



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Help*

The highly acclaimed film, *The Help*, will be featured on the library's big screen, **Saturday, February 4, 2:00-4:15 p.m.** Set in Mississippi during the 1960s, a southern society girl (played by Emma Stone) returns from college determined to become a writer, but turns her friends' lives—and a small Mississippi town—upside down when she decides to interview the black women who have spent their lives taking care of prominent southern families. Aibileen, a housekeeper, is the first to open up, to the dismay of her friends in the tight-knit black community. Soon more women come forward to tell their stories, and as it turns out, they have a lot to say. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



## Nancy Russell - the Woman Behind Charles M. Russell

See a dramatic presentation on the incredible life of Nancy Russell, wife of artist Charles M. Russell, **Tuesday, February 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Against the backdrop of social and political reform of the early 1900s, Nancy Cooper Russell was a woman ahead of her time. A self-taught business woman with only a second grade education, but the ability to take charge, Nancy helped Charles M. Russell become the highest paid living artist of his time. Who was this remarkable woman behind the man? Actress Mary Jane Bradbury shares Nancy's story of her chance meeting with the cowboy artist who would become her husband, about the world of art that celebrated the myth of the west at the beginning of the 20th century, and about the renowned artists and celebrities the Russells knew as they traveled from New York to the growing California suburb called Hollywood. Nancy Russell said, "I married the only Charlie Russell in the world, and my life has been full of romance, which they like to make movies out of, only mine happens to be real".



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

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

**Saturday, February 11, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Singing from folk roots, **The Choralary** blends the harmony of seven voices with instrumental accompaniment into unique arrangements of traditional, contemporary and original music for Valentine's Day.



## Baby Doe Tabor - Homemaker or Homebreaker?

Littleton author Joyce Lohse will discuss a well-known, but little understood figure from Colorado's past, Baby Doe Tabor, **Tuesday, February 21, 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Lohse has written a new book on this famous Colorado woman and will trace Baby Doe's story from her Wisconsin childhood to great wealth as wife of Silver King Horace Tabor, to later years of poverty and loneliness in her cabin by the Matchless Mine. Learn about the real Baby Doe Tabor, her love affair with Horace and the tragic relationships with her daughters. The presentation will include historic photographs. Copies of Lohse's book, *Baby Doe Tabor: Matchless Silver Queen*, will be available for purchase.



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### Free Tax Help!

Beginning this month, Bemis will be providing free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. **IRS trained volunteers will be available** in the conference room and 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 age 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.

# The Walls Talk: Historic House Museums of Colorado

Enjoy a fascinating, photographic tour of several historic homes in Colorado and stories of their owners on **Monday, February 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Doris and Tom Baker, owners of Filter Press Publishing, will compare the pioneer experiences and homes of the MacGregor family of Estes Park, Barney Ford in Breckenridge, and Franklin and Sara Avery in Fort Collins. The presentation is based on the book, *The Walls Talk: Historic House Museums of Colorado*, written by the late Patricia Werner.



## Retirement Financial Series - Fitting the Pieces Together

Attend the final installment of our retirement financial series presented 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.

- ♦ **Tuesday, February 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.:**  
*Protection Against the High Costs of Health Care and Long-term Care*

## 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.

**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.



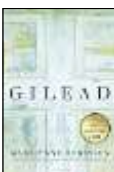
**Mar. 5:** *Thread of Grace*  
by Mary Doria Russell

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.



**Apr. 2:** *Gilead*  
by Marilyn Robinson

As the Reverend John Ames approaches the hour of his own death, he writes a letter to his son chronicling three previous generations of his family, a story that stretches back to the Civil War and reveals uncomfortable family secrets.



### ♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Feb. 27\*:** *Cutting For Stone*  
by Abraham Verghese

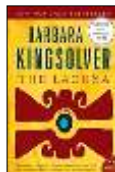
Twin brothers born from a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon come of age in an Ethiopia on the brink of revolution. The brothers' love for the same woman drives them apart.



\*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.



**Apr. 16:** *Humboldt's Gift*  
by Saul Bellow

This Pulitzer Prize-winning novel explores the long friendship between Charlie Citrine, a young man with an intense passion for literature, and the great poet Von Humboldt Fleisher.



## 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 Access Parts 1 & 2\***  
**MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Mar. 27 (Part 1) & Wed., Mar. 28 (Part 2)  
\*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Feb. 14, Tues., Mar. 20; Tues., Apr. 17
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Feb. 15; Wed., Mar. 21; Wed., Apr. 18
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., Feb. 4; Sat., Mar. 17; Sat., Apr. 7
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Apr. 24
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Feb. 21; Sat., Apr. 21
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**  
Wed., Feb. 1; Tues., Mar. 6; Tues., Apr. 3
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Feb. 7; Tues., Mar. 13; Tues., Apr. 10
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Feb. 8; Wed., Mar. 14; Wed., Apr. 11
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., Mar. 3
- ♦ **How to Search the Internet**  
Sat., Feb. 18
- ♦ **How to Search the Library Catalog**  
Wed., Apr. 25
- ♦ **Microsoft Picture Manager**  
Wed., Apr. 4
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**  
Wed., Mar. 7
- ♦ **What's New in Office 2010?**  
Wed., 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



## Hearts Content - Crafty Hearts for Your Valentine

School's out early so join us for an hour of heart-filled crafts for grades 1-5 only on **Friday, February 10 at 3:00 p.m.** Be it a pencil topper, Valentine card or heart decoration, we promise with all our hearts to have a fun afternoon. Snacks and stories also will be provided. Please call 303-795-3961 to make a reservation.



## Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! Celebrate the 108th birthday of Dr. Seuss on **Sunday, February 26 at 3:00 p.m.** with Inspector Magic on a journey to each of the seven continents. Along the way, discover the diversity of our planet and facts about other cultures while learning that reading is fun. Favorite Dr. Seuss books will come to life with drama, magic, juggling and music. Snacks and surprises also await, so be sure to register and don't be late! Please call 303-795-3961 to register children ages 3 and up with their parents.



## Peruse the Parent Shelf

Wouldn't it be convenient to have an area in the library where parents could browse for books on just about every topic they need? And wouldn't it be even better to have these books in the same area where parents are watching their children? That is exactly what the Parent Shelf area in the Children's Room provides! Located next to the picture books, the Parent Shelf carries a wide range of books with topics of interest to teachers and caregivers as well as parents. Topics on the Parent Shelf include pregnancy, discipline, education, nutrition, activities, party planning, baby names, storytelling, and much more! Many of these titles located on the Parent Shelf are different from titles offered in the non-fiction books on the lower level of the library. Be sure and peruse the Parent Shelf on your next trip to the library!

## 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.  
February 18: Readers in grades 1-5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. *Presented by 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.



For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or check the Bemis teen blog site online at <http://bemisteens.blogspot.com>.

Join other teens for the following activities:

### ◆ Read the Movie Club

**First Sat. of the month @ noon**

Participants will be selecting titles for future meetings. Check the monthly newsletter or contact Mark at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) for details. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

**Feb. 4:** *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* - PG-13

**Mar. 3:** *Twilight Saga - Breaking Dawn, Part 1* PG-13

**Apr. 7:** *I Am Legend* - PG-13



### ◆ Wii & Kinect

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

Play a different video game each month!

**February 16/March 15/April 19**

### ◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

**Feb. 24:** Summer Reading Program Planning

**Mar. 23:** Open Agenda

**Apr. 27:** Summer Reading Program Planning

## "Own the Night" Teen Photography Contest

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme "Own the Night" by **Monday, March 19**. The winners from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will receive a \$25 gift certificate to a store of their choice. Also, the winning photos will be published on a library bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. For more information, or to submit your photo, contact Mark, the teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

## Free 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 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays** 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. Email teen librarian Mark Decker at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) with questions about the tutoring or if you're interested in attending.

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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 17 and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. *There is no charge to participate.* 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:

- ♦ **The Journey of Jake Jabs**  
Tuesday, March 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Puss in Boots*** (Rated PG)  
Saturday, March 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Celtic Guitarist Jerry Barlow**  
Wednesday, March 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Barry Fey: *Backstage Past***  
Tuesday, March 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Project Linus: Sharing Warmth Around the World**  
Saturday, March 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Memories of World War II**  
Monday, March 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Feb. Art Exhibits** Littleton Public Schools Art Show Elementary Schools: Feb. 1-Feb. 6  
Charlene Goldman Art Show Feb. 7-Feb. 29
- Wednesday, Feb. 1** \*Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 2** 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, Feb. 3** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 4** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Read the Movie Club, Noon  
*Rise of the Planet of the Apes*, Rated PG-13  
Saturday Movie Matinee:  
*The Help*, 2:00-4:15 p.m., Rated PG
- Monday, Feb. 6** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7** \*Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Nancy Russell - the Woman Behind Charles M. Russell, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8** \*Intermediate Word, 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.
- Thursday, Feb. 9** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 10** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
\*Hearts Content - Crafty Hearts for Your Valentine, For Children in Grades 1-5 only, 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 11** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place  
The Choralary, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14** \*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 15** \*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 16** 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, Feb. 17** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 18** \*How to Search the Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Monday, Feb. 20** President's Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Feb. 21** \*Beginning Publisher, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Baby Doe Tabor - Homemaker or Homebreaker? 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22** \*What's New in MS Office 2010?, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 23** 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, Feb. 24** \*Be Your Own Travel Agent, 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.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 26** \*Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!  
For Families with Children ages 3 and up, 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 27** The Walls Talk: Historic House Museums of Colorado, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 28** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Retirement Financial Series:  
*Protection Against the High Costs of Health Care and Long-term Care*, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 29** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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

*Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*