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May 2019 Events and Programs
at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (April 22, 2019) Spring has sprung and we're continuing through the year with our Blount County Public Library 2019 Centennial Celebrations. The Centennial Book Shower is taking monetary donations and The Bookmark Cafe is going to feature Uncooked Cookies to celebrate the 1950's throughout the month of May. The Grace Notes Flute Choir will bring some lovely sounds to the building on May 2. We'll be launching the second volume of the *Foothills Voices* book on Thursday, May 9 and host the "Voices of the Valley: Black Voices of a Company Town Called Alcoa, Tennessee" on May 11. Children and teen activities in May include another round of our Super Smash Brothers Tournament on May 11 and our new activities, "Art With Amanda" which will be a weekly art lesson every Saturday and "Learning and Loving Books with Mr. Gary" every Thursday. The library will be closed May 27 in honor of Memorial Day and on May 28 will begin the kickoff of 2019 Summer Reading Program "A Universe of Stories" for all ages! The ARCONIC Foundation Global Internship Program for Young Adults (18-26) who are interested in manufacturing careers will begin in June. Registration is required and space is limited for this paid internship. We have lot of other fun things happening this month, like:

- Smart Bicycling Traffic Skills 101 for All Ages and Pre-Registration Required,
- Special: Are You Smarter Than a Librarian Star Wars Trivia? Revenge of the Si[x]th For All Ages,
- New Online Registration for the Microsoft, Google and Social Media Classes,
- Imagination Library Graduation Gala.
- Remember Apollo: Moongazing and Stargazing with Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society,

- Register for It's Your Career Soft Skills Class: Building a Team,
- Come and Have Some Fun with Beyond the Shelves: Live Podcast at The Bird & The Book!
- Thursday Night Gaming for All Ages,
- Come and Check Out the Open Lab 1st Saturday of Each Month,
- Special STEAMkids,
- Ongoing Teen events and Children's events,

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

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

NEW WAY TO LEARN: NO CHARGE WITH YOUR BCPL CARD

Universal Class, new online continuing education courses, will begin May 1. This will replace Gale Courses which will end in May. Universal Class has over 500 courses, 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 through the library's website.

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

- **Thursday, May 2, 7 p.m., *"Grace Notes Flute Concert,"*** The beautiful sounds of multiple flutes will fill the library **directed by Dr. Sue Swilley.** The performance will be at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

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

- **Through Thursday, October 31, *"Seed Library @ BCPL,"*** will be available during library hours and for **all ages**. There will be seeds available in the Reference Area of Adult Services and also, available 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.
- **Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.: *"Special: Are You Smarter than a Librarian? Revenge of the Si[x]th."* All Ages Are Welcome!** Is the Force with you? Find out with our annual Star Wars trivia duel. Test your knowledge of a galaxy far, far away to see if you measure up to the library's own resident bookish Jedi. Wear costumes to add to the fun, and

enjoy themed cookies while you test your wits in our wretched hive of scum and villainy. The winning teams will win prizes! Trivia takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Thursday, May 9, 7 p.m., *"Foothills Voices: Echoes of Southern Appalachia - Volume 2,"*** Twelve writers from the East Tennessee region tell twelve stories – true stories of love, family, joy, and heartbreak. The book is produced by the Blount County Public Library and set for publication in April. The voices in this volume echo with a pitch, tone, and diversity that reflects the Appalachian region itself. This volume will be (is) available for sale in the library and on Amazon in print, e-book, and audiobook form. This event will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Friday, May 10, 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.,** *"Remembering Apollo: Moongazing and Stargazing with Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society."* **All ages** can visit our corner of the universe via the telescopes and expertise of the Smoky Mountain Astronomical Society! We'll check out the moon, planets and stars. This after-hours program begins in the Sharon Lawson Room with snacks and introductions, then moves outside for stargazing.

- **Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., *"Smart Bicycling Traffic Skills 101,"*** presented by **Donna Dixon,** with the Jeff Roth Cycling Foundation, using the League of American Bicyclists BikeEd Program. **Course is free.** This course combines online instruction with parking lot and on-road practice of vehicular bicycling principles. **Preregistration is required: call Smoky Mountain Wellness at 865-803-8887, or email:** donnasuedixon@hotmail.com or click here. **(For all ages! If under 18, needs parent's consent.) Registration ends Thursday, May 2**. For more information about the Jeff Roth Foundation and to learn more about the League of American Bicyclists, go to www.jeffrothcyclingfoundation.org   For certification, the course begins with participants completing an online, self-guided course. Go to www.bikeed.org   **The Certificate of Completion must be printed by the participant and brought to the biking skills course.** The Smart Bicycling Skills course will be held at the Blount County Public Library's Learning Lab Parking Lot. **(Inclement weather day May 12, 2019, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)**

- **Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Voices of the Valley: Black Voices of a Company Town Called Alcoa, Tennessee."* This original play depicts the history of Alcoa workers and their community over the past century. Aluminum company executives recruited black workers from the Deep South to labor in the nightmarish heat of the plant's "pot room." Hear monologues created from interviews with real workers, their families, their teachers and their descendants. This gripping and important work was **written by local author Joyce Leo**, in collaboration with **historian Dr. Shirley Carr Clowney**, using interviews by Maryville College sociology students. It's a fascinating and moving portrayal of our local history, with the voices of those who lived that history. The play takes place in the Main Gallery.

- **Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month), "*Appalachian Reads."*** Country noir master Ron Rash's first novel, *One Foot in Eden*, is the selection for this meeting of the Appalachian Reads book club. The North Carolina writer, whose family has lived in the Southern Appalachian Mountains since the mid-1700s, is a *New York Times* best-selling author, PEN/Faulkner finalist, two-time winner of the O. Henry Prize, and winner of the James Still Award from the Fellowship of Southern Writers. The book explores the ramifications of a well-hidden crime in several intersecting lives. The discussion will be **facilitated by Alan Coulter**. This will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Monday, May 20, 7 p.m.,** *"Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Ole Bert: Sage of the Smokies,"* **presented by Dr. Jim Stovall**, Blount County Public Library Writer-In-Residence. Stovall will present a program honoring Bert Garner—often thought of as the "Appalachian Thoreau"—a man who lived simply and stoically near the mountains that he loved. Ole Bert comes to life in this new edition of H.C. "Woody" Brinegar's 1982 book published by the Blount County Friends of the Library. This program will be located in the Sharon Lawson Room of the library.
- **Sunday, May 26, 4 p.m.,** *"Blount County Black History, Then and Now, as Told by Those Who Lived It."* Integration, struggle, triumph and silence: The voices of black history tell many stories about our county. Join community organizer and activist **Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid** and other local leaders for a presentation of a vital collection of historical documents, books and videos to the Blount County Public Library. We'll enjoy music and refreshments, as well as questions and answers from the presenters. This program takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Monday, May 27, "***Library Closed for Memorial Day.***"**
- **Tuesday, Begins May 28,** *"Summer Reading Program Challenge Begins."* **All ages** can have fun reading and doing other activities to win prizes during our 2019 Summer Reading Challenge: A Universe of Stories! **Children and teens**, get your Challenge Logs in the Children's Library at the Youth Services Desk. **Adults**, get your materials in Adult Services at the Reference Desk.
- **Friday, May 31, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.,** *"It's Your Career: Building a Team,"* will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. In this workshop you will identify personalities and communication styles, understand the causes of dysfunction, and build teams of individuals whose strengths complement each other. 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 April 29.** 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
- **Friday, May 31, 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. Be ready for special guests and special music, with a few surprises. **This off-site event takes place at The Bird & The Book, 1509 E. Broadway Ave., Maryville** at the Five Points roundabout (behind Southland Books and Café). Free parking is available behind the building.
- **Monday, June 3, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1ˢᵗ Monday of each month),** *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* **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! The library's new 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! Questions start at 7:00 pm in the Dorothy Herron Room A.

- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday,   June 6, 7 and 8,   *"Pre-Owned Book Sale."*** This fundraiser for the library offers more than 50,000 books available for sale—$1 for soft cover and $2 for hard cover, plus movies (DVD & VHS), audiobooks and specially priced rare books, collectibles and others—by the [Blount County Friends of the Library (BCFOL)](#):
  - o **Thursday, June 6, 12 noon until 6 p.m., *"Members Only Sale"*** is an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library Lower Level.
  - o **Friday and Saturday, June 7 & 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., *"Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public"*** in the Library Lower Level.
- **Saturday, June 8, All Day, *"Mini-Con!"*** The library's fifth-annual celebration of all things geeky, nerdy and fun. **All ages** are invited to dress in costume, play team trivia, watch a movie, do crafts, learn computer coding skills and play games. Special guests include Mister Bond's The Science Guys, The Spooky Ooos honkytonk band, costumed characters, and many vendors of collectibles, art, books and games. Mini-Con takes place throughout the library.
- **Tuesday, June 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., *"Summer Movie: Forbidden Planet."* All Ages Welcome!** A rocket ship lands on a distant planet to uncover the disappearance of previous settlers but finds a scientist, his daughter, and a robot as the only survivors. Rated G. Run Time 98 min. The movie showing will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

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

- **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! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse**, **Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **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. In addition, during each Thursday night in **June**, we'll feature a unique live-action game. Join the game in the Main Gallery.
- **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 Reference area of the library.
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., *"Play Chess at the Library."* All Ages** are invited to play chess (or learn how to play) most Saturdays in the Reference area of the library.
- **Thursday, May 2 and May 16, Thursday June 6 and June 20, 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 Sharon

Lawson Room. "If Grandma and a feed sack in a backwoods cabin can make a quilt, so can you."

- **Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1ˢᵗ Saturday of each month), *"Open Lab."* Ages 16 and up** come play with all the cool tech in the Learning Lab! Lab equipment includes 3D printers, a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and other small electronics. Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org Open Lab will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.
    - **During Open Lab, Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., *"Fun with the Microbit."*** Coding is not limited to creating programs for your desktop computer, laptop or phone. Learn how to write code for the MicroBit (www.microbit.org), use its sensors and display to create cool gadgets that continue to work after being disconnected from the computer. This workshop is **led by Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls**, a nonprofit, to inspire girls in the Oak Ridge area to explore technology, coding and science. **Workshop targeted towards teens but open to all ages.**
- **Monday, May 6 (Special: Revenge of the Si[x]th) and Monday, June 3, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. (1ˢᵗ Monday of each month), *"Are You Smarter than a Librarian? BCPL Trivia Challenge."* 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! The library's new monthly trivia challenge covers a variety of topics, from geography and history to pop culture and sports. This event is for all ages and will be held in the Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Tuesday, May 7 and May 21, Tuesday, June 4 and June 18,   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, May 16, 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.
- **"*No Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting in May,*"**

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

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.

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, May 3, 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, May 10, 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, May 17, 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, June 7, 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, June 14, 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, June 21, 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, June 28, 2019
Location: Learning Lab

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, July 12, 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 May – July cover:
- Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Word 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft Excel 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Gmail Basics
- Gmail Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Drive Essentials
- Tips and Tools to Optimize Your Google Drive
- Google Docs Basics
- Google Docs Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Sheets Essentials
- Google Sheets Advanced Tips and Tricks
- Google Calendar Essential Training
- Google Calendar Advanced Tips and Tricks

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: Wednesday, May 1, 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 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: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Monday, May 6, 2019
Bring: This is a single session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
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: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Wednesday, May 8, 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: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Monday, May 13, 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: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Wednesday, May 15, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring a USB Drive and earbuds.
Location: Learning Lab

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. [Click here to register!](#)

Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Monday, May 20, 2019
Bring: This is a single-session class. Please bring earbuds.
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

[Click here to register!](#)
Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: Wednesday, May 22, 2019
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. Click here to register!
Time: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Monday, June 3, 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

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: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Wednesday, June 5, 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: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: This is a single-session class.
Session: Monday, June 10, 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

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: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, June 12, 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 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: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Dates: Monday, June 17, 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: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, June 19, 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: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Monday, June 24, 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: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Dates: Wednesday, June 26, 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. – 5 p.m.
Date: Monday, July 8, 2019

Bring: These are single session classes. 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

Open Lab – Ages 16 and Up

Saturday, May 4 and Saturday, June 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (1ˢᵗ Saturday of each month),
"Open Lab." **Ages 16 and up** come play with all the cool tech in the Learning Lab! Lab equipment includes 3D printers, a vinyl cutter, a heat press, and other small electronics. Learn more about materials costs, equipment certification, and lab policies by emailing abaker@blounttn.org   Open Lab will be in the Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.

   o **During Open Lab, Saturday, June 1,   1 p.m. to 4 p.m.,** *"Fun with the Microbit."*
      Coding is not limited to creating programs for your desktop computer, laptop or phone. Learn how to write code for the MicroBit (www.microbit.org), use its sensors and display to create cool gadgets that continue to work after being disconnected from the computer. This workshop is **led by Thomas Proffen of ORCSGirls**, a nonprofit, to inspire girls in the Oak Ridge area to explore technology, coding and science. **Workshop targeted towards teens but open to all ages.**

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 **June 10 through July 31, 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, June 5, 2019

The program consists of three components:
1) **June 10 – June 28: 3 weeks of *Workforce Readiness Training* (60 hours)**
    o *Training* will run 1-5 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) **July 1 – July 26: 100 hours of hands-on manufacturing experience interning with a Blount County manufacturer**
    o **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) **July 29, 30 and 31: 3 half-days of *Follow-up, Career Fair and Graduation***
    o **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:

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Revenge of the Si[x]th." **All Ages Are Welcome!** Is the Force with you? Find out with our annual Star Wars trivia duel. Test your knowledge of a galaxy far, far away to see if you measure up to the library's own resident bookish Jedi. Wear costumes to add to the fun, and enjoy themed cookies while you test your wits in our wretched hive of scum and villainy. The winning teams will win prizes! Trivia takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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- **Saturday, May 11, Noon until 4 p.m.,** *"Teen Gaming with Special Event: Super Smash Bros. Tournament."* Are you ready for the ultimate battle? To get into the Smash Tournament Bracket, sign up at the Children's Desk (or email ckriese@blounttn.org or call 865-273-1414), starting May 4. As always, you're also invited to bring your own tabletop and card games to share. Join the battle in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Voices of the Valley: Black Voices of a Company Town Called Alcoa, Tennessee."* This original play depicts the history of Alcoa workers and their community over the past century. Aluminum company executives recruited black workers from the Deep South to labor in the nightmarish heat of the plant's "pot room." Hear monologues created from interviews with real workers, their families, their teachers and their descendants. This gripping and important work was **written by local author Joyce Leo**, in collaboration with **historian Dr. Shirley Carr Clowney**, using interviews by Maryville College sociology students. It's a fascinating and moving portrayal of our local history, with the voices of those who lived that history. The play takes place in the Main Gallery.

- **Sunday, May 26, 4 p.m.,** *"Blount County Black History, Then and Now, as Told by Those Who Lived It."* Integration, struggle, triumph and silence: The voices of black history tell many stories about our county. Join community organizer and activist **Dorothy Mitchell-Kincaid** and other local leaders for a presentation of a vital collection of historical documents, books and videos to the Blount County Public Library. We'll enjoy music and refreshments, as well as questions and answers from the presenters. This program takes place in the Main Gallery.

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have fun reading and doing other activities to win prizes during our 2019 Summer Reading Challenge: A Universe of Stories! **Children and teens**, get your Challenge Logs in the Children's Library at the Youth Services Desk.

- **Tuesday, May 28, continuing through June and July,** *"A Universe of Art: Teen Summer Contest."* Do you have a painting? Video? Photograph? Story? Poem? Song? Skit? Another talent? Share your creative works at the Blount County Public Library! Art pieces will be displayed for the public in the Main Gallery during the entirety of June and July and may be submitted starting **May 28**. Physical talents will be performed and winners in all categories will be announced during the **Teen Summer Reading Finale on July 27**. Videos with a reading and outer-space theme can also be submitted to the 2019 National Teen Video Challenge. Direct your questions and submissions to Clay (email ckriese@blounttn.org) or call 865-273-1414.

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  - **Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.,** *"Teen Gaming, Special Mini-Con Edition."* Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii games, Super Smash Brothers, Mario Kart – or bring your own. For this special edition of Teen Gaming, we'll also have PCs available. Join the fun in Dorothy Herron Room B.

- **Tuesday, June 11, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.,** *"Summer Movie: Forbidden Planet."* **All Ages Welcome!** A rocket ship lands on a distant planet to uncover the disappearance of previous

settlers but finds a scientist, his daughter, and a robot as the only survivors. Rated G. Run Time 98 min. The movie showing will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

Regular Teen Events:

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- **Saturday, May 4, 2:30 p.m. until 4 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. The Nerd Group is coordinated by experienced web developers and teen entrepreneurs, **Kaleb Davenport** and **Garrett Smith**. Learn more about this group by checking out the introductory video at https://youtu.be/6taIxXT774w or visiting the Nerd group's website at nerdgroup.org   Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, but laptops are also provided by the library. The Nerd Group meets in the Board Room.
  - **PLEASE NOTE! The Nerd Group will be on summer hiatus after May 4! Follow the library on Facebook to get advance notice of the restart date.**
- **Tuesday, May 7 and May 21, Tuesday, June 4 and June 18,   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.)
- **Saturday, May 18,   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, May 18, 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***." 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! Players can connect via the BCPL Dungeons and Dragons Facebook group between sessions. D&D players, coordinated by **Randy Royse, Ashten Royse and Brandon Clackum**, meets in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **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. In addition, during each Thursday night in **June**, we'll feature a unique live-action game. Join the game in the Main Gallery.

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

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

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- **Saturday, May 4, 10:30 a.m. until noon,** *"Imagination Library Graduation Party."* Celebrate Imagination Library and congratulate those youngsters who have "graduated" from the monthly book program. **Graduates (who have had their sixth birthday from June 2018 through May 2019)** and their families can enjoy refreshments and get graduation goody bags. Everyone will enjoy children's book readings by community leaders, with special crafts and LEGO fun for youngsters. Parents and guardians can sign up their children – and themselves! – **for library cards. (To sign up for a card, bring photo ID and a piece of mail proving residence in Blount County dated within the past 30 days.)** Imagination Library sponsor, Kiwanis Club of Maryville, is coordinating this event, which will take place in the Main Gallery and the Children's Library.
- **Monday, May 6, 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.:** *"Special: Are You Smarter than a Librarian? Revenge of the Si[x]th."* **All Ages Are Welcome!** Is the Force with you? Find out with our annual Star Wars trivia duel. Test your knowledge of a galaxy far, far away to see if you measure up to the library's own resident bookish Jedi. Wear costumes to add to the fun, and enjoy themed cookies while you test your wits in our wretched hive of scum and villainy. The winning teams will win prizes! Trivia takes place in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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Elementary Age Activities:

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- **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 LEGOs, so all you have to bring is your imagination! Get your build on 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 takes place in the Children's Discovery Corner (in the Children's Library). **Please Note!** The special May 17 program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
  - o **Friday, May 3 and June 7,** *"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.
  - o **Friday, May 17,** *"Archaeology and the Native Peoples of Tennessee"* **with McClung Museum.** Learn about the first inhabitants of this area, and leave with a greater understanding of early lifeways, cultural adaptations to a changing environment, and a perspective on how archaeology contributes to our knowledge of human ingenuity and survival. This special STEAMkids program will be presented by staff from McClung Museum in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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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).
- **Tuesday, May 28, 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. Sensory Storytime takes place in the Children's Story Area (in the Children's Library).
- <u>New!</u> **Additional Reading event:**
  - **Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., "Learning and Loving Books with Mr. Gary."** School-age children 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).

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:

May 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, in two Mid-Gallery cases near the Patron Services Circulation Desks and in vertical case near Audio Visual (AV) area.
- *"Art Work"* **Exhibit,** by artist, Susan McCollum**,** will be on the Art Panels located down the Meeting Room Hallway.
- *"Art Work"* **Exhibit,** by artist, Logan Thompson**,** will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café.
- *"The Clayton Center presents* <u>*The Lightning Thief*</u>*"* **Exhibit, by The Clayton Center,** coordinated by **Jennifer Spirko,** will be in vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of Patron Services Circulation Check-In Desk of Main Gallery.
- *"What's On Your Sign: How to Focus and Change the World local author Terri Lyon"* **Exhibit,** coordinated by **Jennifer Spirko,** will be in square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- *"Bert Garner"* **Exhibit**, **by Linda Marcus,** located in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- *"Foothills Voices"* **Exhibit**, **by Adult Services,** located in the square pedestal case in Adult Services in the Reference Area of the library.

- ***"All Gave Some. Some Gave All"* Exhibit**, **by Patron Services**, in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.
- ***"Decades: Celebrate Recipes Through the Years"* Exhibit**, **by the Bookmark Café**, in the display case located in the Bookmark Café.

<u>LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:</u>

- 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 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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