

Behind the Cover

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Saturday Movie Matinee: *We Bought a Zoo*

Bring the family to see the film, *We Bought a Zoo*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, May 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Acclaimed filmmaker Cameron Crowe directs an amazing and true story about a single dad (Matt Damon) who decides his family needs a fresh start, so he and his two children move to the most unlikely of places - a zoo. With the help of an eclectic staff, and with many misadventures along the way, the family works to return the dilapidated zoo to its former wonder and glory. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



Developing a Leadership Spirit!

Learn how to move out of your comfort zone and tap into internal leadership strengths with internationally-recognized speaker Buna Dahal, **Tuesday, May 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Dahal believes that true leadership comes from cultivating a quiet heart and a concern for others. As a child born blind in Nepal, Dahal encountered the boundaries of low expectations. At an early age Dahal realized that she had a dream... not just to survive, but to live. Today she lives her life with confidence and ambition by inspiring others across the globe. She has won numerous national awards and has conducted presentations throughout the world. Copies of Buna Dahal's audiobook, *Leadership Spirit!*, will be available for purchase and signing.



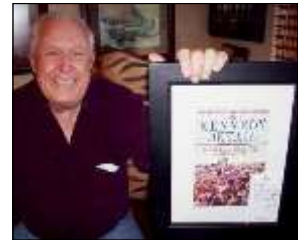
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, May 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** *Les Miserables: Light and Shadow*--Marta Burton and Nick Rossi perform highlights from Broadway's beloved musical, along with excerpts from Victor Hugo's crowning literary achievement, *Les Miserables*. An intimate portrayal of Fantine, Cosette and Jean Valjean as they emerge from darkness into the light of love.



An Inside Look at John F. Kennedy's Secret Service Agents

Gerald Blaine, a member of JFK's Secret Service detail, will talk about his memories of President Kennedy, **Tuesday, May 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Blaine will reveal the inside story of the assassination, the weeks and days that led to it, and its heart-rending aftermath. He will discuss the lives of the men who were devoted to protecting the presidential family. Copies of Blaine's recent book, *The Kennedy Detail: JFK's Secret Service Agents Break Their Silence*, will be available for purchase and signing.



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Unconventional Women of the West

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by seven actresses portraying unconventional women in the history of the West on **Saturday, May 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Historical characters performed will include Lillian Russell, actress and singer; Susan Shelby Magoffin, first white woman on the Santa Fe Trail; Charlie Parkhurst, stagecoach driver; Silver Heels, dancehall girl who aided miners; Bertha Spears, Harvey Girl; Ellis Meredith, suffragist; and Calamity Jane. Each actress has researched the character that she is portraying, written her own script and created a costume. This program will be produced by The Legendary Ladies, a group that exists to promote the role of women in the settling of the West.



Littleton's Historic City Ditch

Join Littleton Public Services Director Charlie Blosten for an entertaining talk about the history of the City Ditch and the proposed City Ditch Trail on **Monday, May 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Certain areas of the City Ditch have not been changed in over 150 years and the new trail will allow people to walk in the footsteps of Littleton's pioneers. The ditch was constructed in the early 1860s and supplied water to Denver.

Summer Reading Programs

Summer reading is just around the corner. Registration begins on **Monday, May 21st** and we have a program for *every* reader. All summer reading programs run through July 31.

Children's: Dream Big – READ at Bemis. Beginning May 21, infants through children entering 5th grade may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading time and collect prizes along the way including a book to keep after completing just six hours of reading. Bemis will host entertainers, activities, craft programs, puppet shows and story times each week. See page 3 for more details or visit us to find out more!

Teens: Own the Night! Online registration begins May 21. The registration link will be located on the Bemis Public Library Home page, but participants need to pick up their reading packets in the library. There will be a number of creative programs and events happening throughout the summer. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. Numerous prizes will be awarded to participants throughout the program. Watch for news about summer reading in the Teen Central column on Page 3 or on the Bemis Teen Blog: <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/>

Adults: Between the Covers - Lives Revealed. Register at the Information Desk and receive a prize. It's easy. Fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to, plus certain library activities will make you eligible for the drawings. There will be weekly prize drawings and a Grand Prize, which is a \$100 shopping spree at Aspen Grove. Prizes will include gift certificates to Littleton merchants and more.

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.

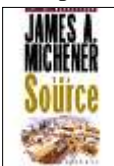
◆ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

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.



July 2: *March*

by Geraldine Brooks

In a story inspired by the father character in "Little Women" and drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father, a man leaves behind his family to serve in the Civil War and finds his beliefs challenged by his experiences.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.



July 16: Title to be determined.

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., May 15; Tues., June 12

◆ Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010

Wed., May 16; Wed., June 13

◆ Beginning Internet

Sat., May 5; Sat., June 16

◆ Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010

Tues., June 19

◆ Beginning Windows 7

Wed., May 2; Tues., June 5

◆ Beginning Word - MS Office 2010

Tues., May 8; Wed., June 6

◆ Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

Wed., May 9

◆ Computer Comfort

Tues., May 1; Sat., June 2

◆ Google Docs

Wed., May 23

◆ 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



Summer Reading 2012

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

May 5: *War Horse* - PG-13

Special time: 11:30 a.m.

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



◆ Wii & Kinect

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

May 17: Meet at 3:30 p.m.

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.

May 25: Murder Mystery event planning

June 22: Talent Show planning



Movie Madness with *The Muppets*

Join us on **Saturday, May 26, 2:00 p.m.** for a fun family movie, *The Muppets*, shown on the library's big screen. A couple of brothers and the local schoolteacher team up to attempt to reunite Kermit, Fozzie and the rest of the Muppet gang in order to save the Muppets' studio from an evil oil baron. Snacks will be served. For families with children 3 years and older. (Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult.) Rated PG. Running time: 103 min. Please call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's Desk beginning May 5 to reserve your place.

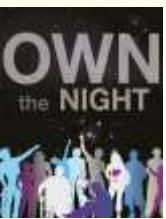


Lego® Donations Needed

Who loves Legos®? Just about everybody... whatever their age! We would like to start a Lego® Club for kids at Bemis, but we need Legos® of course! Please think of us when you see those wonderful building blocks that stretch imaginations, provide opportunities to focus and concentrate, and are loads of fun. Any donation of old or new Legos® will be gratefully accepted and appreciated. Bring your Lego® donations to the Children's Room.



Teen Summer Reading Program



Join us for a summer of reading! Online registration begins May 21 and will continue until the program's conclusion on July 31. The registration link will be located on the Bemis Public Library Home page, but

participants need to pick up their reading packets in the library. This summer's theme is *Own the Night*. There will be a number of creative programs and events happening throughout the summer. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. Numerous prizes will be awarded to participants throughout the program. Watch for more news about summer reading!

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

There will be **no Story Box or Preschool Story Time programs during the month of May** as the children's librarians will be visiting local schools to promote our 2012 Summer Reading Program, *Dream Big - READ at Bemis!*

Regular programming will resume the week of June 4.

◆ Paws to Read: For grades K-5

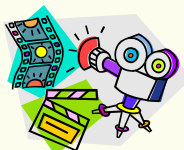
Saturday, May 12, 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Readers in grades K-5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by *Denver Pet Partners & The Delta Society*.



Summer Film School

Are you a teen in grades 7-12 who is interested in writing, acting, directing, filming or editing your own movie? For the past eight years, over 320 students have created



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◆ **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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Teen Summer Film School

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amazing films at the Film School, part of the Summer Reading Program at Bemis. In eight weeks, you will learn professional moviemaking techniques that include how to write scripts, storyboard, act, and of course, film masterpieces. This year, students will create six original movies based on the theme, *Own the Night!* Each movie will be shown to the public at a World Premiere Red Carpet Event in August. Beginning June 5, the Film School will meet Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Binning Family Foundation, 1269 W. Littleton Blvd. Cost for the class is \$100 per student and scholarships are available. Pick up your application at Bemis beginning Wednesday, May 9. Space is limited; please reserve your spot as soon as possible. For details, contact librarian Mark Decker at 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ **Matilda and the Dreamtime--an Australian Performance**
Tuesday, June 5, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Artist***
Saturday, June 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Frank Sinatra impersonator Derek Evilsizer**
Saturday, June 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Memories of Alaskan Love, World Travel and the Power of Running Away**
Tuesday, June 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Dusty Saunders: Life in the TV & Newspaper World**
Monday, June 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

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| May Art Exhibit | William Britton Art Show
May 1-31 | Thursday, May 17 | Open Computer Lab,
9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, May 1 | *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | International Conversation Circle,
12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place |
| Wednesday, May 2 | *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii & Kinect Games, 3:30 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 3 | Open Computer Lab,
9:00-10:30 a.m. | Friday, May 17 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| | International Conversation Circle,
12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place | Saturday, May 19 | *Mousercise, Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, May 4 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | | Unconventional Women of the West,
2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Saturday, May 5 | *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Monday, May 21 | Summer Reading Program
Registration Begins for All Ages |
| | Teen Movie Club, <i>War Horse</i> ,
11:30 a.m., Rated PG-13 | | Littleton's Historic City Ditch,
2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| | Saturday Movie Matinee:
<i>We Bought a Zoo</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m.,
Rated PG | | Monday Evening Book Group,
7:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 7 | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. | Tuesday, May 22 | *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, May 8 | *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Wednesday, May 23 | *Google Docs, Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| | Developing a Leadership Spirit!,
7:00-8:30 p.m. | Thursday, May 24 | Open Computer Lab,
9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Wednesday, May 9 | *Intermediate Word MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Friday, May 25 | *Red Cross Babysitting Course,
Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, May 10 | Open Computer Lab,
9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m. |
| Friday, May 11 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Saturday, May 26 | *Movie Madness: <i>The Muppets</i> ,
For families with children 3 years
and older, 2:00 p.m., Rated PG |
| Saturday, May 12 | Musical Moments at Sophie's Place,
<i>Les Miserables: Light & Shadow</i>
with Marta Burton and Nick Rossi,
2:00-3:00 p.m. | Monday, May 28 | Memorial Day
LIBRARY CLOSED |
| | *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon,
Grades K-5 | Thursday, May 31 | Open Computer Lab,
9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, May 15 | *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Friday, June 1 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| | An Inside Look at John F. Kennedy's
Secret Service Agents,
7:00-8:30 p.m. | | |
| Wednesday, May 16 | *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | |

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

Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.