



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

City of Littleton

The Titanic: From Sinking to Salvage

Learn about the doomed voyage of the Titanic and its array of interesting passengers **Monday, July 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** The Denver Museum of Nature and Science is hosting *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, from June 22, 2007 through January 8, 2008. This exhibit has been viewed by people throughout the world and includes personal artifacts salvaged from the depths of the ocean. Staff from Active Minds will prepare you for a visit to the exhibit by telling the story of the ill-fated ship as well as the discovery and salvage operation that began over 70 years later. They also will talk about the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown, a passenger on the Titanic, and her link to Denver.



Summer Reading Programs

It's not too late to sign up for summer reading. We have a program to suit every reader. Summer Reading Programs end July 31st.

Children: *Get a Clue @ Bemis* for children ages infant through those going into 5th grade in the fall. See Page 3 for additional program details plus a listing of this month's weekly programs and events featuring special performers. Last day to collect prizes is July 31st.



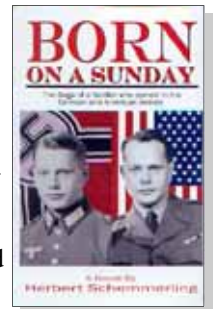
Teens: We're *Wrapped Up In Reading* this summer with our Egyptian-themed program. Don't miss the special events planned this month like *Harry Potter Week* July 9-13. See the article on Page 2 in Special Teen Events for a schedule of movies and programs to be held this week.

Adults: There are plenty of ways to win prizes this month as we get *Wrapped Up in Reading!* Turn in your book and activity drawing slips through July 31st at the Information Desk to be eligible for the special grand prize drawing.



Saga of a Soldier

As a soldier in Hitler's army and in the American army during the Korean War, Herb Schemmerling will engage you with his life story, **Tuesday, July 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Schemmerling was a member of the Hitler Youth, was stationed in Hitler's secret wartime head-quarters, and also served as a tank gunner in the German army. He was wounded on the Russian front, became a prisoner of the Americans, and escaped. As a stow-away on a freighter, Schemmerling came to the United States in 1949. During the Korean conflict, in 1951, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Schemmerling is the author of the novel, *Born on a Sunday*, which is based on his military experiences.



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Visit Hogsmeade Village

Spend an afternoon in the only entirely magical village in England, Hogsmeade, on **Friday, July 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** This family program is for all ages and wizarding attire is appropriate. We will be transporting all manner of Muggles to Hogsmeade for an afternoon of magic, mystery, trivia, games and all things "Potter." Search for clues about what's in store for Harry in *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* by J.K. Rowling. Harry Potter will stroll through the village demonstrating the latest wizard games and there will be a Double Transfiguration class (two sessions) with Professor McGonagall and her amazing cat! Step into Honeydukes Sweetshop for tasty treats, visit Dervish & Bangs Magical Equipment featuring a workshop on wand-making, or enter a costume contest at Gladrags-Wizard Wear. Other activities include Potter trivia at Scrivenshafts Quill Shop, Tasseology (tea-leaf reading) and (for the bravest Muggles) the Shrieking Shack will open for the first time in years! Many other Potter surprises await including prize drawings for magic kits, Hogwarts' banners and two copies of *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* (available July 21). Permission slips are required to enter Hogsmeade. Call Bemis at 303-795-3961 to register.



Musical Moments at Bemis



Relax with a smoothie or glass of lemonade while listening to music in Sophie's Place at the library. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

- ♦ **Sat., July 14, 3:00-4:00 p.m. - Rex Abelein's Barbershop Quartet** will sing favorite melodies from the 1930's, '40s and '50s.

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, July 17, 2:00 p.m. - Sew an Egyptian Mini-Pillow**

Afternoon Summer Cinema



Journey to Egypt, past, present and future, with our summer feature film matinees. All of our Afternoon Summer Cinema programs are free and will be shown on the library's big screen in the large meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

- ♦ **Monday, July 23, 2:00-3:45 p.m.: Prince of Egypt (1998)** Rated PG-13 Animated version of the story of Moses features some of the most spectacular animation in the history of the medium, dramatic staging, and an ambitious song score featuring the Oscar-winning song "When You Believe."

The Great Solar Eclipse in Denver, 1878

World-famous astronomers from America and Europe converged on the wild west town of Denver in July 1878 to witness "The Eclipse of the Century." Hear the story of this interesting event in our history from Jim Downing, education coordinator at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, **Tuesday, July 31, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Using old engravings and photographs, Downing will give the flavor of the booming, swaggering town of Denver and the quirky Victorian Age astronomers who came here to observe the eclipse. He also will explain some of the important and curious scientific findings of this solar eclipse, including finding the planet Vulcan.



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.**
July 2: *A Thousand Acres* by Jane Smiley
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.



- ♦ **Monday Evening Book Discussion Group**
Meets the **third Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Join us for:
July 16: *Easter Island* by Jennifer Vanderbes
Aug. 20: *When the Emperor Was Divine* by Julie Otsuka
Sept. 17: *New Mercies* by Sandra Dallas



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:

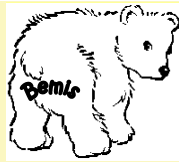
- ♦ **Bemis Anime Team (BAT)**
Second Tues. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
July 10: Movie - *Solty Rei: Vol. 1*
Aug. 14: Movie - To be determined
- ♦ **Drop-in Programs**
Fourth Wed. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
July 25: No session - Summer Reading Program
Aug. 22: **Sumo Wrestling Suits! Special Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Participants will wear inflatable canvas sumo suits and wrestle against another participant in matches with referees.
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Second & fourth Fri. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
July 13: TAG will not meet this week.
July 27: Team building and trust experiences
Aug. 10: Fall programs and duct tape projects.
Aug. 24: Fall programs and duct tape projects.

Special Teen Events

- ♦ **Harry Potter Week!**
Join us for all four Harry Potter movies plus a fun-filled **Afternoon at Hogsmeade!** See the schedule below for movie and program times:
July 9, 11 a.m. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*
July 10, 11 a.m. *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
July 11, 11 a.m. *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*
July 12, 11 a.m. *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*
July 13, 1-3 p.m. Afternoon at Hogsmeade*
*See article on Page 1 for more details.
- ♦ **Teen Summer Book Club**
This book club will meet two more times this summer, and if enough interest is expressed, we will continue meeting through the fall. Join us on **July 9 and Aug. 13 at 10:00 a.m.** We will discuss *Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett on July 9th and select the book to be discussed on Aug. 13th.



Children's Programs



Special Children's Programs

◆ Summer Reading Program

Get a Clue @ Your Library with our summer reading program for children ages infant through those going into 5th grade in the fall. Register and pick up your Reading Record in the Children's Room.

◆ The Family "Read Together" Continues...

Keep reading! Our new program encouraging families with readers in grades 1-5 to read chapter books together is off to a great start. After registering, families may turn in a prize drawing token each time they finish a book. The grand prize drawing will be held on August 1st.

◆ Visit Hogsmeade Village!



Friday, July 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Spend an afternoon in the only entirely magical village in England. This free program is for the entire family. See article on Page 1 for additional information.

July Entertainers

No programs the week of July 4.

◆ Tues., July 10 @ 2:00 p.m.

Where in the World is Michael?

Songwriter Michael Stanwood plays instruments from around the globe.

◆ Thurs., July 12 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mary Sue & Cari - Give us a Clue

Puppets, stories and audience participation.

◆ Tues., July 17 @ 2:00 p.m.

Whatever Happened to Stinky de La Rue?

Storyteller Beth Epley premieres an original tale created especially for "Get a Clue."

◆ Tues., July 24 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hound of the Barkerville

Detective "She"-Lock Holmes (Ann Lincoln) solves a mystery using comedy, magic and juggling.

Children under age 8 must attend programs with an adult. Free family programs are funded by the Friends of the Library and Museum.

School Age Activities

◆ Kids going into Grades 1-3*

Games, stories, & crafts! Make a periscope, watch movies, solve mysteries and more!

◆ Kids going into Grades 4-5*

Make a kaleidoscope, create your own Homemade Flingable Object, design a Mayan Mask and more!

* Dates and times for these programs are listed in the Library Schedule of Events.

◆ Paws to Read - Grades 1-5

Saturday, July 21, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Practice reading to a special doggy pal. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot.

Story Sessions

◆ Story Box-Tue. & Wed. 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Ages infant - 36 months. Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.

◆ Story Time-Thurs. 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Ages 3 - Kindergarten.

◆ Thursday Night Tales-7:00 p.m.

For families with kids ages 3yrs - 5th grade.

◆ Friday Mystery Theater-10:30 a.m.

For ages 3yrs - 5th grade.

Schedule of Library Events

- July 2** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 2-6** No Children's Programs This Week
- July 4** Independence Day,
LIBRARY CLOSED
- July 6** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- July 7** How to Search in the Library,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- July 9-13** Harry Potter Week
- July 9** Teen Summer Book Club,
10:00 a.m.
Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone, 11:00 a.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
The Titanic: From Sinking to Salvage, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- July 10** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets, 11:00 a.m.
Where in the World is Michael?
2:00 p.m.
Bemis Anime Team (BAT),
3:30 p.m.
- July 11** Computer Comfort, Class Full,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban, 11:00 a.m.
Activities for Grades 1-3 @ 2 p.m.
What's the "scope?" Make your own periscope.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- July 12** Story Time, *A Tale of a Tail*
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire,
11:00 a.m.
Activities for Grades 4-5 @ 2 p.m.
Kaleidoscopes, Color & Illusions
Thursday Night Tales @ 7:00 p.m.
Mary Sue & Cari - *Give us a Clue*
- July 13** Friday Mystery Theater, 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon at Hogsmeade,
Free family event, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- July 14** Learn Internet Explorer,
Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Musical Moments @ Bemis
with Rex Abelein's Barbershop
Quartet, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- July 16** Monday Evening Book Discussion
Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 17** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Afternoon Art, 2:00 p.m.
- July 17** *Whatever Happened to Stinky de La Rue?* 2:00 p.m.
Saga of a Soldier, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- July 18** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Activities for Grades 1-3 @ 2 p.m.
Movie: An animated *Scooby Doo*
mystery.
- July 19** Story Time, *How Much? How Many?*
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Activities for Grades 4-5 @ 2 p.m.
Unsolved Mysteries: Yeti's, E.T.'s,
and Nessy. Create your own HFO
(Homemade Flingable Object)
Thursday Night Tales,
It's about the disguise, 7:00 p.m.
- July 20** Friday Mystery Theater, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- July 21** Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- July 23** Afternoon Summer Cinema,
Prince of Egypt, 2:00-3:45 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 24** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Hound of the Barkerville,
2:00 p.m.
- July 25** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Activities for Grades 1-3 @ 2 p.m.
Clues in Shadows - Answers in Code
- July 26** Story Time, *Pour Quoi?*
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Activities for Grades 4-5 @ 2 p.m.
Discover the Mayans & create a
Mayan mask.
Thursday Night Tales,
Do You See What I See?, 7:00 p.m.
- July 27** Friday Mystery Theater, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG),
3:30 p.m.
- July 30** Red Cross Babysitting Course,
Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.
- July 31** Last Day to Turn in Summer
Reading Entries for Prizes
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
The Great Solar Eclipse in
Denver, 1878, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Aug. 1** Library Board Meeting
- Aug. 3** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Aug. 4** How to Search on the Internet,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Aug. 6** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 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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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. Bring a pair of needles and a skein of yarn and get ready to knit! 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.



Upcoming Programs

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

- ◆ **Celtic Colorado and the Rocky Mountain Highland Dancers**
Thursday, August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **The O'Brien Family Band**
Thursday, August 16, 6:30-7:45 p.m.
- ◆ **Afternoon Summer Cinema Presents *Death on the Nile* (Rated PG)**
Monday, August 20, 2:00-4:20 p.m.
- ◆ **Afternoon Art/Craft Programs - Crayon and Pencil Rubbings**
Tuesday, August 21, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Genealogy Night at the Library: Open House**
Friday, August 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

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** Saturday, July 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** Wednesday, September 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Publisher** Saturday, August 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Publisher** Saturday, September 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Publisher** Saturday, September 15, 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.

Adult Literacy Classes

Do you know an adult who struggles with reading? *Open Book*, a non-profit adult literacy and language program, is offered at the library on Tuesday evenings in Study Room #1 for adults who read at or below the eighth grade level. Contact Phyllis Larison at the library for additional information, 303-795-3961.

Have Lunch at Sophie's Place Café!

Sandwiches, salads and quiche are available at Sophie's Place Café at the west end of the reading lounge along with divine desserts and hot or cold thirst-quenching beverages. Meet your friends at the library for a bite to eat, a cool lemonade and a nice chat! Sophie's Place Café Hours:

- ◆ Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ◆ Friday - Saturday: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday: Closed

