



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## An Evening with Gloria Steinem

Feminist leader and author Gloria Steinem will speak at Bemis on **Tuesday, October 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Critical election issues, such as the economy, healthcare and the environment, will be the focus of her talk. Following the presentation, Steinem will be in Sophie's Place Café at the library from 8:30-10:00 p.m. for conversation and discussion. **Free tickets for this event will be available at the library beginning October 10.** Steinem travels worldwide as a lecturer and is a frequent media spokeswoman on issues of equality. She co-founded *Ms.* magazine in 1972 and was one of its editors for 15 years. She also helped to found *New York* magazine, where she worked as a political columnist. Her books include the bestsellers *Revolution from Within: A Book of Self-Esteem*, *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, and *Moving Beyond Words*. Steinem helped found the Women's Action Alliance and the National Women's Political Caucus. She also is a founding president of the Ms. Foundation for Women, a national, multiracial women's fund that supports grassroots projects to empower women and girls. For additional information call the library at 303-795-3961.



## Colorado Ballot Issues 2008

Take an objective look at the important ballot issues and the arguments of those on each side, **Tuesday, October 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The fall 2008 Colorado ballot promises to stir up strong emotions in the state. With potential issues ranging from a constitutional amendment defining "personhood" as beginning with a fertilized egg, to "right-to-work" issues that pit business and labor against each other, there is no shortage of controversy. This program will be presented by Active Minds, an organization that expands lives and minds with community-based educational programs.

## International Craft Sale

An array of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase at Bemis on **Saturday, October 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** Items for sale will include handmade Russian craft items, olive-wood carvings from Palestine, beautiful tie-dye scarves and beaded jewelry from Uganda, Bulgarian jewelry with stunning natural stones, crafts from El Salvador and from Ten Thousand Villages, an organization that works with over 100 artisan groups in Asia, Africa and Latin America.



Lovely tie-dye scarves from Uganda.

## Game Night

Enjoy a great family after-hours program on **Friday, October 10, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Board games and computers will be on hand for fun! Wii games, Guitar Hero, and Dance Dance Revolution will be available. Pizza and drinks will be provided.



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## Ghost Hunting in Denver & House on Haunted Hill



Learn about some of Denver's most haunted spots, **Friday, October 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Bryan Bonner and Matthew Baxter of The Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society are seasoned ghost hunters who use scientific methods to investigate ghosts. Their investigations have produced some fascinating photos and spooky tales of things that go bump in the night! See some of the equipment used to explore haunted houses!

Following the presentation, the film, *House on Haunted Hill*, starring Vincent Price, will be shown from 8:30-10:00 p.m. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

# Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Relax with a smoothie or cup of tea while listening to music in Sophie's Place at the library. Monthly performances feature a variety of local musical talent.



**Wednesday, October 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Hawaiian Melodies with Keoni Coelho**  
 Authentic music and songs from Hawaii performed by a native Hawaiian.

# Lifelong Learning & the Aging Brain

Learn about the latest scientific findings on how the brain ages and what we can do about it on **Monday, October 27, 2:00 p.m.** The traditional model of the brain has changed to one that includes far more flexibility and capacity for growth than previously believed. The link between "exercising your mind" and a lower risk of dementia/Alzheimer's disease will be covered as well as what types of activities provide the most benefit. Presented by Active Minds for Life.

# Featured Art Exhibit: *Picturing America*

Stop by the library **October 1-November 28** to see the exhibit *Picturing America*, featuring 40 reproductions of notable American art focusing on our nation's history and culture. The exhibit comes to Bemis as a result of a new initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities to bring masterpieces of American art into classrooms and libraries nationwide. The exhibit will be located on the lower level of the library.



*George Washington Crossing the Delaware*  
 by Emanuel Leutze, 1851

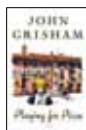
# Book Groups at Bemis

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.**

**Oct. 6:** *Playing for Pizza*  
 by John Grisham



Cut from the Cleveland Browns after the worst performance in the history of the NFL, Rick Dockery, desperate to play football, is hired by the Panthers of Parma, Italy. Rick discovers the wonders of Italian culture and finds romance.

**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

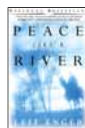


Thousands of impoverished Northern European immigrants were promised that the prairie offered "land, freedom, and hope." The disastrous blizzard of 1888 revealed that their free homestead was not a paradise but a hard, unforgiving place.

## ◆ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

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

**Oct. 20:** *Peace Like a River*  
 by Leif Enger



The story of the Land family set in the early 1960s in rural Minnesota. Davy Land kills two young men who have broken into the Land home; he is put on trial for murder and escapes jail. The Land family sets out in search of him and this becomes a heroic quest.

**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. Together, 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. 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.



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 \$.025 a page for color. Our computer lab, which has 12 PCs, may be scheduled for group use. We are happy to assist you 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, December 10, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet**  
 Saturday, November 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Windows**  
 Wednesday, October 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, November 1, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies**  
 Saturday, December 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer**  
 Saturday, October 11, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday, November 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, and how to use a keyboard and mouse.
- ◆ **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.



# Children's Programs



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://bemisteens.blogspot.com>. Join other teens for the following activities:

♦ **Anime Club**

**First Sat. of the month @ Noon**

**Oct. 4:** *Teknoman*

In 2087 humanity is about to lose its position as the dominant life form on planet Earth when an endless swarm of biomechanical beings descends from space.

**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.

**Oct. 16:** *Rock Band:*

*Battle of the Bands*

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

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

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**Oct. 24:** Winter Program Planning

**Nov. 21:** Open Agenda

**Dec.** No meeting in December

## Upcoming Teen/Family Event

**Teen Read Week**

**October 12-18:**

This year's Teen

Read Week theme is *Books with Bite @ Bemis Public Library*. During Teen Read Week the library will be hosting a Book & Game Swap. Teens can trade in their used paperbacks, hardbacks or video games for books or games of equal value; a ticket will be given for each item contributed. Tickets, or "book bucks", can be used to buy items offered at the Book & Game Swap. Each participant in the Book & Game Swap will have their name entered in a drawing for a \$30 gift certificate to AMC Theatres.



### **Celebrate Banned Books Week through October 4**

Recognize the Right to Read by learning more about books that are challenged or banned each year. In the Children's Room and throughout the library, there will be books on display which have been challenged. You might be surprised to find your favorite title on the list. Banned Books Week is an annual celebration of the freedom to read. Each year librarians, booksellers, teachers and countless others take this opportunity to highlight the importance of intellectual freedom and remind us not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. Find out more on the American Library Association website: <http://www.ala.org/>

### **Magical Interactive Storytelling**

**Friday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m.**

Cerridwen the Witch will present an enchanting performance of amazing magical illusions and storytelling. Incorporating lots of audience participation and humor, Cerridwen will light her fiery cauldron and weave her mysterious tales of the season. Not too spooky, but just right for children ages 5 and up.



### **Costumes on Parade**

**Thursday, October 30 - 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

**Friday, October 31 - 10:30 a.m.**



Join us either day for our annual *Preschool Story Time Costume Parade*. The parade will begin in the children's room and end in the large meeting room for stories, songs, sweet treats and punch. Younger siblings are welcome to join the parade.

## Story Times & Ongoing Activities

### **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, October 11 & 25 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, October 18 from 10:00 a.m. - noon**

Practice reading to a doggie 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.

## Family Concert Coming Next Month

Celebrate the season of giving with a **Thanks for Giving Concert featuring Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta Music with Katherine Dines on Saturday, November 22, 2:00 p.m.** Songwriter Dines will share her love of music by performing both original and traditional songs about caring and sharing. In the spirit of giving, we encourage those attending to bring items for Inter-Faith Community Services including non-perishable food, clothing, and new toys. The concert is for families with children ages 3 and up. For more information on Inter-Faith Community Services see their website at <http://www.ifcs.org/>.



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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 **Mon., Oct. 27,**  
from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** for  
*God Grew Tired of Us* (PG)  
For more information please call  
Daiga Keller at 720-891-3273.

## New Café Hours

Sandwiches, salads and quiche along with divine desserts and hot or cold 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 New Hours:**

- ◆ Mon.-Thurs.: 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ Fri.-Sat.: 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sun.: Closed

## Upcoming Programs

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

- ◆ **America's Most Beautiful Woman, 1907**  
Wed. Nov. 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Movie Event: *Indiana Jones & the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull***  
Sat., Nov. 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Busker & Me: A Circus Dog's Tale**  
Mon., Nov. 24, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with harpist Hannah Jackson,**  
Fri., Nov. 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Make a Traditional Danish Paper Ornament - Two Workshops**  
Sat., Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m.-noon and 1:00-2:30 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

**Oct. Art Exhibit** *Picturing America*

**Wednesday, Oct. 1** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Banned Books Week Film  
*Storm Center*, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 2** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 3** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 4** Computer Comfort, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon

**Monday, Oct. 6** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 7** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8** Introduction to Windows,  
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 9** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Russian Language & Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 10** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Game Night, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 11** Learn Internet Explorer,  
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.

**Oct. 12-18** Teen Read Week

**Monday, Oct. 13** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Colorado Ballot Issues 2008,  
7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 16** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Teen Games: *Wii*, 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 17** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Magical Interactive Storytelling,  
Ages 5 and up, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 18** Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
International Craft Sale,  
1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Monday, Oct. 20** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book  
Discussion Group, 7-8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 21** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 22** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 23** Preschool Story Time,  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Russian Language & Literature  
Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 24** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.  
Ghost Hunting in Denver &  
Movie: *House on Haunted Hill*,  
7:00-10:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 25** Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.

**Monday, Oct. 27** Lifelong Learning & the Aging  
Brain, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Multicultural Dialogue & Film  
Series, *God Grew Tired of Us*,  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 28** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
An Evening with Gloria Steinem,  
7:00-10:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 29** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Oct. 30** Costumes on Parade &  
Preschool Story Time,  
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 31** Costumes on Parade &  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 1** Introduction to Windows,  
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*