

# Behind the Cover

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## Adventures in Tuscany

Hear a fascinating account of a Littleton woman's experiences restoring a home in a small medieval town in Italy, **Tuesday, October 11, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** After spending vacations in Italy for nine years, Diana Armstrong and her husband decided to purchase an ancient stone house that once served as the entrance to a sixteenth century monastery in the Italian town of Lubriano. While restoring their home and learning Italian, the Armstrongs experienced a series of calamities, often humorous, and came to love the simple way of life in the town and the people who live there. Diana Armstrong will show photographs of her Italian home and surroundings; she is an award-winning food and travel writer. Copies of her book, *Somewhere South of Tuscany*, will be available for purchase and signing.



## Saturday Movie Matinee: *African Cats*

See an epic true story, *African Cats*, set against the backdrop of one of the wildest places on earth, **Saturday, October 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Narrated by actor Samuel L. Jackson, the story features Mara, an endearing lion cub who strives to grow up with her mother's strength and spirit; Sita, a fearless cheetah and single mother of five mischievous newborns who go on a dangerous journey; and Fang, a proud leader of the pride who must defend his family from a rival lion and his sons. Stunning high-definition images show these majestic kings of the African savanna and their family bonds. Rated G.



## International Craft Fair

A wide variety of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase at the library on **Saturday, October 22, Noon-4:00 p.m.** Proceeds will benefit the poor in foreign countries. Items for sale will include jewelry and crafts from Indonesia, Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa, Asia, El Salvador, Bulgaria, Peru, Brazil, Madagascar, and other countries. Enjoy lively polka music performed by the Tom Allan Grengs Polka Band, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy performances that feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, October 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Enjoy a toe-tapping performance of German polka favorites with the five-piece Tom Allan Grengs Polka Band. Take some extra time to visit the International Craft Fair at the library from noon until 4:00 p.m.



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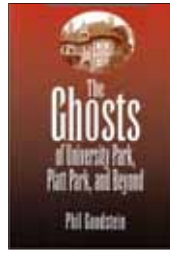
## Frightful Friday: Ghost Hunting

Join local Littleton based Spirit Paranormal Investigations for an exciting and informative presentation about ghosts and ghost hunting, **Friday, October 28, 7:00-10:00 p.m.** From 7:00-8:30 p.m., SpiritPI investigators will share their ghost hunting tools and techniques as well as present real ghost stories and startling evidence, including Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVP) and strange anomalies that the team has captured on film during paranormal investigations of historic locations throughout Colorado. This presentation is free of charge and no registration is needed. For those brave enough to stick around after the presentation, you can sign up for an actual ghost hunt with SpiritPI investigators, and search together for evidence of real ghosts at the haunted Bemis Library. The library ghost hunt will take place from 8:30-10:00 p.m. The cost of the library ghost hunt is \$10 per person. To register and pay for the ghost hunt, stop by the library, beginning October 1, and see the librarian at the main floor Information Desk.



# A Haunted History of South Denver

Hear stories of the most haunted places in South Denver from author Phil Goodstein on **Monday, October 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Goodstein is a well-known local historian who has written a series of popular books on the ghosts of Denver. Included in this presentation will be accounts of ghosts in Washington Park, on South Broadway and the University Park areas. One sighting is that of a forlorn sailor who is said to be condemned to sail eternally on the northern lake of Washington Park. Goodstein is a Denver native who holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Colorado. The Haunted History of South Denver is a trilogy that he has written on the history and ghostly lore of this area. He has conducted numerous historical and ghost tours of the city.



## Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group



If you have a dream of becoming an author, come to the new Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group, **meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, beginning in October, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the library's conference room. The purpose of the group is to free participants' creativity and strengthen their voices as writers. Writers at all levels and of any genre are welcome to share their work with the group and hear responses or to just get inspired to write. The facilitator of the group will be Kay Marie Porterfield, who is the award-winning author of fifteen books and over 500 articles. Porterfield has extensive experience in teaching writing workshops. No registration is needed to attend the Writers' Group.

## Book Groups at Bemis

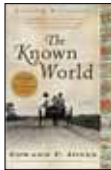
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

### ♦ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

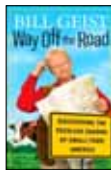
**Oct. 3:** *The Known World*  
by Edward Jones

When a plantation proprietor and former slave—now possessing slaves of his own—dies, his household falls apart in the wake of a slave rebellion and corrupt underpaid patrollers who enable free black people to be sold into slavery.



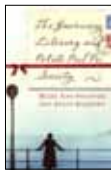
**Nov. 7:** *Way off the Road: Discovering the Peculiar Charms of Small Town America*  
by Bill Geist

Geist offers up an amusing and expansive collection of America's quirky, strange and offbeat nooks. Readers will find nearly 30 tales that will amaze and amuse and maybe inspire some extra stops on their next road trip.



**Dec. 5:** *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*  
by Mary Shafer

In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.



### ♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

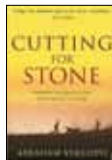
**Oct. 17:** *The Neighbors are Watching*  
by Debra Ginsburg

When the teenage daughter he secretly fathered with an ex-girlfriend shows up pregnant at his doorstep, restaurant manager Joe experiences turbulence in his marriage. The daughter's arrival in a quiet suburban neighborhood sets off a chain reaction of secrets and lies that threatens to engulf the neighbors along with the approaching flames from two huge wildfires.



**Nov. 21:** *Cutting for Stone*  
by Abraham Verghese

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



**Dec. 12\*:** *We will meet at 6:00 p.m. the second 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 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:

- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Oct. 18; Tues., Nov. 15; Tues., Dec. 13
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Oct. 19; Wed., Nov. 16
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., Oct. 15; Sat., Nov. 5
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Oct. 25
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Oct. 26
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**  
Tues., Oct. 4; Tues., Dec. 6
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Oct. 11; Tues., Nov. 8; Wed., Dec. 7
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Nov. 9
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., Oct. 1; Tues., Nov. 1; Sat., Dec. 3
- ♦ **Craigslist**  
Wed., Nov. 2
- ♦ **How to Search the Internet**  
Wed., Dec., 14
- ♦ **Mail Merge in MS Word 2010**  
Wed., Oct. 12
- ♦ **WinWay Resumes**  
Wed., Oct. 5
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



# Children's Programs



## Spooky Stories, Tasty Treats, Creepy Crafts



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.

**Oct. 1:** *The Tale of Despereaux*

**Nov. 5:** To be determined

**Dec. 3:** To be determined



### ◆ Wii & Kinect

**Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

Play a different video game each month!

**October 20/November 17/December 15**

### ◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

**Oct. 28:** Program planning

**Nov. & Dec.:** No meetings scheduled

## Annual Costumes On Parade!

Join us on **Thursday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. or Friday, October 28, 10:30 a.m.** for our annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade. The parade will begin in the Children's Room and end in the large meeting room for stories, songs, sweet treats and punch. Younger costumed siblings are welcome to join the festivities.



## Play-Ground Theatre Company Presents A Halloween Kids' Show

Actors Mia Sole and Jeff Haycock from Play-Ground Theatre Company are back by popular demand with an energetic, enthusiastic and interactive theatre performance on **Sunday, October 30, 2:00 p.m.** Halloween stories, songs, acting games and safety will be presented in this howlarious, silly & spooktacular show for families with children of all ages. Wear your Halloween costumes for more fun!



## Teen Read Week

Teen Read Week is **Oct. 16-22!** The theme, *Picture it @ Your Library*, encourages teens to read graphic novels and other illustrated materials, seek out creative books, or imagine the world through literature, just for the fun of it. 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 Book Stores.

Also during Teen Read Week, the winner of the Battle for the Best Book will be announced. All teens who nominated a book or voted during the competition will be eligible to win a copy of a book of their choice in the prize drawing. Winners will be contacted during the week.

## Halloween Event

Join us for an evening of after-hours Halloween fun on **Saturday, October 29, 5:30-8:00 p.m.** We're having a costume contest, along with games and activities where you can win cool prizes! The Wii and the Xbox Kinect will both be available for gaming. A Monster Makeup Workshop also will be happening. Learn to create scary and grotesque faces using supplies from your kitchen. Learn how to make weird skin textures, scabs, scars, bruises, and fake blood. Candy and treats will be available, too. *Space is limited for this event; registration is required.* To register, contact Mark at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org), or call the library at 303-795-3961.

## 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.**

**October 15:** 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 American Humane Association.*



### ◆ 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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Littleton, CO 80120

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Phone Renewal: 303-797-0566  
Dial-a-Story: 303-795-3960

E-Mail: [bemislib@earthlink.net](mailto:bemislib@earthlink.net)  
Web Site: [www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis)  
Online Catalog: <http://bemis.sirsi.net>

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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## Jackpot DVDs- Find New Bestselling DVDs!

Check out our new collection of "Jackpot" DVDs, very current and popular DVD titles, located in the library's media area. It will be your lucky day when you find a best-selling DVD in the Jackpot collection. Come to the library each week to see new titles in the collection. Jackpot DVDs cannot be placed on hold and may be checked out for one week. Two DVDs from this collection may be checked out per library card.



## Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **2012 - Extinction or Utopia?**  
Tuesday, November 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Genealogy Night at the Library**  
Friday, November 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides***  
Saturday, November 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Calvin Standing Bear & James Torres**  
Saturday, November 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Make a Holiday Window Scene**  
Two Workshops Saturday, November 26, 10:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Under the Burning Cross: Colorado Women of the Ku Klux Klan**  
Monday, November 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Oct. Art Exhibit** Paint Box Club Art Show
- Saturday, Oct. 1** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Read the Movie Club,  
*The Tale of Despereaux*, Rated G,  
Noon
- Monday, Oct. 3** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4** \*Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 5** \*WinWay Resumes, 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, Oct. 6** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 11** \*Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Adventures in Tuscany, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12** \*Mail Merge in MS Word 2010, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 13** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
\*Spooky Stories, Tasty Treats, Creepy Crafts, Grades K-5, 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 14** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 15** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Movie Matinee: *African Cats*, Rated G, 2:00-4:00 p.m.,
- Oct. 16-22** Teen Read Week
- Monday, Oct. 17** Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18** \*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 19** \*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 20** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.  
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Teen Wii & Kinect Games, 3:30 p.m.  
Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 21** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 22** International Craft Fair, Noon-4:00 p.m.  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 24** A Haunted History of South Denver, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 25** \*Beginning PowerPoint, Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 26** \*Beginning Publisher, Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 27** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Preschool Story Time, Annual Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 28** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, Annual Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.  
Frightful Friday - Ghost Hunting:: Ghost Hunting Tools & Techniques, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
\*Library Ghost Hunt, 8:30-10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 29** \*Teen Halloween Event, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 30** Play-Ground Theatre Company Presents a Halloween Kids' Show, For all ages, 2:00 p.m.
- \*These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.