

Behind the Cover

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January Movie: *Horton Hears a Who*

Watch the animated movie based on the beloved Dr. Seuss book, *Horton Hears a Who*, featuring the voice of Jim Carrey as Horton on **Friday, January 2 at 2:00 p.m.** You'll also recognize the voice talents of comedians Steve Carell and Carol Burnett. Snacks will be served. For families with children of all ages. Rated G. Running time: 87 minutes.



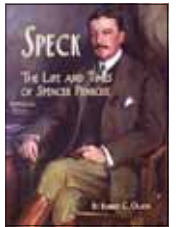
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Mamma Mia!*

View the popular, Golden Globe nominated film, *Mamma Mia!*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, January 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Set on a colorful Greek island, the plot serves as a background for a wealth of great songs by the popular 1970s singing group, ABBA. A young woman about to be married discovers that any one of three men could be her father. She invites all three to the wedding without telling her mother, Donna, who was once the lead singer of Donna and the Dynamos. The movie stars Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan. Free refreshments will be provided.



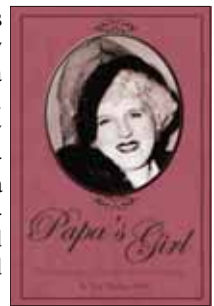
Speck: The Life & Times of Spencer Penrose

Hear the amazing story of one of Colorado's most intriguing and successful entrepreneurs, Spencer Penrose, **Tuesday, January 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Best-selling author and artist Robert C. Olson will talk about the rise of Penrose from a rich and shiftless son of the privileged class to a self-made prince of industry, society, and philanthropy. Penrose made millions in real estate and mining during the boom days of Cripple Creek and drew some of the wealthiest people in the world to Colorado with the creation of The Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs. Copies of Olson's fascinating biography will be available for purchase.



Papa's Girl: The Fascinating World of Helen Bonfils

The colorful and free-spirited life of Helen Bonfils, daughter of the famous Denver Post owner Frederick Bonfils, is the focus of this entertaining talk by journalist Eva Hodges Watt, **Tuesday, January 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Helen was a controversial and philanthropic woman who inherited the Post from her father. Watt will talk about the lavish lifestyle of the Bonfils family during the early 1900s, Denver society and the Denver Post during that time, and Bonfils' two marriages—one to a gay theater director and producer, and the other to her chauffeur, a high school dropout half her age who later made a fortune in oil. Watt was a reporter and editor for *The Denver Post* for forty years. She knew and interviewed Helen Bonfils. Watt began interviewing "Miss Helen's" friends, associates and employees after her retirement from *The Denver Post* in 1985.



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A Cowboy's Tail presented by Merry-Andrew Afoot

He's long and strong, smart and sassy — and very, very classy. He's the best cowboy in the West ... except for his tail! Join Leroy Leonard in a one-person play filled with cowboy poetry, guacamole and (gulp) rattlesnakes on **Saturday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m.** This program is for children of all ages.



Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place



Relax while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

The Rootin' Tootins' Dixieland Jazz Band, featuring seven musicians, will entertain you with lively jazz favorites.
Saturday, January 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

How to Be Happy



Author Andy Feld will share secrets and techniques that make living a life of happiness and freedom a reality, **Monday, January 26, 2:00 p.m.** His message is that happiness can indeed be learned and practiced in spite of a constant barrage of negative news. Feld's talk is fun, fast-paced and interactive. He has been studying the subject of happiness for over twenty years and is the author of the book, *Simple Happy: Finally Learning to Listen to Yourself*. Feld has appeared on TV and radio programs around the United States. Copies of his book will be available for purchase.

Russian Language & Literature Group

If you would like to learn Russian or practice speaking Russian, come to the Russian Language & Literature Group, which meets at the library from **7:00-8:30 p.m.**, the **first Wednesday of the month for beginning Russian speakers** and the **second Thursday of the month for intermediate Russian speakers**. In addition to improving language skills and learning about Russian culture, the group reads and discusses books about Russia. For additional information, call Zoya Doennebrink at the library, 303-795-3961.

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.**

Jan. 5: *The Piano Tuner*
by Daniel Mason

In 1886, piano tuner Edgar Drake leaves London for the jungles of Burma, where he has been asked to repair a grand piano belonging to a British army officer who uses the piano and music to help keep the peace among warring local princes.

Feb. 2: *Blink: the Power of Thinking without Thinking*
by Malcolm Gladwell

Drawing on cutting-edge neuroscience and psychology, the author reveals that great decision makers aren't those who process the most information or spend the most time deliberating, but those who have perfected the art of filtering the very few factors that matter from an overwhelming number of variables.

Mar. 2: *Saving Fish From Drowning*
by Amy Tan

On an ill-fated art expedition, 11 Americans find themselves deep in the Burmese jungle, where they encounter a tribe awaiting a leader and the mystical book of wisdom that will protect them from the Myanmar military regime.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

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

Jan. 26*: *Arlington Park*
by Rachel Cusk

Set over a single day, the novel follows a group of young mothers who feel both anger at the husbands who seemingly imprisoned them in a world of minivans and coffee klatches, and resignation about the fates they seem destined to fulfill.

* We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the MLK holiday.

Feb. 23: *The Red Queen*
by Margaret Drabble

After reading the two-hundred-year-old memoir of a Korean crown princess, an Oxford student becomes obsessed with the story and goes to Seoul where she has several love affairs.

Mar. 16: *Falling Man*
by Don DeLillo

DeLillo traces the way the events of 9/11 kindled or rekindled relationships and reconfigured America's perceptions of the world.

Apr. 20: *A Thousand Splendid Suns*
by Khaled Hosseini



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 \$.10 a page for black only or \$.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 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 these classes:

- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Wednesday, February 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet**
Saturday, February 14, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**
Saturday, January 10, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher**
Saturday, February 21, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
Saturday, January 3, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer**
Wednesday, January 7, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **Yahoo Email Basics**
Wednesday, February 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, and how to use a keyboard and mouse.
- ◆ **How to Search on the Internet** - Learn how to search for information on the Internet using search engines and subscription databases.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Excel** - Learn how to create, edit and format basic worksheets.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Publisher** - Learn how to compile and customize fliers, newsletters and brochures as well as use Publisher wizards to create other desktop publishing products like calendars and greeting cards.
- ◆ **Introduction to Microsoft Word** - Learn to write, edit and save documents using this word processing program.
- ◆ **Learn Internet Explorer** - Reviews 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.
- ◆ **Yahoo Email Basics** - Learn how to set up a free Yahoo email account.



Winter Weather Reading

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

◆ Anime Club

First Sat. of the month @ Noon

Jan. 3: *Death Note*

Light Yagami is a brilliant but bored high school student whose life is changed when he finds the Death Note, a notebook dropped by a rogue Shinigami, or god of death, named Ryuk. When Light discovers that any human whose name is written in the book dies, he vows to use its power to rid the world of evil. But Light soon finds himself in a life or death battle of wits with the mysterious genius detective called L.

Feb. 7: *Full Metal Alchemist*

As young boys, Edward & Alphonse Elric once dabbled in the forbidden art of human alchemy to try to resurrect their dead mother. As a result, Ed lost one arm and one leg, while Al lost his entire body and had his spirit sealed inside a suit of armor. Now, both boys are searching for the fabled Philosopher's Stone to restore what they've lost.

◆ Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

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

Jan. 15: *Naruto: Clash of Ninja Revolution*

Feb. 19: *Rock Band*

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Fridays @ 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 23: Open Agenda

Feb. 27: Summer Reading Planning

Express Yourself Photography Class & Contest

Learn the basics of digital photography from the professional photographers at Sgt. Pepper's Photography Studio in a one-hour class on **Sat., Feb. 21, 1:00 p.m.**



Then put your newly acquired skills to work and submit your best photograph that shows the theme "Express Yourself" by Sat., March 7. The winning photo will be published on a library bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. Please call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for this event.

Suggle up with a great book this winter. Through **January 25th** in the Children's Room, we will have a display of books published in 2008 that are contenders for literary awards. We'll show you our choices for the **Caldecott Medal** (best illustrated book by an American) and the **Newbery Medal** (best story/novel by an American.) Then you may vote for your favorites.

EVERY CHILD READY TO READ @ your library

It is never too early to prepare children for reading. Parents and caregivers are the most constant influence in a young child's life. The Public Library Association (PLA) has developed an early literacy program to assist parents and caregivers with reading readiness for children. Six simple steps that you incorporate into everyday reading help children to be reading ready. This is not a "teach your child to read" program but an easy method to use during a story that will build their brains for reading when they are older. Start with infants. Don't ever stop reading to your children.

Following are **six basic skills** to use when reading to your child. You do not need to try to use all six at once; just try to use at least one during your reading time. Many of the ideas you may already be practicing as you read daily with your child.

- ◆ **Print Motivation** includes being interested in and enjoying books. A very important skill for your child is to start listening from Day 1. Project your love for books to your child. Have fun! Choose books you love and read them aloud.
- ◆ **Print Awareness** includes noticing print, knowing how to handle a book and knowing how to follow the written word on the page. It is important to know words and to notice words everywhere. Highlight with your finger a keyword used throughout the book, for example MAISY if you are reading a Maisy book.
- ◆ **Letter Knowledge** includes knowing that letters are different from each other, knowing letter names and sounds, and recognizing letters everywhere. Repeat the starting letter of the child's name, an object in the room or in the story. Show words are made up of small things, individual letters, ex. **mouse** is **m o u s e**. Point out different shapes in books. Shape recognition will build skills for letter differentiation.
- ◆ **Phonological Awareness** includes hearing and playing with the smaller sounds or words and recognizing that words are made up of a number of different sounds. Hear and play with smaller sounds, ex. **baseball** point out the two words **base** and **ball**. Say letter sounds. Use of song, rhyme and musical instruments helps children listen and become aware of similar and different sounds. Nursery rhymes are a perfect tool for using this skill.
- ◆ **Vocabulary** includes knowing the names of things. If you have heard and know the word for something, it is easier to recognize and read it later! Explain familiar words even during the story. The more words one puts into a child's head the more they will remember. Talk, talk, talk to your kids.
- ◆ **Narrative Skills** includes describing things and events, telling stories, knowing the order of events and making predictions. Tell stories with a beginning, middle and end. Get out of the routine of only reading the book. Try telling the story after reading it with your child's input.

Early literacy is kids knowing about reading and writing before they can "read and write." Nurturing a child with words, books, rhymes, music and song will help them to be reading ready.

Story Times & Ongoing Activities

Story Times resume January 6th.

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—Thurs. 10:30 am & 1:30 p.m. & Fri. 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, January 10 & 24 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, January 17 from 10 a.m. - noon

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

An Artist Showcase: In January, artwork by students from Goddard School for Early Childhood Development will be on display in the Children's Room.

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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 spring session of English as a Second Language (ESL) will begin on Monday, January 5. 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 seventeen and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$25.00 each semester for adults 21 and older and a \$20.00 charge for a textbook the first semester. 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 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:

- ♦ **Orphan Train, A Dramatic Presentation**
Wednesday, February 4, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place with musician Tim Hanauer**
Saturday, February 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Theater Night: An Evening of One-Act Plays About Relationships**
Tuesday, February 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Express Yourself Teen Photography Class & Contest**
Saturday, February 21, 1:00 p.m.
- ♦ **George Washington at Mount Vernon**
Monday, February 23, 2:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Jan. Art Exhibit	Littleton Public Schools Elementary Art Show	Friday, Jan. 16	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 1	New Year's Day LIBRARY CLOSED	Saturday, Jan. 17	Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Friday, Jan. 2	Family Film Event: <i>Horton Hears a Who</i> (G), 2:00 p.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 19	Martin Luther King Day LIBRARY CLOSED
Saturday, Jan. 3	Introduction to Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9-11:00 a.m. Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon	Tuesday, Jan. 20	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. <i>Papa's Girl: The Fascinating World of Helen Bonfils</i> , 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 5	Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Jan. 21	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 6	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Thursday, Jan. 22	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 7	Learn Internet Explorer, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Beginner Russian Language & Literature Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Friday, Jan. 23	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 8	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Intermediate Russian Language & Literature Group, 7-8:30 p.m.	Saturday, Jan. 24	Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m. Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 9	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.	Monday, Jan. 26	How to Be Happy, 2:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 10	Introduction to Microsoft Excel, Space Available, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m. Saturday Movie Matinee: <i>Mamma Mia!</i> 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Tuesday, Jan. 27	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Jan. 12	Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Jan. 28	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. <i>Speck: The Life & Times of Spencer Penrose</i> , 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Thursday, Jan. 29	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 14	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Friday, Jan. 30	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 15	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Teen Games: <i>Wii</i> , 3:30 p.m.	Saturday, Jan. 31	A Cowboy's Tale, 2:00 p.m.
		Monday, Feb. 2	Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
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Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.