Upgraded Self-check and New Sorter

Library patrons can now check out items very quickly on upgraded RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) self-check stations. Many patrons have commented on the ease and speed of using these stations. Multiple items can be stacked and checked out at once rather than scanning one item at a time. The library was closed the week of February 18 for the installation of RFID equipment and tags as well as the installation of a sorter for materials. Staff placed an RFID tag on every item in the Bemis collection (over 190,000 items) and also programmed each tag. The sorter, which checks in items and automatically sorts them into bins for shelving, was installed and is working smoothly. Stop by the library to check out our new, more efficient equipment!

Littleton’s Lamb Spring Archaeological Site

Learn about the discoveries at the Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve, Tuesday, April 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m. The Lamb Spring site was uncovered by Charles Lamb in 1960 while digging a stock pond at the site of a natural spring. Lamb found several large bones that were later identified as the remains of a mammoth, horse, camel and bison. The site was then excavated in 1961-62 and more bones were found, dating back 13,000 years, near the end of the last Ice Age. Recent excavations have indicated that people may have hunted Ice Age mammoths in the area. Author Jack C. Warner, who leads tours at the site, will speak and show photographs of findings at the historic area.

Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. Saturday, April 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: The family band Amber Waves will entertain with an mixture of bluegrass and folk music. The band consists of identical twins, Alexandra on guitar, Kaitlin on banjo, younger brother Sean on fiddle, and little sister Mary, with a voice that charms any audience. Parents join in too, with Michael on the bass, and Cheryl on mandolin and fife. Though instrumental skill has certainly gained them attention, the family is best known for their stunning vocals.

Celebrate National Library Week with Chocolates

Bemis is joining libraries around the country in celebrating National Library Week, April 14-20; the theme for the week is Communities Matter @ Your Library. Stop by the library and write a few lines about what you think Bemis Library will be like in 30 years. Children can draw a picture of the library of the future. This program is for all ages. Each participant will receive a chocolate book.

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Visit with Thomas Jefferson and His Literary Children

Visit with Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by Jack Van Ens, as he talks about his love of books, Tuesday, April 16, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Jefferson was a person of immense talents and multiple interests. He accumulated a library of nearly 7,000 books, which he eventually donated to the government. What is not commonly known is that Jefferson went into great debt from collecting books which he prized as his “children.” He battled with Congress over the donation of his collection to the Library of Congress because some members of Congress did not approve of certain titles in his library. Van Ens, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, also will discuss the Jefferson Bible which will be on display at the Colorado History Museum through May 27. Using a razor, Jefferson cut and pasted his arrangement of selected verses from the New Testament. The book is notable for its exclusion of all miracles and most supernatural references.
Vintage and Artistic Homes of Boulder

Take a photographic tour of classic and artistic homes of Boulder, Monday, April 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Speaker Gayl Gray is a photographer, author and a journalist for Boulder Women’s Magazine. Over twenty unique Boulder dwellings, grand and cozy, will be featured in the presentation. Gray says, “In a city of unlimited creativity, there's so much to discover.” Copies of Gayl Gray’s book, Vintage & Artistic Homes of Boulder, will be available for purchase and signing.

Saturday Movie Matinee: Life of Pi

A young man survives a tragic disaster at sea and is hurtled into an epic journey in the film Life of Pi, shown on the library’s big screen on Saturday, April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. While marooned on a lifeboat, Pi forms an amazing and unexpected connection with the ship’s other survivor - a fearsome Bengal tiger. This film, directed by Academy Award winner Ang Lee, features beautiful photography and special effects. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.

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.**
  - **Apr. 1:** *Me & Emma* by Elizabeth Flock
  - Eight-year-old Carrie Parker and her little sister, tired of living in an abusive environment, concoct a plan to run away. Their escape is thwarted, however, by a shocking revelation that will change their lives.

- **May 6:** *Into the Wilderness* by Sara Donati
  - A judge's daughter elopes with a white adventurer in Colonial America. Elizabeth arrives from England to marry a doctor, but is smitten by Nathaniel, a man raised by the Mohawks. The doctor, however, refuses to give her up and pursues them.

- **June 3:** *Pompeii* by Robert Harris
  - When the aqueduct that brings fresh water to thousands of people around the bay of Naples fails, Roman engineer Marius Primus heads to the slopes of Mount Vesuvius to investigate, only to come face to face with an impending catastrophe.

- **Monday Evening Book Group**
  - **Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**
  - **Apr. 15:** *A Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway
  - Hemingway’s classic memoir of Paris in the 1920s, filled with irreverent portraits of authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein along with tender memories of his first wife, Hadley.

- **May 20:** *City of Thieves* by David Benioff
  - During the Nazis’ brutal siege of Leningrad, two young men are given a chance to be spared from execution by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his daughter’s wedding cake. The two embark on a hunt through the dire lawlessness of Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible.

- **June 17:** *Street of a Thousand Blossoms* by Gail Tsukiyama
  - Set in Japan before, during and after WW II, the story follows brothers Hiroshi and Kenji Matsumoto through the devastation of war and the hardships of postwar reconstruction.

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:

- **Computer Comfort**
  - Tues., Apr. 2; Wed., May 1; Sat., Jun. 1

- **Craigslist 101**
  - Tues., Apr. 23

- **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
  - Tues., Apr. 16; Wed., May 21; Tues., Jun. 11

- **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**

- **Excel Pivot Tables - MS Office 2010**
  - Wed., Jun. 19

- **Get More Out of Google**
  - Sat., Jun. 15

- **Beginning Internet**
  - Sat., May 18

- **Linking Excel and Word**
  - Tues., Jun. 18

- **Magazines and Newspapers Online**
  - Sat., Apr. 20

- **Protecting Your Computer**
  - Wed., Apr. 24

- **Beginning Windows 7**
  - Wed., Apr. 3; Sat., May 4; Tues., Jun. 4

- **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
  - Tues., Apr. 9; Tues., May 7

- **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
  - Wed., Apr. 10

- **Word Tables - MS Office 2010**
  - Wed., May 8

- **Word Forms - MS Office 2010**
  - Tues., May 14

- **Word Graphics - MS Office 2010**
  - Wed., May 15

- **Saving and Finding Files**
  - Sat., Apr. 6; Wed., Jun. 5

- **Teach Yourself Tech - Computer Self-Study**
  - Tues., Apr. 30

- **Open Computer Lab - 9:00-10:30 a.m. Every Thursday**
  - No registration required. One-on-one assistance.
For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or check the Bemis teen blog site online at bemisteen.blogspot.com. Join other teens for the following activities:

**Teen Movie Club**
First Saturday of the month @ noon
Participants will be selecting titles for future meetings. Check the monthly newsletter or contact Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org for details. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

- Apr. 6: Wreck-It Ralph - PG
- May 4: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey
- June 1: Despicable Me

**Gaming**
Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.*
Enjoy popular interactive video games on PS3, Wii and Xbox Kinect featuring different games each month!

- Apr. 18 and May 16
- *June 20 - Special Time: 11:30 a.m.

**Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

- Apr. 26: Summer reading preparation
- May 24: Talent Show planning
- June 28: Murder Mystery event planning

**Decorate the New Teen Area**
Submit an idea for decorating the new teen area, or submit your original artwork for Grades K-5. Reservations are required. Please call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children’s Desk beginning April 6.

**iPad Workshops**
We’ve got new iPads for use in the new teen area! Sign up for a workshop to learn how to use an iPad and how to use the apps loaded onto our machines. We’re offering three workshops: iPad Basics, Using the iPad for Homework and iPad Games. To register for a workshop, contact teen librarian Mark at 303-795-3961 or by email at mdecker@littletongov.org.

**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, rhyme, and reading. Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.

- **Preschool Story Time:** Ages 3 and up
  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 K-5
  Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.-noon.
  Kids in grades K-5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a twenty-minute spot. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.

- **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 Events**

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

- **Civil War Soldiers Seeking Companions**
  Tuesday, May 7, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- **Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place with Grace Notes Barbershop Quartet**
  Saturday, May 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

- **Serengeti: The Eternal Beginning with nature photographer Boyd Norton**
  Tuesday, May 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- **Saturday Movie Matinee: The Impossible**
  Saturday, May 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

- **A Celebration of State Capitals**
  Monday, May 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

- **A Visit with Africa’s Mountain Gorillas**
  Tuesday, May 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- **Summer Reading Programs Begin for All Ages**
  Tuesday, May 28

**Schedule of Library Events**

- **April 1**: Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- **April 2**: *Computer Comfort*, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **April 3**: *Beginning Windows 7, MS Office ‘10*, 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.
- **April 4**: Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **April 5**: Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
  Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- **April 6**: *Saving & Finding Files*, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  Teen Movie Club, *Wreck-It Ralph*, Noon, Rated PG
- **April 7**: *Tea and Talk: The World of Downton Abbey*, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- **April 9**: *Beginning Word*, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
  Littleton’s Lamb Spring Archaeological Site, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **April 10**: *Intermediate Word*, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **April 11**: Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **April 12**: *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.*
- **April 13**: *Beginning Excel*, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
  Thomas Jefferson & His Literary Children, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- **April 14**: Intermediate Excel, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **April 15**: Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- **April 17**: Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **April 18**: Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
  International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie’s Place
  Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
  Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
- **April 19**: *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.*
- **April 20**: Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
  Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
  *Magazines & Newspapers Online*, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Cre-a-tiv-TEA Mother/Daughter Tea*, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
  Teen Duct Tape Creations, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- **April 22**: Vintage & Artistic Homes of Boulder, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
  *Busy Like a Bee*, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
  For Grades K-3
- **April 23**: *Craigslist 101*, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **April 24**: *Protecting Your Computer*, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **April 25**: Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **April 26**: Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
  Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
  Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- **April 27**: *Intermediate Excel*, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **April 28**: *Computer Comfort*, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **April 29**: Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **April 30**: Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
  Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
  *Intermediate Excel*, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
  *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.*
- **May 1**: Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **May 2**: Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- **May 3**: *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.*

*Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.*