



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Curious Critters: A Photographic Journey

See some of the planet's most fascinating creatures in this entertaining presentation by Dr. Paddy Ryan, **Tuesday, February 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Dr. Ryan, a New Zealander, is an accomplished biologist, author and nature photographer who has worked with the National Geographic, BBC, and the San Diego, Denver and Fort Worth Zoos. He will talk about various ways animals survive in a hostile world and will show aspects of nature that will surprise you. His land and underwater photographs were taken on numerous field trips to exotic locations. Photo courtesy of: <http://www.ryanphotographic.com/>



Film Event: Sicko



View one of the most talked-about documentaries of 2007, *Sicko*, on **Saturday, February 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, on the library's big screen. Acclaimed filmmaker Michael Moore's latest film sets out to investigate the American healthcare system. His focus is not on those without health insurance, but those whose coverage has failed to meet their needs. Moore talks to patients who have been denied life-saving procedures and he travels to other countries to see if socialized medicine is working better than the American system. Free refreshments will be provided.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

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

Saturday, February 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Dixieland and swing music with a romantic theme will be performed by **Albert Galli**, a professional musician who sings and plays the clarinet and saxophone.



Della's Letters - A True Story of a Musical Life



Back by popular demand, *Della's Letters* is a lively musical production that will be presented at the library on **Tuesday, February 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The amazing career of Adelle (Della) Overbeck, who performed in a five-piece dance band until she was 75, is the focus of the story. Della's granddaughter, Colleen Cassell, wrote the musical based on a treasured collection of letters she inherited from her grandmother. Cassell will be the narrator for the production and a number of well-known Littleton actors and musicians will play parts in the musical. Come and enjoy this unique presentation! Admission is free of charge.

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Upcoming Children's Events

- ◆ **Saturday Stories with Mr. Mark - Sat., Feb. 9, 10:30 a.m.** A special kick-off for *Saturday Stories with Mr. Mark*. Our newest story time will meet on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m. Mr. Mark, the "Silly Giant," will share thirty minutes of stories, songs and other fun stuff. Activities are aimed at ages 3-kindergarten, but siblings and parents are welcome.

- ◆ **Valentine Venue - Sat., Feb. 9, 1:00-2:00 p.m. For grades 1-5**



*Before the greetings rush,
join us to create cards
for your Valentine crush.*

We'll provide the cards to decorate with paint, pencils, crayons, and more. We also will be decorating and sampling cookies. Please call 303-795-3961 to register.

- ◆ **Read Across America, Sun., March 2, 3:00 p.m.**

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday as we share his stories, make a crazy craft and enjoy a suitable Seuss snack! For kids ages three and up with their parents. Please call 303-795-3961 to register.



Free Wireless Internet Access at Bemis



Student Kelly Dingler uses Bemis Library's free Wi-Fi service to do her school work.

Bemis now offers free wireless access to the Internet ("Wi-Fi"). Patrons with wireless-enabled laptop computers can access the Internet from within the library. The wireless signal is strongest in the Sophie Café area. The library's Wi-Fi service is unfiltered. By choosing to use this free service, patrons agree to abide by the library's Internet Use Policy which may be found online at <http://home.earthlink.net/~bemislib/rules.htm>. There are no printers connected to the wireless network and staff cannot provide technical assistance.



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:

- ♦ **Dance, Dance, Revolution & Guitar Hero III**
Third Thurs. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 21, March 20, & April 17
Enjoy these popular interactive video games!
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Second & fourth Fridays of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
February 8 & 22: Program updates and discuss springtime programs.
March 7 & 21: Program updates and future programming.
April 11 & 25: Program updates and the Summer Reading Program.

What It's Like to Be a Texan, Trapped in a Coloradan's Body

Bob Bennett left Texas at the age of seven, but by then the damage was done! Join us on **Monday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m.** when Bennett will provide a humorous look at the rivalry between these two states and their inhabitants.



The Principled Politician: Governor Ralph Carr

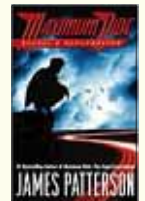
Next month, hear the story of a courageous Colorado governor, **Saturday, March 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Adam Shrager, reporter for KUSA-TV, will talk about the only political leader in the country to welcome Japanese-Americans to his state during World War II. Colorado Governor Ralph Carr was an unwilling candidate who catapulted to the top of the national Republican Party and was even pegged as a possible future presidential candidate by the New York papers. But when he took a courageous, yet unpopular, stance on the internment of Japanese-Americans, Carr fell rapidly from favor. He resisted demands from his political opponents to call up the National Guard to keep the Japanese out of the state, declaring, "If you harm them, you must harm me first." Speaking out on the issue, Carr fielded thousands of insults and fought off threats of impeachment. Adam Shrager has won numerous broadcast journalism accolades, including more than a dozen Emmy awards. He is the author of the new book, *The Principled Politician: The Story of Ralph Carr*; copies of the book will be available for purchase.



Teen Book Club

Meets the first Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. Join us to discuss the following book:

Feb. 2: *Maximum Ride: the Angel Experiment* by James Patterson



After the mutant Erasers abduct the youngest member of the "birdkids" group who are the result of genetic experimentation, the birdkids take off in pursuit and find themselves struggling to understand their own origins and purpose.

Special Teen Events

Join us for a scrumptious Chocolate Candy Making Session on **Tuesday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m.**



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.

Feb. 4: *Dry Ice* by Stephen White

Mar. 3: *Beverly: An Autobiography* by Beverly Sills and Lawrence Linderman

Apr. 7: *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon



♦ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

Feb. 25*: *Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger

*We will meet on the fourth Monday in Feb. due to the President's Day closure.

Mar. 17: *Tracks* by Louise Erdrich

Apr. 21: *Train* by Peter Dexter



Children's Programs



Special Children's Programs

- ♦ **Saturday Stories with Mr. Mark**
New Story Time - Special Kick-off
Saturday, February 9, 10:30 a.m.
Join us for this special kick-off to our newest story time, which will meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10:30 a.m., with Mr. Mark, the Silly Giant. *
 - ♦ **Valentine Venue**
Saturday, February 9, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Decorate Valentine's cards and sample cookies! Call 303-795-3961 to register. *
 - ♦ **Paws to Read**
Sat., February 16, 10:00 a.m.-noon
For readers in grades 1-5, 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.
 - ♦ **Read Across America Day**
Sunday, March 2, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. Please call 303-795-3961 to register. *
- * See article on Page 1 for more details about these special Children's Programs.



Weekly Story Sessions

- ♦ **Story Box**
Tues. & Wed. @ 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Ages infant-36 months. A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhyme, rhythm & reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.*
- ♦ **Preschool Story Time**
Thursday @ 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Friday @ 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-kindergarten. Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a *puppet show* the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Saturday Story Time with Mr. Mark**
2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 10:30 a.m.
For ages 3-kindergarten though siblings and parents are welcome. Enjoy thirty minutes of stories, songs and fun activities.

Art on display in the Children's Room

Preschoolers from Cottonwood Elementary will display their artwork during the month of February.



Schedule of Library Events

- Feb. 1** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 2** Computer Comfort, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 4** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 5** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Curious Critters - A Photographic Journey, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 6** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 7** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 8** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 9** Learn Internet Explorer, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Saturday Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Valentine Venue, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Film Event: *Sicko*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Feb. 11** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Event: Chocolate Candy Making Session, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Introduction to Windows, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 14** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 15** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Feb. 16** Introduction to Word, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place with Albert Galli, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Feb. 18** President's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Feb. 19** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Della's Letters, A True Story of a Musical Life, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Feb. 20** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 21** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Dance, Dance, Revolution & Guitar Hero III, 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 22** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 3:30 p.m.
- Feb. 23** Saturday Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 25** What It's Like to be a Texan, Trapped in a Coloradan's Body, 2:00 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.
- Feb. 26** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 27** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 28** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Feb. 29** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 1** Introduction to Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
The Principled Politician: Governor Ralph Carr, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 2** Read Across America Day, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Mar. 3** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 4** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 5** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Mar. 6** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 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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Free Tax Help!

Beginning this month, Bemis will be providing free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. **IRS trained volunteers will be available** in the study rooms on the lower level of the library from **February 2 through April 5 on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon-4:00 p.m.** No pre-registration is required to receive assistance. The **AARP will provide tax preparation help** on the upper level of the library from **February 5-April 8 on Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.** Pre-registration is required for AARP assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To register for AARP tax assistance at the library, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.



Tax Forms Available at the Library

Bemis has all the forms you need to help you at income tax time. You can pick up basic federal and Colorado tax forms in the library's front lobby and also download copies of forms, including out-of-state forms, from the library's computers. The library staff is happy to help you find the tax resources you are looking for online or in printed publications, but cannot provide tax advice.



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.



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, April 9, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** Saturday, March 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** Saturday, April 19, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Windows** Saturday, March 1, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies** Wednesday, March 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** Saturday, February 9, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Mousercize** Saturday, April 5, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Mousercize** Saturday, April 12, 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, 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.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** - Get tips on how to find what you are looking for on the Internet using search engines and subscription databases.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** - Learn how to compile and customize fliers, newsletters and brochures as well as use Publisher wizards to create calendars, greeting cards, business cards and other desktop publishing products.
- ◆ **Introduction to Windows** - Covers everything you need to know to become proficient and comfortable in using Microsoft Windows.
- ◆ **Keyword and Boolean Search Strategies** - Covers how to create a search strategy using keyword and Boolean search techniques to find the information you are looking for in the library's online catalog and subscription databases. Boolean search allows you to combine keywords to make a search more precise.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Mousercize** - Through the use of entertaining exercises develop skills needed to maneuver a mouse.

Upcoming Programs

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

- ◆ **The Principled Politician: Governor Ralph Carr** - Saturday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Celtic vocal trio Gobs O' Phun** - Wednesday March 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Family Movie Matinee: Game Plan** - Saturday, March 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Brothers on the Bashkaus: A Siberian Adventure** - Tues., March 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Laughter and its Influence on Health and Longevity** - Monday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Dottie Lamm on Parenting in the 21st Century** - Tues., March 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.