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June 2018 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (May 30, 2018) We're gearing up for June here at BCPL and we invite you to join us all month long. We start the month out with Mini-Con, the most awesome comic convention in town. Bring your friends, family, and coolest cosplay and join us for a day of fun. Mini-Con also serves as the kickoff for our 2018 Summer Reading Program "Libraries ROCK!" Registration for the program begins May 25 for children and teens and June 1 for adults. Later in the month, we have no shortage of family movies, fun performances from singers and magicians alike, and lectures for adults. Other programs in June will include

- Fun and educational children's events every Saturday, plus regular story hours,
- Teen activities and challenges,
- Adult events and programs,
- Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Birds of Our Mountains, Past and Present
- Art with Watercolors
- Blount County Friends of the Library Book Sale
- Make a Change with Sparky and Rhonda Rucker
- Book Signing with Author Shawn Wichert
- Sergeant York: The Play

And much more! Pick up your copy of the Summer Reading brochure (or the monthly calendars) so that you'll have your own schedule of summer events for June and July. These items are also available on the library website at www.blountlibrary.org We look forward to seeing you at the library!

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

- **Monday, July 23, 7 p.m., "Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Mountain Music with**

the Drift Boat Cowboys.” The members of the group are **Justin Marcus, Jeremy Stephens, Brad Hitch, Mark Ross, David Rasnake, and Justin Hall**—all sons of Blount County. The Drift Boat Cowboys will play music that has been ringing throughout the mountains for years and passed on from generation to generation. Special attention will be given to songs recorded by the Victor Talking Machine Company in 1925 during the Bristol Sessions. This program will be in the Main Gallery.

- **Thursdays in August, 7 p.m., “Hot Summer Nights Concert Series” at the library!** Concerts will be inside the library in air conditioning and are sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library. Performers TBA soon.

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

- **Through Monday, July 30: “2018 Summer Reading Challenge Program: Libraries ROCK!”** Throughout the summer, in addition to reading, there will be weekly events and activities for all ages, emphasizing the theme. Registration began May 25 for children and teens and adults begin June 1. Dates for the three age groups are
 - **Children: Friday, May 25 through Monday, July 30**
 - **Teens: Friday, May 25 through Monday, July 30**
 - **Adult: Friday, June 1 through Monday, July 30**
 The 2018 Summer Reading Program is open to all ages, preschool through adult, with programs, prize drawings, story times, a music club and more. All programs are free of charge. Look for the brochure at the library with more publicity describing events and activities. 2018 Summer Reading is sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library.
- **Friday, June 1 through Monday, July 30, Tic-Tac-Toe** returns with an all new set of goals for this year’s summer reading. 1) Pick up Tic-Tac-Toe card at the Patron Services Desk or Information Services Desk. You may enter multiple times. 2) Read, listen or watch three items per Tic-Tac-Toe card and fill in the card. 3) Validate the card at the Information Services Desk to enter weekly and Grand Prize drawings. 4) Weekly prizes will be awarded on Friday afternoons. The Grand Prize will be awarded at 6:15 p.m. before the Shakespeare play on Monday, July 30.
- **Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m., “Pop-Up Book Sale”** offered by Blount County Friends of the Library. The sale will be located in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **Saturday, June 2, 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.; Doors Open at 9 a.m., “Mini-Con,”** the library’s fourth-annual celebration of all things geeky, nerdy and fun. A **free-for-all ages** comic convention and the inaugural event of the library’s summer reading program, “Libraries ROCK!” Don your favorite superhero costume and participate in the Cosplay Contest at 4 p.m. **Go to Instagram and tag @BCPLIBRARY and use #MINICON2018.** This event is sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library and will take place throughout the library, including the lawn and The Learning Lab.

Throughout the Day

- **Fencing Demonstrations** by the Knoxville Academy of the Blade (Reading Rotunda)
- **Local Authors and Vendors** (Main Gallery)
- **Photo Backdrop with Props** (Main Gallery)

- **Harry Potter Wand Making, Fandom Coloring, Origami and How to Draw Books:** (Study Rooms in Reference)
- **LEGO Building** (Teen Central Area)
- **Snow Cone Truck** (Outdoors)
- **Bubbles and Sidewalk Chalk** near the Shakespeare Garden (Outdoors)
- **Games and Face Painting** (Outdoors)
- **Balloon Twister from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** (Outdoors)
- **Other Crafts and Activities** related to Ghostbusters, superheroes and more (Children's Library)
- **Tech Petting Zoo** (The Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library's outdoor sign.)
- **The Smoky Mountain Ghostbusters** will bring their Ecto-1 for people to see, as well as all of their gear and a giant inflatable Stay Puff Marshmallow Man (Parking Lot)

Hour by Hour Schedule

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

10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. –

- **Professor Greybeard from Mr. Bond's Science Guys:** An interactive science presentation for kids and families. (Sharon Lawson Room)
- **Miniature Figure Painting Workshop:** Learn how to paint miniature figures and get the opportunity to paint one to bring home. Space and supplies are limited. (Dorothy Herron Room A)
- **Robyn & Neil McCammon of Maryville Rock Academy:** A performance for all ages of music from video games. (Children's Department)
- **You Can Code for 3rd Grade and Up:** With the help of Thomas Proffen, founder of Oak Ridge Computer Science Girls. (Dorothy Herron Room B)

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. –

- **Smoky Mountain Ghostbusters:** Meet and greet, take pictures, play with slime, and make some crafts. (Children's Department)
- **Actors from the TN Pirate Festival:** Comedy show performance. (Sharon Lawson Room)
- **Matthew Atchley:** Talking about his experience as an independent award-winning artist. (Dorothy Herron Room A)
- **Building 3D Worlds for 6th Grade and Up:** With the help of Thomas Proffen, founder of Oak Ridge Computer Science Girls. (Dorothy Herron Room B)

12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. –

- **The Incredibles:** Screening of the popular Disney-Pixar movie about a pretty super family (Rated G) (Sharon Lawson Room)
- **Nerdy Teen Trivia:** Test your wits against Jeopardy winner Jennifer Spirko! (Dorothy Herron Room A)
- **Free pizza and drinks with your armband:** available while supplies last.
- **@ 1:30 p.m. - Fun with Micro:Bit for 6th Grade and Up:** With the help of Thomas Proffen, founder of Oak Ridge Computer Science Girls. (Dorothy Herron Room B)

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. –

- **Superhero Meet & Greet with Bam Pow Creations:** Meet with some of your favorite superheroes, princesses and other characters. (Children's Department)

- **The Spooky Ooos:** Performance by the coolest paranormal honkytonk band in town. (Sharon Lawson Room)
- **Cosplay Mask Making Workshop:** Use thermal plastic to make your own masks. Supplies limited. (Dorothy Herron Room A).

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. –

- **Cosplay Contest:** At the end of the day, Mini-Con attendees can enter the contest which is separated into three categories: kids, teens and adults. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for each category and an overall winner. Please gather in the Meeting Room Hallway by 3:45 p.m. to enter. (Sharon Lawson Room)
- **Monday, June 4, 7 p.m. to 8: 30 p.m., “Sergeant York: The Play”** written by **Lisa Soland**, this one actor play chronicles the life of Sergeant Alvin York. Sergeant York was a Tennessee native and one of the most decorated American soldiers of World War 1. This program will be in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 7, 8 & 9, “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 Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL):
 - **Thursday, June 7, 12 noon until 6 p.m., “Members Only Sale”** is an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before other members of the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library Lower Level.
 - **Friday and Saturday, June 8 & 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., “Pre-Owned Book Sale – Open to the Public”** in the Library Lower Level.
- **Monday, June 11, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Identity Theft & Credit Fraud”** will be presented by Regions Bank. Identity theft, scams and fraud are serious issues. The Department of Justice reports there were 17.6 million victims of identity theft in 2014. How can you prevent identity theft and fraud? What protections do you have by law? This class includes the warning signs and how it happens. Finally, you should know how to deal with fraud and identity theft if it happens to you. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Thursday, June 14, 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m., “Medicaid Expansion Workshop.”** The Tennessee Health Care Campaign, The Blount County League of Women Voters & The Blount County Library are co-hosting a non-partisan workshop for voters and candidates on “Medicaid Expansion” in Tennessee led by Carole R, Myers, PhD, RN. Associate Professor, University of Tennessee College of Nursing and Department of Public Health. This will be held in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (4th Saturday of each month), “Library at Downtown Maryville Farmers Market.”** Visit the library’s table for garden and food-related book suggestions and library information. The Farmers Market is located at Founder’s Square, Downtown Maryville, near CBBC Bank.
- **Monday, June 25, 7 p.m., “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Birds of Our Mountains: Past and Present,”** presented by **LeAnne Jennings**, a certified Tennessee Naturalist with a passion for birds. Jennings will discuss these natural music makers of our world, the species we have lost in our region and what adaptations have been made to survive, or not, in today’s world. She will also present ways we can help our local bird populations, such as setting up backyard environments geared toward bird preservation. This

event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Mary Poppins.”** The beloved movie musical that taught parents that the best way to get children to take their medicine is with a “spoonful of sugar.” Rated G and starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. This classic and tuneful film for all ages screens in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Wednesday, July 4, “Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.”**
- **Monday, July 9, 6:30 p.m., “Fiscal Fitness: Homeowner’s Insurance”** will be presented by **Charlotte Chance**, Agency Owner, Farmers Insurance. Buying a home is likely the largest investment most of us will make in our lifetime. So, how do we protect this large and important investment? How do we make sure we are protected in the event of an accident or a natural disaster? Homeowners Insurance not only protects your investment, but it is also often required by the lender of your mortgage. Do you understand the basic parts of homeowner’s insurance, what it covers, how to best use it when needed and how important it is to your lender? Charlotte Chance has 20 years of experience in the financial and insurance industry. This program will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Frisbee Fun with a World Champ.”** Flips, throws, spins and tricks – you won’t believe all the cool things that World Champion Gary Auerbach, the “Frisbee Guy,” can do! He’ll present his fabulous Frisbee show for all ages in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, July 13, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m., “It’s Your Career: How to Run an Effective Meeting,”** will be a part of an ongoing series of Soft Skill workshops designed to take your career to the next level. Time is valuable. \$37 billion dollars of salary is lost annually in unproductive meetings. Learn some tools to make the most of your meetings, stay on task and be productive! 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 laptop or tablet, or one will be provided for your use. This class will be at the Blount County Public Library’s new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building). For class synopsis and registration information, go to www.blountchamber.com/community/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.
- **Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (3rd Saturday of every other month)** **“Appalachian Reads.”** The book group will read and discuss works of Southern Appalachian authors. Julia Franks' *Over the Plain Houses* is this month’s title, facilitated by **Doug Floyd**. Sponsored by Friends of the Library, meetings will be held the third Saturday of every other month in Dorothy Herron Room A.
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- **Monday, July 30, 6:15 p.m., “Libraries ROCK! Summer Reading Challenge Grand Prize Drawing.”** Don’t miss the drawing for the Adult Summer Reading Program. Last chance to

turn your entry in will be 5 p.m.

- **Monday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Shakespeare’s ‘Cymbeline.’”** Love lost – and found – a wicked queen, and plenty of schemes of disguise and displays of bravery: Experience one of Shakespeare’s lesser-known plays, presented by the Tennessee Stage Company. This tale of adventure and romance is suitable for all ages. The performance takes place in the Main Gallery.

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 Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
- **Tuesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., “Tech Time.”** Need help with technology and don’t know where to start? Tech Time is designed to be a space to get your questions answered and set you on the path you need for technology success! Having trouble with **email**? Can’t find what you need on the **internet**? Curious about **Facebook, Twitter or Pinterest**? Need help with **eBooks**? Bring your technology questions and get assistance from a Tech Time facilitator. Tech Time will be held in Study Room A in the Reference Area of the library.
- **Thursday, June 7 and 21, 6 p.m., (1st and 3rd Thursday of each month with exception in July), “Southern Appalachian Studies Series: Bluegrass Music Club.”** A Bluegrass Music Club for all ages and skills. There is a one-time charge of \$20 for a book of bluegrass music which will be used in the club. **Josephine Cappelletti**, the orchestra teacher at Coulter Grove Intermediate School, is the director. Instrument donations will be welcome. Donated instruments may be dropped off at Information Services. The Music Club meets in the Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
- **Tuesday, June 19 and July 17, 5:30 p.m. (3rd Tuesday of each month), “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Thursday, June 21 and July 19, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (3rd Thursday of each month), “Adult Coloring.”** Remember the carefree joy of picking up your favorite crayon or marker and adding color to a beautiful picture? Experience the same fun and relaxation even though you are now an adult! For this program, sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library, participants (**teens and older**) can bring their own coloring books and materials, or you can select from a variety of intricate adult coloring pages and utilize coloring supplies provided at the library. Just show up at the library at 7 p.m., on the third Thursday of every month, select a fun design and color away to your heart’s content. This program will be in the Reference Area of the library.
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Tennessee R.E.A.D.S. HELP!

If you have an e-reader, tablet or other device, you may check out e-books, audiobooks and streaming movies from Tennessee R.E.A.D.S., through the library website. You can seek personalized help by calling the Reference Desk at (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428 to schedule a time for an appointment or attend a Tech Time session (check monthly calendar for day and time) for help. 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,**
- **Kindles e-readers: Amazon sign-in and password**

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

COMPUTER COURSES:

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

Tech Time – in Study Room A/Reference Area:

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All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series – Online Registration Required:

Fridays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “All Things Google Lunch and Learn Series.” Because Blount County Public Library has received a Library Technology Training Grant, this series of Google Lunch and Learn classes is being offered to the public during 2018. [Online registration](#) is **required** at no cost. For lunch options, you may bring a sack lunch or an optional \$10 box lunch is available from the library’s Bookmark Café. Lunch order options are on the registration form. The classes will be held in the library’s new Learning Lab, a stand-alone building on Cusick Street, across from the library’s outdoor sign. Participants who have Gmail accounts should bring their email address and password. Participants who do not have a Gmail account will create one at their first class. Participants should bring their library card. In some classes, participants will also learn how to use [Lynda.com](#), a new leading online learning platform that helps anyone learn business, software, technology and creative skills to achieve their learning goals. A staff

person will be at all classes to make sure that participants have an ecard to access Lynda.com for participants without library cards. Be sure to include email address on registration form. Each class is limited to 10 participants. Participants are invited to bring their personal laptops with wireless access to use in classes. See class title and synopsis below:

- **June 8, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Learning Online Surveys With Google Forms.*”** – in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
Use online surveys to collect the feedback you need to inform your work. Discover when surveys are useful and how they can help collect the input needed to drive key business decisions. Join us for an overview of some popular survey tools, and learn how to use Google Forms to meet your survey needs.
- **June 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Using Google Slides to Create Presentations.*”** – in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
Learn how to create a presentation using Google Slides. Practice sharing and collaborating when developing presentations, and see how to publish a presentation on the web. Discover tools and add-ons that will help you enhance the quality of your creations.
- **June 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Using Google Voice for Business.*”** – in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
Get the most from Google Voice, a powerful, free calling and voicemail platform. Google Voice gives you one phone number, linked to you, no matter how many phone lines or devices you have. Join us to sign up for a Google Voice number, and learn how to use its unique features and tools.
- **June 29, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “*Get Up and Running with Google My Business.*”**– in the Learning Lab.
Online Registration required
Discover how to connect your business directly to customers through Insights, Maps, Search, Google+, and Analytics. Create your Google My Business dashboard and business location, and learn how to manage your online presence through the dashboard’s various channels.

Microsoft Computer Courses: Registration Required

Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint (2016) and Gmail. Receive an opportunity to gain a nationally recognized certificate from Northstar Digital Literacy. Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library’s new Learning Lab (outside the library in the former First Tennessee Bank branch building) unless otherwise *noted. Spaces are limited and registration is required. **To register, please visit the library’s Information Services Desk or call (865) 982-0981, ext. 1450, or (865) 273-1428. Sign up no earlier than one month prior to a class.** (If a person desires to enroll in the Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, you will need to practice using a mouse before you may enroll. Listed are a few practice websites available: www.mouseprogram.com and www.pbclibrary.org/mousing/mouserercise.htm)

Microsoft Word 2016 Essentials – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2016, including topics such as toolbars/ribbons, shortcuts, save/save as, files/folders, selecting text, moving text, drag and drop, editing, formatting, spell check/thesaurus, page setup, line spacing, the ruler, navigating, changing margins, changing case, word count, bullets/numbering and attachments.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Session: Wednesday, June 20 and Friday, June 22, 2018

Location: *Dorothy Herron Room B

Microsoft Excel 2016 Essentials – This free class is an introduction to Excel 2016. Topics include toolbars/ribbons; navigation; entering text and formulas; editing and viewing worksheets; introduction to formulas and functions; formatting the contents of cells; changing the appearance of worksheets; changing column width and row height; auto complete; fill series; selecting cell ranges; move and copy shortcuts; inserting/deleting columns and rows; inserting/deleting worksheets; renaming worksheets; and moving worksheets.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Session: Wednesday, June 27 and Friday, June 29, 2018

Location: *Dorothy Herron Room B

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Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Session: Wednesday, August 8 and Friday, August 10, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

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Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Session: Wednesday, August 15 and Friday, August 17, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 Essentials – This free class will provide students with the skills needed to produce a professional-looking presentation. Topics include editing, outlining, drawing, graphing, images, and presentation management functions.

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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

Session : Wednesday, August 22 and Friday, August 24, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

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

Time: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Session : Wednesday, August 29 and Friday August 31, 2018

Location: Learning Lab

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults: Registration Required



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

Paid Internship Program for Young Adults Interested in Manufacturing Careers:

Are you between the **ages of 18 – 26** and would you like to get paid to intern at a local manufacturer? Join us **July 9 – August 22** 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**

The program consists of three components:

- 1) **July 9 – 27: 3 weeks of Workforce Readiness Training**
 - *Training* will run for specific periods of time, with another session beginning soon, Monday through Friday. During this time participants will receive training in skills needed to obtain and maintain a job in the manufacturing field. Participants will receive a \$300 stipend upon completion of this component.

- 2) **July 30 – August 17: 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) **August 20 – 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 Monday, July 30, “*Summer Reading Challenge!*”** This summer’s theme is “Libraries ROCK!” Youth (ages 12-18) can pick up their Summer Reading Challenge Journals in Information Services (near Teen Central) or [click here](#) to print or go to the library’s website. Mark points for reading and other activities, and bring in your completed Journals for a chance at our Grand Prize. Get a new Journal and keep going, for more chances to win, all summer long, until July 30.
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- **Thursday, June 7, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., "Obsess and Express."** What's your obsession? Bring your favorite songs, stories, comics, videos and anime to share with other teens, and make new fellow fans. (Play clips on your phone or tablet, or use a library laptop to project it.) But keep it PG-13, please. "Obsess and Express" takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, June 9, 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. (2nd Saturday of each month), "Gaming @ Your Library."** Games of all kinds! Board games, Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros., MarioKart, 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! Gaming will take place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

- **Tuesday, June 12, 7 p.m. until 8 p.m., “*The Lights Between Tunnels’: A Book Reading and Signing with Author Shawn Wichert.*”** High-school teacher Shawn Wichert has published his debut YA novel, “The Lights between Tunnels.” Meet Alex, Peyton and Cameron, high-schoolers whose lives are changed by a prestigious but mysterious scholarship competition. Along the way, family secrets and social pressures challenge the teenagers’ intelligence, skills and humor. Meet Shawn, hear an excerpt and buy a book to get signed. This event takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **Thursday, June 21, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “*Art with Watercolors.*”** Learn to express yourself with this beautiful art form! The library provides the materials and instruction; you provide the inspiration. This workshop takes place in the Main Gallery.
- **All Month, “*Teen ARC (Advanced Reader Copy) Reviews.*”** Check out the ongoing display of ARC (advanced reader copy) books, located just before you get to the Reference and Teen Central areas. These are books that have yet to go through their final edits and be published, but we scored some just for you! Choose a book from the display to take home, read, and then write a review and post on the library’s Facebook page for others to see.
- **Wednesday, July 4, “*Library Closed in Honor of Independence Day.*”**
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- **Saturday, July 28, 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., “*Decades Dance and Karaoke.*”** Dance your way through the decades, from the early days of rock’n’roll and soul to today. You can even take your turn at the mic for karaoke fun. Of course, refreshments will be served – what’s a party without snacks? We’ll close out Summer Reading with a musical bash! (This event is coordinated by the Laser TAB Teen Advisory Board.) Join the party in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “*Shakespeare’s ‘Cymbeline.’*”** Love lost – and found – a wicked queen, and plenty of schemes of disguise and displays of bravery: Experience one of Shakespeare’s lesser-known plays, presented by the Tennessee Stage Company. This tale of adventure and romance is suitable for all ages. The performance takes place in the Main Gallery.

Regular Teen Events:

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Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.

- **Saturdays, 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 on the Library’s Facebook page. Participating students are encouraged to bring their own devices, but laptops are also provided by the library. Learn more at nerdgroup.org The Nerd Group meets in the Board Room
- **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 Staff Lounge of the library, in the Administration Area (enter through the Bookmark Café).
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- **Sundays, June 10 and June 24, 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. (Meets every other Sunday of each month), “Teen Writers Group.”** Calling all writers! If you’re looking for inspiration, motivation, feedback or camaraderie, this is your group. Teenagers are invited to join writing colleagues for discussion and inspiration. The Teen Writing Group, coordinated by **Hannah Spirko**, meets in the Boardroom.
- **Saturday, June 23 and July 21, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Teen Advisory Board.”** Do you want to help plan library programs and activities? Help pick out books, videos and magazines for the library’s collection? Basically, do you want to make the library a better place for teens? Let your voice be heard. To Sign Up go to <http://Tinyurl.com/BlountTeens> Meeting will be in Dorothy Herron Room A.

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

Special Programs for Children (Preschool through Tween)

- **Through Monday July 30, “Summer Reading Challenge!”** This summer’s theme is “Libraries ROCK!” Preschool and elementary-age children can pick up their Challenge Journals in the Children’s Library or [click here](#) to print or go to the library’s website. Keep track of reading and other activities tally points, and bring the Journals to the Children’s Library to win a prize! (Then you can start all over again, and keep winning all summer long, until July 30.)
- **Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Doors Open at 9 a.m., “Mini-Con,”** the library’s fourth-annual celebration of all things geeky, nerdy and fun. A **free-for-all ages** comic convention and the inaugural event of the library’s summer reading program, “Libraries ROCK!” Don your favorite superhero costume and participate in the Cosplay

Contest at 4 p.m. **Go to Instagram and tag @BCPLIBRARY and use #MINICON2018.** This event is sponsored by the Blount County Friends of the Library and will take place throughout the library, including the lawn and The Learning Lab.

Throughout the Day

- **Fencing Demonstrations** by the Knoxville Academy of the Blade (Reading Rotunda)
- **Local Authors and Vendors** (Main Gallery)
- **Photo Backdrop with Props** (Main Gallery)
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- **LEGO Building** (Teen Central Area)
- **Snow Cone Truck** (Outdoors)
- **Bubbles and Sidewalk Chalk** near the Shakespeare Garden (Outdoors)
- **Games and Face Painting** (Outdoors)
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- **Saturday, June 16, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., “Make a Change with Sparky and Rhonda Rucker.”** How can you make the world a better place? Musicians and activists Sparky and Rhonda Rucker bring their unique and soulful music, along with their new book, “Make a Change” to inspire children and families toward a more just world. This event takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: ‘Aladdin.’”** A plucky thief, a powerful genie with a motor mouth and a princess who is as brave as she is beautiful? That’s the recipe behind one of the most beloved features from Disney’s “Golden Age” of animation. Revisit this musical, magical adventure – and introduce little ones to it – before the live-action film retelling comes out next year. Our Sensory Movie Fun approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing low light, a low-stress environment and LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Thursday, June 28, 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Mary Poppins.”** The beloved movie musical that taught parents that the best way to get children to take their medicine is with a “spoonful of sugar.” Rated G and starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. This classic and tuneful film for all ages screens in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Saturday, June 30, 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., “Magician Scott Humston.”** Magician Scott Humston never fails to amaze and amuse audiences. He weaves character lessons in with the jokes and tricks to create one of BCPL’s enduring favorite shows! The library can guarantee lots of laughs and more than a few gasps of surprise. See Scott perform in the Sharon Lawson Room.
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- **Monday, July 9, 7:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., “Frisbee Fun with a World Champ.”** Flips, throws, spins and tricks – you won’t believe all the cool things that World Champion Gary Auerbach, the “Frisbee Guy,” can do! He’ll present his fabulous Frisbee show for all ages in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 14, 10:30 a.m. until noon, “Touch a Truck with City Street Beat.”** Have you ever gotten up close and personal with a wrecker or a police motorcycle? This is your chance to “meet” some of the incredible and powerful vehicles that make our community work. We’ll also have a special outdoor noisemaking party; make music the “City Street Beat” way, with tubs, trash cans and more! “Touch a Truck” takes place on the library’s parking lot and lawn.
- **Saturday, July 21, 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., “Sensory Movie Fun: ‘Mulan.’”** When her injured father is called to join the army, Mulan disguises herself as his son and takes his place. Her bravery not only saves the army, but later the empire itself! This classic tale of an unlikely hero gave us some of the best songs and scariest villains in Disney history. Our Sensory Movie Fun approach welcomes little ones (and bigger ones!) with sensory and attention issues, providing low light, a low-stress environment and LEGOs and crafts for busy hands. The film screens in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Saturday, July 28, 10:30 a.m. until noon, “Musical Instrument Petting Zoo.”** We’ll end our summer of music fun with a chance to touch and learn about all kinds of real-life musical instruments and hear how they sound up close. No animals at this petting zoo – just lots of noisy fun. This event takes place in the Sharon Lawson Room.

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Tuesdays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “LEGO Club,” for Grades K-5,** will take place in the Children’s Library. Kids will complete different-themed and timed LEGO Challenges, as well as have some time for free building. The library will provide the LEGOs, so all you have to bring is your imagination. Get your build on in the Children’s Story Area (in the Children’s Library).
 - **NOTE: No LEGO Club in August.** Library staff will take the month of August off to regroup after our busy and fun summer, and to let families get adjusted to the new school year. LEGO Club and other regular programming will resume in September.
- **Fridays, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids,” for Grades K-5.** Every week will be a different adventure, from hands-on science experiments to art projects and everything in between. Materials may be limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. STEAMkids normally takes place in the Children’s Discovery Corner (in the Children’s Library).
 - **Friday, June 1 and July 6, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids with Keep Blount Beautiful.”** Once a month, Keep Blount Beautiful brings a special “green” lesson using recycled craft materials and environmental themes.

- **Friday, June 15, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “First Aid with Dr. Robin Huskey.”** How do our bodies work, and how can we help when injuries or illnesses strike? Dr. Robin Huskey, Chief Medical Officer at Well-Key Health, will bring an exciting hands-on lesson in staying safe.
- **Friday, June 29, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “STEAMkids with Home Depot.”** Belissa Croley from Home Depot will be here to teach a special building activity with flowerpots and plants. This will be held in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Friday, July 13, 4 p.m. until 5 p.m., “Fossils with Phil.”** Learn all about fossils with Walland Elementary teacher and paleontologist Phil Young!
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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).
 - **Tuesday, June 19 and Thursday, June 21, 10:30 a.m., Maryville Lions Club** volunteers will perform non-invasive **vision screenings** of children **ages 1-6** (parental consent form required) **during Little Learners.**
- **Wednesdays, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., “Baby and Me,” recommended for ages 2 and under.** These lapsit sessions for baby and caregiver feature short stories, action rhymes, music and pre-literacy tips and tricks for caregivers. It is also a great time for caregivers and babies to socialize! These sessions are in the Children’s Library.
 - **Wednesday, June 20, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Maryville Lions Club** volunteers will perform non-invasive **vision screenings** of children **ages 1-6** (parental consent form required) **during Baby and Me.**
- **Tuesday, June 26 and July 24, 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).

- **NOTE: No Storytimes in August.** Library staff will take the month of August off to regroup after our busy and fun summer, and to let families get adjusted to the new school year. Little Learners, Baby & Me, Sensory Story Time and other regular programming will resume in September.

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:




June 1 to 30:

- **"Townsend Artisan Guild" Exhibit, coordinated by Susan Cooper,** will be on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.
- **"Art Work" Exhibit, by Robyn McCammon, graphic artist,** will be on the Art Wall at the Bookmark Café, in the square pedestal display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library and in one vertical display case near the Audio Visual (AV) area.
- **"Prom Memories" Exhibit, by Youth Services,** will be located in vertical display case in the nook of the wall at the end of the Circulation Check-In Desk.
- **"Blount Benefits" Exhibit, coordinated by John Lamb,** will be in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **"Meet Laser TAB" Exhibit, by Clay Kriese and Teen Advisory Board,** will be in one Mid-Gallery case near the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery of the library.
- **"YA Rainbows" Exhibit, by Youth Services,** will be in one square pedestal case near the Audio Visual (AV) area of the Main Gallery.
- **"Birds" Exhibit, by Linda Marcus** in the Genealogy display case at Temporary Books Shelves.
- **"Let's Go to the Beach" Exhibit, by Information Services** on the Magazine Shelves in the Main Gallery.
- **"CQ Researcher: Check It Out!" Exhibit,** by Information Services in the Reference Area.
- **"Blount County Arts and Crafts Guild Member Art" Exhibit, coordinated by Jeanie Dockery,** will be on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
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- **"Summer Reading Display" Exhibit, by Information Services,** in the Main Gallery between the two Circulation Desks.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- Group Tours of the Main Library and 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 the 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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