



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

The Principled Politician: Governor Ralph Carr

Hear the story of a courageous Colorado governor, **Saturday, March 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Adam Schrage, 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 Schrage 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.



Dottie Lamm on Parenting in the 21st Century

From the "mommy wars" to stay-at-home dads, parenting roles are constantly evolving in today's society. Dottie Lamm will discuss child-rearing issues in the 21st century, **Tuesday, March 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Sharing personal insights and anecdotes from interviews with couples as well as professional counselors, Lamm, a mother and grandmother, will highlight both the ups and downs in the recent movement toward "partnership parenting" and the gender conflicts that have changed very little over the decades. Lamm has been the first lady of Colorado, a Colorado Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator, and a columnist for *The Denver Post*. She is an active freelance writer and public speaker and serves on the Colorado Access Board. Her new book, *Daddy on Board: Parenting Roles for the 21st Century*, will be available for purchase.



Brothers on the Bashkaus: A Siberian Adventure



Colorado author Eugene Buchanan will tell the riveting story of the exploits of four Americans on a white-knuckled, 26-day trip down the Bashkaus River, one of the wildest whitewater runs in the world, **Tuesday, March 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The Americans are joined by ten Latvian strangers on the trip; along the way they deal with everything from language barriers and homemade equipment to armed horsemen and rapids lined with memorials to those who perished before them. They find that the river creates a bond regardless of race, religion or nationality — a bond in which a group of strangers come together as brothers. Buchanan is the editor-in-chief of *Paddling Life* magazine and is a freelance writer for several national magazines. He is an avid adventurer and has traveled to more than 30 countries. Copies of his book, *Brothers on the Bashkaus*, will be available for purchase.

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Upcoming Children's Events

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



Tuesday, March 25, 1:00 p.m. "Lester and the Magic Book"
A charming Reader's Theater fantasy about a boy who dislikes reading until he falls into *Audienville* and must find his way home. Kim Fanelli, the founder of the Children's Theater program at the Aurora Fox Center Theater, has created this original play. For ages 3 and up.

Friday, March 28, 2:00 p.m. "Reading is Magical"
The *Jolly Joker*, Magician T.J. Staab, performs amazing tricks on a quest to prove reading truly is FUN! He may even magically make *The Cat in the Hat* appear! For ages 3 and up.

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.

Wednesday, March 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: The Celtic vocal trio, **Gobs O' Phun**, will entertain with traditional Irish melodies and humor. The group has produced six CDs and has performed on TV and radio.

Family Movie Matinee: *Game Plan*

Bring the family to see the comedy, *Game Plan*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, March 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson stars as a superstar quarterback whose bachelor life radically changes when a charming little girl arrives at his door and announces that she is his daughter. The film is rated PG. Refreshments will be served.



Laughter and its Influence on Health and Longevity



A lighthearted presentation on **Monday, March 24, 2:00 p.m.**, detailing the latest research concerning laughter and the role it plays in physical health and mental well being.

Celebrate National Library Week Next Month at Bemis



Bemis is joining libraries around the country in celebrating **National Library Week, April 13-19**; this year's theme for the week is *Join the Circle of Knowledge @ Your Library*. Stop by the library and write a few sentences about something you have learned at the library. You will receive a free book of your choice and have the opportunity to spin the "wheel of knowledge" for a free gift from the library. Your name also will be entered in a drawing to have a free READ poster made of you and/or your family. This program is for all ages.

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.**

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 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Mar. 17: *Tracks* by Louise Erdrich



Apr. 21: *Train* by Peter Dexter



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.
March 20, & April 17
Enjoy these popular interactive video games!
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fridays @ 3:30 p.m. on the following dates:
March 7 & 21: Program updates and future programming.
April 11 & 25: Program updates and the Summer Reading Program.
- ♦ **Special Teen Movie Afternoon**
Friday, April 11, 3:30 p.m.
Title to be announced
Mark your calendars now for a great teen movie event shown on the library's big screen.

Free Wireless Internet Access Now Available at Bemis

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.



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- ◆ **Paws to Read**
Sat., March 15, 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

- ◆ **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.*
No Story Box March 25 & 26.
- ◆ **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.
Activities aimed at ages 3-kindergarten. Thirty minutes of stories, songs and other fun stuff. Siblings and parents are welcome too.



- ◆ **Art on display in the Children's Room**
Preschoolers from The Village Preschool will display their artwork during the months of March and April.

Schedule of Library Events

- Mar. 1** Introduction to Windows, Class Full, 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.
- Mar. 6** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 7** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 8** How to Search on the Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Saturday Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 10** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 11** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 12** Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place with Gobs O' Phun, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 13** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 14** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15** Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Family Movie Matinee: *Game Plan*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Discussion Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 18** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Brothers on the Bashkaus: *A Siberian Adventure*, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Mar. 19** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 20** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Dance, Dance, Revolution & Guitar Hero III, 3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 21** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 3:30 p.m.
- Mar. 22** Saturday Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Mar. 24** Laughter & its Influence on Health & Longevity, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 25** Lester & the Magic Book, 1:00 p.m.
Dottie Lamm on Parenting in the 21st Century, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Mar. 27** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Reading is Magical, 2:00 p.m.
- Mar. 31** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 1** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Apr. 2** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr. 3** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Apr. 4** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 5** Learn Internet Explorer, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Apr. 7** Monday Evening Book Discussion Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Apr. 8** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.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!

Bemis is 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 **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 **through April 8 on Mondays and 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 Excel** Saturday, May 17, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** Saturday, April 19, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies** Wednesday, March 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** 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 Excel** - Learn the basics about creating professional spreadsheets and charts including how to create formulas, order operations, add borders and shading.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **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:

- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with local pianist Dan Brickley** Wednesday, April 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Celebrate National Library Week** - April 13-19
- ◆ **The World of Computer Graphics in Film: Star Wars and More!** Tuesday, April 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Gary Hart on National Security** - Tuesday, April 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Game Night** - Friday, April 25, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **The Climate Project** - Monday, April 28, 2:00 p.m.