



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

An Afternoon with Abraham Lincoln

Meet Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by John Voehl, **Saturday, March 7, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** in Sophie's Place at the library. Hear about Lincoln's early life, his political career and lifelong passion for learning, honesty and hard work. The person and character of our country's 16th president will come alive as you listen to his life story as well as the Gettysburg address and Lincoln's second Inaugural Address. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. Voehl is one of the country's leading Lincoln performers and has given over 400 presentations throughout the United States. This year is the 200th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.



Family Film Event: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*

Bring the family to see the popular comedy, *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, March 14, 2:00-3:45 p.m.** Chloe, a diamond-clad Chihuahua living in Beverly Hills, hardly notices Papi, a tough Chihuahua who is fond of her. When Chloe gets lost in the streets of Mexico with only a street-wise German shepherd to guide her, Papi heads south of the border with a motley crew, including a sly rat and a nervous iguana, to rescue his true love. The film features the voices of Drew Barrymore, George Lopez and Andy Garcia. Free refreshments will be provided.



Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place



Relax 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, March 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Mile High Banjo will present a toe-tapping performance of great ragtime and bluegrass music. For this event, they will add some "Irish" flavor to their normal repertoire.

Getting the Most Out of Your Digital Camera



Professional photographer Don Mammoser will share tips on taking perfect digital photos of landscapes, places and people on **Monday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.** Mammoser is the author of *The Photographer's Guide to the Colorado Rockies* and has written articles for many national magazines, including *National Geographic Adventure*, *Audubon* and *Popular Photography*. In addition to providing photography advice, he will show some of his best digital photos.

Children's Spring Break Programs

Join us for several special Spring Break programs during the last week in March. We'll be learning about science and technology with **Science Magic** plus sharing **Stories with a Craft**. Please see Children's Programs on Page 3 for dates, times and program details.

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Healthcare in America and Around the World

Can the U.S. learn anything from the rest of the world about how to run a healthcare system? PBS *Frontline* correspondent T.R. Reid will talk about the five countries he visited to evaluate their healthcare systems, **Tuesday, March 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Reid was the correspondent for the recent *Frontline* special, *Sick Around the World*; he also is the correspondent for an upcoming *Frontline* program, *Sick Around America*. Reid has lived in Britain and Japan and is very familiar with how illness is treated in these countries; Taiwan, Switzerland and Canada also have developed healthcare systems that are cheap and fair. Ideas that may help the U.S. reform its broken healthcare system will be discussed. T.R. Reid is a veteran foreign correspondent for *The Washington Post*, a commentator for National Public Radio and the author of nine books. He is currently working on his tenth book, titled *We're Number 37!*, in which he compares America's healthcare system to others around the world.



Special Senior Event: Learn How to Play *Wii* Games



The Wii gaming system is an interactive video game that uses wireless controllers. Since research has shown that trying new activities can help maintain a healthy brain, Wii is being used and recommended for seniors by physical therapists and senior centers across the country. Register to receive one-on-one training the **week of March 8-14** in how to bowl, golf, or even play tennis on the Wii system. Use your new-found skills in our senior Wii bowling league! The Wii is a great way to get some light exercise, have some fun, and even connect with your grandkids. If you can hold a TV remote, you can play Wii! Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for your short (15-minute) training session, which can take place anytime during the week of March 8.

Free Tax Help!

Bemis is providing free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. **IRS-trained volunteers will be available in the study rooms on the lower level of the library through April 11 on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon-4:00 p.m.** No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.

The **AARP will provide tax preparation help on the upper level of the library through April 14, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.** Pre-registration is required for this assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To register for AARP tax assistance at the library, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.



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

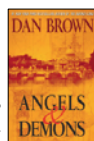
Meets the **first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m.**

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.

Apr. 6: *Angels & Demons*
by Dan Brown



The murder of a world-famous physicist raises fears that the Illuminati are operating again after centuries of silence, and religion professor Robert Langdon is called in to assist with the case.

May 4: *A Spot of Bother*
by Hark Haddon



The descent into madness of sixty-one-year-old George Hall goes largely unnoticed due to his family members' preoccupations with their own individual relationship crises.

Monday Evening Book Group

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

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: *Thirteenth Tale*
by Diane Setterfield



When her health begins to fail, the mysterious author Vida Winter decides to let Margaret Lea, a biographer, write the truth about her life, but Margaret needs to verify the facts since Vida has a history of telling outlandish tales.

May 18: *Water for Elephants*
by Sara Gruen



Ninety-something-year-old Jacob Jankowski remembers his time in the circus as a young man during the Great Depression, his friendship with Marlena, the star of the equestrian act, and Rosie, the elephant who gave them hope.

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 \$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 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:

- ♦ **How to Search on the Internet**
Wednesday, April 8, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Introduction to Microsoft Word**
Saturday, April 4, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Mousercise**
Wednesday, March 4, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Travel Websites**
Saturday, March 14, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- ♦ **Yahoo Email Basics**
Wednesday, April 1, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Class Descriptions:

- ♦ **How to Search on the Internet** - Learn how to search for information on the Internet using search engines and subscription databases.
- ♦ **Introduction to Microsoft Word** - Learn to write, edit and save documents using this word processing program.
- ♦ **Mousercise** - Exercises help users develop skills needed to maneuver a mouse.
- ♦ **Travel Websites** - Find the best travel deals online! This session will cover a variety of travel resources on the Web, including trip planning sites and online guidebooks.
- ♦ **Yahoo Email Basics** - Learn how to set up a free Yahoo email account.



Special Spring Break Programs

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

Mar. 7: *Invader Zim*

Apr. 4: *Howl's Moving Castle*

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

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

Mar. 19: *Shaun White Snowboarding*

Apr. 16: *Star Wars: The Force Unleashed*

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Mar. 27: Summer Programs

Apr. 24: Open Agenda

Special Teen Events

♦ **Teen Tech Week - March 8-14**

Press Play @ Your Library

Sign up to be a volunteer *Wii* instructor and you could win a gift certificate to Best Buy. Volunteers will be teaching seniors how to bowl, golf, and play tennis on the *Wii* system. Contact Mark, the teen librarian, for details and to register. Check the teen blog at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/> to learn about other activities and contests during Teen Tech Week—you could win a cool prize!

♦ **Ready, Set...Scrap! Learn Scrapbooking**
Saturday, March 21, 1:00 p.m.

Are you a scrapping guru or a novice just getting started? Either way, this program is for you! Learn the fundamentals of scrapbooking and create a really cool project you can keep for yourself or give as a gift. Bring pictures to use during the workshop or add them later—all other supplies will be provided. Space is limited for this program! Please call the library at 303-795-3961 or email Mark, the teen librarian, at mdecker@littletongov.org to register for this event.



♦ **Movie: *Monty Python & the Holy Grail***

Tues., March 24, 2:00 p.m.

The quest for the Holy Grail is retold in the unique and hilarious Python fashion.



Upcoming Teen Events

Next month, join us for:

Movies:

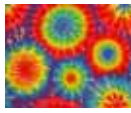
Twilight - Sat., April 4, 2 p.m.

The Devil's Arithmetic - Sat., Apr. 18, 2 p.m.

A Night of Poetry: Wed., April 8, 7 p.m.

For poetry fans in 6th-12th grade.

Stories with a Craft - Tuesday, March 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Grades 3-5



Take Time to Tie-dye! Everyone gets a notebook to keep for drawing, scrap-booking, or keeping a journal. We'll make a tie-dye cover for you to take home too. The fun continues with stories and a prize drawing. Please register to join the fun by calling 303-795-3961.

Science Magic with Science Matters - Wednesday, March 25, 2 p.m. - Grades K-5



Is it science or is it magic? Learn about science and technology in a fun, fact-filled show. A variety of sensational scientific demonstrations appear to be magical, but the science behind them will reveal if it is truly magic or science! Young scientists in grades K-5, please join us for an exciting hands-on program. Space is limited; please plan to arrive early.

Stories with a Craft - Thursday, March 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m. - Grades K-2



Learn About Quilling (paper rolling)! Roll paper to make a lion or a lamb that is also a note holder. We will share stories and have a prize drawing too. "Quill" have lots of fun, so be sure to register by calling 303-795-3961.

Bemis Bookmark Contest

Summer Reading is just around the corner, which means it is time for our annual **Bemis Library Bookmark Contest**. Break out your crayons, paint, color pencils and markers to create an awesome picture that might be reproduced on a Children's bookmark. Kids in grades K-5 are encouraged to create a picture that represents our theme, **Be Creative @ Bemis**. We will choose one picture from each age category to publish on our bookmarks. Stop by the reference desk in the Children's Room to pick up your entry form. All entries must be submitted by 9 p.m., April 30.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Times the week of March 24-27.

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 rhyme, rhythm and reading. Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.



Preschool Story Time: Ages 3-Kindergarten—Thurs. 10:30 a.m. & 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, March 14 & 28 at 10:30 a.m.

A family story time geared to ages 3-kindergarten, but all ages are welcome.

Children under 3 must attend with an adult.

Paws to Read: For readers in grades 1-5—Saturday, March 21, 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: Artwork by students from *The Village at Ames Preschool* will be on display in the Children's Room in March.

Dial-a-Story: Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960. Enjoy a new story or an old favorite.

Register for Email notification and receive emails of upcoming children's programs.

Visit <http://bemis.sirsi.net/>. Click on *More Information* under the top right heading of Library Info and then click on *Subscribe Bemis News Email*. Or, you may submit a form in person at any information desk the next time you visit the library.

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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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Creating Artist Trading Cards

Enjoy a demonstration on how to create artist trading cards on **Sunday, March 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** in Sophie's Place at the library. Artist Trading Cards (or ATCs) are miniature works of art about the same size as baseball cards and thin enough to fit inside standard card-collector pockets, sleeves or sheets. Harriet Tiger, artist and card collector, will show you how to put an artist trading card together and talk about trading cards with other collectors.



Upcoming Programs

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

- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Twilight***
Saturday, April 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Worlds Connect at Bemis During National Library Week - April 12-18**
- ♦ **Disappearing Destinations: Places in Peril Around the World**
Tuesday, April 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Money Matters Series: Investment Strategies for Surviving the Storm**
Tuesday, April 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with the Dry Creek Dixie Dawgs Jazz Band**
Wednesday, April 22, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Soldiers with a Secret: Women Who Fought in the Civil War**
Monday, April 27, 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Money Matters Series: The Financial Meltdown**
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Sunday, Mar. 1** Creating Artist Trading Cards, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 2** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 3** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 4** Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 5** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 6** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 7** Computer Comfort, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, 12:00 noon
An Afternoon with Abraham Lincoln, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 9** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 10** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 11** Learn Internet Explorer, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 12** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 13** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 14** Travel Websites, Space Available, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.
Family Film Event: *Beverly Hills Chihuahua*, 2:00-3:45 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 16** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 17** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 18** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 19** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Teen Games: *Wii*, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 20** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 21** Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Ready, Set...Scrap!, 1:00 p.m.
Musical Moments @ Sophie's Place with Mile High Banjo, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 23** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 24** Stories with a Craft: *Take Time to Tie-Dye!*, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Grades 3-5
Teen Movie: *Monty Python & the Holy Grail*, 2:00 p.m.
Healthcare in America & Around the World, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 25** Science Magic with Science Matters, 2:00 p.m., Grades K-5
- Thursday, Mar. 26** Stories with a Craft: *Learn About Quilling!* 2:00-3:00 p.m., Grades K-2
- Friday, Mar. 27** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 28** Saturday Stories, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Mar. 30** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 31** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 1** Yahoo Email Basics, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 5** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.