For the website: This program will introduce K-8 children to the bees that can be found in Tennessee, the importance of bees to pollination and our food supply, and how each participant can help bees in their own yard. Participants will then design and create their own mason bee home to put in their own yards.

**Program Planning Worksheet**

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| **Title of Program** | The Not-So-Secret Life of Bees |
| **Date(s) of Program** | Thursday, April 13; Tuesday, April 18; and Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 6 – 7 pm each night. |
| **Location(s) of Program** | Powell Library Meeting Room |
| **Lead Staff Person, job title** | Becky Ault, Branch Assistant II |
| **What is the purpose of this program?** How is it relevant to the Library’s mission, promote collections, support the community, promote lifelong learning? | The purpose is to introduce K-8 children to the bees that can be found in Tennessee, the importance of bees to pollination and our food supply, and how each participant can help bees in their own yard. It is relevant to the Library’s mission because it is educational and also recreational as the participants will be creating an artistic bee home as well as learning about bees. Collections will be promoted by reading and/or displaying books related to the topic and encouraging the children to read more on their own. In addition, a list of possible books to consider checking out on the topic will be included in the take-home handout. The community is supported because all are welcome to attend. Lifelong learning is promoted by generating interest in a topic and encouraging participants to explore further on their own. Parents in attendance have also expressed additional interest in STEAM topics, so lifelong learning is being promoted in these patrons, too. |
| **Program content and implementation.** What are you going to do and how are you going to do it? Who is the presenter, including staff, and what are the person’s credentials.  | We will learn about the bees that typically inhabit Tennessee, their importance in pollination, and how we can help bees in our own yards. Pictures, diagrams, videos, and handouts will also graphically display the information. To further enhance understanding, the participants will then design and create their own mason bee homes in put in their own yards.The presenter is Becky Ault. Her credentials include a love of children and helping them learn to think and be creative, a bachelor’s degree in animal science, and over 20 years of teaching experience. |
| **Supplies needed.** Estimate cost if any. Where will funds come from? | All supplies are already available at Powell, will be brought by Becky Ault, or will be ordered from LML.  |
| **Equipment needed.**  If you don’t have needed equipment at your location, where is it coming from? Has it been reserved? How is it being delivered?  | Becky will provide a laptop and projector for any pictures and/or videos to display on the screen. |
| **Title of book(s) being discussed** | Various books related to bees and their importance to our food supply from the Powell and Knox County Libraries juvenile collections will be highlighted, and participants will be encouraged to explore the topic further on their own. |