



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## An Around-the-World Adventure

**H**ear about the adventures of two Denver men who went on an expedition by truck, circumnavigating the globe, **Tuesday, November 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Steve Bouey and Steve Shoppman covered 70,000 miles, visiting 68 different countries and traveling over six continents. Along the way they met many fascinating people and encountered unusual situations, such as a confrontation with armed rebels in the Congo jungle, and participating in a Mongolian wedding. Shoppman said, "After two years of the most exciting, eye-opening experiences of our lives, we know the world is more interesting than scary."



Sea kayaking in Heather Bay near Prince William Sound, Alaska.

## Saturday Movie Matinee: *Up*

**B**ring the family to see the animated comedy, *Up*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, November 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** An elderly curmudgeon (voiced by Ed Asner) finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. The journey's scarcely begun when he discovers a stowaway: Russell, an eager Wilderness Explorer Scout who's out to earn his Elderly Assistance Badge. This imaginative film will appeal to all ages. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

**E**njoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

**Wednesday, November 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Native American Heritage Month will be celebrated with a performance by Eric Many Winds Herrera, a talented flute player. Herrera's music on the native flute will take the listener on a journey though nature and Native American heritage.



## Make a Miniature Snowman Scene

**L**earn how easy and fun it is to make a miniature snowman scene with small trees, clay carrots, buttons, decorated fence, and other small items! Expert crafter Pat Vick will present two identical workshops on **Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.-noon, and 2:00-4:00 p.m.** These classes are open to adults and children, age eight and older, accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring \$2.50 for materials. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.

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## Food For Fines

**B**emis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring the annual **Food for Fines program from Monday, November 23 through Thursday, December 24.** Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.

## Buy a Gift Book at the Library!

**L**ooking for that unique book for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum are offering a special sale of "like new" used books at reduced prices from **Monday, November 23 through Thursday, December 24** at the library. Choose from bestsellers, classics, cookbooks and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!

# An Old World Christmas in Denver's Past

Ring in the holidays with a fascinating account of an 1800's Christmas in Denver on **Monday, November 23, 2:00 p.m.** Learn about the customs, decorations, food and more! The program will be presented by staff from the Molly Brown House Museum.

## Senior Wii Bowling



Did you know Bemis has a **Senior Wii Bowling League**? Whether you're an expert Wii bowler or have never tried it before, come experience the fun of Wii bowling! The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Join us on **Thursday, November 19 and Thursday, December 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

## Planning a Trip? We've Got Maps!



Are you planning a trip abroad or somewhere in Colorado? Bemis has a large collection of road maps for U.S. states and cities, as well as foreign countries and cities. Recently we added guide maps for the U.S. and foreign countries which include favorite attractions in each area so you won't miss any famous landmarks and can easily find accommodations, restaurants and other places of interest. These new maps are laminated and tear-free for ease of use. The map file is located on the main level in front of the Reference area. One file

drawer is devoted entirely to Colorado maps and includes hiking, bicycling, topographic and maps of public lands. Happy trails!

## Book Groups at Bemis

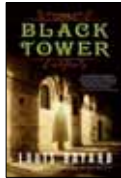
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

### ◆ **Senior Book Club**

**First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.**

**Nov. 2:** *The Black Tower*  
by Louis Bayard

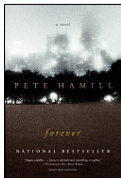
Having used his mastery of disguise and surveillance to nab France's most notorious criminals, early nineteenth-century detective Vidocq tracks down the most challenging adversary of his career, a case with ties to the missing son of Marie Antoinette.



**Dec. 7:** *Forever*

by Pete Hamill

Moving from Ireland to New York City in 1741, Cormac O'Connor witnesses the city's transformation into a thriving metropolis while he explores the mysteries of time, loss, and love.



**Jan. 4:** *Queen of the Road: the True Tale of 47 States, 22,000 Miles, 200 Shoes, 2 Cats, 1 Poodle, a Husband, and a Bus with a Will of Its Own*  
by Doreen Orion

The author recounts her travels with her husband cross-country in an RV. Although they experience their share of misadventures, the trip has a remarkable effect as these two polar opposites grow closer than ever.



### ◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**Nov. 16:** *Finn*  
by Jon Clinch

A novel inspired by Mark Twain's classic tales explores the mysterious life and strange death of Huckleberry Finn's infamous father, the Judge; his brother, the sickly, sycophantic Will; and young Huck.

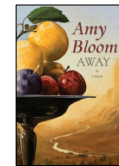


**Dec. 14\*:** No book scheduled for discussion; we will meet for dinner and a book planning session for 2010. Join us at 6:00 p.m. at Buca Di Beppo, 7301 South Santa Fe (Aspen Grove). Contact librarian Pam Child at 303-795-3961 to reserve a space for the dinner.

\* We will meet on the second Monday in December due to the holidays.

**Jan. 25\*:** *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.



\* We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the Martin Luther King holiday.

## 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 learn about or register for an upcoming class and/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., Nov. 18; Wed., Dec. 9

### ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Excel**

Tues., Nov. 17; Tues., Dec. 8

### ◆ **Intermediate Microsoft Excel**

Tues., Nov. 24

### ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Windows**

Wed., Nov. 4; Wed., Dec. 2

### ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Word**

Sat., Nov. 7

### ◆ **Computer Comfort**

Tues., Nov. 3; Tues., Dec. 1

### ◆ **Microsoft Word Mail Merge**

Thurs., Nov. 12

### ◆ **Windows XP File Management**

Tues., Nov. 10

### ◆ **Open Computer Lab**

Thursdays, Nov. 5 & 19

Thursdays, Dec. 3 & 17

No registration required. 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 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  
Nov. 7 and Dec. 5  
Titles to be determined.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**  
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.  
Nov. 17 and Dec. 15  
All teen creative writers are welcome!  
Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback.
- ♦ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**  
Play a different video game each month!  
Nov. 19: Rock Band  
Dec. 17: Smash Bros. Brawl
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**  
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.  
Nov.: No meeting due to holidays  
Dec.: No meeting due to holidays

## Upcoming Teen Events

- ♦ **Christmas Craft—Quilling**  
Saturday, December 5  
2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Create a beautiful ornament or package decoration for the holidays! Quilling, or paper filigree, is the art of using strips of paper that are rolled, shaped, and glued together to create decorative designs. Space is limited! Please call the library at 303-795-3961 or contact Mark, the teen librarian at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) to register for this program.
- ♦ **Red Cross Babysitting Class**  
Monday, December 28  
9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Become a certified babysitter by attending an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis. The class, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is limited to 12 participants ages 11-17. The course fee is \$60. To register, call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474.



# Children's Programs



## Grow a Reader!

We all know that reading is wonderful at any age because it's relaxing and entertaining, but it also is the first step to a young child's learning and reading success. Research shows children get ready to read years before they start school. Find out what you can do to help your child "grow into a reader" on **Saturday, November 7, 2:00 p.m.** We'll share the six early literacy skills taught in *Every Child Ready to Read* and will give you reading tips and book suggestions, too. **For parents and caregivers** of children under the age of 5. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for this free program.



## Doctor Noize Lite!

The loopy Doctor Noize sings and plays his award-winning songs on guitar, keyboard and a laptop computer while interactively recording and arranging music live with lots of help from the audience on **Saturday, November 21, 2:00 p.m.** Utilizing wowza cool technology and crowd participation, kids add their own vocals to the mix. This high energy technological extravaganza encourages kids to explore their creativity. For families with children ages 3 and up.



## Reading fun! A Mock John Newbery Award Event

Kids, which book would you like to see win the Newbery? Each year the best children's chapter book published in that year and written by an author living in the USA is presented this award. **Beginning in November**, a list of eligible books will be posted in the Children's Room. Read some of these and vote for your favorite. After telling us what you liked about the book, you'll be entered into a drawing for a Tattered Cover gift card. So when the skies turn white with snow, curl up inside and enjoy reading a great new book!

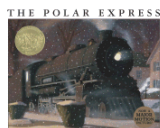
## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

**No Story Times Thanksgiving week, November 23-27.**

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages birth-36 months**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
**NEW: also on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.**  
A 30-minute story time for children and a caring adult to introduce 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, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Paws to Read: For readers in grades 1-5, Third Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon**  
Saturday, November 21  
Kids in grades 1- 5 are able to practice reading with a furry friend. 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.
- ♦ **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



**The Polar Express—Saturday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** Join us for our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train! A program for families with children ages 3 and up. Free tickets available beginning November 21.

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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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## AARP Tax-Aide Volunteer Needed

Another tax season is just around the corner—which means that you have an opportunity to make a real difference in your community. Volunteer for the nation's largest free tax preparation and assistance service. The AARP tax-aid program conducted at Bemis is seeking a technology coordinator to manage computer equipment. This volunteer will load the tax program software and then maintain/trouble shoot approximately seven computers. Work days will be Mondays and Tuesdays during February, March and through April 15 at Bemis. Training will be provided at Bemis on several days in December and January. For more information contact Marilyn by phone at 303-798-8720 or email at [lesmar@q.com](mailto:lesmar@q.com). Get the joy and satisfaction of helping out by joining the AARP Tax-Aide volunteer team today! Your expertise will be appreciated more than you can imagine.



## Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ **December Art Exhibit:**  
**Paint Box Guild Art Show**
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with the Smithtonians Bell Choir**  
Saturday, December 5, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Colorado Old Time Fiddlers Assn.**  
Saturday, December 19, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Family Film Event: Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince**  
Tuesday, December 29, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Monday, Nov. 2** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
An Around the World Adventure, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 4** \*Beginning Microsoft Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 5** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 6** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 7** \*Beginning Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Anime Club, Noon  
\*Grow a Reader! 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 9** Artist Trading Cards Group, 4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 10** \*Windows XP File Management, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 11** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 12** \*Microsoft Word Mail Merge, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 13** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 14** Saturday Movie Matinee: *Up*, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 16** Free Medical Services Van Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 17** \*Beginning Microsoft Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 18** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Eric Many Winds Herrera, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 19** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Senior Wii Bowling League, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 20** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 21** \*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Doctor Noize Lite! 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 23** An Old World Christmas in Denver's Past, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 24** \*Intermediate Microsoft Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 26** Thanksgiving Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Friday, Nov. 27** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 28** \*Make a Miniature Snowman Scene, 10:00 a.m.-noon and 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 30** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 1** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 2** \*Beginning Microsoft Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 4** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**\*These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.