



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Hop*

Enjoy a fun afternoon with the Easter Bunny by coming to the film *Hop*, showing on the library's big screen, **Saturday, April 7, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** This comedy blends state of the art animation with live action. When teenage Easter Bunny (voiced by Russell Brand) leaves for Hollywood in pursuit of his dream to become a rock star drummer, he meets Fred (James Marsden), an out-of-work slacker with his own lofty goals. Together the two encounter a series of hilarious mishaps and misadventures and in the end help each other recognize the importance of family. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



Confessions of a Biblioholic with Tom Noel

Popular Colorado historian Tom Noel will give an historical tour with photos of Colorado libraries and literary places, **Tuesday, April 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** All book lovers will enjoy Noel's often humorous and always interesting stories about our state's literary landmarks. Copies of Noel's recent books will be available for purchase and signing at the program. This program will take place during National Library Week, April 8-14; this year's theme is You Belong @ Your Library.



All About Advance Directives in Colorado

What kind of medical care would you want if you were too ill or hurt to express your wishes? Find help in answering this question, **Tuesday, April 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Advance directives are legal documents that allow you to convey your decisions about end-of-care ahead of time. They provide a way for you to communicate your wishes to family, friends and health care professionals, and to avoid confusion later on. You also may need to assist family relatives in filling out advance directive forms. Members of the Littleton Adventist Hospital Ethics Committee will help to make things clearer for you by presenting a comprehensive overview of the many forms with which you may be confronted.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, April 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** The family band, **Wielands of Mass Destruction**, will entertain with bluegrass, gospel and swing favorites. The band includes Jon Wieland and sons, Jackson (14), Wyatt (12), and Luke (10), as well as, multi-instrumentalist (dulcimer, fiddle, mandolin and keyboard) Sam Wachter. Copies of the band's debut CD, *Without a Paddle*, will be available for purchase.



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African Panorama with John Fielder

Travel to Africa through the eyes of renowned nature photographer John Fielder on **Tuesday, April 24, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Last year Fielder and Michelle Attala, an African nature photographer and guide, explored Zambia and Namibia, two countries known for their diverse natural landscapes and wildlife viewing opportunities. Fielder said, "We drove 2,500 kilometers in an SUV across some of the most rugged terrain I have ever experienced." View Africa as you have never seen it before! John Fielder is a nationally recognized photographer and preservationist. He is the author of over 30 guidebooks featuring his photography and has received the prestigious Ansel Adams Award from the Sierra Club. Copies of Fielder's books will be available for purchase and signing.



A South African's Perspective on South Africa's Transition to Democracy

Robin Trehaeven, head of Technical Services at Bemis, is a South African who experienced the tumultuous years in South Africa after Nelson Mandela was elected president. Mandela was the first South African president to be elected in a fully representative democratic election. During this time period there was widespread violence and panic among the white population. Join Trehaeven on **Monday, April 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** when he will talk about politics and society in South Africa during this time period, on meeting Nelson Mandela and the real "Invictus," a rugby game with historical significance.



Going Green for Fido & Fluffy

The City of Littleton recycling drive to benefit shelter animals continues **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).



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.

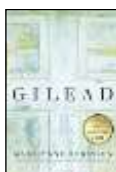
♦ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Apr. 2: *Gilead*

by Marilyn Robinson

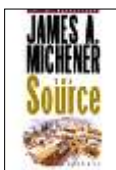
As the Reverend John Ames approaches the hour of his own death, he writes a letter to his son chronicling three previous generations of his family, a story that stretches back to the Civil War and reveals uncomfortable family secrets.



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.



June 4: *Illusions: the Adventures of a Reluctant Messiah*

by Richard Bach

When two barnstorming adventurers meet in the fields of the Midwest, one of them begins to learn about the realities of his world and what caused a real Messiah to abandon his mission.



♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.



June 18: *A Spot of Bother*
by Mark Haddon

At 61, George Hall is settling down to a comfortable retirement. When his tempestuous daughter, Katie, announces that she is getting married to Ray, a man no one can stand, the Hall family is thrown into a tizzy. This book is a hilarious look at the life of a dysfunctional British family.



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., Apr. 17; Tues., May 15; Tues., June 12
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Apr. 18; Wed., May 16; Wed., June 13
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Apr. 7; Sat., May 5; Sat., June 16
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Apr. 24; Tues., June 19
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**
Sat., Apr. 21
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Tues., Apr. 3; Wed., May 2; Tues., June 5
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Apr. 10; Tues., May 8; Wed., June 6
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Apr. 11; Wed., May 9
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Tues., May 1; Sat., June 2
- ♦ **Google Docs**
Wed., May 23
- ♦ **How to Search the Library Catalog**
Wed., Apr. 25
- ♦ **Microsoft Picture Manager**
Wed., Apr. 4
- ♦ **Mousercise**
Sat., May 19
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Tues., May 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



Build a LEGO Mindstorms Robot

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.

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

May 5: *War Horse* - PG-13

June 2: *Mission Impossible 4: Ghost Protocol* - PG-13



◆ Wii & Kinect

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

April 19/May 17

June 21: Special time! 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Gaming Tournaments for Summer Reading

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Apr. 27: Summer Reading program planning

May 25: Murder Mystery event planning

June 22: Talent Show planning

Try your hand at Robotics Engineering on **Friday, April 20, 2:30-4:00 p.m.** Presented by *Bits, Bytes & Bots*, this exciting hands-on class teaches kids in grades 3-5 how to build and program LEGO Mindstorms NXT robots* — the coolest robots available. Then use your new skills to meet such challenges as clearing objects off a board, driving through a maze or beating your opponent at LEGO Sumo. Please call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's desk beginning April 7 to reserve your place.



*Robots are for use by students in class only, and no parts may be taken home.

Monet's Garden Par"tea"

Springtime at Bemis is all about flowers, birds, dragonflies, bees, butterflies, and our annual **Mother-Daughter Tea Party**. This year we're hosting *Monet's Garden Par"tea"* on **Saturday, April 28 at 2:00 p.m.** If you're in grades K-5, plan to wear your garden party dresses and flutter over for stories, a craft, tea, and sweets. To join us in our handcrafted garden setting, please call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's desk beginning April 7 to make a reservation. Painting: *Bridge over a Pond of Water Lilies* by Claude Monet, 1899.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

Duct Tape Creations

Learn how to make cool stuff out of duct tape on **Saturday, April 21, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** All materials will be provided. *Registration is required for this event.* Space is limited; contact teen librarian Mark to register for this event at 303-795-3961 or by email at mdecker@littletongov.org



Your Name in Print - Review Something!

Bemis is accepting reviews from teens about books, movies, and video games. Submit your reviews to Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org and you might see your review on the Bemis teen blog, posted in the library, or maybe in the local paper! Make sure your review clearly identifies what type of item you are reviewing (book, movie, or T-rated video game), the title of the item, and be sure to include your name. Contact teen librarian Mark with any questions.

◆ 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.

April 21: 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.

◆ Register for Email Notification: You can receive our monthly newsletter via email and choose to be notified of special programs. Here's how: visit bemis.sirsi.net/, under Library Info, click on *More information* and then click on *Subscribe Bemis News Email*. Or, fill out a paper form at any Information Desk next time you visit the library.

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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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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.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Sat. Movie Matinee: *We Bought a Zoo***
Saturday, May 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Developing a Leadership Spirit!**
Tuesday, May 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place *Les Miserables: Light & Shadow* with Marta Burton and Nick Rossi**
Saturday, May 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **An Inside Look at John F. Kennedy's Secret Service Agents**
Tuesday, May 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Unconventional Women of the West**
Saturday, May 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Littleton's Historic City Ditch**
Monday, May 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Apr. Art Exhibit** Heritage Fine Arts Guild Spring Show April 3- 27
- Monday, Apr. 2** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
eReader Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 3** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 4** *Microsoft Picture Manager, 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, Apr. 5** 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
- Friday, Apr. 6** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 7** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, *I Am Legend*, Noon, Rated PG-13
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Hop*, 2:00-3:30 p.m., Rated PG
- Tuesday, Apr. 10** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Confessions of a Biblioholic with Tom Noel, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 11** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 12** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 13** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 16** Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 17** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
All About Advance Directives in Colorado, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 18** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 19** 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
eReader Workshop, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii & Kinect Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 20** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
*Build a LEGO Mindstorms Robot, For Grades 3-5, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 21** *Beginning Publisher, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place, Wielands of Mass Destruction Family Band, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
*Teen Duct Tape Creations, 2-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 23** A South African's Perspective on South Africa's Transition to Democracy, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 24** *Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
African Panorama with John Fielder, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 25** *How to Search the Library Catalog, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 26** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 27** *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, Apr. 28** **Monet's Garden Par "tea"* Annual Mother-Daughter Tea Party, For Grades K-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*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.