



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Sign up for a Library Card!

Bemis will be celebrating **National Library Card Sign-up Month in September** with library card sign-up displays at local businesses. When you sign up for a library card in September, you will receive a free book and a gift from the library, a pass to the Buck Recreation Center. Your name also will be entered in a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to Border's. If you already have a library card, you can enter your name to win a \$50 gift certificate to Border's.



## Panda Rescue

Giant Pandas are among the world's most fascinating and endangered animals. Suzanne Braden, director of Pandas International, will talk about and show pictures of efforts to save the pandas, **Saturday, September 6, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** Braden was in China following the recent 7.9 magnitude earthquake and visited the Wolong Panda Center where pandas were being rescued from the earthquake's devastation. Hear about the amazing Chinese rescue mission to save the pandas of Wolong. This program is for *all* ages.



## Antique Appraisal Fair

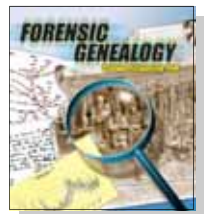
Ever wonder what a family heirloom might be worth? Find out from the experts at the library's free Antique Appraisal Fair on **Friday, September 12, from 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.** Bring dishes, jewelry, coins, toys, books, lamps, glassware and other antiques and collectibles to be evaluated by local appraisers. A maximum of three items will be appraised. Photos of large pieces of furniture are preferred. Appraisers will explain the history, significance and approximate value of each item. For additional information on appraisers who will be at the event, call the library at 303-795-3961.

## Genealogy Research Day

Best selling author and genealogist Colleen Fitzpatrick will present two free workshops at Bemis on **Saturday, September 20:**

- ♦ **The Genealogy Detective, from 10:30 a.m.-Noon,** will show you amazing new ways to do genealogical research, including different approaches to identifying old photographs and getting the best information from databases and the Internet.
- ♦ **DNA and Genealogy, from 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.,** will cover the latest information on the use of DNA for tracing your family history and how DNA research can be combined with paper genealogy to solve genealogical mysteries. No matter what level of understanding you have about genetic genealogy, this talk is for you!

Colleen Fitzpatrick is the author of *Forensic Genealogy* and co-author of its sequel, *DNA & Genealogy*, two bestsellers in genetic genealogy. She has been featured on National Public Radio and in the *Wall Street Journal*. Fitzpatrick writes a regular column for *Ancestry* magazine and also has written articles for numerous other genealogy publications. Copies of Fitzpatrick's books will be available for purchase along with other genealogy books. For more details, call the library at 303-795-3961. Seating is limited; please arrive early. This program is presented by the Bemis Public Library and the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society, Inc. of Littleton, CO.



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## Magical Reading Circus



Laugh along with exuberant entertainer **Bill Anderson and the Magical Reading Circus on Saturday, September 13, 2:00 p.m.** Anderson weaves magical tales filled with mystery and music accompanied by zany puppetry. The stories come to life as Anderson shows his audience that reading really is an amazing adventure. Please join us for this one of a kind show celebrating books, reading, and libraries. For children ages three and up. **For additional Children's Programs coming this month, please refer to Page 3.**

# La Llorona, Lilith and Other Women of the Night

Hear the folk stories about these women who have been known to appear as visions in the night on **Monday, September 22, 2:00 p.m.** This multi-cultural program highlights a similar story, shared by many cultures.

## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Relax with a smoothie or a cup of tea 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, September 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Skean Dubh Celtic/Scottish Band** is an internationally-acclaimed band that plays modern and traditional Celtic music and Scottish ballads.



## Banned Books Week Film Showing: *Storm Center*



Celebrate **Banned Books Week, September 27 through October 4**, by coming to a special presentation of a rare Bette Davis film, *Storm Center*, **Wednesday, October 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Davis plays a small-town librarian who is branded as a Communist by local politicians when she refuses to withdraw a controversial book from the library's shelves. This is a critically-acclaimed film that was made

during the McCarthy era in the 1950s. Every person who comes to the showing of *Storm Center* will receive a free book and his/her name will be entered to win a \$25 gift certificate from the Tattered Cover bookstore.

## 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.**

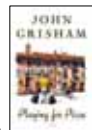
**Sept. 8\*:** *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeannette Walls



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

Walls chronicles her upbringing at the hands of eccentric, nomadic parents: Rose Mary, her frustrated-artist mother and Rex, her brilliant, alcoholic father.

**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).

### ♦ Monday Evening Book Discussion Group

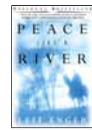
Meets the **third Monday** of the month from **7:00-8:00 p.m.**

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



This novel revolves around the lives of two men, a diplomat and a lawyer, who endure life during the reign of the Taliban in Afghanistan.

**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, as they embark on a surreal odyssey through a strange, fantastical world.



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**

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

**Sept. 6:** *Oban Star Racers, Vol. 1: The Always Cycle*

The year is 2082 and ten thousand years have passed since the last great race on the remote planet of Oban. Now the time has come for the pilots of the galaxy to compete in a new race, and Earth is more than ready with its spectacular Whizzing Arrow star-racer.

**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.

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

Enjoy this popular interactive video game featuring a different game each month. We've added Rock Band to our Wii games! Come take a turn on the drums, guitar, or microphone.



**Sept. 18:** *Carnival Games*

**Oct. 16:** *Rock Band: Battle of the Bands*

### ♦ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

**Sept. 26:** Teen Read Week Planning

**Oct. 24:** Winter Program Planning

## 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.

# Children's Programs



## Special Children's Programs

### ◆ September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month

Celebrate with us by getting a card or using the one you already have. Kids, show your new card and receive a prize at the Children's Desk all month.

### ◆ Get Smart @ Bemis Thursday, September 18, 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, September 20, 3:00 p.m.

A NEW Internet skills class for kids in grades 3-5 and their parents with tips on:

- Exploring dynamic databases for research and homework.
  - Using the Internet for facts & fun.
  - Finding great books to read, too!
- Please call 303-795-3961 to sign up for one of these free sessions.



### ◆ Paws to Read Sat., September 20 10:00 a.m.-noon For readers in grades 1 - 5

Presented by R.E.A.D. (Reading Education Assistance Dogs) & Denver Pet Partners. Kids practice reading to a doggie pal. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot.



### ◆ Sail Away with Books! Saturday, September 27, 10:30 a.m.



Join local author Caroline Stutson and her motley crew for a pirate adventure. Books, poems, a craft, and a surprise visitor or two will be part of

this special event at Bemis. Stutson's book, *Pirate Pup*, will be available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale of *Pirate Pup* will go to the Friends of the Library and Museum for their generous support of the summer reading programs at Bemis.

## Weekly Story Sessions

### ◆ Story Box Ages infant - 36 months

Tues. & Wed. at 9:30 & 10:30 am.

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 am.

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

### ◆ Saturday Stories Sept. 13 & Sept. 27 at 10:30 am.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and other fun stuff for ages 3 - kindergarten. Older siblings and parents are welcome too.

# Schedule of Library Events

**Sept. Art Exhibit** Heritage Fine Arts Guild Show

**Monday, Sept. 1** Labor Day - **LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 3** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept., 4** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 5** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 6** Introduction to Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon  
Panda Rescue, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 8** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 10** Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 11** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 12** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Antique Appraisal Fair, 2-7:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 13** How to Search on the Internet, Space Available, 9-10:30 a.m.  
Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.  
Magical Reading Circus, 2 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 15** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Discussion Group, 7-8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 16** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 17** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 18** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Teen Games: *Wii*, 3:30 p.m.  
Get Smart @ Bemis, Internet Skills Class for Grades 3-5, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 19** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 20** Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Genealogy Detective Workshop, 10:30 a.m.-noon  
DNA & Genealogy Workshop, 1:30-3:00 p.m.  
Get Smart @ Bemis, Internet Skills Class for Grades 3-5, 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 22** La Llorona, Lilith & Other Women of the Night, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 23** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 24** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 25** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**Friday, Sept. 26** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 27** Sail Away with Books! with author Caroline Stutson, 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 29** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Multicultural Dialogue & Film Series, *The Namesake*, 7-8:30 p.m.

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 1** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Banned Books Week Film *Storm Center*, 7:00-8:30 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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## Multicultural Film Series

We invite you to join us in celebrating the diversity of Littleton with our monthly **Multicultural Dialogue & Film Series** held on the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Join us on **Mon., Sept. 29,**

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

***The Namesake***

An American-born son of Indian immigrants wants to fit in among his fellow New Yorkers despite his family's unwillingness to let

go of their traditional ways. Based on the novel by Jhumpa Lahiri. For more information please contact Daiga Keller at 720-891-3273.

## Upcoming Programs

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

- ♦ **Picturing America Exhibit**  
On display throughout October
- ♦ **Banned Books Week Film Showing:**  
***Storm Center* with Bette Davis**  
Wednesday, October 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Game Night during Teen Read Week**  
Friday, October 10, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Colorado Ballot Issues 2008**  
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **International Craft Sale**  
Saturday, October 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Ghost Hunting in Denver and House on Haunted Hill**  
Friday, October 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Lifelong Learning & the Aging Brain**  
Monday, October 27, 2:00 p.m.

## We Can Meet Your Computer & Internet Needs

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 2 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, October 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **How to Search on the Internet** Saturday, September 13, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Introduction to Windows** Saturday, September 6, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, October 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Keyword & Boolean Search Strategies** Wednesday, September 10, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Learn Internet Explorer** Saturday, October 11, 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.
- ♦ **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 should be able to use a mouse and locate keys on the keyboard.

## English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! **The fall session of English as a Second Language (ESL) has begun. Beginning English classes will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday and 5:30-6:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Intermediate English classes will take place from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.** These classes are open to teens age sixteen and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$25 each semester for adults 21 and older. In addition, for the first semester only, there is a charge of \$20 for a textbook. You may register for the classes at the library's main floor Information Desk anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District Six and instructors are provided by the District. For more information call Phyllis Larison or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

## September Art Exhibit

We have a large gallery area on the lower level available to organizations that wish to display art work by three or more artists at one time. The **September art show is courtesy of the Heritage Fine Arts Guild.** For more information regarding art exhibits, contact Meredith at the library at 303-795-3961.

