

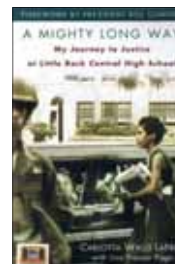


Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

A Mighty Long Way - Memories of Integration in Little Rock

Carlotta Walls LaNier will share her experiences as one of the “Little Rock Nine”, who integrated Little Rock Central High School in 1957, **Thursday, January 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Carlotta was 14 years old when she walked up the steps of Central High School, surrounded by a white mob and escorted by troops. The first African-American students, the Little Rock Nine, suffered constant harassment at school and the suffering went beyond the classroom. Carlotta’s father had a hard time finding a job and her home was bombed. Hear about this watershed moment in civil rights history and its impact on our history. Copies of *A Mighty Long Way* will be available for purchase and signing.



Ranches of Colorado with John Fielder



Renowned nature photographer John Fielder will show photographs and talk about his latest book, *Ranches of Colorado*, **Friday, January 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The slide show, enhanced with symphonic music by Aaron Copland, will include over 250 of the project photographs. From the eastern plains to mountain valleys of the Rockies, the photographs depict areas of Colorado that very few have seen. Fielder will tell stories about his experiences working with Colorado ranchers and exploring their ranches. Copies of *Ranches of Colorado* will be available for purchase and signing.

Julia Child: My Life in France

Pat Kenning will perform as Julia Child and give a lively, nostalgic account of Julia’s eight years in France on **Monday, January 25, 2:00 p.m.** She also will talk about Julia’s early life, her television show, the death of Julia’s husband and her final years.

Birthing Your Book—Even if You Don’t Know What It’s About

If you have a dream of becoming an author, hear award-winning author and writing coach Mark David Gerson, **Thursday, January 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in Sophie’s Place. Gerson has taught and coached writing as a creative pursuit for 20 years in the U.S. and Canada. Through workshops, coaching and a radio program about writing, Gerson has guided writers and non-writers alike to answer their call to write and express themselves engagingly. He will talk about how to get past “writer’s block” and offer tools and inspiration to get started and finished without struggle. Gerson is the author of several books, including *The Voice of the Muse*, lauded by critics as “a phenomenal guide to unleashing your creative potential”. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

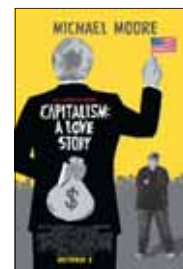


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Free Film Event - *Capitalism: A Love Story*

See one of the most talked-about documentaries in the last year, *Capitalism: A Love Story*, **Saturday, January 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, on the library’s big screen. Acclaimed filmmaker Michael Moore’s latest film sets out to examine what he considers the disastrous impact of corporate dominance on the everyday lives of Americans. With both humor and concern, he explores the question: What is the price that America pays for its love of capitalism? Moore interviews ordinary people whose lives have been turned upside down by the financial crisis and he goes looking for answers in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place



Enjoy 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.

Saturday, January 23, 2:00-3:30 p.m.:

Popular and classical music for the harp and flute will be performed by **Paul Wren** and **Sylvia Marx Bowen**.



Free Tax Preparation Help!

Beginning in February, the library will be 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 **from February 3 through April 10 on Wednesday 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. If you would like to volunteer to help with tax assistance, contact Bob Vick at 303-697-0954.

The **AARP will provide tax preparation help** on the upper level of the library **from February 8-April 13, 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

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Jan. 4: *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield
A compelling, emotional mystery about family secrets and the magic of books and storytelling. A dying writer bids a young bookshop assistant to write her biography.

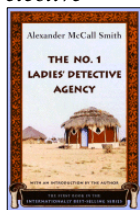


Feb 1: *Queen of the Road: the True Tale of 47 States, 22,000 Miles, 200 Shoes, 2 Cats, 1 Poodle, a Husband, and a Bus with a Will of Its Own* by Doreen Orion



A pampered Long Island princess hits the road in a converted bus with her wilderness-loving husband, travels the country for one year, and brings it all hilariously to life in this offbeat and romantic memoir.

Mar. 1: *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

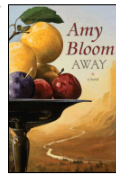


Working in Gaborone, Botswana, Precious Ramotswe investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

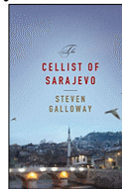
Jan. 25*: *Away* by Amy Bloom
Arriving in America alone after her family is destroyed in a Russian pogrom, Lillian Leyb receives word that her daughter might still be alive. She embarks on a risky odyssey that takes her from New York to Siberia to find the missing girl.



* We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the M.L.K. holiday.

Feb. 22*: *Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

After a mortar attack kills 22 people waiting in line to buy bread, an unnamed cellist vows to play at the point of impact for 22 days. The story follows four people, including the cellist, trying to survive war-torn Sarajevo.



* We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to President's Day holiday.

Mar. 15: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

Offered a coveted job to analyze and conserve a priceless Sarajevo Haggadah, Australian rare-book expert Hanna discovers a series of tiny artifacts in the volume's ancient binding that reveal its historically significant origins.



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 and open computer lab are held from 9-10:30 a.m. Currently space is available in the following classes:

- ♦ **Beginning Access**
Wed., Jan. 13
- ♦ **Beginning Excel**
Tues., Jan. 19; Wed, Feb. 10
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel**
Tues., Jan. 26; Wed., Feb. 17
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Jan. 16; Sat., Feb. 20
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint**
Wed., Jan. 27
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher**
Tues., Feb. 23
- ♦ **Beginning Windows**
Tues., Jan. 5; Tues., Feb. 2
- ♦ **Beginning Word**
Tues., Jan. 12; Tues., Feb. 9
- ♦ **Intermediate Word**
Wed., Jan. 20; Tues., Feb. 16
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Wed., Jan. 6; Sat., Feb. 6
- ♦ **Email Lab**
Wed., Feb. 3
- ♦ **Facebook & Twitter: What's the Hype?**
Fri., Jan. 8; Fri., Jan 29
- ♦ **Introduction to Digital Photography**
Fri., Feb. 12
- ♦ **Buying Your First Digital Camera**
Fri., Feb. 26
- ♦ **Online Bridge**
Wed., Feb. 24
- ♦ **Windows XP File Management**
Sat., Jan. 30
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
Thursdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28
Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25
No registration required. 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
Jan. 2: *One Piece: First Voyage*
Feb. 6: Title to be determined
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16
 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!
Jan. 21: Rock Band
Feb. 18: Carnival Games
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 22: Open agenda
Feb. 26: Summer Reading Planning

Special Teen Events

- ♦ **Teen Movie:**
Battle for Terra
Saturday, January 16,
2:00 p.m.
 Watch the movie *Battle for Terra* on the library's big screen. When the peaceful inhabitants of the planet Terra come under attack from humans in search of a new home, the friendship between a human pilot and an alien girl may hold the key to saving both races. Rated PG. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.
- ♦ **Coming in March:**
Make Waves @ Your Library
Teen Photography Contest
 Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme *Make Waves @ Your Library* by **Monday, March 15**. Make sure to include the name of your photograph with your submission. The winning photos from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will be published on a library bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. For more information, or to submit your photo, call Mark, the teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or email him at mdecker@littletongov.org.



Resolve to read!

In 2010 make a resolution to read with your children *every day*. Read to all ages and read anything: comics, magazines, an online article or a favorite book. Reading together keeps everyone on the path to life-long learning. So...as Rosemary Wells put it in *Read to Your Bunny*,
Read to your bunny often / It's twenty minutes of fun.
It's twenty minutes of moonlight / And twenty minutes of sun.
Twenty old-favorite minutes / Twenty minutes brand-new,
Read to your bunny often / and...your bunny will read to you.



Reading fun! A Mock John Newbery Award Event



Kids, which book would you like to see win the Newbery Medal? 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. Choose from two lists of eligible books available in the Children's Room, then 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. Be sure to **turn in your voting sheets by January 15th**.

Caldecott Contenders

The Caldecott Medal is awarded to the illustrator of the most distinguished picture book published in the U.S. This year's award will be announced on January 18. We have placed on display in the Children's Room several picture books that we believe have outstanding artwork. Please check out these selections and enjoy them with your family.



Something to check-out! J Picture Books

Our J Picture Books, shelved at the end of the J fiction section, represent a special collection of illustrated books for older readers. The collection covers a wide variety of topics such as poetry, fractured fairy tales, allegory, dark humor, historical fiction, even spooky stories. Sometimes, the books are just longer stories for an older audience who enjoys looking at beautifully illustrated books. Please ask us more about this collection or browse through the shelves on your own. You might find the outrageous, *The Stinky Cheeseman*, or a poignant story about the Holocaust, *The Butterfly*, or even what it was like to be a Vietnam soldier in *Patrol*.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages birth-36 months**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
 A thirty-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, January 16
 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.



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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 call 303-795-3961 or TDD 303-795-3913.

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ESL Classes @ Bemis

The spring session of ESL classes begins on January 5th with all classes meeting at Bemis. **Beginning English classes will be from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Mon.-Thurs. and 5:30-6:50 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Intermediate English classes will be from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Mon.-Thurs., and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.** All classes are open to teens age 16 and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$30 each semester for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals under the age of 21. You may register for the 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 instructors are provided by the District. For information call Phyllis Larison or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

- Mark your calendars now for these library events coming next month:
- ♦ **Recreating Ardi, Our Oldest Human Ancestor**
Tuesday, February 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 - ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Hawaiian Love Songs with Keoni Coelho**
Saturday, February 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
 - ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs***
Saturday, February 20, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
 - ♦ **Online Shopping: Find the Best Deals!**
Monday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.
 - ♦ **One Pot Cooking**
Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Jan. Art Exhibit** Littleton Public Schools Elementary School Art Show: Jan. 11-28
- Friday, Jan. 1** New Year's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Saturday, Jan. 2** Teen Anime Club, Noon
- Monday, Jan. 4** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 5** *Beginning Windows, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 6** *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, Jan. 7** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
A Mighty Long Way - Memories of Integration in Little Rock, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 8** *Facebook & Twitter: What's the Hype? 9:00-10:30 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 11** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 12** *Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 13** *Beginning Access, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 14** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 15** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Ranches of Colorado with John Fielder, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 16** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Teen Movie: *Battle for Terra*, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 18** Martin Luther King Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Jan. 19** *Beginning 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, Jan. 20** *Intermediate Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 21** 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, Jan. 22** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 23** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Harp & Flute Music with Paul Wren & Sylvia Marx Bowen, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 25** Julia Child: My Life in France, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 26** *Intermediate Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 27** *Beginning PowerPoint, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 28** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Birthing Your Book - Even if You Don't Know What It's About, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 29** *Facebook & Twitter: What's the Hype? 9:00-10:30 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 30** *Windows File Management, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Free Film Event - *Capitalism: A Love Story*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.