



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Summer Reading Is In Full Swing!

It's not too late to sign up for summer reading. *Don't forget:* turn in all reading records by 9:00 p.m., Thursday, July 31 to collect reading rewards and participate in our Grand Prize Drawings. **Summer Reading Programs end on July 31<sup>st</sup>.** For a complete list of all our great children's programs coming this month, please turn to Page 3.



**Children: "Catch the Reading Bug @ Bemis!"** Join us throughout July for weekly programs and events featuring special performers. Don't miss these special events:

♦ **Mystery Lunch - Sat., July 19 at noon** for kids in grades 3-5. Find clues to solve the *Bemis Summer Mystery*. Call to reserve a spot.

♦ **Captain Vic Science Wizard - Tues., July 29, 2 p.m.** for kids in grades 1-5. A really cool science performance.

♦ **Wayne Francis in Puppet-LoCo - Thursday, July 31, 7 p.m.** Join this crazy ventriloquist at our final Summer Reading Event; for children age 3 and older.

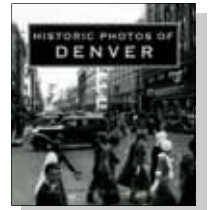
**Teens:** Turn in your reading log by 9 p.m., Thursday, July 31st to qualify for the Grand Prize iPod drawing. For additional program details see the Teen Central column on Page 2.

**Adults:** If you haven't signed up yet, there's still time. Register at the Information Desk and receive a gift. Then, turn in all your activity and book slips by 9 p.m. on Thursday, July 31st to qualify for the Aspen Grove \$100 gift Certificate Grand Prize Drawing.



### Historic Photos of Denver

Go on a photographic journey that tells the fascinating story of the history of Denver, **Tuesday, July 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Author Myron Vallier will show his favorite photographs from his research in Denver archives. From the Arapaho Indian camps to the election of Mayor Speer and the construction of Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Vallier will talk about important events throughout the history of Denver and the people who have contributed to the city's growth. This year is the 150th anniversary of the founding of Denver. Copies of Vallier's book, *Historic Photos of Denver*, will be available for purchase.



### Outdoor Comedy Performance: Shakespeare's Brother



Bring a picnic and enjoy a summer's evening of theatrical comedy on the library's front lawn, **Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.** *Shakespeare's Brother*, a comedy all ages, tells the story of Will Shakespeare's lost teen years as told by his younger brother, Gil. This imaginative story of adventure, romance and family loyalty includes pirates, fortune tellers, a wedding party and a courtroom drama woven together with real life people and fictional characters from Shakespeare's plays. The play's coming of age story is based on the fact that no record of Shakespeare's teen years exists. Three outstanding young actors from the Denver School of the Arts have been assembled for this one night event: Zachary Cantor as Will, Adam Lane as Gil, and Akil Lukeman as Othello. A cast of notable professional Denver actors will round out the company. Audience participation is encouraged for crowd and courtroom scenes. Please contact Carol Roper, the play's producer, at 303-282-5391 before July 20th if you wish to participate.

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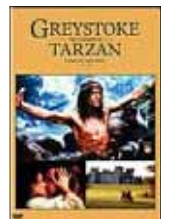
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### Afternoon Summer Cinema

Our fragile environment is the theme for our feature film matinees this summer. The movies will be shown on the library's big screen in the large meeting room. Refreshments will be served.

**Mon., July 28, 2-4:30 p.m. - Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes**

Starring Christopher Lambert and Andie MacDowell. Edgar Rice Burroughs' classic adventure story of an orphaned child of British aristocrats, raised to manhood among apes in Africa, who returns to society to claim his inheritance. The film, rated PG, features great acting performances and breathtaking cinematography.



# Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Relax with a smoothie or a cold 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.

**The Chord Weavers Barbershop Quartet** will sing popular American songs from our country's past on **Saturday, July 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**



For more details, call the library at 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**

Watch an episode of an anime feature, draw, play games, and discuss future meetings.

**July 5:** *School Rumble*

**Aug. 2:** *Grave of the Fireflies*

## ◆ Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

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

**July 17:** *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*

**Aug. 21:** *Dancing with the Stars*

## ◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

**July 25:** Fall Program Planning

**Aug. 22:** Fall Program Planning

## Special Teen Events

### ◆ Summer Reading Program

Register online for the Bemis Teen Summer Reading Program at

<http://bemisteen.blogspot.com> or

<http://www.littletongov.org/bemis/> or

on the Bemis Internet use page at the library.

### ◆ Teen Summer Reading Program

**July Activities @ 2:00 pm:**

**Thurs., July 3:** Endangered Creatures of the World with Bryce Jackman

**Tues., July 8:** Internet Carbon Footprint\*

**Tues., July 15:** Lava Bottles & Tornado Tubes\*

**Mon., July 28:** Movie - *Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes*, Rated PG

\**Limited class size. Sign-up is required.*

### ◆ Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Bemis will host an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course on

**Monday, August 4.**

The class will be held at Bemis 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 \$59. To register, call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474.



# Giant Earth Balloon Astonishes All



Cailey and Joshua Reitsema from Littleton are amazed by the giant earth balloon that was on display at Bemis on May 27th. Over 180 people attended programs inside the 25 ft. balloon where they learned about the geography of the earth. The balloon was at Bemis to promote the beginning of the summer reading programs. The adult and teen summer reading program theme is *Read and Renew the Earth*; the children's theme is *Catch the Reading Bug*. Participants in the summer reading programs can win free books, coupons to local businesses and many other prizes! It's not too late to sign up for a summer reading program. For more information, see the article on Page 1 or call the library at 303-795-3961.

# Russian Language and Literature Group

If you would like to learn Russian or practice speaking Russian, come to the Russian Language and Literature Group, which meets **every second and fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** at the library. In addition to improving language skills and learning about Russian culture, group members read and discuss a book about Russia each month. For additional information, call Zoya Doennebrink at the library, 303-795-3961.

# 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 7:** *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

**Aug. 4:** *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka

**Sept. 8\*:** *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls

\* We will meet on the second Mon. in Sept. due to Labor Day.



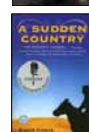
## ◆ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

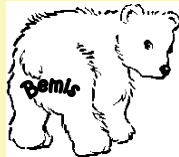
**July 21:** *God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy

**Aug. 18:** *A Sudden Country* by Karen Fisher

**Sept. 15:** *Swallows of Kabul* by Yasmina Khadra



# Children's Programs



Catch the Reading Bug @ Bemis with our Summer Reading Programs! Visit the Kid's Room to pick up all program information.

## July Summer Entertainers

### Programs for Ages 3 years and Older

Space is limited; please arrive early. Those under 8 years must attend with a caregiver 12 years or older.

- ◆ **Wed., July 2, 2 p.m.** **Birgetta DePree** "The Emperor's New Clothes and other Ugly Ducks." Hilarious stories with silly emperors, rascally weavers, wild swans, brave princesses, and flying trunks!
- ◆ **Wed., July 9, 2 p.m.** **Ugly Bug Ball with Bryce Jackman.** Storytelling with live insects and spiders. Bring a net to catch the *reading bug*!
- ◆ **Wed., July 16, 2 p.m.** **Get Buggy with Mr. Shine.** A musical exploration of all things buggy in a toe-tapping fun show!
- ◆ **Wed., July 23, 2 p.m.** **Lions, Spiders, and Geckos, Oh My!** Follow "The Percussion Lady" on a story adventure full of bugs and beasts with a chance to play in a bug band too!
- ◆ **Thurs., July 31, 7 p.m.** **Wayne Francis in Puppet-LoCo.** A crazy ventriloquist, his side-kick Wing-nut, & other life-sized puppets entertain with antics that will have you rolling in the aisles.

### Programs for kids going into grades 1-5

Please register one week in advance.

- ◆ **Tues., July 29, 2 p.m.** **Captain Vic Science Wizard**  
A really cool show featuring a gas 141 degrees colder than an ice cube!

## July Special Activities

- ◆ **Family Read Together** for families with readers in grades 1-5. Ongoing through July. Details available in the Kids' Room.
- ◆ **Mystery Lunch - Saturday, July 19, 12 p.m.** Kids in grades 3-5 can work in teams to find clues and solve the *Bemis Summer Mystery*. Lunch is on the menu, so call to reserve a spot.
- ◆ **Paws to Read - Sat., July 19, 10:00 a.m.-noon** For grades 1-5. Practice reading to a special doggy pal. Call 303-795-3961 to register.

## July School Age Activities@ 2 p.m.

Stories, crafts, games, books, & a prize drawing at each 2 p.m. session. Register one week in advance.

### Kids going into grades 1-3

- ◆ **Tues., July 8** *A B C D Insect Collection*
- ◆ **Tues., July 15** *Ladybug, Ladybug*
- ◆ **Tues., July 22** *C D "Bee Movie"* Rated PG

### Kids going into grades 4-5

- ◆ **Thurs., July 10** *Bugs, Comms & Drops*
- ◆ **Thurs., July 17** *Insect Illusion*
- ◆ **Thurs., July 24** *The Good, the Bad & the Bugly!*

## Story Sessions

- ◆ **Story Box - Ages infant-36 months**  
**Tues. & Wed. 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.**  
For infants and a caring adult.
- ◆ **Preschool Story Time**  
**Ages 3-Kindergarten - Thursdays 10:30am&1:30pm.**  
Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and fun!
- ◆ **Theater Time**  
**Ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Fridays 10:30 a.m.**  
Fun with theater, puppets, plays & props.
- ◆ **Stories with Mr. Mark**  
**Ages 3-Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10:30am.**  
Siblings and parents are welcome, too.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Wed., July 2** Special Summer Entertainer:  
*Birgetta DePree "The Emperor's New Clothes & other Ugly Ducks"*, For Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 3** Teen Activity: Endangered Creatures of the World with Bryce Jackman, 2:00 p.m.
- Fri., July 4** Independence Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Sat. July 5** Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon
- Mon., July 7** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tues., July 8** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Activities for Grades 1-3, *A B C D Insect Collection*, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Activity: Internet Carbon Footprint, 2:00 p.m.
- Wed., July 9** Learn Internet Explorer, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Special Summer Entertainer:  
*Ugly Bug Ball with Bryce Jackman*, For Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 10** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Activities for Grades 4-5, *Bugs, Comms & Drops*, 2:00 p.m.  
Russian Language & Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Fri., July 11** Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Sat., July 12** How to Search on the Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with the Chord Weavers Barbershop Quartet, 2-3:00 p.m.  
Stories with Mr. Mark, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon., July 14** American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course, Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tues. July 15** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Activities for Grades 1-3, *Ladybug, Ladybug*, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Activity: Lava Bottles & Tornado Tubes, 2:00 p.m.
- Wed., July 16** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Special Summer Entertainer:  
*Get Buggy with Mr. Shine*, For Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
- Thurs., July 17** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Thurs., July 17** Activities for Grades 4-5, *Insect Illusion* 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Games: *Wii*, 3:30 p.m.
- Fri., July 18** Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Sat., July 19** Introduction to Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Mystery Lunch for Grades 3-5, 12:00 noon  
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Activities for Grades 4-5, *The Good, the Bad & the Bugly!* 2:00 p.m.  
Russian Language & Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Fri., July 25** Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 3:30 p.m.
- Sat., July 26** Stories with Mr. Mark, 10:30 a.m.
- Mon., July 28** Afternoon Summer Cinema:  
*Greystoke: Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes*, 2-4:30 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Multicultural Dialogue & Film Series, *Fast Food Nation*, 7-8:30 p.m.
- Tues., July 29** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Captain Vic Science Wizard, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.  
Outdoor Comedy Performance, *Shakespeare's Brother*, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., July 30** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thurs., July 31** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Special Summer Entertainer:  
*Wayne Francis in Puppet-LoCo*, For Ages 3 & Older, 7:00 p.m.
- Fri., Aug. 1** Bemis Knitting Group, 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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## Homebound Delivery Service

Bemis offers a free delivery service to City of Littleton residents who are unable to visit the library due to physical limitations. If you are temporarily or permanently confined to your home because of illness, age or physical disability, we will deliver library materials to you. Available materials include books (even Braille), magazines, CDs, audio books, and videos. If you are interested in this service, please contact librarian Pam Child at 303-795-3961 and let us know what materials you are interested in having delivered to your home once a month by library staff or a wonderful volunteer. Volunteers are needed for this program. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to volunteer.



## Upcoming Programs

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

- ♦ **Baila Conmigo Dancers**  
Thursday, August 7, 8:30-7:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Denver Taiko Drum and Dance**  
Thursday, August 14, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- ♦ **The Playground Trail: The National Park-to-Park Highway in 1920**  
with historian and author, Lee Whiteley  
Tuesday, August 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Afternoon Summer Cinema - The Freshman (PG)**  
Monday, August 25, 2:00-3:45 p.m.  
with Marlon Brando & Matthew Broderick

## 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. Printing costs are \$0.10 a page for black only or \$0.25 a page for color. 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, August 2, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **How to Search on the Internet** Saturday, July 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Introduction to Windows** Saturday, July 19, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, August 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Learn Internet Explorer** Wednesday, July 9, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Mousercise** Saturday, August 9, 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 Windows** - Covers everything you need to know to become proficient and comfortable in using Microsoft Windows, a graphics-based computer operating system.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Mousercise** - Entertaining exercises help develop skills needed to maneuver a mouse.



## Free Medical Services Offered



If you do not have medical insurance and need to see a doctor, take advantage of the free medical services being offered by Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Littleton Adventist Hospital. ACS is providing a van equipped as a medical office and staffed with a medical doctor and a nurse. It will be in the Bemis parking lot on Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Services offered include exams, checkups, screenings, and treatment of chronic conditions. Arrangements for this service were negotiated by the Health Care Committee of the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative. For more information, please call ACS at 303-935-7389.

## Volunteer at Bemis!

Bemis is seeking volunteers who are willing to make a three hour per week commitment for at least three months. We have openings for volunteers to perform the following tasks: shelving, delivering books to homebound patrons, processing materials, mending, and assisting with programs for both Adult and Children's Services. Training will be provided. Please call the library at 303-795-3961 for more details.

