



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Colorado's Real Natives with Tom Noel

Well-known Colorado historian Tom Noel will present historical stories and photos of three Colorado Native American tribes--the Ute, Arapaho and Cheyenne, **Tuesday, January 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** According to the Ute tribal historian, the Ute Indians have lived in the "shining mountains" forever; the Arapaho and Cheyenne arrived in Colorado after 1800. Noel will talk about some of the colorful chiefs of these tribes, Indian interaction with white settlers, and the current history of the tribes. Copies of Noel's recent books will be available for purchase and signing at the program.



Family Film Event: *Dolphin Tale*

See the remarkable family film, *Dolphin Tale*, **Saturday, January 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, on the library's big screen. The movie was inspired by the amazing true story of Winter, a young dolphin who loses her tail, and Sawyer, an 11-year old boy who befriends her. Compassionate specialists band together to save the dolphin's life. The real "Winter", who plays herself in this film, today serves as a symbol of courage and hope to millions of people, both able and disabled. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



The Comedy of Bryce Jackman

Stand-up comedian, Bryce Jackman, will perform a comedy show focused on senior life on **Monday, January 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** The show also will include singing and juggling. Jackman has performed his shows at numerous venues throughout Colorado.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

Author and singer, Daniel Blegen, will celebrate Woody Guthrie's centennial year in *Hard Travelin'--An Afternoon with Woody Guthrie* on **Saturday, January 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** The performance will include more than a dozen of Woody's songs, including *Hard Travelin'*, *Roll on Columbia*, *Union Maid*, and *This Land is Your Land*. Blegen also will talk about the life of Woody Guthrie, who roamed the country in the 1930's, connecting with America and its people.



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Retirement Financial Series - Fitting the Pieces Together

Wondering if you will have the financial resources needed in your retirement? Attend the retirement financial series, presented in January and February by financial strategist and retirement plan specialist, Stephen Geist. Geist hosts a weekly radio show, *The Retirement Guy*, on KNUS and has over 34 years of experience in this field. He will talk about five pieces of the "retirement puzzle":

- ◆ **Tuesday, January 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** *Safeguarding Your Accumulated Assets and Developing a Lifetime of Guaranteed Income*
- ◆ **Tuesday, January 31, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** *Dealing with Taxes in Retirement and Beyond and Building a Legacy for Your Loved Ones (Estate Planning)*
- ◆ **Tuesday, February 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:** *Protection Against the High Costs of Health Care and Long-term Care*



Free Tax Help!

Beginning in February, Bemis 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 2 through April 12 on Thursday 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.



The **AARP will provide tax preparation help, with trained volunteers, on the upper level of the library from February 6-April 10, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.** Appointments are required for this assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To make an appointment for AARP tax assistance at the library, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

Downloadables Available at Bemis

Did you receive an eReader, smart phone or tablet PC for Christmas? Did you know you can download books to your device from the library? Bemis library card holders can check out and download digital media for adults, teens and children anytime, anywhere, by visiting <http://bemis.sirsi.net> and clicking on "Digital Downloads" or simply going to the website <http://coloradocd.lib.overdrive.com>. You can browse the collection, check items out with your library card, and download them to PC, Mac, iPad, many mobile devices, and Kindle readers. To get started, click on "Digital Downloads at our online web catalog. Then Click on "Across Colorado Digital Consortium" and click on "Quick Start Guide."



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. 9*: *Shoeless Joe*

by W.P. Kinsella

Ray Kinsella's fanatic love of baseball drives him to build a baseball stadium in his corn field and kidnap the author, J.D. Salinger, to bring him to a baseball game. This book was the basis for the movie, "Field of Dreams."

*We will meet on the second Monday in January due to the holidays.

Feb. 6: *The Worst Hard Time*

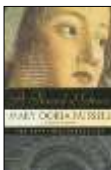
by Timothy Egan

The dust storms that terrorized the High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since. Timothy Egan's critically acclaimed account rescues this iconic chapter of American history from the shadows in a tour de force of historical reportage.

Mar. 5: *Thread of Grace*

by Mary Doria Russell

In September 1943, Claudette Blum and her father flee across the Alps into Italy with other Jews seeking refuge, only to find an open battle ground among the Nazis, Allied forces, resistance fighters, and ordinary Italians struggling to survive.



♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Jan. 23*: *On Beauty*

by Zadie Smith

Art professor Howard Belsey finds his family life thrown into turmoil by his son's engagement to the socially prominent daughter of a right-wing icon. *We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Feb. 27*: *Cutting For Stone*

by Abraham Verghese

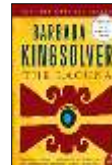
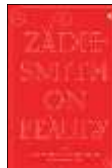
Twin brothers born from a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon come of age in an Ethiopia on the brink of revolution. The brothers' love for the same woman drives them apart.

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

Mar. 19: *The Lacuna*

by Barbara Kingsolver

The story of Harrison William Shepherd, a man caught between two worlds -- Mexico and the United States in the 1930s, '40s, and '50s -- and whose search for identity takes readers to the heart of the twentieth century's most tumultuous events.



Computer Services & Computer Classes

Bemis has 24 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 throughout the building for patrons with wireless-enabled laptops.**



Currently, our computers use Microsoft Windows 7 operating systems and Microsoft Office 2010 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 \$0.50 a page for color. Our computer lab has 10 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:

- ♦ **Be Your Own Travel Agent**
Fri., Feb. 24
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Jan. 17; Tues., Feb. 14
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Jan. 18; Wed., Feb. 15
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Jan. 7; Sat., Feb. 4
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Jan. 24
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Feb. 21
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Wed., Jan. 4; Wed., Feb. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Jan. 10; Tues., Feb. 7
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Jan. 11; Wed., Feb. 8
- ♦ **Introduction to Facebook**
Fri., Jan. 27
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Tues., Jan. 3
- ♦ **How to Search the Internet**
Sat., Feb. 18
- ♦ **Network of Care Health Website for Seniors**
Wed., Jan. 25
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Sat., Jan. 21
- ♦ **What's New in Office 2010?**
Tues., Feb. 22
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab—9:00-10:30 a.m. Every Thursday**
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



Children's Programs



Chill Out and Read Winter Reading Program Ends Jan. 7th



Be sure to complete and turn in your *Chill Out and Read* reading record by January 7th. Independent readers in grades 1-5 who met their winter reading program goals by completing a certain number of pages based on their grade level will receive a free book to keep, a certificate and a yummy surprise. Many thanks to our generous sponsors: South Suburban Ice Arena, Cold Stone Creamery at Aspen Grove, Dairy Queen, 7935 S. Broadway, and of course, Friends of the Littleton Museum and Library.

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:

♦ Read the Movie Club

First Sat. of the month @ noon

The **Read the Movie Club** discusses a book, then watches the movie. *Join us even if you haven't read the book.* Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

Jan. 7: *Cowboys & Aliens*

Feb. 4: To be determined

Mar. 3: To be determined

♦ Wii & Kinect

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

January 19/February 16/March 15

♦ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Jan. 27: Open agenda

Feb. 24: Summer Reading Planning

Mar. 23: Summer Reading Planning



Merry-Andrew Afoot

Leroy Leonard is Merry-Andrew Afoot, a one-man theatrical hoot, playing all the parts in an adaptation of the classic folk tale, *The Three Wishes*, on **Saturday, January 14, 2:00 p.m.** Be careful what you wish for; you just might get it. A fun event for families with children of all ages.

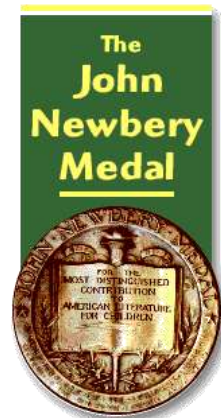


New titles... New books... Newbery...

The Newbery Medal for Children's Literature has been awarded annually since 1922 to the author of the most distinguished contribution to literature for children published in the U.S. during the preceding year. This year, the Newbery Medal will be awarded on Monday January 23rd. Of course, there can be only one Newbery winner, but Bemis has many great new books for all interests. Recently, we added a CHILDREN'S NEW BOOK heading in our catalog. By tagging the "new books," our readers have the opportunity to see the most current additions to our collection all in one place. Take time to review our NEW BOOK shelves with your kids. You may make some new discoveries!

Top contenders for the 2012 Newbery Medal:

- ♦ *The Adventures of Sir Gawain the True* by Gerald Morris
- ♦ *Amelia Lost* by Candace Fleming
- ♦ *Jefferson's Sons* by Kimberly Bradley
- ♦ *Okay for Now* by Gary Schmidt
- ♦ *The Penderwicks at Point Mouette* by Jeanne Birdsall
- ♦ *Small Persons with Wings* by Ellen Booraem
- ♦ *Trouble with May Amelia* by Jennifer Holm
- ♦ *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick



Your name in print— Review Something!

Beginning in January, we will be accepting reviews from teens about books, movies, and video games. Submit your reviews to Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org and you might see your review on the teen library blog, posted in the library, or maybe in the local paper! Make sure your review clearly identifies the format of the item you're reviewing (book, movie, or T-rated video game), the title of the item, and your name as well. Contact Mark with any questions.

Math Tutoring

Need some help with your high school math homework? We can help! A **math tutor will be available at the library from 2:45-5:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning this month**, to help with advanced/high school math questions. The tutor has a PhD in mathematics and has taught at both the high school and college level. Drop-in to the library during the scheduled hours to get some one-on-one help, or register for regular sessions. Once you've met the tutor and received some help, you'll be able to email a specific question and expect a response within 48 hours. Either way, get the help you need to understand those tricky mathematics problems! Email teen librarian Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org with questions about the tutoring or if you're interested in attending.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**
Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult introducing the joy of rhythm 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. and 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 grades 1-5**
Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.
January 21: Readers in grades 1-5 can practice reading to a visiting pet pal. Bring your own book or choose one from our collection. Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room to register for a 20-minute spot.
Presented by The Delta Society.



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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! **Beginning English 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-Wednesday. Intermediate English classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday.** These classes are open to teens age seventeen and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a \$30.00 donation requested for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals ages 17 to 21. You may register for the classes with an instructor 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 Alejandra Harguth at the library, 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Help***
Saturday, February 4, 2:00-4:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Nancy Russell—the Woman Behind Charles M. Russell**
Tuesday, February 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with *The Choralary***
Saturday, February 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Baby Doe Tabor—Homemaker or Homebreaker?**
Tuesday, February 21, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- ♦ **The Walls Talk—Historic House Museums of Colorado**
Monday, February 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Retirement Financial Series - Fitting the Pieces Together**
Tuesday, February 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:
Protection Against the High Costs of Health Care and Long-term Care

Schedule of Library Events

- Jan. Art Exhibit** Littleton Public Schools Art Shows Secondary Schools: Jan. 9-23
Elementary Schools: Jan. 24-Feb. 6
- Sunday, Jan. 1** New Year's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Monday, Jan. 2** New Year's Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Jan. 3** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 4** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 5** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place
Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 6** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 7** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Read the Movie Club, Noon
Cowboys & Aliens, (Rated PG-13)
- Monday, Jan. 9** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 11** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 12** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 13** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 14** Merry-Andrew Afoot, For families with children of all ages, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 16** Martin Luther King Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Jan. 17** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Colorado's Real Natives with Tom Noel, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 19** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii & Kinect Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 20** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 21** *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Family Film Event: *Dolphin Tale*, 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Rated PG)
- Monday, Jan. 23** The Comedy of Bryce Jackman
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Mon. Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24** *Beginning Power Point, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Retirement Financial Series:
Safeguarding Your Accumulated Assets and Developing a Lifetime of Guaranteed Income, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25** *Network of Care Health Website for Seniors, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 26** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place
- Friday, Jan. 27** *Introduction to Facebook, 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.
- Saturday, Jan. 28** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place
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Retirement Financial Series:
Dealing with Taxes in Retirement and Beyond and *Building a Legacy for Your Loved Ones (Estate Planning)*, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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

Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.