

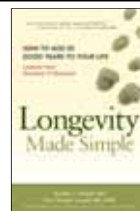


Behind the Cover


The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Longevity Made Simple

Dr. Richard Flanigan and Dr. Kate Sawyer, authors of the bestselling book, *Longevity Made Simple*, will talk about how to add twenty good years to your life, **Tuesday, January 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Through their extensive clinical experience and scientific research, Drs. Flanigan and Sawyer have come up with strategies to prevent the major diseases that account for the majority of deaths in America and ways to age successfully in every sense—physically, intellectually and emotionally. Copies of the authors’ book will be available for purchase.



Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

 Relax with a cup of hot tea or coffee 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.

Saturday, January 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: The Choralary, a group of eight singers, will entertain with popular folk tunes. The group performs throughout the Denver metro area.

Faces in the Rocks: A Spiritual Journey



After the Columbine High School shootings, Randy and Judy Brown sought solace in hiking; hear their story of inner renewal and the amazing faces they found in rocks, **Tuesday, January 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The Browns will discuss their family’s involvement in the Columbine tragedy, the sadness and stress that resulted and how the “faces in the rocks” changed their lives. The Browns will show photographs of the unusual rock formations they have discovered. Copies of their book, *Faces in the Rocks*, will be available for purchase.

Theater Night: An Evening of One-Act Plays

Enjoy three one-act, original plays by award-winning Colorado playwrights, followed by a discussion with the playwrights and director, Kim Fanelli, **Tuesday, January 29th, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in Sophie’s Place. Featured plays include:

- ◆ *Min and Max* by Ken Crost: In *Min and Max*, Crost creates a new language for love. Crost studied at the renowned Second City in Chicago and ten of his short plays have been seen in the annual Denver festival of Colorado Quickies.
- ◆ *Wednesday Nights* by Carol Roper is about a long-married couple who reveal their secrets to the audience while on their weekly Wednesday night date. Roper is an award-winning writer who has written for and worked with actor Robin Williams and written television movies and feature films. She has been under contract with Disney Studios, NBC, ABC, United Artists and others.
- ◆ *The Garage Sale* by Scott Gibson is about a man who appears to have nothing to sell at his garage sale, until a shopper discovers the true value of what is on sale. Gibson is a graduate of the University of Northern Colorado and co-founder of Conundrum Productions.



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Wireless Internet Access Now Available at Bemis



We are excited to announce that the library now offers *free* wireless access to the Internet (“Wi-Fi”). Patrons with wireless-enabled laptop computers will be able to access the

Internet from within the library. Library staff cannot provide technical assistance to patrons regarding wireless Internet access and are not permitted to handle patron laptops. There are no printers connected to the library’s wireless network. The library’s wireless Internet access 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>.

Active Minds-China's Economic Transition

The rise of China as an economic powerhouse has prompted concern from many quarters, namely from the U.S., which has the largest economy in the world. The loss of U.S. jobs in manufacturing and increasingly in services has in part been attributed to outsourcing to China. Now, these two superpowers are competing for the world's dwindling energy resources. Join us for a discussion of these fascinating economic developments on **Monday, January 28, 2:00 p.m.** led by the community-based educational program Active Minds.



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**
Third Thurs. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
January 17 and February 21
Enjoy this popular dance game!
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Second & fourth Fri. of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
January 11 & 25:
We will make Chinese money envelopes and discuss programs.
February 9 & 23:
We will have a chocolate making program and discuss programs.

Free Tax Help!

Beginning in February, 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.



Curious Critters - A Photographic Journey



Dr. Paddy Ryan holding a wombat.

Next month, 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/>*

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.**

Jan. 7: *The King and I* (Luciano Pavarotti's Biography) by Herbert Breslin and Anne Midgette

Feb. 4: *Dry Ice* by Stephen White

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



♦ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

Jan. 28*: *This House of Sky: Landscapes of a Western Mind* by Ivan Doig

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

*We will meet on the fourth Mondays in Jan. and Feb. due to Monday holiday closures.

Mar. 17: *Tracks* by Louise Erdrich



Teen Book Club

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

Jan. 5: *Trickster's Choice* by Tamora Pierce

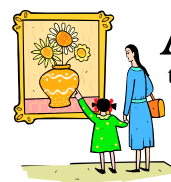
Alianne must call forth her mother's courage and her father's wit in order to survive on the Copper Isles in a royal court rife with political intrigue and murderous conspiracy.

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.



Art Exhibits @ Bemis



Are you an artist with a group that needs a place to exhibit art work? Consider the library! We have a large gallery area on the lower level available to organizations that wish to display art work by three or more artists at one time.

Shows can be exhibited for one month, and organizations may have no more than two shows per year. For more information regarding art exhibits, contact Meredith at the library at 303-795-3961. **In January the Littleton Public Schools Art Show will be on display.** If you have collectibles you would like to display in our large glass display case near the front entrance, please contact Phyllis Larison at the library.

Children's Programs



Special Children's Programs

♦ Theater of Science with FutureQuest Thursday, January 3, 2:00 p.m.

Don't miss this brilliant show featuring spectacular science with electrical, chemical, mechanical and optical tricks! Kids will "ooh" and "aah" as surprise after surprise unfolds. Enjoy 45 minutes of education and entertainment that may include lasers, optical illusions, color changes, and just plain fun. For this special show participants must be ages 5 and up.



♦ Who will win the 2008 Caldecott?



Through January 13 read our choices, vote for the one with the best illustrations and enter a special prize drawing. These books are displayed in the Children's Room.

♦ Paws to Read

Saturday, January 19, 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.



Weekly Story Sessions

Sessions resume January 8.

♦ 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.*

♦ 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.

♦ Dial-a-Story

Listen to a new story or an old favorite anytime by calling Bemis' *Dial-a-Story* line, 303-795-3960.

Special programs are funded by Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.



Schedule of Library Events

January Art

Exhibit Littleton Public Schools Art Show

Jan. 1 New Year's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Jan. 3 American Red Cross
Babysitter's Training Course,
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
The Theater of Science with
FutureQuest, 2:00 p.m.

Jan. 4. Bemis Knitting Group,
2:00 p.m.

Jan. 5 Introduction to Windows,
Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Book Club, 2:00 p.m.

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

Jan. 8 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 9 Learn Internet Explorer,
Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting,
7:00 p.m.

Jan. 10 Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group,
2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG),
3:30 p.m.

Jan. 12 How to Search on the Internet,
Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m.

Jan. 14 Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Jan. 15 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Longevity Made Simple,
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 16 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 17 Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Dance, Dance, Revolution,
3:30 p.m.

Jan. 18 Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group,
2:00 p.m.

Jan. 19 Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Musical Moments @ Sophie's
Place: The Choralary,
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Jan. 20 Martin Luther King Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Jan. 22 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
*Faces in the Rocks:
A Spiritual Journey*,
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Jan. 23 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 24 Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 25 Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group,
2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG),
3:30 p.m.

Jan. 28 Active Minds - China's
Economic Transition,
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.

Jan. 29 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Theater Night: An Evening of
One-Act Plays, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

Jan. 31 Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Feb. 2 Computer Comfort,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.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.

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.

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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! **Beginning English classes are held from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday and 5:30-6:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Intermediate English classes 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 each semester for adults 21 and older. This fee covers the fall 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 any time during the year.

Have Lunch at Sophie's Place Café!

Sandwiches, salads and quiche along with divine desserts and hot or cold thirst-



quenching beverages are available at Sophie's Place Café at the west end of the reading lounge. Meet your friends at the library for a bite to eat, a cup of hot coffee or tea and a nice chat!

Sophie's Place Café Hours:

- ♦ Tues.-Thurs.: 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Fri.-Sat.: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Sun.-Mon.: Closed

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** Saturday, February 2, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **How to Search on the Internet** Saturday, January 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Introduction to Microsoft Word** Saturday, February 16, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Introduction to Windows** Saturday, January 5, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, February 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, January 9, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Saturday, February 9, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Learn Internet Explorer**

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** - 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 Microsoft Word** - Learn the basics about creating professional-looking documents in the word processing program, Microsoft Word.
- ♦ **Introduction to Windows** - Covers everything you need to know to become proficient and comfortable in using Microsoft Windows.
- ♦ **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.

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:

- ♦ **Littleton Public Schools Art Show** - On display throughout January
- ♦ **Curious Critters - A Photographic Journey** Tuesday, February 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Film Event: Sicko**—Saturday, February 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Della's Letters - A True Story of a Musical Life** Tuesday, February 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **What It's Like to be a Texan Trapped in a Coloradoan's Body** Monday, February 25, 2:00 p.m.