



**BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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**October 2014 Events at the Blount County Public Library**

MARYVILLE, TN (September 26, 2014) Fall brings a variety of presentations, clinics and classes, so check out all that's available and participate in the events that whet your interest!

These are some of the possibilities:

- Enter a Pumpkin Decorating Contest (don't carve or cut it) and win cash prizes!
- Free Legal Advice Clinic provided by attorneys of the Blount County Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee.
- College Fair on November 1, with more than 18 colleges and organizations participating. Learn how to afford college or how to transfer credits.
- Need some help and hope for yourself or a family member suffering from PTSD? Dr. Kathleen Sales will offer Hope for People with PTSD and things to do to help address it. She has written two novels which also offer hope and positive ways to address PTSD.
- Computer & Job Skills Classes, thanks to a partnership between Blount County Public Library and Adult Education Foundation, along with generous funding by the ALCOA Foundation, will help you gain job skills by taking free Microsoft classes in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. For those with no previous computer experience, free basic classes are also offered by library staff.
- Teens can participate in gaming (every second Saturday) or chess (every Thursday and Saturday).
- Children will have multiple new experience opportunities in early literacy learning (for pre-K and toddlers), and K-5 children will have opportunities to participate in a weekly Adventure Club and/or a monthly Lego Club.

As usual, there's a lot going on at the library, so participate and enjoy!

**HOLIDAY CONCERTS: Phone (865) 273-1408**

- **Holiday Concerts in December – Attention Music Instructors and Choir Directors!** The library is a great venue for your group's performance. To schedule a concert, contact Joan VanSickle Sloan at 273-1408.

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

- **Saturday, September 27, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., "Library Exhibit Table at Maryville Farmers' Market."** Library staff will be available to give out information about library programs, services and resources. Stop by for a visit! The exhibit will be in Founder's Square during the Maryville Farmers' Market.

- **Saturday, September 27, 11:30 a.m., “The Governor’s Books from Birth 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bus Tour.”** The bus and staff will arrive in the library parking lot at 11:30 a.m. When the bus arrives, you can take pictures of the bus and then enter the library to enjoy a story, “The Little Engine That Could,” and then enroll your children in Imagination Library and all children can receive free reading-themed give-aways. Also, volunteers and donors will be recognized, and the bus staff hope to further engage community support for Books from Birth (Imagination Library). The bus tour is celebrating more than 20 million books delivered to children. The Maryville Kiwanis Club, coordinated by Herb Meyer, will coordinate the local program and provide free refreshments. The bus will be in the library parking lot, and the program and presentations will be in the Reading Rotunda area of the library’s main gallery.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 9, 10 & 11, “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 specially priced rare books, collectibles and others--by the Friends of the Blount County Public Library (FOL):
  - **Thursday, Oct. 9, 12:00 noon until 6:00 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, Oct. 10 & 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., “Used Book Sale – Open to the Public,”** in the Library lower level.
- **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 17, 18 and 19, “Library Closed”** for Foothills Fall Festival.
- **Monday, October 20, 7 p.m., “Hope for People with PTSD.”** Since retiring as a psychiatrist specializing in post-traumatic stress disorder, Dr. Kathleen Sales has published two novels, “Saving Superman” and “Attack From Within,” both narrated by Pete, a young man with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She wrote these books as fast-paced action stories, making them easy and quick to read. The first novel, “Saving Superman”, was released last year and has received an IRDA Approved sticker and 5 star reviews. “Attack From Within” was released in September. Dr. Sales hopes that through her characters, she can demonstrate the multiple symptoms that characterize PTSD and also familiarize her readers with nonmedical treatment approaches. She sees PTSD as the product of a life-threatening event combined with a stressful and unsupportive environment. Although any severe stress can change a person, that change doesn’t need to have a negative effect on personality or future. In her experience, PTSD is both preventable and treatable. Using her books to illustrate the details, Dr. Sales will describe the types of stressors that lead to this diagnosis, and explain the wide variety of symptoms that occur. Then she promises to review the current treatments with comments on their effectiveness and availability. She will answer questions at the end. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Room.
- **Monday, October 20, 4-7 p.m., “Pumpkin Decorating Contest: Entries Due at Blount County Public Library.”** Use your creativity and win a cash prize by decorating a pumpkin: painting, drawing, pinning or gluing. (No cutting, carving or hollowing out permitted.) The public (you!) will vote on entries. Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Scariest and Funniest in the amounts of \$50, \$25 and \$10 for each of the three age groups—10 years and under, 11 to 16 years, and 17 years and older. Winners will be announced Friday, October 31 at 4 p.m. Contestants need not be present to win. The contest prizes are offered by the Blount County Friends of the Library. Get Entry Forms and guidelines at the Blount County

Public Library Reference Desk. Pumpkins will be exhibited in the Main Gallery of the library from October 20 through November 2.

- **Tuesday, October 21, 5:30 p.m., “Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Sunday through Saturday, October 19 through 25, “Friends of the Library Week.”** This week celebrates the support that Friends of the Library groups provide to libraries across the nation and brings awareness to their programs and projects, and serves to provide an opportunity for community residents to become members. The Blount County community is invited to stop by or call the library (865-982-0981) to learn more about your local—and very active!—Friends of the Library organization.
- **Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, “Free Legal Advice Clinic.”** The Free Legal Clinic will allow persons to receive legal advice from lawyers free of charge regardless of socio-economic status. The scope of the program is limited. The Free Legal Clinic will not create an attorney-client relationship unless separately memorialized by agreement of the potential attorney and client after the Free Legal Clinic's conclusion. Therefore, participants should not expect that counsel would otherwise continue beyond the Clinic itself. The program's coordinator is Debra House, attorney with Legal Aid of East Tennessee. For more information regarding this program, please contact Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 307 Ellis Avenue, Maryville, Tennessee 37801, (865) 981-1818, or the Blount County Public Library at (865) 982-0981. The clinic will be in the meeting rooms and meeting room hallway of the library.
- **Saturday, October 25, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., “Library Exhibit Table at Maryville Farmers’ Market.”** Library staff will be available to give out information about library programs, services and resources. Stop by for a visit! The exhibit will be in Founder’s Square during the Maryville Farmers’ Market.
- **Wednesday, October 29, 11 a.m., “Medicare Plans and Changes for 2015.” Joani Shaver, Blount County Office on Aging Director,** will discuss the following information about Medicare and the changes for 2015: Medicare: What’s new this year, What Medicare Parts A and B cover, Medicare costs, Health and prescription drug plans and Fraud prevention. Shaver will discuss Medicare and Medicaid (TennCare), Medigap, enrollment in Medicare prescription drug plans (Part D), and the accompanying Low Income Subsidy, finding help with the cost of prescription drugs during coverage gaps and access to drugs not covered under Part D, Medicare Advantage options, claims and billing problem resolution, information and referral on public benefit programs, employer and retiree health insurance options for those with Medicare, and VA benefits and other military health insurance for those with Medicare. Shaver will remain after the presentation to answer individual questions. Participants are encouraged to visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) prior to the presentation to review the latest information on Medicare and come to the presentation with their questions. The program’s goal is solely to help consumers make informed decisions. The presentation, co-sponsored by the Blount County Public Library and the Office on Aging, will be in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Rooms of the library.
- **Friday, October 31, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, “Library Exhibit at Disability Fair at Tennessee Vocational Rehabilitation Center.”** Featuring services and equipment available for folks with disabilities, the Blount County Public Library staff will participate with other service organizations in this annual Fair at the Vocational Rehab Building at 1749 Triangle Park Drive, Maryville, TN 37801. For further questions or to participate, contact Deborah Quillen, Executive Director, at (865) 981-2382.

- **Saturday, November 1, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., “College Fair.”** Have you always wanted to attend college to upgrade your job skills – but didn’t know where to begin to make it happen? This fair is being held especially for adults who would like to learn how to afford to attend college or who attended years ago and may want to know how to transfer credits. More than 18 colleges and organizations will have staff present and/or exhibits. There will also be two presentations each hour on “How Can I Afford College?” and “Transfer Pathways.” The College Fair will be at the Blount County Public Library’s meeting rooms and meeting room hallway. If you have questions, feel free to call (865) 982-0981, ext. 4, or 273-1436.

**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. Note that now you can also learn how to set up and maintain a Facebook account.

**If a person desires to enroll in the Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, the one-session, two-hour class of Meet the Mouse is a pre-requisite.**

**The basic computer class schedule is:**

- **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:



Free computer classes are offered in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint (2010). Course descriptions and schedules are listed below. The free classes meet in the Blount County Public Library computer lab. Spaces are limited and registration is required. To register, please visit or visit the library’s Reference Desk or call 865-982-0981, ext. 4, or 865-273-1436. (If a person desires to enroll in the Microsoft courses but has had no computer experience, the single session, two-hour class of Meet the Mouse is a pre-requisite; check above in Basic Introductory Classes.)

*The free computer classes are offered through a partnership between the Blount County Public Library and the Adult Education Foundation of Blount County and made possible by generous funding from the ALCOA Foundation.*

**Microsoft Word 2010 Essentials** – This free class offers a general orientation to Word 2010, 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.

*This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a flash drive.*

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

### **Dates:**

#### **Round 1**

Wednesdays, October 22 and 29, 2014

#### **Round 2**

Wednesdays, January 21 and 28, 2015

#### **Round 3**

Wednesdays, March 4 and 11, 2015

#### **Round 4**

Wednesdays, April 15 and 22, 2015

#### **Round 5**

Wednesdays, May 27 and June 3, 2015

#### **Round 6**

Wednesdays, August 26 and September 2, 2015.

**Microsoft Excel 2010 Essentials**– This free 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.

*This is a 2-session class, so plan to attend both sessions. Please bring a flash drive.*

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Dates:**

**Round 1**

Wednesdays, November 5 and 12, 2014

**Round 2**

Wednesdays, February 4 and 11, 2015

**Round 3**

Wednesdays, March 18 and 25, 2015

**Round 4**

Wednesdays, April 29 and May 6, 2015

**Round 5**

Wednesdays, June 10 and 17, 2015

**Round 6**

Wednesdays, September 9 and 16, 2015.

**Microsoft PowerPoint 2010 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.

*Please bring a flash drive.*

**Time:** 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Dates:**

**Round 1**

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

**Round 2**

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

**Round 3**

Wednesday, April 1, 2015

**Round 4**

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

**Round 5**

Wednesday, June 24, 2015

**Round 6**

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

**TEEN PROGRAMS – Phone (865) 273-1414:**

- **Friday, Saturday & Sunday, October 17, 18 & 19, “Library Closed”** for Foothills Fall Festival.
- **Saturday, October 11, 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm, “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 (or any age) are invited to play chess. **Tom Jobe** coaches 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** coaches 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.

**CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS: Phone: 273-1414****Elementary Age Activities:**

- **Fridays, 4-5:00 p.m., Adventure Club, for Grades K-5,** in the Children’s Library. Every week will be a different adventure, from science experiments to art projects and everything in between. Materials will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis.
  - **Oct. 3 - Paper Airplane Race**
  - **Oct. 10 – Oobleck: solid or liquid?**
  - **Oct. 17 - All About Trains!**
  - **Oct. 24 - Tie-Dyed Milk**
  - **Oct. 31 - Mystery Scavenger Hunt**
- **Saturday, October 25, 2-4:00 p.m., Lego Club, for Grades K-5.** 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! **Lego Club meets the fourth Saturday of each month.**

**“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](http://www.blountlibrary.org)) or stop by the Children’s Library for more information on monthly themes, supplemental literacy activities for caregivers and more information on early literacy programming for our youngest patrons.

- **Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 am, 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.

- **Wednesdays, 10:30 am, *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!

### **Library Tours and Outreach**

Please call the Children's Library at 865-273-1414 or email Becca Baker at [rbaker@blounttn.org](mailto:rbaker@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 call!

### **EXHIBITS & COLLECTIONS:**

#### **October 1-31:**

- ***"Friends of the Library Appreciation Week Exhibit"* by Library Staff** on display table near the Temporary Book Shelves area of the library.
- ***"Growing Ready Readers – Early Literacy Exhibit"* by Children's Library Staff** on display table near the Temporary Book Shelves area of the library.
- ***"Banned Books Exhibit"* by Kathleen Christy and Reference staff** – several book shelves, display boards & tables in the Temporary Shelving area of the library (near Large Print Books).
- ***"Maryville High School Art Students Exhibit, coordinated by Dr. Jeanie Parker & Ms. Raquel Roy*, art instructors, on the Art Panels at the Reading Rotunda.**
- ***"East Tennessee Wanderers" Exhibit, coordinated by David Bonewitz*, in two display cases in the Mid-Gallery area of the library near the Bookmark Café.**
- ***"Archives Month" Exhibit, coordinated by Jackie Glenn*, in one vertical display case and one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.**
- ***"Rocky Top Decorative Painters" Exhibit*, in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.**
- ***"National 4-H Month" Exhibit, coordinated by James McMillian and Jessica Waters* in one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda.**
- ***"Elephant Collectibles" Exhibit, by Russ Cherry* in one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.**
- ***"Antique Halloween Cards" Exhibit, by Denise Robertson* in the Genealogy display case near the sitting area at the elevator near the Genealogy section of the library.**
- ***"Feral Cat Awareness" Exhibit by Lisa Tipton* on an easel in a sitting area in the main gallery of the 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.**

### **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 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](http://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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