



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Library Closed Sunday, Monday, Oct. 11-12

Bemis will be **closed to the public both Sunday, October 11 and Monday, October 12** while a new Fire Suppression Sprinkler System is installed in the library's ceilings. We apologize for any inconvenience.

International Craft Sale

An array of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase at Bemis on **Saturday, October 17, Noon-4:00 p.m.** Proceeds will benefit the poor in foreign countries. Items for sale will include jewelry and crafts from Indonesia, Egypt, Africa, Bulgaria, El Salvador, South Africa and other countries. Hear folk songs of Eastern Europe performed by the Planina group of singers, dressed in authentic costumes, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry 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, October 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Enjoy haunting and beautiful songs of Eastern Europe performed by the **Planina** group of singers. Wearing authentic costumes and singing in the original languages of the area, Planina provides a richly varied musical presentation. Take some extra time to visit the International Craft Fair in Sophie's Place from noon until 4 p.m.



Ghost Hunting and Poltergeists!

Ghost hunters Bryan Bonner and Matthew Baxter of The Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society return to Bemis with more fascinating stories of their scientific investigations of local paranormal phenomena, including poltergeists, **Friday, October 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Bonner and Baxter will be featured in a new television series, *Colorado X*, investigating Colorado's most notorious cases of the paranormal. Following the Bemis presentation, the classic Steven Spielberg horror film, *Poltergeist*, about a haunted suburban home, will be shown from **8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.** Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *Earth*

See the highly praised Disney film, *Earth*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, October 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The film captures beautiful images of our planet and nature's wildest and most elusive animals. It tells the remarkable story of three animal families--polar bears, elephants and humpback whales--on a journey across the earth. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated G.



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October Children's Events

- Don't miss these special events designed just for kids. For program details, please see Children's Programs on Page 3.
- ♦ *By the Light of the Halloween Moon*
Saturday, October 17, 3:00 p.m.
Special author appearance with Caroline Stutson!
 - ♦ **Doc Murdock presents *Murdock's Magical Delights***
Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.
Magic, ventriloquism and goofy storytelling galore!
 - ♦ *Annual Costumes on Parade!*
Thursday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Friday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.

Special Teen Halloween Event

Looking for something fun to do the night before Halloween? Don't miss our special Teen Halloween Event on **Friday, October 30, 5:00-8:00 p.m.** There will be games, a costume contest and a special scare-fest. For details, see the Special Teen Events column on Page 3 and 4.

Beginning Genealogy Research Course

The Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society is offering a 5-week beginning course on genealogical research starting **Friday, October 2, 9:30 a.m. to noon**, at the library. The course is designed for casual researchers and folks just getting started. Participants will have the opportunity to do hands-on research in the library's computer lab and the final session will be a field trip. Class size is limited and registration is required; forms are available at the library's Information Desk. There will be a nominal charge to cover cost of the materials.

A Pirate's Tale!

Ahoy! Hear the stories of real pirates throughout history and their colorful adventures from the Caribbean to the Barbary Coast on **Monday, October, 26, 2:00 p.m.** This program will be presented by staff from Active Minds.

Antique Appraisal Fair a Huge Success!

It looked like an episode of *Antiques Roadshow* last month when Bemis hosted its Antique Appraisal Fair. Over 210 curious collectors attended the event where five appraisers were on hand to render their professional assessments. Attendees learned a great deal about what they brought to be appraised and some left astonished at the estimated worth of their prized possessions. A few highlights included: two original Woodstock tickets worth \$200 each; a Flash Gordon toy air gun worth \$400; a Shirley Temple doll in the original box valued at \$1,200; and the pièce-de-résistance: a rare 1797 U.S. half-dollar coin estimated to be worth \$70,000!



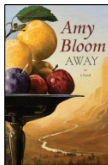
Book Groups at Bemis

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

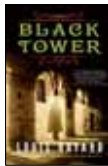
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Oct. 5: *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.



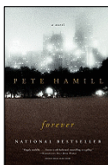
Nov. 2: *The Black Tower*
by Louis Bayard

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.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Oct. 19: *Year of Fog*
by Michelle Richmond

This novel traces a traumatic year in the life of photographer Abby Mason after she loses her fiancé's six-year-old daughter on a beach. She desperately searches for the truth behind the child's disappearance.



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. Contact librarian Pam Child for additional information, 303-795-3961.

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., Oct. 21; Wed., Nov. 18; Wed., Dec. 9
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Excel**
Tues., Oct. 20; Tues., Nov. 17; Tues., Dec. 8
- ◆ **Intermediate Microsoft Excel**
Tues., Nov. 24
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint**
Thurs. Oct. 22
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Windows**
Wed., Oct. 14; Wed., Nov. 4; Wed., Dec. 2
- ◆ **Beginning Microsoft Word**
Tues., Oct. 6; Sat., Nov. 7
- ◆ **Intermediate Microsoft Word**
Tues., Oct. 13
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Oct. 3; Tues., Nov. 3; Tues., Dec. 1
- ◆ **Email Lab**
Wed., Oct. 28
- ◆ **Microsoft Word Mail Merge**
Thurs., Nov. 12
- ◆ **Mousercise**
Wed., Oct. 7
- ◆ **Searching with Google**
Sat., Oct. 17
- ◆ **Windows File Management**
Tues., Nov. 10
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab**
Thursdays, Oct. 1, 15 & 29
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://bemisteens.blogspot.com>. Join other teens for the following activities:

- ♦ **Anime Club**
First Sat. of the month @ Noon
Oct. 3, Nov. 7 and Dec. 5
Titles to be determined.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Oct. 20, 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!
Oct. 15: Wii Sports
Nov. 19: Rock Band
Dec. 17: Smash Bros Brawl
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 23: Winter program planning
Nov.: No meeting due to holidays
Dec.: No meeting due to holidays

Special Teen Events

♦ Teen Read Week, October 18-24

This year's theme is *Read Beyond Reality @ Your Library*, which encourages teens to read something out of this world just for the fun of it. During Teen Read Week the library will host a Teen Book Swap. Teens can trade in their used paperbacks or hardbacks for books of equal value; a ticket will be given for each item contributed. Tickets can be used to buy items offered at the Book Swap. Each participant in the Book Swap will have their name entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to the Tattered Cover Book Store.

♦ Bemis Teen Battle for Best Book

The book chosen by teens as the winner of the Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book will be announced during Teen Read Week. All teens who nominated a book or voted during the competition will be eligible to win a book of their choice in the prize drawing. Winners will be contacted during Teen Read Week.

- ♦ **Teen Halloween Event**
Friday, October 30
5:00-8:00 p.m.
Games from 5-7:00 p.m.
Costume Contest @ 6 p.m.
Program @ 7:00 p.m.



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Children's Programs



By the Light of the Halloween Moon

Come hear local author Caroline Stutson read from her award-winning picture book, *By the Light of the Halloween Moon*, on **Saturday, October 17, 3:00 p.m.** We are excited to welcome Caroline back and you will be delighted as she shares stories, poems, puppets and a craft. For families with children ages 3 and up; kids under eight must attend with an adult.



Murdock's Magical Delights

Don't miss this unique show when Doc Murdock presents *Murdock's Magical Delights* on **Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m.** The show features magic, ventriloquism and a lot of great goofy storytelling. A wonderful afternoon of family entertainment filled with surprises and fun—no frights. This program is for families with children 3 years and older; kids under eight must attend with an adult.

Annual Costumes On Parade!

Please join us **Thursday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.** or **Friday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.** for our annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade. The parade begins in the Children's Room and winds through the library with stops for tricks and treats along the way. Participants finish the party downstairs with more fun stories, songs, treats and punch. Younger costumed siblings are welcome to join the parade.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages birth-36 months**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 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, October 17
Kids in grades 1-5 are able to practice reading to 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.
- ♦ **Register for Email Notification:**
You can receive our monthly newsletter via email and choose to be notified of special programs. Here's how: visit <http://bemis.sirsi.net/>, under Library Info click on *More information* and then click on *Subscribe Bemis News Email*. Or, fill out a paper form at any Information Desk next time you visit the library.



Upcoming Children's Events

- ♦ **Grow a Reader! Saturday, November 7, 2:00 p.m.**
Find out what you can do to help your child "grow into a reader." We'll share early literacy building skills taught in *Every Child Ready to Read* and give you reading tips and book suggestions, too.
- ♦ **Doctor Noize Lite! Saturday, November 21, 2:00 p.m.**
The loopy Doctor Noize sings and plays his award-winning songs on guitar, keyboard and a laptop computer, interactively recording and arranging music live with contributions from the audience.

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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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Teen Halloween Event-Fri., Oct. 30:

Looking for something fun to do before Halloween? Can you dance in a Halloween costume? Think your costume is cool enough to win a prize? Are you brave enough to experience twisted tales that might just reach out and twist you? Join us at the library for a teen-only evening of Wii Rock Band, DDR, a costume contest, and a program with entertainer Mark Strivings at 7:00 pm that includes bizarre happenings and strange tales like you've never experienced before. This one is definitely not for the timid! Costumes are not required, but prizes will be awarded for the best costumes. Refreshments will be available for purchase from the café. Register for this event beginning October 1 by calling teen librarian Mark Decker at 303-795-3961 or send him an email at mdecker@littletongov.org.

Upcoming Programs

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

- ♦ **An Around the World Adventure**
 Tuesday, November 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Up***
 Saturday, November 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with flutist Eric Many Winds Herrera**
 Wednesday, November 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **An Old World Christmas in Denver's Past**
 Monday, November 23, 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Make a Miniature Snowman Scene**
 Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.-noon and 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Oct. Art Exhibit	Heritage Fine Arts Guild Art Show	Saturday Oct. 17	International Craft Sale, noon-4:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 1	Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.		Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Planina singers, 2:00-3:00 p.m. <i>By the Light of the Halloween Moon</i> with author Caroline Stutson, 3:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 2	*Beginning Genealogy Research Course, 9:30 a.m.-noon Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.	Monday, Oct. 19	Free Medical Services Van Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 3	*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Teen Anime Club, Noon	Tuesday, Oct. 20	*Beginning Microsoft Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Teen Writer's Group, 4:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 5	Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, Oct. 21	*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 6	*Beginning Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Thursday, Oct. 22	*Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 7	*Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Friday, Oct. 23	Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m. Ghost Hunting and Poltergeists! 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 8	*Beginning Microsoft Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.	Saturday, Oct. 24	Saturday Movie Matinee: <i>Earth</i> 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 9	Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday, Oct. 25	Murdock's Magical Delights, 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 11	Fire Sprinkler System Installation LIBRARY CLOSED	Monday, Oct. 26	A Pirate's Tale!, 2:00 p.m. Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 12	Fire Sprinkler System Installation LIBRARY CLOSED No Medical Van	Tuesday, Oct. 27	*Intermediate Microsoft Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 13	*Intermediate Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Oct. 28	*Email Lab, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 14	*Beginning Microsoft Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Thursday, Oct. 29	Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Annual Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 15	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, Oct. 30	Annual Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. *Special Teen Halloween Event, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 16	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.		
Saturday, Oct. 17	*Searching with Google, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon		

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

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.