

Behind the Cover

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The Journey of Jake Jabs

Hear the remarkable life story of Jake Jabs, head of one of the top retail furniture companies in the U.S., **Tuesday, March 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Jabs will share his rise to success from living in rural Montana as the child of immigrant parents to a multi-million dollar career as a self taught businessman. He has traveled to more than fifty countries over the course of his career as a major furniture importer and has made a lifelong study of various forms of government and business. Jabs credits his company's success to hard work, long hours, self-confidence, the courage to take risks and giving value and service to each customer. Copies of Jabs' autobiography, *An American Tiger*, and his latest book, *Thriving in Tough Times*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *Puss in Boots*

Bring the family to see the animated film, *Puss in Boots*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, March 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Long before he meets Shrek, the notorious fighter, lover and outlaw Puss in Boots (voiced by Antonio Banderas) becomes a hero when he sets off on an adventure with the tough and street smart Kitty Softpaws (Salma Hayek) and the mastermind Humpty Dumpty to steal the famed Goose that lays the golden eggs. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. Get ready for St. Patrick's Day on **Wednesday, March 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** by spending a musical hour with noted **Celtic guitarist Jerry Barlow**, who will play popular Irish melodies. Barlow's repertoire of lively jigs, spirited reels and beautiful airs will lift your spirit! Copies of Barlow's CDs will be available for purchase.

Barry Fey: *Backstage Past*

Barry Fey, the well known rock concert promoter, will share stories of his life, **Tuesday, March 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Fey will talk about his legendary 40-year career working with such celebrities as Jim Morrison, Mick Jagger, Janis Joplin, Bruce Springsteen, Ozzy Osbourne and many others. Fey organized the first Led Zeppelin concert in North America and the last concert for the Jimi Hendrix Experience. Fey is an entertaining speaker who is not to be missed! Copies of his book, *Backstage Past*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Memories of World War II

Hear an account of major battles in World War II from veteran John Pellegrin on **Monday, March 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Pat Kenning will join Pellegrin and give a dramatic presentation of journalist Andy Rooney's World War II experiences as a reporter for *The Stars and Stripes*, a military newspaper. On D-Day, Pellegrin and his battalion were part of the second wave to provide cover fire on Omaha Beach. He served as a scout, and participated in many significant events including the liberation of American paratroopers in Bastogne, France, and the liberation of Germany.

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Project Linus: Sharing Warmth Around the World

Learn about Project Linus and help create special blankets for children in need, **Saturday, March 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** As Charles Schulz's Linus character from the Peanuts comic strip was comforted by his blanket, Project Linus strives to do the same through the gifts of blankets and afghans for children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need. The blankets are lovingly created by volunteer "blanketeers." More than four million blankets have been distributed by Project Linus to needy children. At the Bemis program, you will have the opportunity to cut, tie fringe, draw, sew tags and prepare blankets for distribution. Local author Karen Loucks Rinedollar will tell the story of Project Linus. *Pre-registration is required for the program* which is open to adults, teens and children (age 5+). Stop by the main floor information desk to register or call the library at 303-795-3961.



Going Green for Fido & Fluffy

The City of Littleton is launching a recycling drive to benefit shelter animals. Beginning **March 1 through April 19**, recycle your ink cartridges, cell phones, laptops, video games and consoles, calculators, digital cameras, and any Apple products. It's easy! Just drop them off in the box provided at Bemis, and all proceeds will go to the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley in Littleton. Help the environment, and the animals, at the same time! Collection boxes also will be available at the Littleton Museum (6028 S. Gallup St.), Littleton City Center (2255 W. Berry Ave), and the Littleton Municipal Courthouse (2069 W. Littleton Blvd).



eReader Workshops

Whether you need to know the basics of how to use your eReader or want to troubleshoot challenges you might be experiencing when using your device, *eReader help is here*. Bring your iPad, Kindle, Nook, Sony or any eReader and get help with downloading library books onto your device. Join us at one of our upcoming eReader Workshops to get the answers you need:



- ◆ **Monday, March 5, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 6, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**
- ◆ **Monday, March 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **Tuesday March 20, 9:00-10:00 a.m.**

Book Groups at Bemis

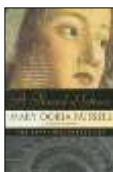
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

◆ **Senior Book Club**

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

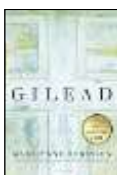
Mar. 5: *Thread of Grace*
by Mary Doria Russell

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.



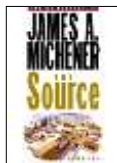
Apr. 2: *Gilead*
by Marilyn Robinson

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.



May 7: *The Source*
by James Michener

An archaeological excavation of Tell Makor launches a journey into the history and culture of the Jews that includes the early Hebrews, the impact of Christianity, the Spanish Inquisition, and the modern Middle East conflict.

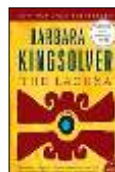


◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

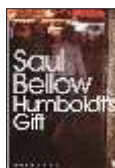
Mar. 19: *The Lacuna*
by Barbara Kingsolver

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.



May 21: *The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane*
by Katherine Howe

A spellbinding, beautifully written novel that moves between contemporary times and one of the most fascinating and disturbing periods in American history - the Salem witch trials.



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 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., Mar. 20; Tues., Apr. 17
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Mar. 21; Wed., Apr. 18
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Mar. 17; Sat., Apr. 7
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Apr. 24
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**
Sat., Apr. 21
- ◆ **Beginning Windows 7**
Tues., Mar. 6; Tues., Apr. 3
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Mar. 13; Tues., Apr. 10
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Mar. 14; Wed., Apr. 11
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Mar. 3
- ◆ **How to Search the Library Catalog**
Wed., Apr. 25
- ◆ **Microsoft Picture Manager**
Wed., Apr. 4
- ◆ **Saving and Finding Files**
Wed., Mar. 7
- ◆ **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



Science Matters Presents Fantastic Flight



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:

◆ 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.

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!

March 15/April 19/May 17

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Mar. 23: Open Agenda

Apr. 27: Summer Reading Program Planning

Last off to another world on **Tuesday, March 27 at 2:00 p.m.** as you explore the properties of flight with experiments that show just how powerful air actually is. Activities may include shooting an air cannon, starting a rocket engine and even launching rockets! Don't miss this exciting hands-on program for young scientists in grades K-5. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 6 to reserve a space.

For the Birds and You Too!



A little bird told us that it is Spring Break. If you're in Grades K-5, flock to the library on **Wednesday, March 28 at 2:00 p.m.** to make bird feeders for our returning feathery friends. You'll be afflutter with the artful bird you will create for yourself or someone in your nest. The early bird gets the worm so hurry and sign-up for "sweet tweets" and bird words. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 6 to reserve your place.

Movie Matinee: *The Little Rascals*

Join us on **Thursday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m.** for a showing of *The Little Rascals*. Recapturing the sense of fun and pandemonium of the classic original series, this hilarious feature-length re-make brings back Spanky, Alfalfa, Buckwheat, Petey the dog and all the rest. Trouble ensues when the boys' clubhouse is destroyed and their prized go-cart is stolen by the neighborhood bullies. How can they win the big race and its prize trophy? Through mischief and mayhem, tricks and ingenuity, the rascals learn the value of true friendship. Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. (Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult.) Rated PG. Running time: 83 minutes. Reservations required. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 6 to reserve your spot.



Teen Tech Week



Join us during **Teen Tech Week, March 4-10**, as we explore the outstanding technology the library has to offer from numerous online databases to resources like e-books, periodicals, movies, music, audiobooks, video games, and more. Check the Bemis Teen blog at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com> for details about activities available during Teen Tech Week. Win prizes by participating!

The Hunger Games Movie Event

Love the Hunger Games books by Suzanne Collins? Here's your chance to see the movie for free! Ten lucky teens, currently in 6th-12th grade, will win a free ticket to a showing on **Tuesday, March 27**. To enter, submit your name, age/grade, and contact information (phone, email, or both) to Mark, the teen librarian, by 5:00 p.m., March 11, via email at mdecker@littletongov.org or by filling out an entry form at the library and putting it in the box located in Teen Central. Transportation to the theater from Bemis and back will be provided. A parental release



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Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Box or Preschool Story Time the week of March 26.

◆ 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-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.

March 17: 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.



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Web Site: 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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form is required. Winners will be contacted beginning March 12th.

“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.

Free Tax Help!

Bemis is 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 **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 through 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.

Schedule of Library Events

- Mar. Art Exhibit** Library READ Posters Show March 2-31
- Thursday, Mar. 1** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie’s Place
Bemis Thursday Night Writers’ Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 3** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, Noon, *Twilight Saga - Breaking Dawn, Part 1*, Rated PG-13
- Monday, Mar. 5** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
eReader Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 6** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
eReader Workshop, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
The Journey of Jake Jabs, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 7** *Saving and Finding Files, 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, Mar. 8** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 9** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 10** Saturday Movie Matinee: *Puss in Boots*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 13** *Beginning Word, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 14** *Intermediate Word, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place, Celtic guitarist Jerry Barlow, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 15** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie’s Place
- Thursday, Mar. 15** 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, Mar. 16** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 17** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
eReader Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 19** Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 20** *Beginning Excel, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
eReader Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Barry Fey: *Backstage Past*, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 21** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 22** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 23** *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.
- Saturday, Mar. 24** *Project Linus: Sharing Warmth Around the World, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 26** Memories of World War II, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 27** *Beginning Access Part 1, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Science Matters Presents Fantastic Flight, for Grades K-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 28** *Beginning Access Part 2, MS Office ‘10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*For the Birds and You Too! For Grades K-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 29** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Movie Matinee: *The Little Rascals*, For ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 30** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**
- Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*