



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Festive Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Relax while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

♦ **Sat., Dec. 6, 2:00-3:00 p.m.—4-Ever More Victorian Caroling Quartet: The History of Carols**

Take a step back in time and enjoy Victorian carolers as they share a bit of history behind each carol that they sing, all in beautiful four-part harmony.

♦ **Wed., Dec. 17, 3:30-4:15 p.m.—Holiday and Popular Favorites with the Columbine High School Chorus**

Enjoy songs and dances performed by Columbine High School's most elite show choir, featuring 24 juniors and seniors.



## Humbug! An Evening of Holiday Humor

Enjoy a sampler of short, original plays with a humorous non-traditional twist on the holiday season, **Tuesday, December 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The three comedies, written by award-winning Colorado playwrights, will be directed by Sarah Roshan and performed by prominent Denver actors.



- ♦ *The Bipolar Express* by Kristine McGovern
- ♦ *Vampyre Holiday* by Edward Crosby Wells
- ♦ *On Rudolph* by Mark Ogle

The Bemis performance, a program for adults, is a preview of the show, *Humbug! A Comedy Alternative to Traditional Holiday Shows*. *Humbug!* will run at the Vintage Theatre in Denver starting December 19.

## Two Family Film Events: *WALL-E* and *Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*

Bring the family and enjoy two exciting film events this month, both shown on the library's big screen:

♦ **Saturday, December 20, 2:00-3:45 p.m. - *WALL-E***

After hundreds of lonely years doing what he was built for, WALL-E (short for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) discovers a new purpose in life when he meets a sleek search robot named EVE. EVE comes to realize that WALL-E has inadvertently stumbled upon the key to the planet's future. WALL-E chases EVE across the galaxy and sets into motion one of the most imaginative animated comedy adventures ever. Rated G.



♦ **Tuesday, December 30, 2:00-4:40 p.m. - *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian***

One year after the events of *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*, the Pevensie children find themselves back in the realm of Narnia, where they discover more than 1,000 years have passed. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct. The four children have been summoned back to Narnia by Caspian, the young heir to the throne, whose life is in danger. Together they embark on a remarkable journey to restore magic and glory to the land. Free popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Rated PG.



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## All Aboard for *The Polar Express*

Please join us for our annual celebration: a reading of *The Polar Express* accompanied by cookies, cocoa and a wintry ride aboard an imaginary train. Tasty treats and a special visitor await! The train departs **Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.** This program is for families with children ages 3 and up. Reservations required. Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



# Check It Out... Yourself!

Bemis patrons can now check out library materials themselves at our new self-check machine. "Early reaction to the self-check station from staff and patrons has been very positive with many comments about how easy the machine is to use," said Margery Smith, Library Director. Books and media can be checked out at the machine. Staff is available at the Checkout Desk to assist patrons if they prefer manual check out.

*Sara Conway uses Bemis' new self-check machine.*



# Computer Services & Computer Classes

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.



Also, wireless Internet access is available in Sophie's Place for patrons with wireless-enabled laptop computers.

Our computers use Microsoft operating systems and software that includes Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. All of our PCs are linked to printers. Printing costs are \$0.10 a page for black only or \$0.25 a page for color. Our computer lab has 12 PCs and may be scheduled for group use. We are happy to assist patrons individually at any time if you need help using the computers or the Internet.

We also 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:

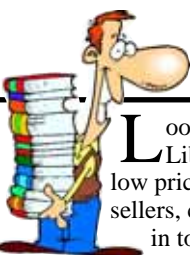
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**  
Wednesday, February 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet**  
Saturday, February 14, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**  
Saturday, January 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Word**  
Saturday, January 3, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies**  
Saturday, December 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer**  
Wednesday, January 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Mousercise**  
Saturday, December 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

### Class Descriptions:

- ◆ **Computer Comfort** - Focuses on basic computer information necessary to operate a computer. Topics covered include a description of the parts of a computer, how a computer functions, and how to use a keyboard and mouse.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** - Learn how to search for information on the Internet using search engines and subscription databases.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**  
Learn how to create, edit and format basic worksheets and charts.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Word**  
Learn to write, edit and save documents using this word processing program.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies** - Covers how to create search strategies using keyword and Boolean search techniques to find information in the library's online catalog and subscription databases.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** - Reviews 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 keys on the keyboard.
- ◆ **Mousercise** - Exercises help users develop skills needed to maneuver a mouse.

# Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, is sponsoring the annual **Food for Fines program through December 22**. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County, as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



# Buy a Gift Book at Bemis!

Looking for that unique book for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum is offering a special sale of "like new" used books at low prices **through Wednesday, December 24** at the library. Choose from best-sellers, classics, cookbooks, children's books, and more. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!

# 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.**

**Dec. 1:** *Children's Blizzard*  
by David Laskin

Thousands of poor, Northern European immigrants were promised that the prairie offered "land, freedom, and hope." The disastrous blizzard of 1888 revealed that their free homestead was not a paradise but a hard, unforgiving place.



**Jan. 5:** *The Piano Tuner*  
by Daniel Mason

In 1886, piano tuner Edgar Drake leaves London for the jungles of Burma, where he has been asked to repair a grand piano belonging to a British army officer who uses the piano and music to help keep the peace among warring local Burmese princes.



**Feb. 2:** *Blink: the Power of Thinking without Thinking*  
by Malcolm Gladwell

Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology, the author reveals that great decision makers aren't those who process the most information or spend the most time deliberating, but those who have perfected the art of filtering the very few factors that matter from an overwhelming number of variables.



### ◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**

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

**Dec. 15:** No book scheduled for discussion. We will meet for dinner and a book planning session for the coming year. Please bring book suggestions with you.

**Jan. 26\*:** *Arlington Park*  
by Rachel Cusk

Set over a single day, the novel follows a group of young mothers who feel both anger at the husbands who seemingly imprisoned them in a world of minivans and coffee klatches, and resignation about the fates they seem destined to fulfill.



\* We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the MLK holiday.

**Feb. 23:** *The Red Queen*  
by Margaret Drabble

After reading the two-hundred-year-old memoir of a Korean crown princess, an Oxford student becomes obsessed with the story and goes to Seoul where she has several love affairs.



**Mar. 16:** *Falling Man*  
by Don DeLillo

DeLillo traces the way the events of 9/11 kindled or rekindled relationships and reconfigured America's perceptions of the world.





For more information, call teen/outreach librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961 or check the Bemis teen blog site online at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com>. Join other teens for the following activities:

♦ **Anime Club**

**First Sat. of the month @ Noon**

**Dec. 6:** *FLCL (Fooly Cooly)*

Naota is attacked one day by a mysterious guitar-wielding woman on a Vespa, which releases a mysterious power within him. The result of this power is an inter-dimensional portal in his forehead capable of summoning forth all manner of robots, ranging from helpful to violently psychotic.



**Jan. 3:** *Death Note*

Light Yagami is a brilliant but bored high school student whose life is changed when he finds the Death Note, a notebook dropped by a rogue Shinigami, or god of death, named Ryuk. When Light discovers that any human whose name is written in the book dies, he vows to use its power to rid the world of evil. But Light soon finds himself in a life or death battle of wits with the mysterious genius detective called L.

**Feb. 7:** *Full Metal Alchemist*

As young boys, Edward & Alphonse Elric once dabbled in the forbidden art of human alchemy to try to resurrect their dead mother. As a result, Ed lost one arm and one leg, while Al lost his entire body and had his spirit sealed inside a suit of armor. Now, both boys are searching for the fabled Philosopher's Stone to restore what they've lost.

♦ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

Enjoy this popular interactive video game featuring a different game each month.



**Dec. 18:** *Super Smash Bros Brawl*

**Jan. 15:** *Naruto: Clash of Ninja Revolution*

**Feb. 19:** *Rock Band*

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**


**Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.**

**Dec.** No meeting in December

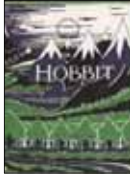
**Jan. 23:** Open Agenda

**Feb. 27:** Summer Reading Planning

## Special Teen Event

Bemis will host an  **American Red Cross** Mile High Chapter Babysitter's Training Course on **Monday, December 29**. The class is from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** and is limited to 12 participants between the ages of 11-17. The course fee is \$60. To register, call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474.

## Kids' Book Club - *The Hobbit* by Tolkien



Escape with us to the Shire on **Sunday, December 7, 2:00 p.m.**, when we'll discuss *The Hobbit*. Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do Hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return. Please read the book in advance, then come for snacks, discussion, and fun! Call 303-795-3961 to register. The Kids' Book Club is for 4th & 5th graders.

## The Thunderbirds!

Peek inside a rain forest and experience the multiple talents of parrots, the Einstein of Birds, on **Monday, December 29, 3:00 p.m.** These brilliantly-colored birds take breath-taking flights over the audience with their four-foot wing span. They race on roller skates, ride scooters, do impressions, climb, swing, flip and hang as they present, for your viewing enjoyment, "The Parrot Olympics!" And wait until you hear their stand up comic, Toot. He sings, he laughs, he talks up a storm. Toot is unstoppable. The sky's the limit with *The Thunderbirds!* They're amazing. They're funny. They're outrageous! A family show for all ages. Space is limited for this free program. Please plan to arrive early.



## "Noon" Year's Eve Party

A family celebration with crafts, stories, treats and dancing on **Wednesday, December 31, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** We'll drop the ball at twelve-o'clock noon, so don't be late! Please call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning December 8.



## Winter Weather Reading

Snuggle up with a great book this winter and perhaps you'll uncover a prize-winning story. **Beginning December 15th** in the Children's Room, we will display books published in 2008 that are contenders for literary awards. This year Denver will host the American Library Association's winter conference, attracting librarians from across the country. One conference highlight is the selection of books for the **Caldecott Medal** (best illustrated book by an American) and the **Newbery Medal** (best story/novel by an American.) We want to share our list of contenders with you. You'll also be able to vote for your favorites. Visit the Children's Room for more details.

## January Movie: *Horton Hears a Who*

Watch the movie based on the beloved Dr. Seuss book, *Horton Hears a Who*, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey as Horton on **Fri., Jan. 2, 2:00 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. For families with children of all ages. Rated G. Length: 87 minutes.



## Story Times & Ongoing Activities

*Story Times end December 19 and resume January 6.*

**Story Box:**

**Ages infant - 36 months—Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

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

**Preschool Story Time:**

**Ages 3 - Kindergarten—Thursdays at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm. Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.

**Saturday Stories:**

**Ages 3 - Kindergarten—Saturdays, January 10 & 24 at 10:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and other fun stuff on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Siblings and parents are welcome too.

**An Artist Showcase:** In December, artwork by students from *Holy Trinity Preschool* will be on display in the Children's Room.

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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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## Multicultural Films

Celebrate the diversity of Littleton with our **Multicultural Dialogue & Film Series**

held the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Join us on:

Monday, December 29,  
7:00-8:30 p.m. for *Sweet Land*  
Rated PG



## Russian Language & Literature Group

If you would like to learn Russian or practice speaking Russian, come to the Russian Language & Literature Group. We meet each month at the library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the following days:

- ♦ first Wednesday for beginning Russian speakers
- ♦ second Thursday for intermediate Russian speakers.

For additional information, call Zoya Doennebrink at the library, 303-795-3961.

## Upcoming Programs

Mark your calendars now for these library events coming next month:

- ♦ **Family Movie: *Horton Hears a Who***  
Friday, January 2, 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Mamma Mia!***  
Saturday, January 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Speck: *Life & Times of Spencer Penrose***  
Tuesday, January 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Papa's Girl: *The Fascinating World of Helen Bonfils***  
Tuesday, January 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: *The Rootin' Tootins' Dixieland Jazz Band***  
January 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **How to be Happy with author Andy Feld**  
Monday, January 26, 2:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

**Dec. Art Exhibit** Paint Box Guild Winter Show

**Monday, Dec. 1** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 2** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 3** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
Beginner Russian Language &  
Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 4** Preschool Story Time,  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 5** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 6** Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies,  
9:00-10:30 a.m., Space Available  
Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon  
Musical Moments @ Sophie's  
Place, 4-Ever More Victorian  
Caroling Quartet, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 7** Kids' Book Club, 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 8** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 9** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
*Humbug!* An Evening of Holiday  
Humor, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 10** Computer Comfort, Class Full,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.

Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 11** Preschool Story Time,  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Intermediate Russian Language  
& Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 12** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 13** Mousercise, Space Available,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.  
All Aboard for *The Polar Express*  
10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 15** Monday Evening Book Group,  
7:00-8:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 16** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 17** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments @ Sophie's  
Place, Columbine High School  
Chorus, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 18** Preschool Story Time,  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Teen Games: *Wii*, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 19** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 20** Family Film Event: *WALL-E*, (G)  
2:00-3:45 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 22** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Wednesday Dec. 24** Christmas Eve  
**LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 5 p.m.**

**Thursday Dec. 25** Christmas Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Friday, Dec. 26** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 29** American Red Cross Babysitter's  
Training Course,  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

The Thunderbirds, 3:00 p.m.

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

Multicultural Dialogue & Film  
Series, *Sweet Land*, (PG)  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 30** Family Film Event: *Chronicles  
of Narnia: Prince Caspian*, (PG)  
2:00-4:40 p.m.

**Wednesday Dec. 31** "Noon" Year's Eve Party,  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
New Year's Eve  
**LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 5 p.m.**

**Thursday Jan. 1** New Year's Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Friday, Jan. 2** Family Film Event: *Horton  
Hears a Who* (G), 2:00 p.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Jan. 3** Introduction to Microsoft Word,  
Space Available, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

*Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*