



BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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April 2014 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (March 28, 2014) We hope that spring is here to stay ... although it still seems to be approaching tentatively. As usual, the library offers numerous services and events to enrich your life or keep you informed. For example, did you know that there was once a professional baseball team in Blount County?

Some programs coming up include:

- Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Children's Storytime Concert (in Children's Library)
- Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Concert (for the entire family in Reading Rotunda)
- "Maryville-Alcoa Twins – 1953: A Baseball Memory" by Bob Gilbert and a panel of past players
- "A Continuum of Services for In-Home Care Options" by Brian Tuggle
- "World Book Day at the Bookmark Café" - Free books given away all day.
- "North and South Poles: the Differences Travelogue" by Larry Ackley
- AARP Tax Preparation Assistance. Call 679-1225 or 363-1452 for an appointment.
- Free, two-hour classes in basic computer skills – intro, Email & Internet Searching – taught by library staff
- Microsoft Computer Courses - \$25 to \$40 fee – by Adult Basic Education teachers
- Gaming at the library (board games, MarioKart, Smash Bros., Yu-Gi-Oh!, or bring your own games to share with fun and laughter!)
- Chess at the library
- Lego Club.

Your Blount County Public Library continues to be the best value available for your tax dollars!

MUSIC:

- **Thursday, April 3, 10 a.m., "Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Quartet"** will perform a story time program in the Children's Library.
- **Thursday, April 10, 7 p.m., "Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Quartet Concert"** will perform in the Reading Rotunda area of the library.

EVENTS: Phone (865) 982-0981 or 273-1436

- **Monday, March 31, 7 p.m., “*Veterans’ Benefits*” by Nathan Weinbaum, Blount County Veterans’ Affairs Office.** Weinbaum will explain how veterans can receive benefits and can get assistance knowing what those benefits are—at no cost through the local Veterans’ Affairs Office. Veterans should never have to pay anyone for help to access the benefits that they have earned. The program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, April 14, 7 p.m., “*Maryville-Alcoa Twins – 1953: A Baseball Memory.*” Journalist and author, Bob Gilbert,** will lead a panel discussion about Blount County’s only professional baseball team during the turbulent years of the civil rights movement. Panelists will include former Twins Carl McMillan, Hugh Hamil, Charlie Lovell and Jim Sturgeon; baseball historian Cato Clowney; Pete Headrick, son of Twins’ co-owner Wade Headrick; Logan Hill, whose Little League coach was Twins infielder George Giles; and Charles McNear, a Twins fan. The panel will answer questions from the audience in Dorothy Herron Room A.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10, 11 and 12, “Used Book Sale,”** fundraiser for the library where more than 50,000 books are available—\$1 for soft cover and \$2.50 for hard cover, plus movies (DVD & VHS), audiobooks and specially priced rare books, collectibles and others—by the Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL):
 - **Thursday, April 10, 12 noon until 6 p.m. “Members Only Sale,”** an opportunity for FOL members to purchase books before other members of the public are admitted to the sale. FOL memberships are available at the elevator doors, before accessing the Library lower level.
 - **Friday & Saturday, April 11 and 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., “Used Book Sale – Open to the Public,”** in the Library lower level.
- **Thursday through Sunday, April 17, 18, 19, 20, “Library Closed”** for spring holiday and painting the library.
- **Monday, April 21, 5:30 p.m., “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees”** in the Board Room.
- **Wednesday, April 23, 11 a.m., “Continuum of Services for In-Home Care Options.” Brian Tuggle** will give a presentation about multiple types of services that are available in the area that can assist people with a variety of disabilities so that they can remain living in their own home environment. The program is co-sponsored by the Blount County Public Library and the Office on Aging and will be in the Sharon Lawson meeting room of the library.
- **Wednesday, April 23, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., “World Book Day at the Bookmark Café.”** Share the love of reading person to person. Grab a book to give to a friend who is a light or nonreader or keep one for yourself. Best-selling and award-winning books are available. Books will be supplied on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to one per patron at the Bookmark Café in the library. Learn more at www.us.worldbooknight.org
- **Monday, April 28, 7 p.m., “North and South Poles: The Differences, a Travelogue” will be presented by Larry Ackley.** Larry and his wife, Judy, are veteran travelers in Europe and Canada and discovered cruising in 2006. Last year, they took Holland America cruises to Norway and South America, including Antarctica, visiting both poles to fulfill items on Judy’s bucket list. The trips turned out to be astoundingly beautiful and have become favorite places to visit among all places in the world they’ve toured. The North and South

Poles are on the extreme ends of the earth and are in some of the colder areas in the world. There are more differences than common parameters between the two poles.

The North Pole is an ocean surrounded by continents, and the South Pole is a continent surrounded by oceans. Some of the most extreme weather conditions can be found in both areas, but the South Pole's weather is more severe. The North Pole has energy resources under the sea that are important to many countries and crossing the Arctic Circle is desired for shipping lanes to reduce transportation time and costs. No energy resources are allowed to be extracted from the South Pole, and seas are too harsh for practical use of shipping lanes within the Antarctic Circle. The North Pole has some temporary scientific bases located on ice, but most of the exploration activities are conducted on ships. The South Pole has many manned scientific bases from various countries located on land. Most of the bases are located in the Antarctic Peninsula because of the milder weather conditions in that area. The program will be in the Sharon Lawson Room of the library.

- **Saturday, May 31, “Kick-off for Adult, Teen and Children’s Summer Reading Programs.”** All three summer reading programs have a science theme. More news will be forthcoming soon about exciting activities and events!

E-READER HELP! Phone (865) 982-0981 or 273-1436

How to Access/Download Free E-Books from the Library

If you have an e-reader/tablet and would like to learn how to use it to receive free e-books from the library, **call the Reference Desk at 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4, and set a time for a personal appointment.** That way you can be assured of personalized assistance in setting up accounts to access R.E.A.D.S. so that you can access the vast array of e-books available for free downloading to the public through the library's website. You can learn how to download e-books or audiobooks to your e-reader device. More classes will be offered in May and June. During class or help session, you will download a book to your e-reader device, so **Bring:**

- **your e-reader device (fully charged),**
- **library card—in good standing,**
- **email account user name and password,**
- **Adobe account, email and password,**
- **Kindle account, email and password.**

COMPUTER COURSES – Registration Required:

For more information, go to the Blount County Public Library Reference Desk or call (865) 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4.

Basic Introductory Computer Classes:

Basic computer classes are offered, **free**, at the library: Meet the Mouse, Email and Internet Searching. Each of these one-time classes lasts up to two hours and is limited to an enrollment of 14 people, but students may take the classes more than once. **If a person desires to enroll in the multi-session courses but has had no computer experience, the one-day, two-hour class of Meet the Mouse is a pre-requisite.**

The class schedule is:

- **Thursday, April 10, 2-4:00 p.m., “Internet Searching”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, April 24, 2-4:00 p.m., “Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, May 1, 2-4:00 p.m., “Basic Email”** in the Computer Lab.

- **Thursday, May 8, 2-4:00 p.m., “Internet Searching”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, May 15, 2-4:00 p.m., “Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, May 22, 2-4:00 p.m., “Basic Email”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, May 29, 2-4:00 p.m., “Internet Searching”** in the Computer Lab.

Microsoft Computer Courses:

Blount County Adult Education teachers offer computer courses at the Blount County Public Library. **All Microsoft multi-session courses offered at the library will have a fee of \$25 per course or \$40 for some evening courses.** These courses are offered during the year: Welcome to the World of Computers, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher. Classes meet in the Computer Lab. **Registration is required for all classes by visiting the library’s Reference Desk or calling the library at 273-1436 or 982-0981, ext. 4. The fee (cash or check only) is due at the first class session.**

Microsoft Excel 2010, Part 1 – This class is an introduction to Excel 2010. 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.

Students need to bring a flash drive to class.

Cost: \$25

Microsoft Excel 2010, Part 1 Schedule

3 Afternoon 2-hour sessions

Tuesday, April 8	2:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, April 9	2:00 – 4:00
Tuesday, April 15	2:00 – 4:00

Microsoft Excel 2010, Part 2 – This class offers a more focused look at Excel 2010. Topics include charting; hiding/unhiding columns and rows; formatting numbers; auto calculate; working with formulas and functions; troubleshooting formula and function errors; page setup (will include layout, margins, headers/footers, and gridlines); print setup; and printing worksheets.

Students need to bring a flash drive to class.

Cost: \$25

Microsoft Excel 2010, Part 2 Schedule

3 Afternoon 2-hour sessions

Tuesday, April 22	2:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, April 23	2:00 – 4:00
Tuesday, April 29	2:00 – 4:00

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 – This 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.

Students need to bring a flash drive to class.

Cost: \$25

Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 Schedule

2 Afternoon 2-hour sessions

Tuesday, June 17	2:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, June 18	2:00 – 4:00

Microsoft Publisher 2010 – This class will cover topics such as business cards, flyers and signs, calendars, newsletters, pamphlets, certificates, greeting cards, menus, programs, and paper folding projects.

Students need to bring a flash drive to class.

Cost: \$25

Microsoft Publisher 2010 Schedule

2 Afternoon 2-hour sessions

Tuesday, June 24	2:00 – 4:00
Wednesday, June 25	2:00 – 4:00

OR

Microsoft Publisher 2010 Schedule

1 Evening 3-hour session

Tuesday, March 11	6:00 – 8:50
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TEEN PROGRAMS – April, 2014:

- **Saturday, April 12, 2 until 4 p.m., “Gaming @ Your Library: Every Second Saturday.”** Games of all kind! Board games, MarioKart, Smash Bros., Yu-Gi-Oh!, or bring your own game to share! Snacks will be provided. Gaming days will be the second Saturday of each month. Bring friends!
- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Saturday.”** Middle and high school students are invited to play chess with friends. **Tom Jobe** will coach most Saturdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Thursdays, 1 until 4 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Thursday.”** Middle and high school students are invited to play chess with friends. **Tom Jobe** will coach most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Attention teens! If you love the library and want to make it a cooler place for people your age, please consider joining the Teen Advisory Board. Email rdurbin@blounttn.org for details.**

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: April 2014

- **Thursday, April 3, 10 a.m., “Knoxville Symphony Orchestra Storytime.”** Enjoy this special musical storytime with a special performance by a KSO string quartet.
- **Saturday, April 26, 2-4:00 p.m., “Lego Club.”** Ages 6-12. Come check out our Lego Club! Just bring your child; Legos will be provided. Kids can enjoy themed builds and timed Lego challenges. Lego club will be on the fourth Saturday of every month in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Friday, April 4, 4-5:00 p.m., “Craft Time with Michael’s,”** for Grades K-6. Kids can embrace their creativity with a craft time provided and led by Michael’s staff. A supply of crafts is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Elementary Age Activities:

- **Tuesdays, 4:00 pm, Serendipity Craft Activities**, for Grades K-6, in the Children's Library. A supply of crafts are offered on a first-come first-served basis. Craft units are usually twelve to twenty four items.

Pre-School Story Hours:

Story hours throughout each week offer different levels of story content and activities.

Programs vary week to week, sometimes presenting stories, rhymes, puppets, music and movement, coloring, or crafts. Patrons are encouraged to visit several different story hours to find the size group, story level, and presenter that your child enjoys and feels most comfortable with for story hour.

- **Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 am, Tales of Wonder Story Hour** for ages three through five are presented by Nancy Allee (Tuesday), and Becca Baker or Jean Closz (Friday).
- **Wednesday, 10:30 am, Toddler's Tadpole Tales Story Hour** for ages two and under is presented by Jean Closz. Easy stories and early concept learning help our youngest patrons to begin their love of books.
- **Thursday, 10:00 am, Tales and Tunes Story Hour** for ages three through five combines music and movement with stories. Becca Baker presents this entertaining program.

Library Tours and Outreach

- **Group Tours** of the children's library and special story hours may be scheduled by contacting Jean Closz or Becca Baker at the Children's Check-out desk 865-273-1414. Tours of the main library are also available.
- **Outreach Programs and Displays** can be presented occasionally by the Children's Librarian for school fairs and special events, parent organizations, and community events.

ART EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS: Each month, up to 13 different exhibits of fine art, both two-dimensional and three-dimensional, and collections of interesting objects, historic items, documents and artifacts are set up at the library for the public to enjoy. Anyone interested in sharing a collection or artwork should contact the library's community outreach coordinator, Joan VanSickle Sloan, at 273-1408.

April 1-30:

- **"Pellissippi State Community College Students" Art Exhibit, coordinated by Marty Komorny**, on the Art Wall across from the Bookmark Café.
- **"Blount County Middle Schools Students" Art Exhibit, coordinated by Marsha Krout, instructor**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda area of the Main Gallery.
- **"Earth Matters Month" Exhibit, coordinated by John Lamb with these participant organizations: Stormwater Programs, Little River Watershed, Keep Blount Beautiful, Soil Conservation Service, Foothills Land Conservancy** in three square pedestal cases in the Entry Rotunda.
- **"TN 8-1-1: Call Before You Dig" Exhibit, by Todd Burchett**, in one of the display case in the Mid-Gallery area of the library across from the Bookmark Café.
- **"Child Abuse Awareness Month" Exhibit by New Hope Children's Advocacy Center, coordinated by Raeann Bray**, in one vertical case in the Entry Rotunda and one display case in the Mid-Gallery area of the library across from the Bookmark Café.
- **"Big Brother/Big Sister" Exhibit, by Vivian Gwinn** in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **"Negro Baseball League" Exhibit by Cato Clowney** in Genealogy display case near the Reference Genealogy Desk.

- **"Blount County Arts & Crafts Guild" Member Art Exhibit, coordinated by Linda A. Waterhouse** on two easels in Sitting areas of the Main Gallery area of the library.
- **"Circulation" Exhibit displayed by Circulation staff**, on the wall and atop the circulation cabinets behind the Circulation Check-In and Check-Out Desks.

LIBRARY TOURS & COMMUNITY INFORMATION:

- **Group Tours of the Main Library** and Reference Department may be scheduled by contacting Joan VanSickle Sloan at 865-273-1408 or Kathleen Christy at 273-1435.
- **Group Tours of the Children's Library** may be scheduled by contacting Jean Closz or Becca Baker at the Children's Check-out desk 865-273-1414.
- **Community Information about Nonprofit Services or Fine Arts Events (flyers and brochures)** is available for the public on the Community Information wall at the Reference area of the library. If interested in displaying materials, contact Joan VanSickle Sloan at 865-273-1408 or make an appointment to see her at the library.
- **Outreach programs** can occasionally be presented by the Library Director, Community Outreach Coordinator or Children's Librarian for civic organizations, community events, school fairs and special events or parent organizations. Call 865-273-1408 (for adult presentations) or 865-273-1414 (for children's programs).

Free and open to the public, these programs are at the Blount County Public Library, located at 508 N. Cusick Street, Maryville.

For further information about other library programs or services, call the library at 982-0981 or visit the Web site at www.blountlibrary.org. To sign up to receive a monthly calendar by email, type in your email address under "Programs and Events" on the Home Page. Also check out Facebook at "Blount County Public Library." Twitter at "Blount_Library," Tumblr and Pinterest.

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Blount County does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d).