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The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

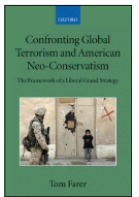
Your Library Card - Best Bargain in Town!

Bemis will be celebrating National Library Card Sign-up Month in September with the theme *Bemis Public Library—The Best Bargain in Littleton!* A library card is your greatest discount card since you can check out a wide array of free materials at the library, including the latest movies, audio books and best sellers, as well as have access to free computers and WiFi. Teens and adults, sign up for a library card in September and you will receive a free book. Children will receive a prize. Every new cardholder's name will be entered in a drawing for a Wii video game console. If you already have a library card, you can enter your name to win a \$50 gift certificate to Borders.



America and the Middle East: Are our Interests and Values in Conflict?

Author and Dean of DU's Graduate School of International Studies, Tom Farer, will give insights on the Middle East, **Tuesday, September 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Farer will focus on whether the United States' policies and practices have been consistent with our national values over the past sixty years. He will discuss the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, our relations with Iran, the best U.S. policies to reduce the threat of Jihadi terrorism, religious-fundamentalist immigrant communities in secular/liberal countries, and what President Obama can do to address these issues. Farer is the author of the recent book, *Confronting Global Terrorism and American Neo-Conservatism*, published by Oxford University Press.



Antique Appraisal Fair

Ever wonder what a family heirloom might be worth? Find out from the experts at the library's free Antique Appraisal Fair on **Friday, September 18, from Noon-7:00 p.m.** Bring dishes, jewelry, coins, toys, books, lamps, glassware and other antiques and collectibles to be evaluated by local appraisers. A maximum of three items will be appraised. Photos of large pieces of furniture are preferred. Appraisers will explain the history, significance and approximate value of each item. To register for a 15-minute time slot with an appraiser, call the library at 303-795-3961.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *17 Again*

Zac Efron stars in the comedy, *17 Again*, about a man who is given another chance at life when he is miraculously transformed back to the age of 17. The movie will be shown on the library's big screen, **Saturday, September 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.



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Ethiopia Reads - Bringing Books and Literacy to Ethiopia



Celebrate Banned Books Week, **September 26 - October 3**, by coming to a special presentation by staff from Ethiopia Reads on **Tuesday, September 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Learn about the exciting work that is being done in Ethiopia to promote reading and build libraries. Since Ethiopia Reads opened the first free children's library in 2003, thousands of children have experienced the joy of reading for the first time. The organization has helped to open 30 free libraries in Ethiopia and has published many bi-lingual books for Ethiopian children. The founder of Ethiopia Reads, Yohannes Gebregeorgis, a native of Ethiopia, was selected as a Hero of the Year by CNN in 2008. You are welcome to bring a new or gently used children's book to the program as a donation for Ethiopia Reads. Every person who comes to this program will have his/her name entered to win a \$25 gift certificate from the Tattered Cover bookstore.

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. **Wednesday, September 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Pianist and composer **Larry Meeks** will play popular songs, jazz and Broadway melodies. Meeks has a career spanning more than 50 years and worked with Benny Goodman, Helen O'Connell, Tennessee Ernie Ford and Julie London.

Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt— First Lady, Author and Activist

Meet First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt in 1937 during her husband's second term as president on **Monday, September 28, 2:00 p.m.** Hear her views on what makes life worth living in the midst of a strife-filled world—views as relevant today as they were seven decades ago. Susan Marie Frontczak will portray Eleanor Roosevelt and her presentation will include a question and answer session.

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 folks just getting started and casual researchers. 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.

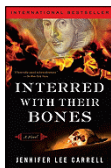
Book Groups at Bemis

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

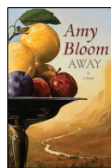
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.
Sept. 14*: *Interred with Their Bones*
by Jennifer Carrell

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.

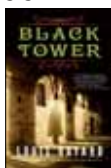


* We will meet on the 2nd Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.

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.



♦ Monday Evening Book Group

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



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.



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., Sept. 23; Wed., Oct. 21
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Access**
Thurs., Sept. 17
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Excel**
Tues., Sept. 15; Tues., Oct. 20
Thurs., Oct. 8
- ♦ **Intermediate Microsoft Excel**
Tues., Oct. 27
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint**
Wed, Sept. 30; Thurs. Oct. 22
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Publisher**
Tues., Sept. 29
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Windows**
Wed., Sept. 9; Wed., Oct. 14
- ♦ **Beginning Microsoft Word**
Tues., Sept. 1; Tues., Oct. 6
- ♦ **Intermediate Microsoft Word**
Tues., Sept. 8; Tues., Oct. 13
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Wed., Sept. 2; Sat., Oct. 3
- ♦ **Email Lab**
Wed., Sept. 16; Wed., Oct. 28
- ♦ **Job Hunting Online**
Sat., Sept. 19
- ♦ **Mousercise**
Sat., Sept. 5; Wed., Oct. 7
- ♦ **Searching with Google**
Sat., Oct. 17
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab**
Thurs., Sept. 10; Thurs., Sept. 24
Thursdays, Oct. 1, 15 & 29
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

Sept. 5: *Martian Successor Nadesico*

Oct. 3: *Toward the Terra Movie*

♦ **Teen Writers Group**

Third Tuesdays of the month @ 4 p.m.

Sept. 15, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17

NEW All teen creative writers are welcome! We'll be meeting once a month to critique and provide feedback on participants' writing.

Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback.

Please contact Mark, teen librarian, for further details or to join the group.

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

A different interactive video game each month!

Sept. 17: Super Smash Bros Brawl

Oct. 15: Wii Sports

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Sept. 25: Discuss Teen Read Week

Oct. 23: Winter program planning

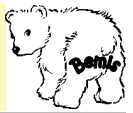
Special Teen Events

♦ **Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book**

Teens can vote for the best teen book at Bemis by sending their votes via email to teen librarian Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org. Each week, two books from the nominated titles will be chosen to "battle" against one another. Teens will vote for the book they'd like to see remain in the competition. The losing title will be removed. The battle will continue during September and early October, with the final winner announced during **Teen Read Week, October 18-24**. Teens who participate in this contest can win prizes. For every nomination or vote a teen provides, their name will be entered into a drawing. The drawing will take place in October during Teen Read Week. Drawing winners will receive a copy of a book of their choice. Monitor the Battle for the Best Book at the Bemis teen blog site, <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/>, or by visiting the library.

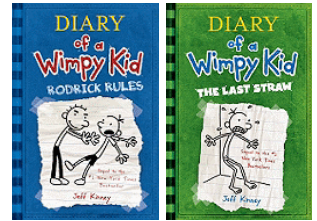


Children's Programs



Kid's Book Club

Have you read *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*? Join us at Kid's Book Club on **Sunday, September 20, 2:00 p.m.** for snacks, trivia, and fun. We'll be talking about books two and three: *Roderick Rules* and *The Last Straw* and making predictions about book four which hits the shelves on October 12. This free program is for grades 3-5 and reservations are required. Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve your place.



Animal Adventures with Safari Sally

Get up close and personal with a variety of exciting live animals on **Sunday, September 27, 2:00 p.m.** Learn about the unique and often outrageous adaptations of animals. This is a furry, fun, and factual program for families with children ages 3 and older.



September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

Celebrate our library by getting a card or using the one you already have. Kids, show your new card and receive a prize at the Children's Desk.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

♦ **Story Box: Ages birth-36 months**

Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

A special 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 featuring 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, September 19

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

Annual Children's Costume Parade!

Thursday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Friday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.



Join us either day for our annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade. The parade begins in the Children's Room, winds through the library and ends downstairs where we'll share songs, stories, treats, and more. Younger siblings may join the parade, too!

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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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English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! **Beginning English classes will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m., and Intermediate English classes from 10:30 a.m.-noon, Monday-Thursday** in the classroom on the lower level of the library. **Evening classes for beginning and intermediate students are being held at Littleton High School.** All classes are open to teens age 16 and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a \$30 registration fee each semester for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals under age 21. You may register for daytime or evening classes at the library's main floor Information Desk anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District Six and an instructor is provided by the District. For more information call Phyllis Larison or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Programs

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

- ◆ **International Craft Sale**
Saturday, October 17, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Planina-Songs of Eastern Europe**
Saturday, October 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Teen Read Week**
October 18-24
- ◆ **Ghost Hunting & Poltergeists!**
Friday, October 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Earth***
Saturday, October 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **A Pirate's Tale!**
Monday, October 26, 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Teen Halloween Event**
Friday, October 30, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Tuesday, Sept. 1** *Beginning Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 2** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3** *Beginning Microsoft Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 5** *Mousercise, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, Noon
- Monday, Sept. 7** Labor Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Sept. 8** *Intermediate Microsoft Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9** *Beginning Microsoft Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 11** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 14** Artist Trading Cards Group, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Senior Book Club, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 15** *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.
America & the Middle East: Are Our Interests & Values in Conflict? 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16** *Email Lab, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 17** *Beginning Microsoft Access, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 18** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Antique Appraisal Fair, Noon-7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 19** *Job Hunting Online, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Sunday, Sept. 20** Kid's Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 21** Monday Evening Book Group, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22** *Intermediate Microsoft Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 23** *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 Pianist Larry Meeks, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 24** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 25** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 26** Movie Matinee: *17 Again*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 27** Animal Adventures with Safari Sally, Ages 3 & Older, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 28** Afternoon with Eleanor Roosevelt, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 29** *Beginning Microsoft Publisher, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Ethiopia Reads - Bringing Books & Literacy to Ethiopia, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 30** *Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.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.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**
Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.