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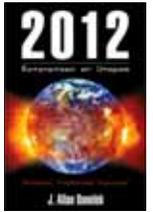
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# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## 2012-Extinction or Utopia?

Join author J. Allan Danelek on **Tuesday, November 1, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** for a fascinating and balanced look at the world of doomsday prophecy and the hype surrounding the year 2012. The Mayan calendar supposedly predicts the end of the world in 2012 and some believe that Nostradamus and others have foreseen the end coming soon. Danelek will discuss the ancient Mayans' 2012 end date and take a broader look at a wide array of doomsday beliefs from biblical times to today. Are we a doomed race destined for destruction or is humanity on the brink of realizing a golden age?



## Genealogy Night at the Library

Want to know more about your ancestors? Join us for an evening of learning, food and fun at our genealogy open house, **Friday, November 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m.** Activities will include a variety of mini-workshops ranging from the best genealogy websites to getting started in genealogical research. Experienced genealogists will be present to answer your questions and guide you to the best resources in the library's extensive genealogy collection. There also will be a drawing for prizes, free snacks and hand-outs! This event is sponsored by the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society and the Bemis Public Library.



## Saturday Movie Matinee - *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*

Enjoy an amusing afternoon with Captain Jack Sparrow in the film *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*, showing on the library's big screen, **Saturday, November 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Johnny Depp plays Captain Jack, who goes on a quest to find the legendary Fountain of Youth in the Americas. Along the way, Jack crosses paths with a woman from his past (Penelope Cruz), and the legendary pirate, Blackbeard. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy performances that feature a variety of local musical talent. **Saturday, November 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** American Indian Heritage Month will be celebrated with a performance by Calvin Standing Bear, a talented flute player and singer of traditional and contemporary Lakota music, and James Torres on piano. Calvin has performed with the Colorado Symphony Orchestra and at other national and international venues.

## Self-Service Holds Pickup

Starting Tuesday, November 1, 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 continue to 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 circulation desk. A library clerk at the Checkout desk will retrieve your ILL item and help you check it out.

# Make a Holiday Window Scene

Learn how easy and fun it is to create a miniature holiday window scene filled with small candlesticks, ornaments, garland, greenery and more! Expert crafter Pat Vick will present **two identical workshops on Saturday, November 26, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, and 1:00-3:00 p.m.** These classes are open to adults and children age eight and older accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring \$2.50 for materials. Wear an apron or "crafty" clothes. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.

# Under the Burning Cross: Colorado Women of the Ku Klux Klan

The Ku Klux Klan held a grip on Colorado from 1921 to 1925, a time of social unrest after World War I. What role did women play in the Klan? Hear author Betty Jo Brenner answer this question and talk about the impact of Klan influence in Colorado during the twenties on **Monday, November 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Klansmen and women marched and burned crosses in towns throughout the state and many government officials, including the governor and mayor of Denver, fell under the Klan's control. Blacks, Jews and Catholics, particularly Catholic Italian immigrants, bore the brunt of Klan hatred in Colorado. Learn more about this turbulent time in Colorado history. Speaker Betty Jo Brenner is program coordinator for Colorado Humanities.

# 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 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

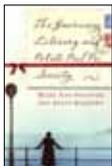
**First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.**

**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

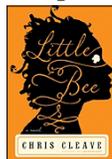


In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.

## ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**Nov. 21:** *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave  
Presents a tale of a precarious friendship between an illegal Nigerian refugee and a recent widow from suburban London; a story told from the alternating and disparate perspectives of both women.



**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 2012. 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., Nov. 15; Tues., Dec. 13
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Nov. 16
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., Nov. 5
- ◆ **Beginning Windows 7**  
Tues., Dec. 6
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Nov. 8; Wed., Dec. 7
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Nov. 9
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**  
Tues., Nov. 1; Sat., Dec. 3
- ◆ **Craigslit**  
Wed., Nov. 2
- ◆ **How to Search the Internet**  
Wed., Dec. 14
- ◆ **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



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.

**Nov. 5\*:** *Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides* Rated PG-13

**\*Special Time: 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Dec. 3:** To be determined

♦ **Wii & Kinect**

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

Play a different video game each month!  
**November 17/December 15/January 19**

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**Nov./Dec.** No meetings scheduled

**Jan. 27:** Program planning



## Monday Movie – *Cars 2*

Join us on **Monday, November 21, 2:00 p.m.** to see *Cars 2* on the library's big screen. Enjoy the further escapades of Lightning McQueen, Mater and the rest of the gang from Radiator Springs in this fast-paced adventure that mixes espionage and road racing. Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Reservations required. Please call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room beginning Nov. 7. This film is Rated G. Running time: 106 minutes.



## Thankfully: Art and Books For School-age Kids

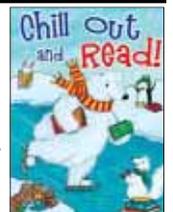
Join us for an hour of art and books on **Tuesday, November 22, 2:00 p.m.** for kids in grades 1-5. Plan to be creative, talkative



and hungry. Snacks will be provided. Reservations required. Please call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room beginning Nov. 7.

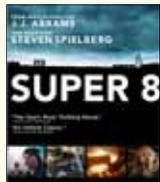
## Chill Out and Read with our Children's Winter Reading Program!

A fun new program for readers in grades 1-5. Pick up a reading record in the library **beginning November 20**, 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 from November 20-January 7. Visit us in the Children's Room and learn what it's all about.



## Teen Movie: *Super 8*

See *Super 8*, on the library's big screen on **Saturday, November 19, Noon-2:00 p.m.** In the summer of 1979, a group of friends in a small Ohio town witness a catastrophic train crash while making a Super-8 film and soon suspect that it was not an accident. Shortly after, unusual disappearances and inexplicable events begin to take place in town, and the local Deputy tries to uncover the truth - something more terrifying than any of them could have imagined. Free popcorn and lemonade. Rated PG-13.



## Upcoming Teen Events

♦ **Make A Gingerbread House**  
**Sat., Dec. 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

Are you a budding gingerbread house architect? Put your skills to the test and build one! 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](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) or by calling the library at 303-795-3961.



♦ **Free Film: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2*** Rated PG-13  
**Tuesday, December 27, 2:00-4:15 p.m.**

## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

**No Story Box or Preschool Story Time during Thanksgiving Week, November 22-25.**

♦ **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.**

**November 19:** 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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*City of Littleton*

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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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## 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 from **Monday, November 14 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 from **Monday, November 21 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.



## Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Smithtonians Bell Choir**  
Saturday, December 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Home Front Holiday Radio Show**  
Saturday, December 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Free Film Event: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2**  
Tuesday, December 27, 2:00-4:15 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Nov. Art Exhibit** Heritage Fine Arts Guild Show
- Tuesday, Nov. 1** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
2012 - Extinction or Utopia, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2** \*Craigslist, 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, Nov. 3** 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, Nov. 4** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Genealogy Night at the Library, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Pirates of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*, Rated PG-13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8** \*Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9** \*Intermediate Word, MS Word '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 10** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 11** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 15** \*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16** \*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 17** 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, Nov. 18** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19** \*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon,  
Teen Movie: *Super 8*, Rated PG-13, Noon-2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 21** \*Monday Movie - *Cars 2*, Rated G, For ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22** \*Thankfully: Art and Books for School-age Kids, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Saturday, Nov. 26** \*Make a Holiday Window Scene, Two Workshops: 10 a.m.-noon and 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 28** Under the Burning Cross: Colorado Women of the Ku Klux Klan, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- 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.
- 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  
Smithtonians Bell Choir, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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

*Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*