



**BLOUNT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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

MARYVILLE, TN (November 21, 2014) Happy Holidays from the Blount County Public Library staff! It's hard to believe that time is already upon us, isn't it?

To help all of us prepare for this special time of year, multiple choirs and groups are planning concerts and events at the library, so make some time in your schedule to drop by to capture some of that holiday spirit.

The City of Maryville and Parks and Rec will be once again hosting the Tree Lighting (at the end of the pedestrian bridge next to The Daily Times building) and Pictures with Santa (free!) at the library. A special bonus at this event will be a visit from Lisa Soland, renowned playwright and author, who has written a new children's book.

Throughout the first three weeks of December, multiple school groups will be performing at the library, so be sure to mark your calendars.

And, of course, there are still the multitude of services, materials, online resources and helpful staff who can assist you with almost any type of information you may need to access—all at your very own library!

Best Wishes for a delightful holiday season!

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

To lift your holiday spirit, enjoy special events and music by schools, music groups and choirs at the library during the holidays!

- **Thursday, December 4, 11:30 a.m., “William Blount High School Singers,” directed by Carol Bellgrau, in the Reading Rotunda of the library.**
- **Thursday, December 4, 2:45 p.m., “William Blount High School Beginning Choir,” directed by Carol Bellgrau, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.**
- **Friday, December 5, 1:30 p.m., “William Blount High School Concert Choir,” directed by Carol Bellgrau, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.**
- **Friday, December 5, 2:40 p.m., “William Blount High School Cadence Choir,” directed by Carol Bellgrau, in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.**
- **Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m., “City of Maryville Tree Lighting & Music,” at the end of the Pedestrian Bridge across from the library (or, in the event of inclement weather, in the Reading Rotunda of the library).**
- **Monday, December 8, 7:20 p.m., “Santa at the Library, sponsored by the City of Maryville and Parks and Recreation and hosted by Blount County Public Library,” will**

give children the opportunity to meet and be photographed (free) with Santa Claus indoors at the library.

- **Tuesday, December 9, 7 p.m., “*The Nutcracker*” by the Maryville Christian School Orchestra, under the direction of Michael Bradam,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, December 11, 7 p.m., “*Mary Blount and Montvale Elementary Choirs,*” directed by Craig Hurst,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, December 12, 10 a.m., “*Heritage Mustang Singers,*” directed by Carol Ward,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Friday, December 12, 11:30 a.m., “*Eagleton Elementary Chorus,*” directed by James Gann, Jr.,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, December 18, 10:45 a.m., “*Rockford Elementary Singers,*” directed by Susie Dougherty,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.
- **Thursday, December 18, 12:30 p.m., “*Eagleton Middle School Singers,*” directed by Kim Juday,** in the Reading Rotunda end of the Main Gallery of the library.

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

- **Wednesday, November 26, “*Library Closes at 5 p.m.*”**
- **Thursday and Friday, November 27 & 28, “*Library Closed*”** for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
- **Through February, “*Coats for Our Community.*”** Collection barrels will be placed in the library’s main gallery during the second week of November. The public may donate coats—for all sizes and ages—which will be collected by firefighters and volunteers. A project of the Blount County Fire Protection District, each coat is inspected to make sure it is in good condition and clean. If dirty, coats are washed and dried at the fire station. All coats are then available for people who need them. For further information, check the website <http://www.blountfire.org/coats-for-our-community.html>
- **Monday, December 8, 6:30 p.m., “*City of Maryville Tree Lighting*”** at the end of the Pedestrian Bridge near The Daily Times building. If there is inclement weather, the ceremony will be conducted in the library’s Main Gallery.
- **Monday, December 8, 7:20 p.m., “*Santa at the Library!*”** Children can have their pictures taken with Santa in the library. Photos are free. The event is sponsored by the City of Maryville, Blount County Parks and Recreation and hosted by the Blount County Public Library.
- **Tuesday, December 16, 5:30 p.m., “*Blount County Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting,*”** in the Board Room of the library.
- **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 24, 25 & 26, “*Library Closed*”** for Holiday.
- **Wednesday, December 31, “*Library Closes at 5 p.m.*”**
- **Thursday and Friday, January 1 & 2, “*Library Closed*”** for New Year Holiday.
- **Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., “*Blacks in Blount County History*”** will be a presentation by a panel of **Dorothy Kincaid**, facilitator, **Ron Coffin**, one of four to integrate Maryville High School, and **Tanya Martin**, one of 15 to integrate Alcoa High School. These three and others from Blount County contributed to a DVD of interviews, creating an oral history of Alcoa, Maryville and Blount County. The presentation will include the integration of schools in 1969 and the coming of ALCOA, Inc. Dorothy Kincaid, community leader, is coordinating the presentation. The presentation will be in the Sharon Lawson Meeting Room of the library.

**AFFORDABLE CARE ACT HEALTH PLAN ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE:**

Professionals and trained volunteers with the Tennessee Health Care Campaign will provide individualized assistance to individuals or families interested in signing up or re-enrolling for a health plan through the Marketplace Exchanges of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). They will also assist with TennCare enrollment. If you have access to a computer, visit these websites: [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or [www.getcoveredtenn.org](http://www.getcoveredtenn.org). **Library staff will not be able to assist with ACA enrollment.** To enroll, people will need to **come to the library's computer lab on one of the dates listed below.** Visit the [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) website to find a complete list of information you need for application or renewal of insurance coverage. **Bring that information with you:** Social security numbers, Employer & Income information—pay stubs, W-2 forms, Wage & Tax statements; Policy numbers for any current insurance plans; Completed Employer Coverage Tool. You may also call the Reference Desk at 865-273-1436 or 982-0981, ext 4. If a person doesn't know how to use the computer, bring a family member or friend to assist, if possible. There will be two steps to the enrollment process: 1) Set up an account to register for benefits and to determine qualification for subsidy. 2) Select an insurance plan. Volunteers will be available at the library only on these listed dates and times. To have coverage begin in January, a person must be enrolled in December. Dates for January and February enrollment assistance will be announced later. People without insurance by February 15 may incur tax penalties.

**Schedule for Marketplace Health Care Enrollment Assistance (in the library Computer Lab and a meeting room):**

- **Saturday, November 22, 1 to 5 p.m.**
- **Sunday, November 23, 1 to 5 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 6, 1 to 5 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 7, 1 to 5 p.m.**
- **Saturday, December 13, 1 to 5 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 14, 1 to 5 p.m.**

**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 computer, smart phone or 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, Internet Searching, Email 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, 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.
- Thursday, January 8, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, January 15, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, January 22, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, January 29, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Facebook"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, February 5, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, February 12, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, February 19, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, February 26, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Facebook"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, March 5, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, March 12, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, March 19, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, March 26, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Facebook"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, April 9, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, April 16, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, April 30, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 7, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Facebook"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 14, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Introduction to PC – Meet the Mouse"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 21, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Internet Searching"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, May 28, 2-4:00 p.m., *"Basic Email"* in the Computer Lab.
- Thursday, June 4, 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 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 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 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:**

- **Saturday, December 13, 2:00 pm- 4:00 p.m., “Gaming @ Your Library: Every Second Saturday.”** Games of all kind! Board games, MarioKart, Super 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**

**Note: There will be no Story Times, Lego Club, or Adventure Club meetings during the latter part of December - after 12/13/14.**

**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.

**December**

- **5 Make Fake Snow!**
- **12 Defense Against the Cold: Arctic Animals and Their Blubber**

**“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 children 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 [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:****December 1-18:**

- **“Blount County Middle School Art Students Exhibit” by Marsha Krout** on the art panels at the Reading Rotunda, in two square pedestal cases and one vertical display case in the Entry Rotunda, two gallery cases in the Mid-Gallery area of the library near the Bookmark Café and one Genealogy display case near the Temporary Shelving area.

**December 1-31:**

- **“Townsend Artisans Guild” Member Exhibit, coordinated by Susan Cooper**, on the Art Wall across from the Bookmark Café, in one vertical display case and one square pedestal case in the Entry Rotunda of the library.
- **“Blount County Arts & Crafts Guild” Member Exhibit, coordinated by Linda A. Waterhouse**, 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 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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