



BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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August 2014 Events at the Blount County Public Library

MARYVILLE, TN (July 17, 2014) Summertime and Hot Nights provide perfect conditions for relaxing and enjoying the sights and sounds of southeastern entertainers. You don't have to travel far to get your fill of outstanding talent. At the Blount County Public Library, you can enjoy the best this area has to offer. It's all free, so sit back, unwind, and savor the show in the air-conditioned main gallery.

This year's annual Hot Summer Nights events will kick off on Monday, July 28, with Shakespeare's comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*, and then will continue with live concerts every Thursday evening in August. All events are free and will be indoors, in air-conditioned comfort!

If you're looking for a job, you'll have an opportunity to meet employers with job openings at a Job Fair (August 25), and, for the first time, Medic Regional Blood Center will be accepting blood donations at the library on September 2.

In addition, you'll be able to watch a showing of the movie, *Pacific Rim* – also free. And you can enjoy a Library Book Speed Dating event (talk with varying partners about two or three books that you love, hate or just want to talk about) as the finale for this year's Adult Summer Reading Program.

Only at the Blount County Public Library can you find high-quality information, resources and entertainment to meet the needs of your whole family—plus the opportunity to donate blood and participate in a Job Fair!

MUSIC:

- **Thursdays in August, 7 p.m., “Hot Summer Nights Concert Series” at the library!**
FREE concerts will be inside the library, in air conditioning. The performers will be
 - **August 7, “Erin Ott”** – 10-year-old Country Music singer.
 - **August 14, “Ma Crow and the Lady Slippers”** – Bluegrass, Americana.
 - **August 21, “The Good Thymes Ceilidh Band”** – Celtic Band, coordinated by Alicia Peery Luttrell.
 - **August 28, “Knoxville Opera Company”** – Maestro Brian Salesky will accompany two opera singers, Kevin Doherty and Sarah Fitch, who will preview the coming season's operas: *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Carmen* and *Il Trovatore*.

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

- **Monday, July 28, 6:30 p.m., “Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*”** will be

performed by the Tennessee Stage Company under the direction of Tom Parkhill. This comedy by William Shakespeare is suitable for the entire family. **Indoors! Air-Conditioned!** In the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery.

- **Friday, August 1, 7 p.m., “Movie: *Pacific Rim.*”** This science fiction movie is filled with fantastical imagery and irrepressible fun. Although the library will be closed, the main front library doors will be open. The movie will be shown in the Sharon Lawson Room in the meeting room hallway.
- **Thursdays in August, 7 p.m., “*Hot Summer Nights Concert Series*” at the library!** All concerts will be free and indoors in air conditioned comfort in the library’s main gallery!
 - **August 7, Erin Ott**, 10-year-old Country Music Singer.
 - **August 14, Ma Crow and the Lady Slippers**, Bluegrass / Americana band from Cincinnati, Ohio.
 - **August 21, The Good Thymes Ceilidh Band**, Celtic music band, coordinated by Alicia Peery Luttrell.
 - **August 28, Knoxville Opera Company, 2 opera singers** preview coming season’s operas: *H.M.S. Pinnafore, Carmen & il Trovatore.*
- **Friday, August 15, 2 p.m., “*Literary Elements Adult Summer Reading Prize Drawings.*”** You aren’t required to be present to win.
- **Friday, August 15, 6:30 p.m., “*Speed Dating with a Book.*”** Library Speed Dating is an opportunity to connect with others who enjoy reading and like to talk about books. During this event, participants can share ideas about books, spending about five minutes with each person. Open to anyone age 20 or over, Library Book Speed Dating is not about dating people, but about “dating” books. Everyone can participate, married or single; bring a friend and join in the fun. Bring two or three books you love, hate or just want to talk about. At the end of the evening, you should have several new titles to pursue along with new acquaintances. Conclude the evening mixing and mingling over refreshments. The event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room. **Registration is required by calling the Reference Desk at 865-273-1436 or 865-982-0981, ext. 4.**
- **Tuesday, August 19, 5:30 p.m., “*Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,*”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Monday, August 25, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., “*Job Fair: Meet Area Employers with Job Openings!*”** The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development and Representative Bob Ramsey will host this Job Fair opportunity to match up people looking for jobs with employers needing employees. The fair will be in the meeting rooms and the meeting room hallway of the library.
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, August 30, 31 and September 1, “*Library Closed*”** in recognition of Labor Day weekend.
- **Tuesday, September 2, 12 noon to 7 p.m., “*Medic Regional Blood Center.*”** Donate blood to this nonprofit organization, a first-time opportunity at the library. Blood donations will be accepted in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, September 8, 7 p.m., “*Centennial Quilts History and Fabrics.*”** Cindy Stuart will discuss the history of centennial quilts and share information about the fabrics used. The event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, September 15, 7 p.m., “*Character Blogs: Keeping the Reader Involved Between Books.*”** Joe Shumock, author of the Letter Series, is a former CPA who, since retirement in 2007, has published three novels in the Letter Series and is working on a fourth, this one centered in Prague. Location is usually a sub-character in Joe’s novels and had him traveling to Prague in April of 2014, for details. In this presentation, Joe will talk about

character blogs, what they are and why have them. He will discuss what kind of information they should contain and where to keep them, how often to post to them. And he will comment on whether or not to charge readers to access blogs as well as how to advertise and explain what they are. The event will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.

E-READER HELP! How to Access/Download Free E-Books & Materials from the Library: Phone (865) 982-0981, ext. 4 or 273-1436

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

If you have an e-reader or 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.

For the 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, Internet Searching and Facebook. **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.** 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. **No classes will be held in July or August.**

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, September 18, 2-4:00 p.m., “Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, September 25, 2-4:00 p.m., “Internet Searching”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, October 2, 2-4:00 p.m., “Basic Email”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, October 9, 2-4:00 p.m., “Facebook”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, October 23, 2-4:00 p.m., “Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, October 30, 2-4:00 p.m., “Internet Searching”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, November 6, 2-4:00 p.m., “Basic Email”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, November 13, 2-4:00 p.m., “Facebook”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, November 20, 2-4:00 p.m., “Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, December 4, 2-4:00 p.m., “Internet Searching”** in the Computer Lab.

- **Thursday, December 11, 2-4:00 p.m., “Basic Email”** in the Computer Lab.
- **Thursday, December 18, 2-4:00 p.m., “Facebook”** 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. **No classes will be held in August.**

TEEN SUMMER PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1436:

- **Saturdays, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Saturday.”** Middle and high school students (or any age) are invited to play chess. **Tom Jobe** will coach most Saturdays in the Teen Central area of the library. On one Saturday of every month, there will be a rated tournament at the Blount County Public Library.
- **Thursdays, 1 until 4 p.m., “Play Chess at the Library: Every Thursday.”** Middle and high school students (or any age) are invited to play chess. **Tom Jobe** will coach most Thursdays in the Teen Central area of the library.
- **Once per month: “Sanctioned Chess Tournament,”** coordinated by **Tom Jobe**, is held at the library in the Teen Central area.
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, August 30, 31 and September 1, “Library Closed”** in recognition of Labor Day weekend.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: 273-1414

NOTE to Parents: To provide better service to children and their parents, the **Children’s Library hours have changed.** The new hours are

- ❖ Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- ❖ Friday and Saturday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- ❖ Sunday: 1 to 5:30 p.m.

- **“LEGO” Exhibit, coordinated by Children’s Library staff,** on the counter tops in the Children’s Library.
- **We’re taking a break! All programs and story hours are suspended for the month of August. Programs will resume in September.**
- **Saturday, Sunday & Monday, August 30, 31 and September 1, “Library Closed”** in recognition of Labor Day weekend.

Elementary Age Activities:

- ***Serendipity Craft Activities*,** for Grades K-6, will resume in September.

Pre-School Story Hours: All Story Hours will resume in September.

EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:

August 1-31:

- **“LEGO” Exhibit, coordinated by Children’s Library staff**, on the counter tops in the Children’s Library.
- **“Blount County Arts & Crafts Guild” Member Exhibit, coordinated by Linda A. Waterhouse**, on the Art Wall across from the Bookmark Café and on two easels in the sitting area of the Main Gallery.
- **“Youthful Expressions Studio (YES!)” Student Exhibit, coordinated by Cindy McDannel**, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda.
- **“Black Bear Solar Institute: Solar Technology” Exhibit, coordinated by Lisa Stewart**, in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Black Bear Solar Institute – Wildlife Rehab Center,” by Lisa Stewart**, in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **“Foothills Quilt Guild” Exhibit, coordinated by Gwen Lloyd**, in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda and two display cases in the Main Gallery of the library near the Bookmark Café.
- **“Spelling Bee,” by Lisa Tipton & Melinda Rust**, in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.
- **“Model Mountain Lodge: Old & New” by Jean Closz** on tops of magazine cases in the Main Gallery.
- **“Literary Elements: Adult Summer Reading” Exhibit by Melinda Rust** in the Genealogy display case near the Reference Genealogy Desk.

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 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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