



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Your Library Card - the Best Bargain of All!

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 giving you access to free computers and WiFi. Sign up for a library card in September and you will receive a free book and prizes, and your name will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to Border's Bookstore. If you already have a library card, you can enter your name to win a \$50 gift certificate to a downtown Littleton business of your choice.



The Power of Good - One Man's Experience

In 1939, Nicholas Winton personally saved the lives of over 600 children, mostly Jewish and from Czechoslovakia which was soon to be occupied by the Nazis. Winton brought the children to Britain and kept it a secret for over 50 years. On **Tuesday, September 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**, see the one hour film, *Nicholas Winton—The Power of Good*, which won the International Emmy Award in 2002. Then, hear the harrowing story of Littleton resident Tom Graumann who was eight years old when he was rescued from Czechoslovakia and sent to Scotland to live. Tom later discovered that his family in Czechoslovakia had been killed in a concentration camp. Tom and Carol Graumann have spoken throughout the Czech Republic on Nicholas Winton and his rescue mission. In 2002 Queen Elizabeth II conferred knighthood on Winton; Sir Nicholas Winton celebrated his 100th birthday on May 19, 2009.



Antique Appraisal Fair

Ever wonder what a family treasure might be worth? Find out from the experts at the free Antique Appraisal Fair on **Friday, September 17, from Noon-7:00 p.m.** Bring dishes, art, jewelry, coins, toys, stamps, books, lamps, clocks, glassware and other antiques and collectibles to be evaluated by local appraisers. A maximum of two 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 time slot with appraisers, call the library at 303-795-3961.



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. **Wednesday, September 29, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** - Hear **Bill Barwick**, one of America's premier Western and cowboy music entertainers. Barwick's singing, storytelling, and superb guitar work are not to be missed! In 2009, Barwick won the coveted Western Music Association's Male Performer of the Year award. Copies of his CDs will be available for purchase.

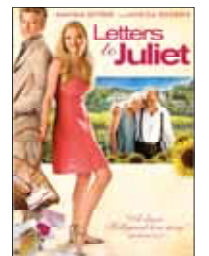


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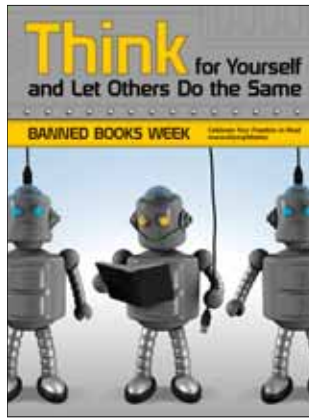
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Letters to Juliet*

Love lost and found is the focus of the romantic comedy, *Letters to Juliet*, shown on the library's big screen **Saturday, September 25, 3:00-4:30 p.m.** When a young American (Amanda Seyfried) travels to the Italian city of Verona, home of the star-crossed lover Juliet Capulet of *Romeo and Juliet* fame, she joins a group of volunteers who respond to letters seeking advice about love. After answering one letter dated 1951, she inspires its author (Vanessa Redgrave) to travel to Italy in search of her long-lost love and sets off a chain of events that will bring love into both their lives. The Italian countryside provides a beautiful backdrop for the story. Free popcorn and beverages will be available at the showing. Rated PG.



Banned Books Readout

Celebrate Banned Books Week 2010, September 25-October 2, and win prizes by participating in a **Banned Books Readout on Saturday, September 25, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Sign up for a 5-10 minute slot to read a passage from a banned book at an open microphone in Sophie's Place; you may select a title from a display of books provided by the library. Each participant will receive a gift from the library and will be entered in a drawing to win one of two \$25 gift certificates from Amazon.com. The Readout is open to children age eight and up, teens and adults. See the librarian at the main floor reference desk to sign up for a time slot. Registration will begin Wednesday, September 1. If you would like to listen, but not read out loud, please come and encourage the participants!



True Stories of Titanic Survivors

Hear the dramatic stories of three Titanic survivors, one from each class of the ship, on **Monday, September 27, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** Diana Reardon will portray the survivors and tell why they were aboard the fateful ship, how they felt about their accommodations, their experiences as the ship sank, and what life was like for them after being rescued. Reardon has done extensive research on survivors of this catastrophic event; she also is a Victorian entertainer who performs in character with period costumes.

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. 13*: *The Whistling Season*

by Ivan Doig

Hired as a housekeeper to work on the early 1900s Montana homestead of widower Oliver Milliron, the irreverent Rose and her brother, Morris, endeavor to educate the widower's sons while witnessing local efforts on a massive irrigation project.

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

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

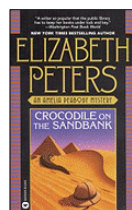
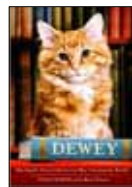
by Vicki Myron

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.



Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Sept. 20: *Tempest Tales*

by Walter Mosley

Refusing to go to hell in spite of his technical disqualification from heaven, murdered African-American everyman Tempest Landry is sent back to Harlem, where a guiding angel tries to convince him to accept judgment.

Oct. 18: *Belong to Me*

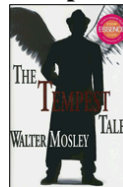
by Marisa De Los Santos

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: *A Mercy*

by Toni Morrison

Set at the close of the 17th century, a slave at a plantation in Maryland offers up her daughter, Florens, to a relatively humane Northern farmer, Jacob, as debt payment from their owner.



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 Part 1 & 2***
Tues., Sept. 21 & Wed., Sept. 22
*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Sept. 7; Wed., Oct. 13
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Sept. 14; Wed., Oct. 20
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Sept. 18; Sat., Oct. 16
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Oct. 27
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Sept. 29
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**
Wed., Sept. 1; Tues., Oct. 5
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Sept. 8; Tues., Oct. 12
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Sept. 15; Tues., Oct. 19
- ♦ **Buying and Selling on eBay**
Monday, Sept. 27*
*Special Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Buying Your First Digital Camera**
Fri., Sept. 10
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Oct. 2
- ♦ **Get Digital Photos Out of Your Camera**
Fri., Oct. 8
- ♦ **Shutterfly Albums**
Fri., Oct. 22
- ♦ **Use Shutterfly for Cards & Presents**
Fri., Sept. 24
- ♦ **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
Sept. 4: *Galaxy Railways: Ahead Full!*
Oct. 2: Title will be selected at Sept. mtg.
Nov. 6: Title will be selected at Oct. mtg.
- ◆ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 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!
Sept. 16: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*
Oct. 21: *MarioKart*
Nov. 18: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Sept. 24 & Oct. 22. No meeting in Nov.

Battle for the Best Book

The battle that began in August continues throughout September. Each week, teens can 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 will be chosen to "battle" against each other. Teens will vote for the book they'd like to see stay in the competition; the losing title will be removed. The battle continues through 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.

Upcoming Teen Events

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, audiobooks, 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.



Playground Theatre Presents *The Green Scene*

Meet Super Natural, the world's first organic Super Hero and his green side-kick Sprout on **Saturday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m.** when Playground Theatre presents *The Green Scene*. Born on Earth Day and raised on peace, love and granola, Super Natural is here to save the planet from the evil plans of "Toxic Waste." This program is for families with children ages 3 and up.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

Story Box resumes September 7th. Preschool Story Time resumes September 9th.

- ◆ **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, Sept. 18: 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.



Upcoming Children's Events

Mark your calendars now for **Frankly Fun**, a 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.

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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. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District No. 6 and an instructor is provided by the District. 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:

- ♦ **Colorado Ballot Issues 2010**
Tuesday, October 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **International Craft Fair**
Saturday, October 23, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with the Rachid Halihal Ensemble**
Saturday, October 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Salem Witches**
Monday, October 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Ghost Photography**
Friday, October 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Wednesday, Sept. 1 *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 2 Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 3 International Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 4 Teen Anime Club, Noon

Monday, Sept. 6 Labor Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
No Free Medical Services Van

Tuesday, Sept. 7 *Beginning Excel, Office '03
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 8 *Beginning Word, Office '03
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9 Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10 *Buying Your First Digital 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, Sept. 13 Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14 *Intermediate Excel, Office '03
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
The Power of Good - One Man's Experience, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15 *Intermediate Word, Office '03
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16 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, Sept. 17 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

International Coffee Hour, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Antique Appraisal Fair, Noon-7:00 p.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18 *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 18 *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Playground Theatre Presents *The Green Scene*, 2:00 p.m., For families and children 3 & up

Monday, Sept. 20 Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Mon. Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 21 *Beginning Access Part 1, 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, Sept. 22 *Beginning Access Part 2, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23 Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24 *Use Shutterfly for Cards and Presents, 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, Sept. 25 *Banned Books Readout, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Letters To Juliet*, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27 True Stories of Titanic Survivors, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
*Buying and Selling on eBay, Space Available, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29 *Beginning Publisher, Office '03
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Bill Barwick, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30 Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1 *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.