



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Summer Reading Programs @ Bemis!

Summer is upon us and that means plenty of time to read and participate in a Summer Reading Program. We have one to suit *every* reader.

◆ **Children:** You are invited to “**Catch the Reading Bug @ Bemis!**” Children from three years through those entering 5th grade in the fall may pick up a reading log and track time spent reading or being read to. After six hours you can collect rewards, including a book to keep and an entry into a weekly prize drawing. Children ages infant through 36 months also may register for a three-hour program. Join us throughout the summer for weekly programs and events featuring special performers beginning on **Tuesday, June 3 @ 2:00 p.m. with Jim Jackson as Art Guffaw.** For additional program details see Page 3 and the Summer Reading insert enclosed in this month’s newsletter.

◆ **Teens:** Join us for our summer reading program, *Read & Renew the Earth.* For additional program details see Page 2 and the Summer Reading insert enclosed in this month’s newsletter.

◆ **Adults:** It will be a summer to “be green” with our *Read & Renew the Earth* adult summer reading program. Register at the Information Desk and receive a gift. The program is easy: fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to. Plus when you participate in certain library activities, you become eligible for weekly drawings and our Grand Prize drawing. Prizes will include books, gift certificates to Sophie’s Place and other Littleton merchants, and eco-friendly items.



Meteorologist Mike Nelson on Wild Colorado Weather

Our wild Colorado weather is the focus of an entertaining presentation by well-known weather forecaster Mike Nelson on **Saturday, June 7, 1:30-2:30 p.m.** Weather can be difficult to forecast no matter where one is located, but it is especially difficult in the nation’s highest state. Find out why our weather is so dramatic and also learn about how our climate is changing. Copies of Nelson’s book, the *Colorado Weather Almanac*, will be available for purchase.



Power with Nature: Alternative Energy Solutions for Homeowners



Author Rex Ewing and his wife, LaVonnie, live off-grid in the Colorado Rockies.

Learn how easy it is to use renewable energy to become self-sufficient! Best-selling author Rex Ewing will talk about affordable new technologies to get free electricity from the sun, wind and water, **Tuesday, June 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Ewing’s book, *Power with Nature: Alternative Energy Solutions for Homeowners*, now in its second edition, is recognized as one of the best books for homeowners on alternative energy. He has lived off-grid with solar and wind energy since 1999. Copies of Ewing’s book will be available for purchase.

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Afternoon Summer Cinema

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



Monday, June 23, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Hoot (PG)

Hoot tells the story of three unlikely heroes who attempt to thwart the construction of a new pancake house in Florida on land that is inhabited by federally-protected burrowing owls. The film is based on the best-selling young adult novel by writer Carl Hiaasen.

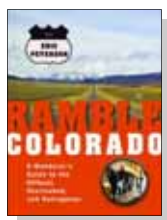
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

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.

Saturday, June 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Enjoy a lively performance by the **Mom's House Band**, a folk harmony jam band comprised of musicians from the Swallow Hill Music Association. The group plays a wide range of music, from John Denver and Beatles songs to traditional folk songs like "I'll Fly Away," as well as original songs written by individual members. Come hear the guitars, mandolins, cello, harmonica, and voices of Mom's House Band!

Ramble Colorado - Wanderer's Guide to the Offbeat, Overlooked & Outrageous

Travel author Eric Peterson will discuss unusual and intriguing places in Colorado, **Tuesday, June 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Peterson is known for his humorous travelogues. He will cover places to see, overlooked restaurants and interesting characters he has met in his travels through Colorado. He has written numerous Frommer's travel guides covering the American West, as well as travel articles for New York's *Daily News* and other national publications. Peterson's new book, *Ramble Colorado*, will be available for purchase.



Free Beginning Spanish Classes

Learn Spanish at the library! Sessions begin **July 9** and will be held every **Wednesday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m., through August 13.** These classes are free and open to adults and teens. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for the series.

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.**

June 2: *The Last Juror* by John Grisham

July 7: *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

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



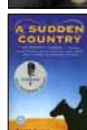
Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

June 16: *Love in the Time of Cholera* by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

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

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



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:

◆ Anime Club

First Sat. of the month @ Noon

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

June 7: *Mushi-Shi: Volume 1*

July 5: *School Rumble*

Aug. 2: Title yet to be determined.

◆ Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

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

June 19: *Naruto-Clash of Ninja: Revolution*

July 17: *Super Smash Bros. Brawl*

Aug. 21: *Dancing with the Stars*

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Fourth Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.

June 27: Summer Reading Program

July 25: Fall Program Planning

Aug. 22: Fall Program Planning

Special Teen/Family 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

June Activities @ 2:00 pm:

Tues., June 3: CD Ornaments*

Tues., June 10: Plastic Bag Fusion*

Tues., June 17: Duct Tape & Plastic Fusion Projects*

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

Mon., June 23: Movie: *Hoot* Rated PG

◆ Summer Film School



Register at Bemis for the eight-week Binning Family Foundation Summer Film School which begins on Tues., June 3. Cost for this program is \$50; scholarships are

available. The Film School is held at the Binning Family Foundation, 1269 W. Littleton Blvd. Film School is held Tues.-Thurs., 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Space is limited to 40 participants from 5th-12th grade.

◆ Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Bemis will host three American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Courses on:

Mon., June 9

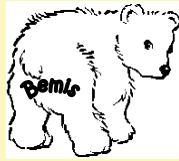
Mon., July 14

Mon., Aug. 4



The class is 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.

Children's Programs



Catch the Reading Bug @ Bemis with our Summer Reading Programs!

Join us for a *buzzy* summer of reading fun! Visit the Kid's Room to pick up all program information.



June 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.

- ♦ **Tuesday, June 3, 2 p.m.** *Jim Jackson as Art Guffaw.* A mysterious show with puppets, juggling & jokes.
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 10, 2 p.m.** *TVS & 2 Fingers.* Performance poetry & very intriguing sounds.
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 17, 2 p.m.** *Meet Mari the Magical Mime.* An enchanting and humorously silent show.
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 24, 2 p.m.** *Catch the Reading Bug with Mary Sue & Cari.* A lively, interactive musical show about creepy crawlies.

Programs for kids going into grades 1-5

Please register one week in advance.

- ♦ **Wednesday, June 25, 2 p.m.**

SUMMER BUG SAFARI with The Butterfly Pavilion. A look at live insects from around the world.



June Special Activities

- ♦ **Family Read Together** for families with readers in grades 1-5. Ongoing through June and July. Details available in the Kids' Room.
- ♦ **For Guys (Big & Little) Only**
Thursday, June 19, 7-8:30 p.m. For boys in grades 1-5 with a favorite "Big Guy." A special night of stories & hijinks. Call for reservations.
- ♦ **Paws to Read**
Saturday, June 21, 10:00 a.m.-noon
For grades 1-5. Practice reading to a special doggy pal. Call 303-795-3961 to register.

June 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 4-5

- ♦ **Wed., June 4** *What's the Book Buzz?*
- ♦ **Wed., June 11** *Insect Illusion*
- ♦ **Wed., June 18** *Catch the Wind*



Kids going into grades 1-3

- ♦ **Thurs., June 5** *Bug-Go Bingo*
- ♦ **Thurs., June 12** *Flutter, Buzz, Zoom*
- ♦ **Thurs., June 19** *A B C D Insect Collection*

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 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and fun!
- ♦ **Theater Time**
Ages 3-5th Grade
Fridays 10:30 a.m.
Fun with theater, puppets, plays & props.
- ♦ **Stories with Mr. Mark**
Ages 3-Kindergarten
2nd & 4th Saturdays 10:30 a.m.
Siblings and parents are welcome, too.



Schedule of Library Events

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| <p>June 2 Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 3 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Summer Reading Kick-off
Entertainer: <i>Jim Jackson as Art Guffaw</i>, For Ages 3 & Older,
2:00 p.m.
Teen Activity: CD Ornaments,
2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 4 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Activities for Grades 4-5,
<i>What's the Book Buzz</i>, 2:00 p.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 5 Preschool Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Activities for Grades 1-3,
<i>Bug-Go Bingo</i>, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 6 Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 7 Keyword & Boolean Search
Strategies, Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, 12:00 p.m.
Meteorologist Mike Nelson on
Wild Colorado Weather,
1:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 9 American Red Cross
Babysitter's Training Course,
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 10 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Special Summer Entertainer:
<i>TVS & 2 Fingers</i>, For Ages 3 &
Older, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Activity: Plastic Bag Fusion,
2:00 p.m.
<i>Power with Nature: Alternative
Energy Solutions</i>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 11 Computer Comfort, Class Full,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Activities for Grades 4-5,
<i>Insect Illusion</i>, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 12 Preschool Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Activities for Grades 1-3,
<i>Flutter, Buzz, Zoom</i>, 2:00 p.m.
Russian Language & Literature
Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 13 Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>June 14 Learn Internet Explorer,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Stories with Mr. Mark, 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>June 16 Monday Evening Book
Discussion Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 17 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Special Summer Entertainer:
<i>Meet Mari the Magical Mime</i>,
For Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Activity: Duct Tape & Plastic
Fusion Projects, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 18 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Activities for Grades 4-5,
<i>Catch the Wind</i>, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 19 Preschool Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Activities for Grades 1-3,
<i>A B C D Insect Collection</i>, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Games: <i>Wii</i>, 3:30 p.m.
For Guys (Big & Little) Only,
For boys in Grades 1-5,
7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 20 Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 21 Musical Moments at Sophie's
Place with Mom's House Band,
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon</p> <p>June 23 Afternoon Summer Cinema:
<i>Hoot</i>, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van,
Bemis Parking Lot,
5:30-7:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 24 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Special Summer Entertainer:
<i>Catch the Reading Bug with
Mary Sue & Cari</i>, For Ages 3 &
Older, 2:00 p.m.
<i>Ramble Colorado</i>, 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 25 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Summer Bug Safari with the
Butterfly Pavilion, For Grades
1-5, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>June 26 Preschool Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Russian Language & Literature
Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 27 Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG),
3:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 28 Stories with Mr. Mark, 10:30 a.m.
<i>Find specific program details elsewhere in
this newsletter.</i></p> |
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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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Upcoming Programs

Mark your calendars now for these exciting events coming to Bemis this summer:

JULY

- ◆ **Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place with the Chord Weavers Barbershop Quartet**
Saturday, July 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Historic Photos of Denver**
with Author Myron Vallier
Tuesday, July 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Afternoon Summer Cinema - Greystoke: The Legend of Tarzan, Lord of the Apes (PG)**
Starring Christopher Lambert
Monday, July 28, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Outdoor Comedy Performance: Shakespeare's Brother**
A comedy for kids, teens and adults.
Tuesday, July 29, 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- ◆ **Baila Conmigo Dancers**
Thursday, August 7, 8:30-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Denver Taiko Drum and Dance**
Thursday, August 14, 6:00-7:15 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.
Starring Marlon Brando and 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.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies** Saturday, June 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** Saturday, June 14, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Mousercise** - Through the use of entertaining exercises develop skills needed to maneuver a mouse.

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.

