



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Colorado Ballot Issues 2010

Take an objective look at the important ballot issues and the arguments for and against each one on **Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The fall 2010 Colorado ballot promises to stir up strong emotions in the state. With several issues involving government funding, there is no shortage of controversy for November. This program will be presented by Active Minds, an organization that expands lives and minds with community-based educational programs.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Karate Kid*

A new version of an old favorite, *The Karate Kid*, will be shown on the library's big screen, **Saturday, October 16, 2:00-4:15 p.m.** Twelve-year-old Dre Parker (Jaden Smith) and his mother move to China where Dre must deal with a class bully who is skilled in karate. Dre seeks help from maintenance man Mr. Han (Jackie Chan), who is secretly a master of kung fu. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



International Craft Fair

An array of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase at Bemis on **Saturday, October 23, Noon-4:00 p.m.** Proceeds will benefit the poor in foreign countries. Items for sale will include jewelry and crafts from Indonesia, Egypt, Madagascar, Asia, Bulgaria, El Salvador, South Africa and other countries. Several new vendors will be at this year's event. Also, enjoy music and dancing from the Middle East performed by the Rachid Halihal Ensemble, dressed in authentic costumes, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place.



Shoppers browse the handmade jewelry at a recent Bemis International Craft Fair.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy 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 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.—Enjoy music and dancing from the Middle East performed by the Rachid Halihal Ensemble, dressed in authentic costumes. Take some extra time to visit the International Craft Fair in Sophie's Place from noon until 4 p.m.

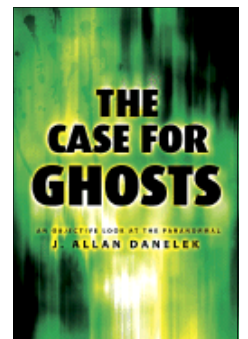
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Ghost Photography

Join author/investigator J. Allan Danelek in a fascinating look at the mysterious world of ghost photography, **Friday, October 29 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.** The presentation features various photographs of ghostly manifestations and the audience can decide whether these photos are hoaxes, anomalies, or genuine pictures of ghosts. The photographs are from around the world, but the focus is Europe and the United States.

Copies of J. Allan Danelek's book, *The Case for Ghosts*, will be available for purchase. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.



Salem Witches

In 1692 in Salem, Massachusetts, an extraordinary series of events coupled with the hysterical reaction of the community resulted in what is referred to as the "Salem Witch Hunt." Hundreds of individuals were tried for the crime of witchcraft and many were executed as a result. Join the staff of Active Minds on **Monday, October 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** as we seek to understand this astounding moment in our country's early history.

International Coffee Hour

If you are learning to speak English, come to the library the **first and third Friday mornings of each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** in **Sophie's Café** for our International Coffee Hour. The group is for those who would like to practice their English-speaking skills, meet people from other countries, and discuss topics of mutual interest. Join us on **October 1 and 15.**



Homebound Delivery Service

Bemis offers a *free* delivery service to City of Littleton residents who are unable to visit the library due to physical limitations. If you are temporarily or permanently confined to your home because of illness, age or physical disability, we will deliver library materials to you. Available materials include books (even Braille), magazines, music CDs, DVDs/videos, and audio books. Contact librarian Pam Child at 303-795-3961 and let her know what materials you are interested in having delivered to your home once a month by library staff or volunteer. Volunteers are needed for this program. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to volunteer.



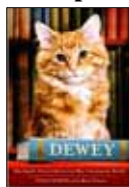
Book Groups at Bemis

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

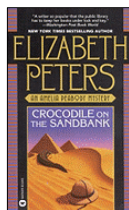
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Oct. 4: *Dewey: the Small Town Library Cat who Touched the World*
by Vicki Myron



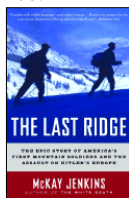
The charming story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat of Spencer, Iowa.

Nov. 1: *Crocodile on the Sandbank*
by Elizabeth Peters



After her father's death, thirty-two-year-old Amelia Peabody eschews the role of Victorian spinster and travels to Egypt, where mysterious intruders, boorish archaeologists, and a disappearing two-thousand-year-old mummy test her sanity and independence.

Dec. 6: *The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division & the Assault on Hitler's Europe*
by McKay Jenkins

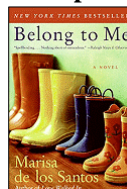


A gripping account of the group of soldiers who trained in the Colorado Rockies before facing combat in the mountains of Italy near the end of World War II.

Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Oct. 18: *Belong to Me*
by Marisa De Los Santos



Devoted city dweller Cornelia Brown moves to the suburbs where she faces her new life with trepidation and struggles to make friendships. Her mettle is tested by judgmental neighbor, Piper, who represents everything Cornelia feared she would find in suburbia. A saving grace soon appears in the form of Lake, a warm yet elusive woman, who is also a recent arrival in town.

Nov. 15: *Summertime*
by J. M. Coetzee



Part novel, part memoir, this book is about the author Coetzee as seen through the eyes of female lovers, relatives, colleagues and unrequited loves, all interviewed many years after his supposed death.

Dec. 6: *We will meet at 6:00 p.m. the first Monday in December.* No book is scheduled for discussion; instead, we will meet for dinner and a book planning session for 2011. Contact librarian and group facilitator Pam Child for additional information at 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.



Currently, our computers use Microsoft XP operating systems and Microsoft Office 2003 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. except where noted. Currently space is available in these classes:

- ♦ **Beginning Access Parts 1 & 2***
MS Office 2003
Tues., Nov. 16 & Wed., Nov. 17
**Students should sign up for both classes.*
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Oct. 13; Tues., Nov. 9; Wed., Dec. 8
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Oct. 20; Wed., Dec. 15
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Oct. 16; Sat., Nov. 20; Sat., Dec. 18
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Oct. 27
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., Oct. 5; Tues., Nov. 2; Wed., Dec. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Oct. 12; Wed., Nov. 3; Tues., Dec. 7
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Oct. 19; Tues., Dec. 14
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Oct. 2
- ♦ **Get Digital Photos Out of Your Camera**
Fri., Oct. 8
- ♦ **Newsletters with Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Nov. 10
- ♦ **Organizing, Managing & Editing Photos**
Fri., Nov. 19
- ♦ **Shutterfly Albums**
Fri., Oct. 22
- ♦ **Shutterfly Albums Using Custom Path**
Fri., Nov. 5
- ♦ **Shutterfly Holiday Cards & Album Review**
Tues., Nov. 23
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
No registration required. Receive 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
Oct. 2: Title will be selected at Sept. mtg.
Nov. 6: Title will be selected at Oct. mtg.
Dec. 4: Title will be selected at Nov. mtg.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21
 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. 21: *MarioKart*
Nov. 18: *Guitar Hero*
Dec. 16: *Winter Games*
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 22; no meetings in Nov. or Dec.

Battle for the Best Book

The battle that began in August continues through mid-October. Each week, teens continue to vote for the best teen book at Bemis by sending their votes by email to teen librarian Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org. Each week two books from the nominated titles are chosen to "battle" against each other. Teens vote for the book they'd like to see stay in the competition; the losing title is removed. The battle will conclude in early October with the final winner being announced during **Teen Read Week, October 17-23**. Teens: every nomination or vote you submit enters your name into a prize drawing to be held in October. Winners will receive a copy of a book of their choice. Monitor the battle at the Bemis Teen Blog or by visiting the library.

Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week 2010 will be celebrated Oct. 17-23! This year's theme is

Books With Beat @ Your Library, which encourages teens to read poetry, audio books, books about music, and more. During Teen Read Week the library will be hosting 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, or "book bucks" 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 bookstore.



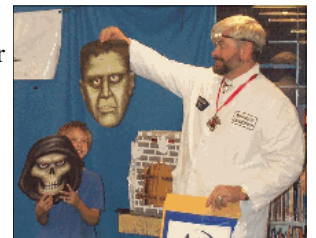
Annual Costumes on Parade!

Please join us on **Thursday, October 28 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or Friday, October 29 at 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 in the large meeting room for stories, songs, treats and punch. Younger costumed siblings are welcome to join the parade.



Frankly Fun

Don't miss this special Halloween adventure for the entire family on **Saturday, October 30 at 2:00 p.m.** Inspector Magic, disguised as a mad scientist, starts the journey in Transylvania with all the favorite monsters. "Fear Ink" is the motto as the audience learns that the written word found within books can create strong emotions for the reader like suspense or unease. The book, *Frankenstein*, by Mary Shelly will be discussed, and one child will transform into Igor on a search for Frankenstein's monster's brain. In the end, the missing brain will be found and transformed into a live rabbit - a hare-brained idea for sure!



Mark Weidhaas portrays Inspector Magic.

This adventure involves the entire audience, and even the little ones under age five will have a blast, as it is not too spooky--just silly. Older children will love it because of the magic and costumes they get to wear. It is a favorite of adults as well, because of the jokes and puns. In addition, the audience will learn how to have a safe Halloween.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
 A thirty-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of 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. Also on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
 A thirty-minute independent session with stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5**
Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.
Saturday, Oct. 16: Readers in grades 1-5 can read with a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by the American Humane Association.
- ♦ **Register for Email Notification:**
 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 the next time you visit the library.
- ♦ **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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English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! The fall session of English as a Second Language (ESL) has begun. **Beginning classes are held in the library's classroom from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday, and 5:30-6:50 p.m., Monday and Tuesday. Intermediate classes are held from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday.**

These 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 \$30.00 each semester for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals under the age of 21. Register for the classes with an instructor anytime during the year. ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District No. 6 who also provides the instructors. For more information call Alejandra Harguth or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *How to Train Your Dragon***
Saturday, November 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Visit Hogwarts at Bemis**
Friday, November 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Music of the Civil War**
Saturday, November 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **William Bradford, Pilgrim Father**
Monday, November 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Make a Holiday Treasure Chest**
Saturday, November 27: 10:00 a.m.-Noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Friday, Oct. 1** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
International Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 2** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, Noon
- Monday, Oct. 4** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 5** *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 6** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 7** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 8** *Get Digital Photos Out of Your Camera, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 11** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 12** *Beginning Word, Office '03 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Colorado Ballot Issues 2010, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13** *Beginning Excel, Office '03 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 14** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 15** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
International Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 16** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Karate Kid*, 2:00-4:15 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 18** Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 19** *Intermediate Word, Office '03 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 20** *Intermediate Excel, Office '03 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 21** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 22** *Shutterfly Albums, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*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, Oct. 23** International Craft Fair, Noon-4:00 p.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Rachid Halihal Ensemble, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 25** Salem Witches, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 26** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 27** *Beginning Power Point, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 28** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, Annual Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 29** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, Annual Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Ghost Photography, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 30** *Frankly Fun*, For Children ages 3 and up and their families, 2:00 p.m.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.