

City of Littleton
Behind the Cover
The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Summer Reading is in Full Swing!

There's still time to sign up for one of our summer reading programs. We have something for every reader. *Don't forget:* turn in all reading records by 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 31st to collect reading rewards and participate in our Grand Prize Drawings. All summer reading programs end on July 31st.



- ◆ **Children:** You are invited to *Be Creative @ Bemis* this summer. Join us throughout July for weekly programs and events featuring special performers. Stop by the Children's Room to register. See Page 3 for more program details.
- ◆ **Teens:** This summer *Express Yourself* not only by reading, but also by joining us for a variety of creative programs. Stop by the library to register using one of our computers or register on the Bemis Library teen blog: <http://bemisteent.blogspot.com>. See Page 3 for July teen program dates and information.
- ◆ **Adults:** *Relax & Refresh* with us this summer as we aim to "de-stress." Sign up at the Information Desk, receive a free gift and learn how you can win prizes throughout July, including our Grand Prize: a \$100 shopping spree at Aspen Grove Shopping Center.

Adventuring with Boldness Great North American Explorers

What does it take to lead a group of men through treacherous waters and across hostile land to an unknown end? Dr. Bruce Paton will talk about the lives of the greatest North American explorers, **Tuesday, July 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Hear about the expeditions of Alexander Mackenzie, Zebulon Pike, Lewis and Clark, John Wesley Powell and others. Paton will show photographs, maps and aerial views of the expedition routes. Dr. Paton is a retired surgeon from the University of Colorado School of Medicine. He is the author of two books on explorers and has contributed to 16 medical textbooks. Copies of Paton's book, *Adventuring with Boldness*, will be available for purchase.



Teen Talent Show

Join us for an exciting **Teen Talent Show, Wednesday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.**, to be held on the front lawn of the library, weather permitting. Auditions were held in June and qualifying contestants will perform at the talent show in two age categories: middle or junior high school contestants and high school or teen graduate contestants. You can vote for your favorite performers. A \$200 savings bond will be awarded at the talent show to one winner in each age category. Come and see who's got talent in Littleton!

Star Party: View the Night Sky with Telescopes

Observe the wonders of the night sky through telescopes provided by the Denver Astronomical Society, **Monday, July 27. From 8:00-9:00 p.m.**, learn about using a telescope, the history of the telescope and what to view in the evening sky. Denver Astronomical Society members will answer all your astronomy questions! **Star watching will begin at 9:00 p.m.** on the front lawn of the library. If you have a telescope, bring it along to the star party.



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Monday Movie Matinee: *Paul Blart - Mall Cop*

Enjoy the comedy, *Paul Blart - Mall Cop*, on the library's big screen, **Mon., July 20, 2-4:00 p.m.** When a shopping mall is overtaken by a gang of organized crooks, it's up to a mild-mannered security guard, played by Kevin James, to save the day. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



Children's Afternoon at the Movies

See *The Chipmunk Adventure* on the library's big screen **Tuesday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.** Alvin, Theodore and Simon challenge the Chipettes, a trio of girl singers, to a hot air balloon race around the world. The Chipmunks and Chipettes sing their way around the globe overcoming obstacles and defeating villains who cross their paths. Snacks will be served. For grades 1-5. Please call 303-795-3961 to make a reservation. Rated G. Running Time: 78 minutes.



Meditation for Relaxation

Learn techniques to quiet your mind and bring peace into your life through simple meditation, **Wednesday, July 8, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** in Sophie's Place. If you've never meditated before, this is a great place to start. Or, if you meditate regularly, join the group just for fun! Instructor Barbara Yokooji has conducted meditation classes throughout the Denver metro area.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place



Relax while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of local musical talent.

Celtic music with zing!

Saturday, July 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.—The Muses

Tanya Brody and Matthew Gurnsey will entertain you with lively Scottish/Irish songs as they play the harp, hammered dulcimer, concertina, bodhran, mandolin and many other instruments. The Muses are touring across the United States and Canada this summer. They have produced nine CDs of their music. Don't miss The Muses!

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.**

July 6: *My Antonia*
by Willa Cather

After the death of her immigrant father, Antonia works as a servant for neighbors in the farmlands of Nebraska.

She leaves for an unfortunate affair with an Irish railway conductor, but returns home, marries and raises a large family in true pioneer style.

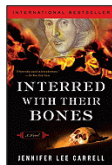
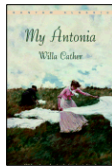
Aug. 3: *The Grand Complication*
by Allen Kurzweil

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.



Monday Evening Book Group

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

July 20: *Song Yet Sung*
by James
McBride

A tale set against a backdrop of slave rights conflicts in the nineteenth-century Chesapeake Bay region finds young runaway Liz Spocott inadvertently inspiring a slave breakout from the attic prison of a notorious slave thief.

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.



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 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**
Sat., July 18; Wed., Aug. 19
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Excel**
Tues., August 4
- ♦ **Intermediate Microsoft Excel**
Tues., August 11
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint**
Sat., August 15
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Word**
Tues., Aug. 18
- ♦ **Intermediate Microsoft Word**
Tues., August 25
- ♦ **Beginning Windows**
Wed., July 29; Wed., August 12
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., August 1
- ♦ **Email Lab**
Wed., August 26
- ♦ **Mousercise**
Wed, July 15; Wed., Aug. 5

Class Descriptions:

- ♦ **Beginning Internet** - Learn how to search the Internet by subject or keyword, use browser controls, and evaluate web sites.
- ♦ **Microsoft Excel** - Learn how to navigate a workbook, format cells, insert basic formulas, and sort data.
- ♦ **Microsoft PowerPoint** - Create a simple slideshow; learn how to insert text and photos.
- ♦ **Microsoft Word** - Write, edit and save documents with this word processing program.
- ♦ **Beginning Windows** - Provides an introduction to the Windows XP operating system
- ♦ **Computer Comfort** - Learn basic computer information necessary to operate a PC.
- ♦ **Email Lab** - Set up a free email account, compose and send emails, ask questions.
- ♦ **Mousercise** - Improve your mouse skills with fun exercises.

Open Computer Lab

Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor **every Thursday morning from 9:00-10:30 a.m.**



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

July 4: No Meeting—Holiday

Aug. 1: *Bleach: Your are to Become a Soul Reaper!*

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

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

July 16: Special Event Time 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Rock Band Tournament

Aug. 20: Carnival Games

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

July 24: Fall Programming

Aug. 28: Summer Reading Evaluation

Special Teen Events



Teen Summer Reading Program

Register online at the library or on the Bemis Library teen blog: <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com>. All participants completing the program will receive a free book. Additional prizes will be awarded to participants throughout the program. Join us during July for:

♦ **Harry Potter Movie Event #1**

Thursday, July 9, All Day

Get ready for the 6th Harry Potter movie coming out July 12! View the first three Harry Potter movies on the library's big screen, and test your HP knowledge with trivia contests. View *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* (rated PG) at 10:00 a.m., *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* (rated PG) at 1:00 p.m., and *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* (rated PG) at 4:00 p.m. Win prizes! Free popcorn and drinks provided. No registration required.

♦ **Harry Potter Movie Event #2**

Friday, July 10, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

View *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (rated PG-13) at 11:00 a.m., and *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* (rated PG-13) at 1:30 p.m. on the library's big screen! Win prizes! Free popcorn and drinks provided. No registration required.

♦ **Talent Show Contest**

Join us for an exciting **Teen Talent Show** on **Wed., July 15, 7:00 p.m.** For details

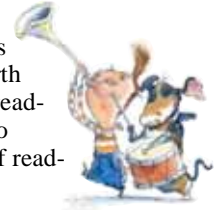
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Children's Programs



Be Creative @ Bemis with our Children's Summer Reading Program

There's still time to *Be Creative @ Bemis* this summer with tons of books, entertainers and fun activities, too! Register at the Children's Information Desk for our summer reading program for children from birth through those entering 5th grade in the fall. Record the time you spend reading or being read to and collect prizes along the way, including a book to keep and entry into a weekly prize drawing after completing six hours of reading. Pick up a Reading Record when you register and get started!



Let Us Creatively Entertain You



Ann Lincoln

Join us this month for these exciting entertainers. All programs are for ages 3 and older:

Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 p.m. - Istari World Percussion

Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 p.m. - *Creativity Circus* with funny gal Ann Lincoln

Wednesday July 22, 2:00 p.m. - *Pirates Galore* with characters Eric Scott and Katy Scott



Istari World Percussion

Special Programs in July

We'll be getting creative each week with art, games and books for kids entering 1st to 5th grades. Reservations required one week in advance. Please call 303-795-3961.

♦ **Tuesday, July 7, 2:00 p.m.** - *Birds of Prey Presented by HawkQuest*

Learn about the importance of different raptor species. Observe the unique tools of the owl, talons of an eagle and the aerodynamics of the falcon.

♦ **Tuesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m.** - "Wii" Love Fun and Games...Old & New

Learn and practice playing simple street games, then try your hand at interactive Wii sports.

♦ **Tuesday, July 21, 2:00 p.m.** - *Afternoon at the Movies: The Chipmunk Adventure.*

Rated G.- Running Time: 78 minutes

♦ **Tuesday, July 28, 2:00 p.m.** - *Dogs Dancing? Canine Freestyle Dancing*

Enjoy the lively steps of dogs dancing with their partners.



Fairy Tale Theatre with Playground Theatre Company

Don't miss the final special event of the 2009 Summer Reading Program on **Thursday, July 30, 7:00 p.m.** when Playground Theatre Company presents *Fairy Tale Theatre*. This presentation of classic fairy tales with a twist is sure to delight both young and old. *Fairy Tale Theatre* includes *Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Rapunzel*, and *Rappin' Red & Strummin' Fred the Wolf*. For children ages 3 and up.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Times June 29th-July 5th. Story Times resume the week of July 6th.

♦ **Story Box:** Ages birth-36 months—Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Special story time for youngsters and their companion adults to be introduced to the joy of rhythm and reading. Tickets required.

♦ **Preschool Story Time:** Ages 3-kindergarten—Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Books, crafts, music and more to engage preschoolers in fun activities.

♦ **Theater Time:** Ages 3 years old-5th grade—Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Puppets and great stories combine for a fun-filled morning adventure.

♦ **Paws to Read:** For readers in grades 1-5—Sat., July 18, 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.



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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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Special Teen Events

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- ◆ **Special Wii Event - Thursday, July 16, 2-4:00 p.m. - Rock Band Tournament**
Test your Wii skills on guitar, bass, drums, and the microphone on the big screen. No registration required.
- ◆ **The Art of Henna, Saturday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.**
Join Nancy Avalon and learn about the art of Henna, traditional East Indian body art. Get a henna body art tattoo that lasts 2-3 weeks. Registration required.
- ◆ **Magic Clinic, Thurs., July 30th, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**
Join magician Richard Nakata for a clinic on how to do magic. Get one-on-one and group instructions on performing selected magic tricks. Registration required.

Upcoming Programs

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

- ◆ **Dances of India**
Thursday, August 6, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Drums, Songs and Spirituals from Black History**
Thursday, August 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Teen Film Premiere**
Friday, August 14, 5:30 p.m. held at the Littleton City Center
- ◆ **Teen Movie: Coraline**
Saturday, August 15, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: Hotel for Dogs**
Saturday, August 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Medicare Made Simple**
Tuesday, August 25, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Wednesday, July 1**, Beginning Microsoft Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, July 3**, Independence Day Observance
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Saturday, July 4**, Independence Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Monday, July 6**, Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 7**, Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Birds of Prey with HawkQuest, Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 8**, Computer Comfort, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Istari World Percussion, Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
- Meditation for Relaxation, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 9**, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Harry Potter Movie Event #1, All Day
- Friday, July 10**, Theater Time, Ages 3 years-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m.
- Harry Potter Movie Event #2, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 13**, Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 14**, Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- "Wii" Love Fun and Games...Old & New, Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Adventuring with Boldness - Great North American Explorers, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 15**, Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Creativity Circus* with Ann Lincoln, Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
- Teen Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 16**, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Thumbs Up!, Grades 4 & 5, 2 p.m.
- Teen Wii Event: Rock Band Tournament, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 17**, Theater Time, Ages 3 years-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 18**, Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Musical Moments at Sophie's Place, The Muses, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 20**, Monday Movie Matinee: *Paul Blart, Mall Cop*, 2-4:00 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.
- Tuesday, July 21**, Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Children's Afternoon @ the Movies: *The Chipmunk Adventure*, Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 22**, Beginning Microsoft Word, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Pirates Galore* with Eric & Katy Scott, Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 23**, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 24**, Theater Time, Ages 3 years-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, July 25**, Teen Program: The Art of Henna, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 27**, Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Star Party: View the Night Sky with Telescopes, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 28**, Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Dogs Dancing? Canine Freestyle Dancing, Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 29**, Beginning Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, July 30**, Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Teen Program: Magic Clinic, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Fairy Tale Theatre*, Ages 3 & Up, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 31**, Theater Time, Ages 3 years-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 1**, Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.