



Ease Into Summer with a Reading Program at Bemis

Summer has arrived and that means plenty of time to enjoy a good book and participate in a Summer Reading Program. We have one to suit the needs of every reader.

♦ **Children:** You are invited to *Be Creative @ Bemis* this summer. Children birth through 5th grade can pick up a reading record to track their summer reading. 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://bemisteens.blogspot.com>. See Page 3 for teen summer program dates and information.

♦ **Adults:** Plan to *Relax & Refresh @ Bemis* 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 the summer, including our Grand Prize: a \$100 shopping spree at Aspen Grove Shopping Center. All summer reading programs run through July 31st.



An Evening with Thomas Jefferson & William Clark

Meet President Thomas Jefferson and explorer William Clark as they engage in a stimulating conversation about the mysterious death of Meriwether Lewis, **Tuesday, June 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Historically, the dramatic encounter between the two men took place at Jefferson's home, Monticello. Lewis had supposedly committed suicide, but his family believed that he had been murdered. Jefferson had known Lewis for many years and appointed him as the leader of the expedition to explore the Missouri River and any related streams which might provide access to the Pacific Ocean. Clark and Jefferson will unravel the web of intrigue involving Lewis' death. Jefferson will be portrayed by Jack Van Ens and Clark by Stuart Wier.

The Ludlow Incident, A Dramatic Presentation

Experience the historical drama, *The Ludlow Incident*, written by Littleton resident Max Smith, **Tuesday, June 16, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The story focuses on the events in 1914 leading up to an attack by the Colorado National Guard on a tent colony of over a thousand coal miners and their families in Ludlow, Colorado; 20 people were killed. Characters in the drama will represent a variety of people involved in the incident, including John D. Rockefeller, Mother Jones, and miners from various ethnic groups. Several songs from the time period also will be featured. The free drama will be performed by Max and Donna Smith, Dick and Kathy Peterson, Charles and Marilyn Carroll, and Phil Swaim.

Chocolate Therapy

Come join the fun at author Julie Pech's entertaining presentation on the health benefits of eating chocolate, **Wednesday, June 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** There will be plenty of chocolate samples for all! Pech says that she was the ultimate skeptic, scoffing at the idea that chocolate could truly be good for you. After over a year of research and product testing, she's convinced that the facts speak for themselves—chocolate is good for your health! Pech has appeared on television and been featured in numerous national magazines and newspapers. Copies of her book, *The Chocolate Therapist*, will be available for purchase.



Monday Movie Matinee: *Bride Wars*

See the popular comedy, *Bride Wars*, on the library's big screen, **Monday, June 22, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Liv (Kate Hudson) and Emma (Anne Hathaway) are best friends who have planned every detail of their respective weddings since childhood. When they are both about to get married, a clerical error causes a clash in wedding dates and their lifelong friendship is put to the ultimate test. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Relax while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of local musical talent.
♦ **Saturday, June 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Award-winning songwriter and classical/flamenco guitarist **Andy Hackbarth**, will play a variety of classical and flamenco guitar favorites and original folk, pop and country songs.

Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

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Job Workshop at the Library

The following free workshop will be presented at the library by staff from Arapahoe/Douglas Works:

- ♦ **Salary Negotiation - The Essential Guide—Friday, June 5, 10:00 a.m.-noon**
This class sheds light on the fundamentals of salary negotiation and provides tools to assist job seekers to communicate their worth to the employer in a positive manner, enabling a win-win outcome for the job seeker and the employer. It is a must for those desiring to learn how to better position themselves to get the pay they are worth.

Sophie Center Celebration a Success!

Over 100 patrons at a recent event discovered the many resources available for the visually impaired at the library's Sophie Resource Center. The Center, which opened in 2005, was made possible by a generous donation from the late Sophie Bramley Sylvan. It was Sylvan's wish that Bemis become the best equipped public library in the metro area for the visually impaired. The Center has a specially-equipped room with two Internet computers with recently updated software for the visually impaired, plus two flatbed scanners, a Juliet Braille printer, Perkins Braille, CCTV magnifier, tactile globe and more. In addition to creating the resource center, "Sophie" funds have added numerous titles to our Braille collection which includes over 400 books, Playaways (MP3 audio books), descriptive videos and DVDs, large print and audio CD books.

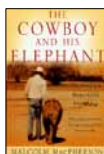


Students from the Colorado Center for the Blind create patrons' names in Braille at a recent event promoting the library's Sophie Resource Center for the Visually Impaired.

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.**
June 1: *The Cowboy & His Elephant* by Malcolm MacPherson



In the late 1980s, a female baby elephant's family is slaughtered, and the baby is transported to America to be sold. Bob Norris is a cowboy with an enormous empathy for animals. The two come together and experience a life-changing bond.

- 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.

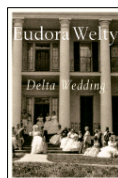


- Aug. 3:** *The Grand Complication* by Allen Kurzweil
Alexander Short, New York Public Library reference librarian, comes to the aid of a bibliophile named Henry James Jesson, who is searching for information about an eighteenth-century cabinet (the "case of curiosities") whose contents tell the tale of a man's life.

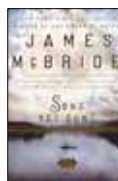


- Monday Evening Book Group**
Meets the **third Monday** of the month from **7:00-8:00 p.m.**

- June 15:** *Delta Wedding* by Eudora Welty
A novel of a 1920s September wedding in Mississippi at Shellmound, the delta plantation of the Fairchild family.



- 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.



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**
Wed., July 22; Tues., Aug. 18
- ♦ **Intermediate Microsoft Word**
Tues., August 25
- ♦ **Beginning Windows**
Wed., July 29; Wed., August 12
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Wed., July 8; Sat., August 1
- ♦ **Email Lab**
Wed., August 26
- ♦ **Mousercise**
Sat., June 6, 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

June 6: *Fighting Spirit: Champion Road*

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.

June 18: Special Event Time 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader? Contest with prizes:

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.

June 26: Open Agenda

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 June for:

♦ **Be a Star in the Bemis Acting Workshop**
Thursday, June 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join professional actor/singer/storyteller Bett Kopit for a fun and exciting acting class. Explore mime, improvisation, comedy and dialects. Registration required.

♦ **Express Yourself in Wood**
Thurs., June 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Draw a design and then burn the design onto wood blocks. Registration required.

♦ **Writing Workshops**
Mondays, June 8 & 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring your writing for critiques and tips from a published writer. Registration required.

♦ **Wii Event - Thurs., June 18, 2-4:00 p.m.**

Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader? Compete for prizes. No registration required.

♦ **Manga Drawing**
Thursday, June 25, 2-3:00 p.m.

Professional artist and cartoonist Nancy Avalon will introduce participants to basic Manga drawing techniques and styles. Registration required.

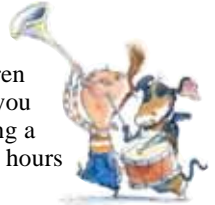
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Children's Programs



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

Summer reading at its best! *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

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

- ♦ **Tuesday, June 2, 2:00 p.m.—Great American Street Organ Jubilee! Master magician Mark Strivings**, takes young and old on a hysterical journey with his magical organ grinder. You never know what's around the next corner!
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.—Music for Kids with Musician Eric West**
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.—“Up in the Air” with juggler Peter Davison**
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.—“My Silly Leftovers” with funny guy Jim Jackson**



Mark Strivings

Summer School-Age Programs

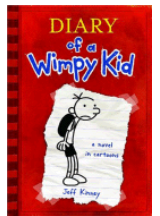
We'll be getting creative each week with art, games and books for kids entering 1st to 5th grades. Reservations required one week in advance. Please call 303-795-3961.

Grades 1-3—Wednesdays @ 2:00 p.m.

- ♦ **June 3 - Author Art**
Listen to great stories with great illustrations, then create a work of art in that style.
- ♦ **June 10 - Quilts!**
Design paper quilt squares to be part of a quilt wall hanging in the library.
- ♦ **June 17 - Create a Pet**
Mom and Dad won't let you have a real fish? Come craft your own tropical swimmers which you don't even have to feed!
- ♦ **June 24 - Quill Have Fun!**
Quilling fun. Make a critter into a handy note holder with quilling (paper rolling).

Grades 4-5—Thursdays @ 2:00 p.m.

- ♦ **June 4 - Diary Day**
Presenting the hottest summer read, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney. Join us for trivia, snacks, a prize drawing and other fun (not wimpy) stuff!
- ♦ **June 11 - Thumbs Up!**
Stamp a unique thumbprint masterpiece.
- ♦ **June 18 - Rubber Band Racer**
Use odds and ends to build a rubber band-powered vehicle that actually runs.
- ♦ **June 25 - Pick a Pic**
Pick a black and white photo, then choose from paint, ink, oil pastels, collage, watercolor and/or colored pencils to highlight a masterpiece.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Times the week of June 29.

- ♦ **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—Saturday, June 20, 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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♦ Be Your Own Rock Star

Monday, June 29, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Learn the "ins" of writing songs with a professional musician. Program participants will, as a group, write and perform an original song which will be recorded and later e-mailed to those interested. No instruments or musical knowledge needed. No registration required.

♦ Talent Show Contest

We'll be having a talent show competition in July! Contestants will be divided into two age categories and auditions will take place at the library as follows:

- 1. Middle or Junior High School Contestants: Wednesday, June 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**
- 2. High School or Teen Graduate Contestants Wednesday, June 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**
 A \$200 savings bond will be awarded at the talent show to one winner in each age category. The talent show will be held at the library on **Wed., July 15, 7:00 p.m.** Registration is required for auditions.

CSI for Teens with the Littleton Police Dept.

The Littleton Police Department will be offering a seminar at the library for teens interested in the science of solving crime. The seminar will include **three separate, five-hour classes, July 7-9, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**, and will be limited to 12 teens in 9th-11th grade. Participants will learn about fingerprints, shoe prints, crime scene diagramming and photography, bloodstain analysis and other topics. Lunch will be provided. Registration for this event requires a special application available at the Information Desk. Residents of Littleton and Littleton Public School students will be given first priority for this program.



Schedule of Library Events

Monday, June 1	Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, June 16	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. <i>Up in the Air</i> with Juggler Peter Davison, 2:00 p.m. Ludlow Incident, 7-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 2	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Great American Street Organ Jubilee with Mark Strivings, 2 p.m. An Evening with Thomas Jefferson & William Clark, 7:00-8:30 p.m.	Wednesday, June 17	Email Lab, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Chocolate Therapy, 2-3:00 p.m. Create a Pet, Grades 1-3, 2 p.m. Talent Show Auditions for Middle/Junior High, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 3	Computer Comfort, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Author Art, Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m. Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 18	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Rubber Band Racer, Grades 4 & 5, 2:00 p.m. Teen Program: Wii Event, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 4	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Diary Day, Grades 4 & 5, 2 p.m. Teen Acting Workshop, 2-4 p.m.	Friday, June 19	Theater Time, Ages 3 years-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, June 5	Theater Time, Ages 3 years-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m. Salary Negotiation Workshop, 10:00 a.m.-noon Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.	Saturday, June 20	Beginning Microsoft Word, Class Full, 9-10:30 a.m. Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Saturday, June 6	Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon	Monday, June 22	Monday Movie Matinee, <i>Bride Wars</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 8	Teen Writing Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, June 23	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. <i>My Silly Leftovers</i> with Jim Jackson, 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Music for Kids with Musician Eric West, 2:00 p.m.	Wednesday, June 24	Beginning PowerPoint, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Quill Have Fun!, Grades 1-3, 2 p.m. Talent Show Auditions for High School & Teen Grads, 7-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, June 10	Beginning Internet, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Quilts!, Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.	Thursday, June 25	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Pick a Pic, Grades 4 & 5, 2:00 p.m. Teen Program: Manga Drawing, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 11	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Thumbs Up!, Grades 4 & 5, 2 p.m. Teen Program: Express Yourself in Wood, 2:00-4:00 p.m.	Friday, June 26	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.
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Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.