learning experiences with STEM

topics! Located in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.

- **Fridays, October 11 and November 8, noon until 2:00 p.m., “Second Friday Science Lunch.”** We'll screen NASA downlinks and broadcasts and other up-to-the-moment science and tech shows, with additional interactive activities **for all ages**. Bring your lunch if you like and join the conversation in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, October 12, 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., “STEAM Festival!”** This annual celebration of science, tech, engineering, arts and math will bring a host of fun, hands-on activities for all ages, all day long! The fun kicks off with a wacky science show from Mr. Bond's Science Guys at 10:30 a.m. in the Main Gallery. STEAM Festival is made possible by the support of the [Blount County Friends of the Library](#).
Join us for a full day of hands-on fun!
 - 10:30: Science show by Mr. Bond's Science Guys (Main Gallery)
 - 1:00: Arts and crafts (Children's Library)
 - 2:00 Teen Gaming (Sharon Lawson Room)
 - 3:00: Build a Hex Bug Habitat (sign up required; participants will receive a hex bug robot and keep their habitat) (Dorothy Herron Rm. B)
- **Saturday, October 19, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: ‘Monsters Inc.’”** Proof that not all monsters are scary! Pixar's beloved hit movie takes us into a world where monsters come in all shapes and sizes. This movie is rated G. Everyone is welcome! Our “Sensory Movie Fun” approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing moderate lighting and a low-stress environment, plus LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. This event is welcoming for but not limited to those with sensory or attention issues. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, October 26, 10:30 until noon, “Family Storytime.”** Youngsters and their families can share stories, crafts and games to get in the fall mood; this event is welcoming to families that do not celebrate Halloween. Family Storytime helps encourage important early literacy skills. This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.
- **Thursday, October 31, 4:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., “Trick or Read.”** If you celebrate Halloween, wear your costume to the library for the best kind of treats – books! Visit any service desk (or all of them) and get candy and even a free children's book to keep. Be on the lookout for library staff in costume, too. Get your treats in the Children's Library, Adult Services and Patron Services areas.
- **Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, November 1, 2 & 3, “Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival”** celebrates authors preserving culture, sparking conversation and weaving tales in Appalachia. Please come and join us for this three day festival, November 1st-3rd, 2019, featuring national, regional and local authors such as Ron Rash, Sharyn McCrumb, Amy Greene, Frank X. Walker, Lin Stepp and more! The festival will include celebration of local history and the Blount County Public Library's Centennial. There will be live Appalachian arts demonstrations, musical performances and fun activities for the whole

family to engage with East Tennessee's unique literary history. The festival is named after Cormac McCarthy to highlight his time in Blount County and also a piece of public art he made in 1971 while living here. For more author and schedule information please go to the [library's website](#) or go to the [library's Facebook Event page](#) for more updates!

- **Saturday, November 9, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., "Sensory Movie Fun: 'Coco'"** Join one boy's musical adventure to connect with his family, through holidays, music and the power of love. This Disney-Pixar feature is rated PG. Everyone is welcome! Our "Sensory Movie Fun" approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing moderate lighting and a low-stress environment, plus LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. This event is welcoming for but not limited to those with sensory or attention issues. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, November 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., "Machine Learning."** All around us tools are getting smarter from voice recognition to finding faces in pictures thanks to machine learning. Wonder how this works? In this class girls and boys will learn about the basics of machine learning, and gain some hands-on experience by running a machine learning example in Python. **Open to all ages 10 and up.** Tech classes for tweens and teens are **led by science educator Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls** and are open to boys and girls of all ages interested in fun, hands-on learning experiences with STEM topics! Located in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
- **Monday, November 11, "Library Closed in Honor of Veterans Day."**
- **Wednesday, November 27, "Library Closes Early at 5 p.m."**
- **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29, "Library Closed in Honor of Thanksgiving Day."**
- **Saturday, November 30, 10:30 until noon, "Family Storytime."** Youngsters and their families can share stories, crafts and games to celebrate gratitude and the coming winter! Family Storytime helps encourage important early literacy skills. This event takes place throughout the Children's Library.

Regular Activities Elementary Age-Kids:

- **Tuesday, October 1 and October 15, and Tuesday, November 5 and November 19, 6 p.m. (1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month), "Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club."** Enjoy listening to or participate in playing regional music. The Bluegrass Music Club is open to **all ages and skill levels**. There is no charge, just lots of fun. The Music Club meets in the Administration Reception Area (enter through the double doors past the Bookmark Café.)
- **Thursday, October 3 and October 17, and Thursday, November 7 and November 21, 10 a.m.-11 a.m. (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month), "Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Quiltin' Bee."** A Quilting Bee for **all ages** and skills. **Linda Marcus**, a Reference Librarian and longtime quilter, will be the instructor for this adventure in hand quilting. It will meet in Kathy Pagles Board Room. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin

can make a quilt, so can you.”

- **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., “Micronational Club.” Recommended for ages 8 to 18.** Have you ever dreamed of ruling over your own country? Here’s your chance! What will the laws, customs, and history be? You decide. What will the flag, coins, and postage stamps look like? You will create them. With a different project each week, you’ll build an empire! For more information go to the [Micronational Club Starter Packet](#). This club usually meets in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m., “Thursday Night Gaming.” All ages welcome!** If you’re into any sort of analogue gaming, the Main Gallery of the Library is where you want to be! Interested in the Pokémon Card Game? Bring a deck and meet-up with local players, or learn to play with one of our decks. Like board games? Choose from our selection of tabletop favorites. Join the game in the Main Gallery.
- **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 Adult Services in the Reference area of the library. Grandmaster Simon Williams said, “The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be.” What will chess be for you? You are welcome to come join or just enjoy watching the game.
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Saturday.” All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays in Adult Services in the Reference area of the library. Grandmaster Simon Williams said, “The beauty of chess is it can be whatever you want it to be.” What will chess be for you? You are welcome to come join or just enjoy watching the game.
- **Saturdays, 1 p.m. until 2 p.m., “Art with Amanda: Craft Lessons for Kids.”** Join artist-instructor **Amanda Wasinger** for a weekly creativity adventure. **Kids ages 5-12** are invited to have fun learning new skills, creating treasures to take home. **(Younger children are welcome with parental help.)** We provide the materials; you bring the creativity! Crafting happens in the Children’s Library Discovery Corner each Saturday.
- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “LEGOs in the Library,” 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 LEGO, so all you have to bring is your imagination! Get your build on in the Children’s Story Area (in the Children’s Library).
- **Tuesdays, October 1, 8 and 15 and Tuesdays, November 5, 12 and 19, 5 p.m., “Learning and Loving Books with Mr. Gary.”** School-age children (Grades 5 and under) are invited to explore books and the lessons they have for us with educator and youth leader **Gary Southers**. This storytime takes place in the Children’s Story Area (in the Children’s Library).
- **Fridays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids,” for Grades K-5.** Every week brings 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.

STEAMkids normally takes place in the Children's Discovery Corner (in the Children's Library).

- **Friday, October 4 and Friday, December 6, “Eco-STEAMkids with Keep Blount Beautiful.”** On the first Friday of each month, kids will get to make an earth-friendly craft project and learn how to keep our community, and our world, cleaner and healthier with a fun project led by Keep Blount Beautiful.
- **Fridays, October 11, 18 and 25, “Adaptive Woodworking Series with Jennie Harriman.”** Hands-on woodworking projects with a visiting woodworker and educator; kids will make a project to take home.
- **Friday, Nov. 1, “Local History Walking Tour.”** In conjunction with the library's inaugural Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival this weekend, STEAMkids will have a special guided walking tour of local history landmarks near the library. Meet the tour guides in the Discovery Corner of the Children's Library.

Growing Ready Readers -- Early Literacy Programs:

The Blount County Public Library is committed to growing ready readers and equipping caregivers with the tools they need to help their child be school-ready. Check the Blount County Public Library website (www.blountlibrary.org) or stop by the Children's Library for more information on supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., “Little Learners,” recommended for ages 3-5.** Interactive sessions focus on language acquisition and pre-literacy skills incorporating stories, music, motion, play, crafts and more in the Children's Story Area (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 Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- **NEW DAY AND TIME! Thursdays, October 17 and November 21, 4 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. Sensory Storytime takes place in the Children's Story Area (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 get in touch!

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

October 1 to 31:

- ***“Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art” Exhibit, coordinated by Sandy Miller***, will be on easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery, on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café and in square pedestal case in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library.
- ***“Maryville High School Art” Exhibit, coordinated by Raquel Roy***, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- ***“Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival” Exhibit, by the Blount County Public Library***, will be in vertical case at the nook of the wall at the end of the Patron Services Circulation Check-in Desk, in two Mid-Gallery cases in the Main Gallery of the library, in the vertical case and square pedestal case near Audio Visual (AV) Area.
- ***“100th Birthday” Exhibit, by Adult Services***, will be in the Reference Hutch and display table located in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library.
- ***“Man of Sorrows” Exhibit, by Linda Marcus***, will be in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***“Happy 100th Birthday!” Exhibit, by Patron Services***, will be located in the Main Gallery between the two Patron Services Circulation Desks.
- ***“Decades: Celebrate Recipes Through the Years” Exhibit, by the Bookmark Café***, in the display case located in the Bookmark Café.

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- ***“Cormac McCarthy Literary Festival” Exhibit, by the Blount County Public Library***, will be on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- ***“Books for Soldiers” Exhibit, by Kellie Frazier, Blount County Friends of the Library***, will be in vertical case at the nook of the wall at the end of the Patron Services Circulation Check-in Desk.
- ***“Blount County Potters Guild” Exhibit, coordinated by Marian Schlauch***, will be in vertical display case near the Audio Visual (AV) Area.
- ***“Vietnam Voices” Exhibit, by Adult Services***, will be in the Reference Hutch and display table located in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library.
- ***“Musical Christmas” Exhibit, by Linda Marcus***, located in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- ***“Celebrating Appalachian Authors” Exhibit, by Patron Services***, will be located in the Main Gallery between the two Patron Services Circulation Desks.

- **“Decades: Celebrate Recipes Through the Years” Exhibit, by the Bookmark Café**, in the display case located in the Bookmark Café.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- Group Tours of the Main Library and Adult Services (Reference Department) may be scheduled by contacting Kathleen Christy at 865-273-1403 or 865-982-0981, ext. 1450.
- Group Tours of the Children’s Library or other visits by children and teens may be scheduled by contacting Jennifer Spirko at the Children’s Check-out desk 865-273-1414.
- If interested in displaying community information about nonprofit services or fine arts events (flyers and brochures) contact Kathleen Christy, Sheila Pennycuff or Brennan LeQuire at Adult Services (Reference Department).

Open to the public, these programs are 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,” and Instagram.   

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