



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## America's Most Beautiful Woman, 1907

Hear the colorful story of a Denver girl who was chosen in 1907 as the most beautiful woman in America, **Wednesday, November 5 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Historian and author Dick Kreck will talk about the life of Marguerite Frey, who was the daughter of a Denver barber, and won a highly publicized state competition sponsored by the *Denver Post* for a "sweet, unaffected American girl, the finest creature ever created". Marguerite was one of the featured attractions at the opening of the Roosevelt Tunnel in Cripple Creek in 1907. That same year she competed in the national competition for the most beautiful woman in America and won. Controversy developed when Frederick Bonfils, the owner of the *Denver Post*, was accused of forcing Marguerite to turn over her contest winnings to him in exchange for a job. She did become a columnist for the newspaper and also traveled throughout the country. Dick Kreck was a columnist for the *Denver Post* for 38 years and is the author of four Colorado history books.



## Movie Event: *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*



View the popular film, *Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, November 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Indy and his rebellious young companion Mutt, played by Shia LaBeouf, set out for the most remote corners of Peru in search of the Crystal Skull of Akator, a legendary object of superstition and fear. Along the way they must face Soviet enemies and friends of questionable motives. Free refreshments will be provided.

## Special Family Concert

Celebrate the season of giving with a **Thanks for Giving Concert on Sat., November 22 at 2:00 p.m.** featuring Katherine Dines and Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Music. See Children's Programs on Page 3 for additional information about this special family event.



## Busker and Me: A Circus Dog's Tale



When Jim Jackson traveled with the circus as a clown and juggler, his companion was a Jack Russell Terrier, Busker, who was an irresistible troublemaker. Enjoy laughs galore on **Monday, November 24, 2:00 p.m.**, as Jackson brings Busker's adventures to life using puppetry, juggling, magic and many hilarious stunts. Jackson has been a professional clown and actor for over 30 years and has performed throughout the world.

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## Make a Traditional Danish Paper Ornament

Learn how to make a classic Danish holiday ornament filled with candy! Expert crafter Bryce Jackman will present **two identical workshops on Saturday, November 29 from 10:30 a.m.-noon, and 1:00-2:30 p.m.** These classes are open to adults and children, age eight and older, when accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring \$3.00 for materials. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.



# Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Relax 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.

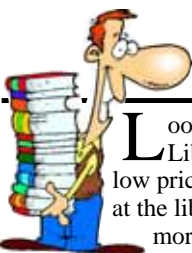
**Friday, November 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

Harpist Hannah Jackson entertains with popular holiday melodies and classical favorites for the harp.



# Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring the annual **Food for Fines program** **November 17 through December 22**. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



# Buy a Gift Book at Bemis!

Looking for that unique book for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum is offering a special sale of "like new" used books at low prices beginning **Monday, November 17 through Wednesday, December 24** at the library. Choose from bestsellers, classics, cookbooks, children's books, and more. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!

# Share Memories with Bi-Folkal Kits

Discover a valuable new resource available for checkout at the library! **Bi-Folkal Kits** are a whole series of programs in a bag designed to stimulate memories on a particular time or topic. Each Bi-Folkal Kit encourages seniors to share their experiences and memories by unlocking remarkable stories, humorous anecdotes, and first-person accounts of history, experience and life. The kits contain slides, videos or both, cassette tapes, large print booklets of sing-along songs, poetry and photographs, activities, skits, textures, scents, and objects, all reminiscent of a selected theme. The kits are shelved near the Large Print book collection on the main level of the library. The kits may be checked out for three weeks. If you would like a demonstration or need additional information about the Bi-Folkal kits, stop by the Information Desk.



# 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.**

**Nov. 3:** *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf

An unlikely extended family is formed when a high school teacher helps a pregnant student make a home with two elderly bachelor ranchers (set in Colorado).



**Dec. 1:** *Children's Blizzard* by David Laskin

Thousands of impoverished, Northern European immigrants were promised that the prairie offered "land, freedom, and hope." The disastrous blizzard of 1888 revealed that their free homestead was not a paradise but a hard, unforgiving place.



## ◆ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

**Nov. 17:** *Kafka on the Shore* by Haruki Murakami

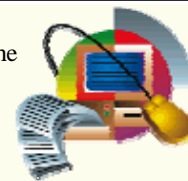
An unlikely alliance forms between Kafka Tamura, a fifteen-year-old runaway, and the aging Nakata, a man who has never recovered from a wartime affliction, as they embark on a surreal odyssey through a strange, fantastical world.



**Dec. 15:** No book scheduled for discussion. We will meet for dinner and a book planning session for the coming year. Please bring book suggestions with you.

# Computer Services & Computer Classes

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. Also, wireless Internet access is available in Sophie's Place for patrons with wireless-enabled laptop computers.



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:

- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet**  
Saturday, November 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Windows**  
Saturday, November 15, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies**  
Saturday, December 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer**  
Wednesday, November 12, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Mousercise**  
Saturday, December 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

## Class Descriptions:

- ◆ **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** - Learn how to open, close and manipulate frames when using Microsoft Windows, a graphics-based computer operating system.
- ◆ **Keyword & 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.
- ◆ **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 keys on the keyboard.
- ◆ **Mousercise** - Through the use of entertaining exercises develop skills needed to maneuver a mouse.



## Thanks for Giving Family Concert

For more information, call teen/outreach librarian Mark Decker at the library, 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**

**Nov. 1:** *Metropolis*

In the industrial tri-level world of Metropolis, Duke Red is a powerful leader with plans to unveil a highly advanced robot named Tima. Duke Red's violent son Rock distrusts robots and intends to find and destroy Tima.

**Dec. 6:** *FLCL (Fooly Cooly)*

Naota is attacked one day by a mysterious guitar-wielding woman on a Vespa which releases a mysterious power within him. The result of this power is an inter-dimensional portal in his forehead capable of summoning forth all manner of robots, ranging from helpful to violently psychotic.

♦ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

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

**Nov. 20:** *Wii Sports & Wii Play*

**Dec. 18:** *Super Smash Bros Brawl*

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

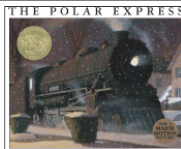
**Nov. 21:** Open Agenda

**Dec.** No meeting in December

Join award-winning songwriter and recording artist Katherine Dines on **Saturday, November 22, 2:00 p.m.** for some ear-catching, toe-tapping musical fun for the entire family! Katherine Dines has captivated audiences throughout the globe since 1992. She performs original and traditional songs and stories from her ten award-winning albums, known as **Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta® Music**. Her lively style, packed with participation, involves movement, sign language, sing-alongs, zany props and more. Dines' performances create a unique entertaining and educational experience. In the spirit of giving, **we encourage those attending to bring items for Inter-Faith Community Services including non-perishable food items, new clothing and toys.** For more information about Inter-Faith Community Services visit their website at <http://www.ifcs.org/>. Space is limited for this free program, so plan to arrive early.



## Special December Event



All Aboard! Join us for our annual celebration: a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train. The train departs on **Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** For families with children ages 3 and up. Seating is limited and reservations are required. **Please call 303-795-3961 beginning Mon., Nov. 24 to reserve your seats.**

## Story Times & Ongoing Activities

*No Story Times will be held Thanksgiving week, November 25-28.*

**Story Box:**

**Ages infant - 36 months**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

A thirty-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm and reading. Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.

**Preschool Story Time:**

**Ages 3 - Kindergarten**

**Thursdays at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm. Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.

**Saturday Stories:**

**Ages 3 - Kindergarten**

**Saturdays, November 8 & 22 at 10:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and other fun stuff on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month. Siblings and parents are welcome too.



**Paws to Read:**

**For readers in grades 1- 5**

**Saturday, November 15 from 10:00 a.m. - noon**

Practice reading to a pet pal. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a twenty-minute spot. Presented by R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) and Denver Pet Partners.

**Art in the Children's Room**

Artwork of students from *Great Escape Preschool* will be on display in November.

## Children's Playaways Now Available

Playaways are the latest media to be added to the Children's Collection. A Playaway is a compact digital book that contains an entire story in a small convenient case. No more CDs to worry about misplacing, no large case to carry and no struggling to find your place again after stopping the player. Playaways keep your place plus allow you to adjust the volume and the speed of the reader. Bemis provides the Playaway and a battery. You provide the headphones. Just push the start button and you are good to go. The Playaway also may be connected to your car stereo system for all to enjoy. A few classic children's titles now on Playaways include: *The Secret Garden*, *Where the Red Fern Grows*, *Black Beauty*, and *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. Stop by the Children's Room to checkout our newest addition - Playaways!



## Win a Ticket to See the Movie *Twilight*

Love the *Twilight* series by Stephenie Meyer? Here's your chance to see the movie for free! Fill out a *Twilight Quiz*, available in Teen Central at the library or online at the Bemis teen blog at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/>.



**Return your completed quiz to teen librarian Mark Decker or the Information Desk by 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 15.** Ten lucky winners will receive a free ticket to see the movie, *Twilight*, on Sat., Nov. 22. Transportation from Bemis to the theater and back will be provided for all ten winners. Contact teen librarian Mark Decker at the library or by email at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) for more details. Winners under the age of 13 must have parental permission to attend.

## BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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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## Multicultural Films

Celebrate the diversity of Littleton with our **Multicultural Dialogue & Film Series**

held the last Monday of each

month at 7 p.m. Join us on:

Monday, November 24,

7:00-8:30 p.m. for

*Spanglish* (PG-13)



## Russian Language & Literature Group

If you would like to learn Russian or practice speaking Russian, come to the Russian Language & Literature Group. We meet each month at the library from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the following days:

- ◆ first Wednesday for beginning Russian speakers
- ◆ second Thursday for intermediate Russian speakers.

For additional information, call Zoya Doennebrink at the library, 303-795-3961.

## Upcoming Programs

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

- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: 4-Ever More Victorian Caroling Quartet**  
Sat., Dec. 6, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
**Columbine High School Chorus**  
Wed., Dec. 17, 3:30-4:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Humbug! An Evening of Holiday Humor**  
Tues., Dec. 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Polar Express Children's Program**  
Sat., Dec. 13, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Family Film Events:**  
*WALL-E*, Sat., Dec. 20, 2:00-3:45 p.m.  
*Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian*  
Tues., Dec. 30, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Nov. Art Exhibit</b>   | <i>Picturing America</i>                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Wednesday, Nov. 19</b> | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Saturday, Nov. 1</b>   | Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Thursday, Nov. 20</b>  | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.<br>Teen Games: <i>Wii</i> , 3:30 p.m.                                                                                                             |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 3</b>     | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.<br>Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.                                                                                               | <b>Friday, Nov. 21</b>    | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.<br>Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 4</b>    | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Saturday, Nov. 22</b>  | Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.<br><i>Thanks for Giving</i> Family Concert 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday, Nov. 5</b>  | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.<br>America's Most Beautiful Woman - 1907, 7:00-8:30 p.m.<br>Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.<br>Beginner Russian Language & Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. | <b>Monday, Nov. 24</b>    | Busker & Me: A Circus Dog's Tale, 2:00 p.m.<br>Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.<br>Multicultural Dialogue & Film Series, <i>Spanglish</i> , (PG-13) 7:00-8:30 p.m. |
| <b>Thursday, Nov. 6</b>   | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                              | <b>Thursday, Nov. 27</b>  | Thanksgiving<br><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Friday, Nov. 7</b>     | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                       | <b>Friday, Nov. 28</b>    | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.<br>Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.                                                                                                            |
| <b>Saturday, Nov. 8</b>   | How to Search on the Internet, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Space Available<br>Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.                                                                                           | <b>Saturday, Nov. 29</b>  | Make a Traditional Danish Paper Ornament Workshops 10:30 a.m.-noon & 1:00-2:30 p.m.                                                                                                            |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 10</b>    | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.                                                                                                                              | <b>Dec. Art Exhibit</b>   | Paint Box Guild Winter Show                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 11</b>   | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Monday, Dec. 1</b>     | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.<br>Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.                                                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday, Nov. 12</b> | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.<br>Learn Internet Explorer, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.                                                                                                 | <b>Tuesday, Dec. 2</b>    | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Thursday, Nov. 13</b>  | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.<br>Intermediate Russian Language & Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.                                                                          | <b>Wednesday, Dec. 3</b>  | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.<br>Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Friday, Nov. 14</b>    | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                       | <b>Thursday, Dec. 4</b>   | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Saturday, Nov. 15</b>  | Introduction to Windows, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Space Available<br>Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon<br>Movie Event: <i>Indiana Jones &amp; the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m.   | <b>Friday, Dec. 5</b>     | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Monday, Nov. 17</b>    | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.<br>Monday Evening Book Discussion Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.                                                                      | <b>Saturday, Dec. 6</b>   | Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Space Available<br>Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon<br>Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.                                       |
| <b>Tuesday, Nov. 18</b>   | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.                                                                                                                                                              |                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                |

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.