



Smithtonians Bell Choir

Hear seasonal favorites performed by the popular local group, The Smithtonians Handbell Choir, **Saturday, December 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** The ringers in the group have a combined experience of over 250 years. In recent years the group has performed at Boettcher Concert Hall and the Denver Botanic Gardens.



All Aboard for *The Polar Express*

Join us for our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* as you take a wintry ride on an imaginary train, **Saturday, December 10 at 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.** This is a free program for families with children ages 3 and up. Please call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room to make a reservation for this special event. Please see Children's Programs on Page 3 for additional December Children's events.



Home Front Holiday Radio Show

Celebrate the season with a hilarious romp through the 1940's radio airwaves, **Saturday, December 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** One of Denver's best Andrews Sisters tribute acts, Reveille 3, will present a radio show that will entertain you with songs from the forties, homemaking and fashion tips for women supporting the troops, and humorous stories that will be fun for all!

Free Film Event: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*

See the magical film, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*, on the library's big screen, **Tuesday, December 27, 2:00-4:15 p.m.** The final chapter begins as Harry, Ron, and Hermione continue their quest of finding and destroying the Dark Lord Voldemort's three remaining Horcruxes - the magical items responsible for his immortality. But as the mystical Deathly Hallows are uncovered and Voldemort finds out about their mission, the biggest battle begins and life for Harry Potter will never be the same again. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG-13.



Self-Service Holds Pickup

We have a new system for picking up holds. Items patrons have placed on HOLD will be available for self-service pickup from shelves located to the right of the self-checkout machine. You may have questions about how this new service will work. Here are some answers:

- ◆ **How will I find the book I requested?**
Items will be shelved alphabetically using a unique code to ensure your privacy.
- ◆ **What is my code?**
The first three letters of your last name and the last four numbers of your library card will be printed on the hold label. For example, the code for John Smith, card #21813001234567 would be: **SMI 4567**.
- ◆ **How will I know when I have an item to pick up?**
You will be notified of available holds by either phone calls or emails depending upon your preference.
- ◆ **How long do I have to pick up my item?**
Items will be held for seven days. After seven days, the hold on any unclaimed item will expire.
- ◆ **How do I check out my item?**
You will need to have either your library card with you or know your library card number to locate and check out your requests on the hold shelf.
- ◆ **What if someone else tries to check out my item?**
Since each item is on hold for a specific patron, *only that patron's card or library card number may be used to check out the item.*
- ◆ **What if I can't locate my item on the self-pickup shelves?**
If you have requested an item from another library it is considered an Interlibrary Loan (ILL) and will be located behind the Checkout desk. A library clerk at the Checkout desk will retrieve your ILL item and help you check it out.

Buy a Gift Book at the Library!

Looking for that unique book or DVD for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum is offering a special sale of "like new" used books and other items at low prices **through Saturday, December 24 at the library**. Choose from bestsellers, classics books and DVDs, cookbooks and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!



Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring the annual Food for Fines program **through Friday, December 24**. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group

If you have a dream of becoming an author, come to the Bemis Thursday Night Writers' Group, **meeting the first and third Thursday of each month 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 is Kay Marie Porterfield, an 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.

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

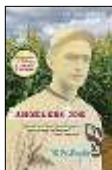


In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.

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.

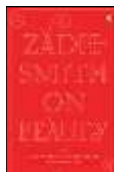
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♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Dec. 12*: No meeting in December.

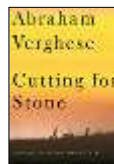
Jan. 23*: *On Beauty*
by Zadie Smith



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.

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., Dec. 13, 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**
Tues., Dec. 6; Wed., Jan. 4; Wed., Feb. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Dec. 7; 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**
Sat., Dec. 3; Tues., Jan. 3
- ♦ **How to Search the Internet**
Wed., Dec. 14; 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.



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.

Dec. 3: *Super 8* (Rated PG-13)

Jan. 7: To be determined

Feb. 4: To be determined

♦ **Wii & Kinect**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

December 15/January 19/February 16

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Dec. No meeting scheduled

Jan. 27: Open agenda

Feb. 24: Summer Reading Planning



Make a Gingerbread House

Are you a budding gingerbread house architect? Put your skills to the test and build one on **Saturday, December 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**! Once completed, we'll have a competition to determine the best gingerbread house. The library will provide the basic supplies; feel free to bring any extra building materials as long as they are edible! Your completed house may go on display in the library. *Space is limited for this event; registration is required.* Register by contacting Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org or by calling the library at 303-795-3961.



Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Become a certified babysitter by attending an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis on **Friday, December 30 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Classes are limited to 12 participants ages 11-15. The course fee is \$85. To register, call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474.



Math Tutoring

Need some help with your high school math homework? We can help! **A math**
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Children's Programs



Scenes from *The Nutcracker*

On **Sunday, December 11, 2:00 p.m.**, the Littleton Youth Ballet will entertain us with a free dance showcase featuring excerpts from *The Nutcracker*. This program is for families with children ages 3 and older. Please call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room to register.



Cast-a-Ways

Join us on **Wednesday, December 28, 2:00 p.m.** for the Cast-a-Ways. This is an exciting, fun-for-the entire family variety show consisting of an animated cockatoo, a playful dog and an amazing pig – all rescue animals that have made it to the big time. The performers feature everything from sports to impersonations. For families with children ages 3 and up.

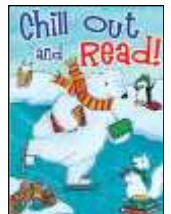
"Noon" Year's Eve Party

Get ready for the countdown to 2012 with another magical family celebration on **Saturday, December 31 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** with funny man Bryce Jackman as "Professor Gigglesnort." Ring in the New Year "Wizard Style" as you enjoy a hilarious skit, treats, dancing and the dropping of the New Year's Eve Ball at 12 o'clock noon. Dress in your finest wizard apparel for even more fun. Please call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning December 15.



Chill Out and Read with our Children's Winter Reading Program!

A fun new program for independent readers in grades 1-5. Pick up a reading record in the library, read chapter books in your free time and record the number of pages that you read. Children will meet their goals by completing a certain number of pages based on their grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep, a certificate and a yummy surprise. *Chill Out and Read* runs through January 7. Visit us in the Children's Room and learn what it's all about.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Box or Preschool Story Time during December 20-30.

♦ **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.

December 17: 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.



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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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tutor will be available at the library from 2:45-5:00 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning in January, 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.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Children's Event: Merry Andrew Afoot**
Saturday, January 14, 2:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Colorado's Real Natives with Tom Noel**
Tuesday, January 17, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Family Film Event: Dolphin Tale**
Saturday, January 21, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **The Comedy of Bryce Jackman**
Monday, January 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Retirement Financial Series - Fitting the Pieces Together**
Tuesday January 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:
Safeguarding Your Accumulated Assets & 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)
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Hard Travelin' - An Afternoon with Woody Guthrie**
Saturday, January 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Thursday, Dec. 1** 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, Dec. 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 3** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Read the Movie Club, Noon *Super 8*, (Rated PG-13)
Smithtonians Bell Choir, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 8** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10** *All Aboard for *The Polar Express*, For families with children ages 3 & up, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 11** *Scenes from *The Nutcracker*, For families with children ages 3 & up, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14** *How to Search the Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15** 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, Dec. 16** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 17** *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Home Front Holiday Radio Show, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
*Teen Program: Make a Gingerbread House, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 22** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 23** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 25** Christmas Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Monday, Dec. 26** Christmas Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Dec. 27** Free Film Event: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*, Rated PG-13, 2:00-4:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28** Cast-a-Ways, For families with children 3 & up, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 29** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place
- Friday, Dec. 30** *Red Cross Babysitting Class, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., for teens ages 11-15 who have registered in advance with the American Red Cross
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 31** *"Noon" Year's Eve Party, For families and their children, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 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.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**
Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.