



Celtic Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers



Join us for a lively performance of Celtic and Scottish music and dance in this outdoor performance on

Thursday, August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

on the front lawn of the library. Celtic Colorado Pipes & Drums is a group of pipers and drummers from different bands throughout Colorado. They will be accompanied by the Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers.

Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers



Celtic Colorado Pipes & Drums

The O'Brien Family Band

Enjoy an evening of fiddling, singing and yodeling with the O'Brien Family Band, **Thursday, August 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m.** on the front lawn of the library. The O'Brien Family has traveled throughout the U.S. performing a blend of fiddle tunes, bluegrass and old-time country music. Band members Kyle, age 15, and Maura, age 12, have won top honors in numerous fiddle, mandolin and yodeling competitions. The band has earned the reputation as "the family that entertains families."



Summer Reading Wraps Up

Our summer reading programs were a huge success! Over 1,460 children ages infant through 5th grade participated in *Get a Clue @ Your Library*, our Children's Summer Reading Program. As of mid-July, 580 children had completed the minimum requirement of 6 hours of reading. That's 3,480 hours of reading! Our Teen and Adult Summer Reading Programs, *Wrapped Up in Reading*, also were a hit with 376 teens and 259 adults participating.

Bemis wishes to extend its gratitude to the following business who so generously contributed to the success of our 2007 Summer Reading Programs:

AMF Bowling Centers * Arapahoe Acres Nursery & Garden Center * Aspen Grove Shopping Center * Chick-fil-A * Cold Stone Creamery at Aspen Grove * Colorado Rockies * Denver Museum of Nature & Science * Elitch Gardens * Fazoli's Restaurant * Great Harvest Bread Company - 5910 S. University Blvd., Littleton * Lewis & Bark * Meadow Gold Dairies * Papa John's Pizza - 5194 S. Broadway, Littleton * Pirate's Cove Family Aquatic Center * Romano's Pizzeria * Skate City - 5801 S. Lowell Way, Littleton * Sophie's Place Café @ Bemis Public Library * South Suburban Parks and Recreation District * University of Denver Athletics Department * Wells Fargo Bank - 5601 S. Broadway, Littleton

And a special thanks to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Afternoon Summer Cinema

Escape the summer heat and enjoy our final film in the Afternoon Summer Cinema series. The movie will be shown on the library's big screen in the large meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, August 20, 2:00-4:20 p.m.

Death on the Nile (1978) Rated PG Starring Peter Ustinov, Bette Davis, Angela Lansbury and others.

Great settings and an all-star cast make this version of Agatha Christie's murder mystery set during a cruise on the Nile a classic. Belgian detective Hercule Poirot must unmask a murderer, with almost everyone on board the cruise ship as a suspect.



Afternoon Art/Craft Programs

Please join us for various art projects. These programs are primarily directed toward mature library patrons who would like to have hands-on experience with art techniques.

- ♦ Tuesday, August 21, 2:00 p.m. - Crayon and Pencil Rubbings
- ♦ Tuesday, September 18, 2:00 p.m. - Burn a Design on Wood

Genealogy Night: Open House

Want to know more about your ancestors? Come to the library for an evening of learning, food and fun on **Friday, August 24, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Activities will include instruction on the best genealogy websites, a program on tips for researching in the U.S., handouts on genealogical resources in the Denver area and more! Experienced genealogists will be present to answer your questions and guide you to the best resources in the library's extensive genealogy collection. This event is sponsored by the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society.

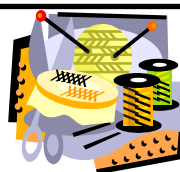
Bemis Librarian Meets with Bulgarians



Phyllis Larison (right), Head of Adult Services at Bemis, traveled to Washington, D.C. in June to attend the annual conference of the American Library Association. While there she met with Vanya Grashkina (left), president of the Bulgarian Library Association, at a reception at the Bulgarian Embassy to honor the American and Bulgarian libraries that have participated in a cooperative program, American-Bulgarian Library Exchange (ABLE). Bemis has participated in ABLE for a number of years and partners with two libraries in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. At the reception, the ambassador of Bulgaria, Elena Poptodorova, thanked the American libraries for the tremendous assistance they have provided for Bulgarian libraries.

Bemis Knitting Group

Knitters of all ages are invited to the library's knitting group which **meets on Friday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place.** Beginners will learn skills such as casting on, knitting, purling, and casting off, while experienced knitters will get project ideas and provide hints and tips for the rest of the group. The group is working on creating gloves, scarves and hats for people who use the free medical van services at the library.



Book Groups at Bemis

We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

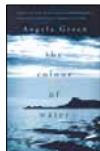
♦ Senior Book Club

Meets the **first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m.**

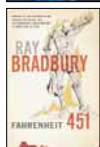
Aug. 6: *Chocolate for a Woman's Spirit* by Kay Attenbaugh



Sept. 10*: *Colour of Water* by Angela Green
*We will meet on the second Monday in September due to the Labor Day holiday.



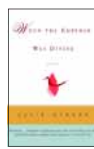
Oct. 1: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury



♦ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

Meets the **third Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Join us for:

Aug. 20: *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka



Sept. 17: *New Mercies* by Sandra Dallas



Oct. 15: *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali



Contact teen/senior librarian Anthony LaCombe for more details, either by phone at 303-795-3961 or on the Bemis teen blog at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com>. Join other teens for the following activities:

♦ Bemis Anime Team (BAT)

Second Tues. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 14: Watch an episode from *Le Chevalier d'Eon* and draw flip cartoons.

Sept. 11: Watch part of *Howl's Moving Castle* and create a character for a manga.

Oct. 9: We will browse the library's Manga collection, draw from several books and watch an episode of *Yukikaze*.

♦ Dance, Dance, Revolution

Third Thurs. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 16, Sept. 20 and Oct. 18.
Enjoy this popular dance game!

♦ Drop-in Programs

Fourth Wed. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 22: **Sumo Wrestling Suits!**
Special Time: 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Participants will have the opportunity to wear an inflatable canvas sumo suit and wrestle against another participant. This program will have a referee.

Sept. 26: **Aztec Calendars**
Learn the symbolism behind the Aztec calendar and its components. Participants will paint a 14" diameter plaster calendar in their own style.

Oct. 24: **Broncos Logo**
Sand and paint a wooden logo of the Broncos!

♦ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Second & fourth Fri. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

Aug. 10, 24: Fall programs, duct tape projects and Game Night
Sept. 14, 28: Fall programs and Teen Read Week.

Oct. 12, 26: Fall programs and Star Wars Celebration.

Special Teen Events

♦ Teen Book Club

Join us on **Mon., Aug. 13 at 10:00 a.m.** for a discussion of *Undine* by Penni Russon. Our next meeting will be on **Sat., Sept. 1 at 2:00 p.m.** We will discuss *Gregor the Overlander* by Suzanne Collins.



Children's Programs



Special Children's Programs

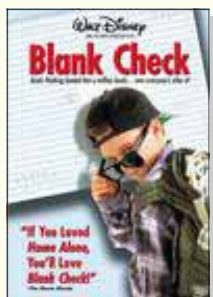
Coming next month... September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Visit Bemis to get a library card and receive a schedule of special activities for the month. Show your *new* card at the Children's Desk and receive a prize.

Friday Flick

**Fri., Sept. 21,
2:00-3:30 p.m.**

School's out early so join us for snacks and the Walt Disney movie, *Blank Check* (Rated PG).

When a crook runs over 11-year-old Preston's bike and shoves a blank check into his hand, Preston fills it in for a million dollars! Join the spending spree of a lifetime as Preston tries to hang onto the cash before the FBI and the bad guys come after it. For children in grades K-5.



Story Sessions

No Programs in August.

Weekly Story Sessions will resume in September with:

◆ Story Box

Tue. & Wed. 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Ages infant - 36 months. A thirty-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm & reading. Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.

◆ Story Time

Thurs. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Fri. 10:30 a.m.

Ages 3 - Kindergarten. Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a *puppet show* the first week of the month.

◆ Paws to Read - Grades 1-5

No Session in August.

**Next session on Sat., Sept. 15,
10:00 a.m.-noon**

Practice reading to a special doggy pal. Presented by R.E.A.D., *Reading Education Assistance Dogs and Denver Pet Partners*.

Call 303-795-3961 to

register for a 20-minute spot.



Schedule of Library Events

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| Aug. 1 | Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. | Aug. 22: | Teen Drop-in Program:
Sumo Wrestling Suits,
3:00-5:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 3 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Aug. 24 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG),
3:30 p.m.

Genealogy Night: Open House,
5:30-8:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 4 | How to Search on the Internet,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Aug. 27 | Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 6 | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.

Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m. | Aug. 31 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 8 | Introduction to Windows,
Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Sept. 1 | Computer Comfort,
Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Teen Book Club, 2:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 9 | Celtic Colorado Pipes & Drums
and the Rocky Mountain
Highland Dancers,
6:30-7:30 p.m. | Sept. 3 | Labor Day
LIBRARY CLOSED |
| Aug. 10 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG),
3:30 p.m. | Sept. 4 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| Aug. 11 | Create an E-mail Account,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Sept. 5 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 13 | Red Cross Babysitting Course,
Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Teen Book Club, 10:00 a.m.

Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m. | Sept. 6 | Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 14 | Bemis Anime Team (BAT),
3:30 p.m. | Sept. 7 | Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Game Night, 5:00-8:00 p.m. |
| Aug. 16 | Dance, Dance, Revolution,
3:30 p.m.

The O'Brien Family Band,
6:30-7:45 p.m. | Sept. 8 | How to Search on the Internet,
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Musical Moments at Sophie's
Place with Bluegrass Band
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Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 20 | Afternoon Summer Cinema,
<i>Death on the Nile</i> (PG),
2:00-4:20 p.m.

Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday Evening Book
Discussion Group,
7:00-8:00 p.m. | Sept. 11 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Bemis Anime Team (BAT),
3:30 p.m.

Faith - Many Beliefs, So Much
in Common, 7:00-8:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 21 | Afternoon Art/Craft Program,
2:00 p.m. | | |

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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LIBRARY HOURS: M-Th 9-9; F-Sa 9-5; Su 1-5

If you are disabled and seeking an accommodation to participate in a Library program, please notify the Library one week in advance in writing or by calling 303-795-3961 or TDD 303-795-3913.

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English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! The Fall session of English as a Second Language (ESL) will begin on Monday, August 20. **Beginning English classes will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday and 5:30-6:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Intermediate English classes will take place from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.** These classes are open to teens age sixteen and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$20.00 for adults 21 and older. This fee covers testing and course materials and is due at the first class session. You may register for the classes at the library's main floor Information Desk anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District Six and an instructor is provided by the District. For more information call Phyllis Larison or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

Adult Literacy Classes

Do you know an adult who struggles with reading and writing? *Open Book*, a non-profit adult literacy and language program, is offered at the library on Tuesday evenings for adults who want to improve their reading and writing skills. Non-native English speakers with fluent English conversation skills who want to master reading and writing skills also may participate. Contact Phyllis Larison at the library for additional information, 303-795-3961.

We Can Meet Your Computer & Internet Needs

Did you know Bemis has 22 Internet access computers on the lower level of the library, plus another six located in the Children's Room for use by our patrons in 5th grade and younger?

Our computers use Microsoft operating systems and software that includes Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. All of our PCs are linked to printers and, for \$0.10 a page, you may print in black only. Our computer lab, which has 12 PCs, may be scheduled for group use. We are happy to assist patrons individually at any time if you need help in using the computers or the Internet.

Finally, we offer *free* computer and Internet classes on a regular basis. To find out about group use of our computer lab, upcoming classes, or to place your name on a call list for notification when future classes are scheduled, call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Information Desk. Currently, space is available in the following classes:

- ◆ **Computer Comfort** Saturday, September 1, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Create an Email Account** Saturday, August 11, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search in the Library** Wednesday, September 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** Saturday, August 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Publisher** Saturday, September 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** Wednesday, October 10, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** Saturday, September 15, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** Saturday, October 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Class Descriptions:

- ◆ **Computer Comfort** - Focuses on basic computer information necessary to operate a computer. Topics covered will include a description of the parts of a computer, how a computer functions, how to use a keyboard and mouse and the differences between using a computer at home or work and a public computer at the library.
- ◆ **Create an Email Account** - Learn how to set up a free Yahoo email account. Email is a fast, efficient way to communicate online. Many online services, such as applying for jobs and banking, require the user to have email. It also is a great way to stay connected to your friends and family. *Class attendees must have basic computer and Internet skills.*
- ◆ **How to Search in the Library** - Do you know how to find what you're looking for when you go to a library? In this class, you will learn about the 21st century library--books, databases, websites, media and beyond. Whether the information is online or in print, learn how to be in control of your information needs.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** - Covers how to create a search strategy to find the information you are looking for using search engines, Boolean operators and subscription databases.
- ◆ **Introduction to Publisher** - Learn how to create materials such as newsletters, brochures, and fliers using Microsoft's desktop publishing software.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** - Provides a review of Microsoft Internet Explorer, the browser used at the library to search the Internet. Topics include commonly used menu items, toolbars and printing. Participants are expected to be able to use a mouse and locate specific keys on the computer keyboard.



Upcoming Programs

Mark your calendars now for these exciting events coming to Bemis next month:

- ◆ **National Library Card Sign-up Month**
- ◆ **Game Night** - Friday, September 7, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Bluegrass Band Kantankerous** Saturday, September 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Faith - Many Beliefs, So Much in Common** - Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Family Film Event: *The Astronaut Farmer*** - Saturday, Sept. 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Little People Presentation** - Monday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Delectable Chocolate Desserts** - Tuesday, September 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.