



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Dances of India

See the elegant and lively dances of India performed by the Mudra Dance Studio on the front lawn stage at the library, **Thursday, August 6 from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** The dances will show the diversity of India's culture, ranging from folk and classical dance to more contemporary dances.



Drums, Songs and Spirituals From Black History



Black Hand Drum Ensemble

Sit back on the front lawn of the library and enjoy a high-energy performance of African drumming and dance performed by the Black Hand Drum Ensemble, as well as songs and spirituals from Black history sung by the Grand Design Chorale, **Thursday, August 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** The eighteen-member Chorale has performed throughout the Denver metro area.



Grand Design Chorale

Medicare Made Simple

Learn when to apply for Medicare, what it will cover and not cover, **Tuesday, August 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** This program also will discuss Medicare open enrollment periods, the new prescription drug coverage, Medicare Parts A, B, C, D, and Medicare supplements. Confused by all the choices involving Medicare? This program is for you! Presented by the Women's Financial Network.

Summer Reading Wraps Up

Our summer reading programs were a huge success! Over 2,000 children ages infant through 5th grade participated in *Be Creative @ Bemis*, our Children's Summer Reading Program. Our Teen Summer Reading Program, *Express Yourself*, had a record 480 teens participating. *Relax & Refresh*, our Adult Summer Reading Program, had 416 adults participating.

Bemis wishes to extend its gratitude to the following businesses who generously contributed to the success of our 2009 Summer Reading Programs:

Thanks AMF Bowling Centers * Applebee's Restaurants * Arapahoe Acres Nursery & Garden Center * Aspen Grove Shopping Center * Chick fil-A * Claim Jumper Restaurants * Colorado Business Bank * Denver Museum of Nature & Science * Dom Testa with Mix100 * Elitch Gardens * Fazoli's Restaurant - 111 W. Mineral Ave., Littleton * Lakeside Amusement Park * Lewis & Bark Dog & Cat Goods * Littleton Police Department * McDonald's Restaurants in Littleton * Noodles & Company * Pirates Cove Family Aquatic Center * Reinke Brothers * Romano's Italian Restaurant * Skate City - 5801 S. Lowell Way, Littleton * South Metro Denver Chamber of Commerce * South Suburban Parks and Recreation District * Subway - 5350 S. Santa Fe Dr. * Town Hall Arts Center

And a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Teen Movie: *Coraline*

See the film version of Neil Gaiman's creepy tale, *Coraline*, on the library's big screen on **Saturday, August 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** A young girl walks through a secret door in her new home and discovers an alternate version of her life. But when her adventure turns dangerous, and her counterfeit parents try to keep her forever, Coraline must count on her resourcefulness, determination, and bravery to get back home and save her family. Free popcorn and drinks provided. PG



Saturday Matinee: *Hotel for Dogs*

Bring the family to see the entertaining comedy, *Hotel for Dogs*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, August 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Sixteen-year-old Andi and her younger brother Bruce stumble upon an abandoned hotel, and using Bruce's talents as a mechanical genius, they transform the hotel into a magical dog-paradise for their pet Friday and all of the abandoned dogs in the neighborhood. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. PG



Artist Trading Cards Group



Beginning **Monday, August 10, 4:00-6:00 p.m.**, there will be an informal meeting at the library for the exchange and discussion of Artist Trading Cards (ATCs). Artist Trading Cards are miniature works of art created on 2-½ by 3-½ inch card stock. Bring any cards you've created or come to observe and learn. The ATC group will continue meeting the second Monday of every month from 4 to 6 p.m. in Study Room #1 on the lower level of the library.

There are no fees or commitments. See what the latest art trend is about and how you can participate! For additional information, contact Harriet Tiger at the library, 303-795-3961.

Senior Wii Bowling

Join us for the **Bemis Senior Wii Bowling League**. The group's first meeting is on **Thursday, August 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** During this two-hour event, we will introduce seniors to the fun of bowling on the Wii gaming system. Future meetings will begin at 2:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month and last for one hour. Whether you're an expert Wii bowler or have never tried it before, come experience the fun of Wii bowling!

Bemis Library on Twitter

You can find all the latest Bemis Library news on the library's new Twitter site, <http://twitter.com/bemislibrary>. Bemis also has a second Twitter account, <http://twitter.com/bemislibrarydvd> for information and reviews on new DVDs in the library collection. Now you can stay in touch with Bemis every day!



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.

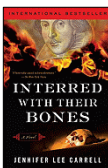
Aug. 3: *The Grand Complication*
by Allen Kurzweil

Alexander Short, New York Public Library reference librarian, comes to the aid of a bibliophile named Henry James Jesson, who is searching for information about an eighteenth-century cabinet (the "case of curiosities") whose contents tell the tale of a man's life.



Sept. 14*: *Interred with Their Bones*
by Jennifer Carrell

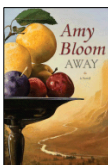
Receiving a mysterious box from her eccentric mentor, who claims it contains a newly found work by Shakespeare, theater director and scholar Kate Stanley is horrified when her theater is burned to the ground and her mentor killed.



* We will meet on the 2nd Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.

Oct. 5: *Away* by Amy Bloom

Arriving in America alone after her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian Leyb receives word that her daughter Sophie might still be alive and embarks on a risky odyssey that takes her from New York's Lower East Side to Siberia to find the missing girl.



Monday Evening Book Group

Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Aug. 17: *Final Solution*
by Michael Chabon

An eighty-nine-year-old former detective in rural England becomes involved with a young refugee from Nazi Germany. The boy's sole companion is a parrot that speaks a series of mysterious numbers, possibly holding the key to a dangerous secret.



Sept. 21: *Lace Reader*
by Barry Brunonia

Having left her hometown of Salem, Massachusetts fifteen years ago under troubling circumstances, psychic Towner Whitney reluctantly returns after her eighty-five-year-old great-aunt Eva suddenly disappears.



Oct. 19: *Year of Fog*
by Michelle Richmond

This novel traces a traumatic year in the life of photographer Abby Mason after she loses her fiancé's six-year-old daughter on a beach. She desperately searches for the truth behind the child's disappearance.



Computer Services & Computer Classes

Bemis has 22 Internet access computers on the lower level of the library, plus another seven 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 laptops.



Our computers use Microsoft operating systems and software that includes Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher. 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 has 12 PCs and may be scheduled for group use. We are happy to assist patrons individually at any time if you need help using the computers or the Internet.

We also offer *free* computer and Internet classes on a regular basis. To find out about upcoming classes or group use of our computer lab, call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Information Desk.

All classes are from 9-10:30 a.m. Currently space is available in the following classes:

- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Wed., Aug. 19; Sept. 23; Oct. 21
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Access**
Thurs., Sept. 17
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Excel**
Tues., Aug. 4; Sept. 15; Oct. 20
Thurs., Sept. 3; Oct. 8
- ◆ **Intermediate Microsoft Excel**
Tues., Aug. 11; Sept. 22; Oct. 27
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint**
Sat., Aug. 15; Wed, Sept. 30;
Thurs. Oct. 22
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Publisher**
Tues., Sept. 29
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Windows**
Wed., Aug. 12; Sept. 9; Oct. 14
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Word**
Tues., Aug. 18; Sept. 1; Oct. 6
- ◆ **Intermediate Microsoft Word**
Tues., Aug. 25; Sept. 8; Oct. 13
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Aug. 1; Oct. 3; Wed., Sept. 2
- ◆ **Email Lab**
Wed., Aug. 26; Sept. 16; Oct. 28
- ◆ **Job Hunting Online**
Sat., Sept. 19
- ◆ **Mousercise**
Wed., Aug. 5; Oct. 7; and Sat., Sept. 5
- ◆ **Searching with Google**
Sat., Oct. 17
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab**
Thurs., Aug. 6, 13, 20 & 27
Thurs., Sept. 10 & 24
Thurs., Oct. 1, 15 & 29
Get answers to all your computer-related questions! Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



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
Aug. 1: *Bleach: You Are to Become a Soul Reaper!*
Sept. 5: *Martian Successor Nadesico*
Oct. 3: *Toward the Terra Movie*
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
First meeting: August 18, 4:00 p.m. All teen creative writers are welcome! We'll be meeting once a month to critique and provide feedback on participants' writing. Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback. Please contact Mark, teen librarian, for further details or to join the group.
- ♦ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**
A different interactive video game each month!
Aug. 20: Carnival Games
Sept. 17: Super Smash Bros Brawl
Oct. 15: Wii Sports
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Aug. 28: Summer Reading Evaluation
Sept. 25: Discuss Oct. Teen Read Week
Oct. 23: Winter program planning

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Special Teen Events

- ♦ **2009 Film School Movies Premiere**
The Binning Family Foundation and Bemis proudly present the World Premiere of the 2009 Film School Movies on **Fri., Aug. 14, 5:30 p.m. at the Littleton City Center** (2255 W. Berry Ave.). Free pizza and beverages will be provided.
- ♦ **Teen Movie: Coraline-Sat., Aug. 15, 2 p.m.**
Please see article on Page 1 for details.
- ♦ **Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book**
Beginning in August, teens can vote for the best teen book at Bemis by sending their votes via email to teen librarian Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org. Each week, two books from the nominated titles will be chosen to "battle" against one another. Teens will vote for the book they'd like to see remain in the competition. The losing title will be removed. The battle will continue during August, September, and early October, with the final winner announced during **Teen Read Week, Oct. 18-24**. Teens who participate in this contest can win prizes. For every nomination or vote a teen provides, their name will be entered into a drawing. The drawing will take place in October during Teen Read Week. Drawing winners will receive a copy of a book of their choice. Monitor the Battle for the Best Book at the Bemis teen blog site, <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/>, or by visiting the library.

2009 Bookmark Contest Winners

This spring, children in grades 1-5 created artwork to represent our Children's Summer Reading theme, *Be Creative @ Bemis*. Bookmarks were printed from the winning designs and are currently available in the Children's Room. Congratulations to our 2009 Bookmark Contest Winners!



2009 Bookmark Winner,
Brandon Lam - First Grade



2009 Bookmark Winners left to right:
Marissa Sirois - Kindergarten; Molly O'Shea - Third Grade; and Gabe Smith - Fourth Grade

Get Connected to New Fiction on the Children's Room Display

When you look up a new chapter book in our online catalog the location might indicate *Children's Room Display*. So where do you go to find this book? It's easy! Just look in the juvenile fiction section on the shelves that face out. These new books have been added to our collection within the last six months and will have a pink piece of tape on their spine. The next time you visit Bemis, be sure to browse through this display. You may be the very first person to take one of these new books home. Perhaps you'll find the new Percy Jackson book, *The Last Olympian*, or the next book in the 39 Clues Series, *Beyond the Grave* or another great fantasy, mystery or adventure. After you've read the book, don't forget to fill out a *Book Rave* in the box next to this display so other readers will know about your favorite reads, too.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Times in August. Weekly Story Times resume September 1st.

- ♦ **Story Box:** Ages birth-36 months—Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
A special 30-minute story time for youngsters and their companion adults to be introduced to the joy of rhythm, rhyme, and reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.*
- ♦ **Preschool Story Time:** Ages 3-kindergarten—Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. & Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
Thirty minutes of stories, crafts, music and more to engage preschoolers in fun activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Paws to Read:** For readers in grades 1-5—Sat., Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-noon
Practice reading to a visiting pet pal. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by R.E.A.D. Reading Education Assistance Dogs & Denver Pet Partners.
- ♦ **Bemis Library Dial-a-Story:** Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960. Enjoy a new story or an old favorite.



Upcoming Children's Events

September is **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**. Celebrate our library 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.

- ♦ **Kids' Book Club: Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.**
Book discussion of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* Books 2 & 3 by Jeff Kinney for children in grades 3-5. Reservations are required. Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve your place.
- ♦ **Animal Adventures with Safari Sally: Sunday, September 27, 2:00 p.m.**
This is a furry, fun, and informative program for families with children ages 3 and older.

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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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English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! The fall session of English as a Second Language (ESL) will begin on Mon., Aug. 24. Beginning English classes will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m., and Intermediate English classes from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday in the classroom on the lower level of the library. These classes are open to teens age sixteen and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a \$30 registration fee each semester for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals under the age of 21. 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 an instructor is provided by the District. For more information call Phyllis Larison or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Programs

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

- ♦ **America & the Middle East: Are Our Interests & Values in Conflict?**
Tues., Sept. 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Antique Appraisal Fair**
Fri., Sept. 18, noon-7:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Pianist & Composer Larry Meeks**
Wed., Sept. 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: 17 Again**
Sat., Sept. 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **An Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt - First Lady, Author & Activist**
Mon., Sept. 28, 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Ethiopia Reads - Bringing Books & Literacy to Ethiopia**
Tues., Sept. 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

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| August Art Exhibit | Chuck Danford Best of Show | Thursday, Aug. 20 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 1 | Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Senior Wii Bowling, 1:00-3:00 p.m. |
| | Teen Anime Club, Noon | | Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Aug. 3 | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. | Friday, Aug. 21 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Saturday, Aug. 22 | Saturday Matinee: <i>Hotel for Dogs</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 4 | Beginning Microsoft Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Monday, Aug. 24 | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Aug. 5 | Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 25 | Intermediate Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| | Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. | | Medicare Made Simple, 7:00-8:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, Aug. 6 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Wednesday, Aug. 26 | Email Lab, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| | Dances of India, 6:30-7:15 p.m. | Thursday, Aug. 27 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, Aug. 7 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Friday, Aug. 28 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| Monday, Aug. 10 | Artist Trading Cards Group, 4:00-6:00 p.m. | | Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m. |
| | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | Monday, Aug. 31 | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 11 | Intermediate Microsoft Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Sept. 1 | Beginning Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, Aug. 12 | Beginning Microsoft Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, Aug. 13 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Wednesday, Sept. 2 | Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| | Drums, Songs & Spirituals from Black History, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, Aug. 14 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | | Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 15 | Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Thursday, Sept. 3 | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. |
| | Teen Movie: <i>Coraline</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Friday, Sept. 4 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| Monday, Aug. 17 | Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m. | | Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. |
| | Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Saturday, Sept. 5 | Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 18 | Beginning Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Teen Anime Club, Noon |
| | Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m. | Monday, Sept. 7 | Labor Day Holiday
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| Wednesday, Aug. 19 | Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Sept. 8 | Intermediate Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| | | | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.