



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Matilda and the Dreamtime ~ an Australian Performance

Australian Paul Taylor, artist, actor and musician, will present *Matilda & the Dreamtime*, a multifaceted performance for all ages, **Tuesday, June 5, 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Taylor will present a unique look at the wonderful Aussie character through an exciting blend of classic folk stories, photos, songs, poetry, drama, dance and didgeridoo, drawing comparisons to American culture. Since 1988 Taylor has been mentored in native Australian culture by an aboriginal elder. As a performing artist, he trained as an actor at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London and has worked professionally throughout Australia, Great Britain and the United States.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Iron Lady*

The incredible life of Margaret Thatcher is the focus of the film, *The Iron Lady*, which will be featured on the library's big screen, **Saturday, June 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The movie gives an intimate portrait of Thatcher (played by Meryl Streep, who won an Academy Award for this performance), the first and only female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. One of the 20th century's most famous and influential women, Margaret Thatcher came from nowhere to smash through barriers of gender and class to be heard in a male dominated world. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, June 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** - Join Frank Sinatra impersonator, Derek Evilsizor, as he performs Sinatra's greatest hits. Relive memories of this legendary singer!

Memories of Alaskan Love, World Travel and the Power of Running Away

Author Cara Lopez Lee will tell her tale of relationships and world travel, **Tuesday, June 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** After a boyfriend threatened to kill her, Lopez Lee ran away to Alaska, where she landed in a love triangle. Running away again, she embarked on a yearlong solo backpack trek around the globe. Hear stories of exotic places and cultures as well as Lopez's own emotional journey. Copies of Lee's book, *They Only Eat Their Husbands: A Memoir of Alaskan Love, World Travel and the Power of Running Away*, will be available for purchase and signing. Her book has been described as "bold and gutsy. She yanks the rose-colored glasses off travel. Yet she also makes you eager to plan your own adventure."



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Dusty Saunders: Life in the TV & Newspaper World

Dusty Saunders worked at the *Rocky Mountain News* for 54 years as a copy boy, police reporter, city hall reporter, feature editor, and covered the broadcasting beat as critic and columnist for more than 40 years. Hear stories of his fascinating career in journalism on **Monday, June 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Saunders has won several honors, including Colorado Journalist of the Year and a Scripps-Howard Award. He currently writes a TV-radio sports column for *The Denver Post*. Copies of Saundser's autobiography, *Heere's Dusty: Life in the TV & Newspaper World*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Summer Reading Programs

Summer reading is in full swing. We have a program for *every* reader. All summer reading programs run through July 31.

Children's: Dream Big – READ at Bemis. 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! Register online at the library using the registration link located on the Bemis Public Library Home page. Participants should pick up their reading packets at the library's Information Desk. There will be a variety of creative programs and events 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.

Bemis on Facebook



Check out our Facebook page where you can find postings on upcoming programs and new services. Just type in "Bemis Public Library" in the Facebook search box to locate the library's page.

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.

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.

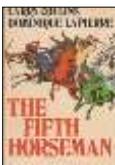
July 2: *March*

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.

Aug. 6: *The Fifth Horseman* by Larry Collins & Dominique Lapierre



The threat of Libya's Colonel Quaddafi to explode a three-megaton nuclear bomb hidden in New York, unless an autonomous Palestinian state is immediately established, affects the lives of ordinary citizens, politicians, secret agents, and terrorists from Washington to Jerusalem.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group

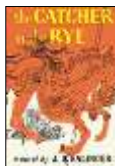
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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: *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger



This widely acclaimed novel details two days in the life of 16-year-old Holden Caulfield after he has been expelled from prep school. Confused and disillusioned, he searches for truth and complains about the "phoniness" of the adult world. Holden ends up in a psychiatrist's office, exhausted and emotionally ill.

Aug. 20: *The Invisible Man* by Ralph Ellison



An award-winning book that chronicles the journey of an unnamed black man attempting to discover his identity and role in a hostile and confusing world that refuses to acknowledge his existence.

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:

- ♦ **A-Z Business Directory Database**
Wed., Aug. 15
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., June 12, Tues., July 24, Tues., Aug. 28
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., June 13, Wed., July 25, Wed., Aug. 29
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., June 16, Sat., Aug. 4
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., June 19, Tues., Aug. 14
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**
Tues., July 17
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Tues., June 5, Sat., July 7, Tues., Aug. 7
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., June 6, Tues., July 10, Tues., Aug. 21
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., July 11, Wed., Aug. 22
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., June 2, Tues., July 3, Wed., Aug. 1
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Wed., Aug. 8
- ♦ **Windows Keyboard Commands**
Tues., July 31
- ♦ **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://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.

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

July 7: *Monty Python & the Holy Grail* - Rated PG

Aug. 4: No meeting scheduled

◆ Gaming

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

June 21 & July 19:

Special time! 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Gaming Tournaments for Summer Reading

Aug. 16: Choose from a variety of games

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

June 22: Talent Show planning

July 27: Fall programming planning

Aug. 24: No meeting scheduled



Teen Summer Reading



Join us for a summer of reading! Register online at the library from the link located on the Bemis home page. We will have prize drawings every two weeks. All participants who complete the program

will receive a free book. There will be a variety of creative programs and events happening throughout the summer. Join us for these events in June:

◆ Teen Movie Club

Saturday, June 2, noon.

Mission Impossible 4: Ghost Protocol (PG-13)

◆ Boomerangs

Tuesday, June 5, 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

**Registration required.* Learn all about the boomerang and how it has been used by the Aborigines of Australia. Australian artist and musician Paul Taylor, who has lived with the Aborigines, will explain this unique tool, including its use in music, dance, and hunting. Participants will get to make their own cardboard boomerang and learn how to throw it!

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Dream Big – READ at Bemis! Kids from birth through 5th grade may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading time and collect prizes along the way. Prizes include a free book and merchant certificates.

June Entertainers for Ages 3 and Up:

These programs are for families with kids ages 3 years and up.

All shows begin at 2 p.m.

◆ Wednesday, June 6, 2:00 p.m.: Museum of Dreams with Birgitta DePree

A laugh-filled introduction to the exciting world of Colorado history told through theater and stories.

◆ Wednesday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.: Old Town Puppet Company

The Three Little Pigs plus The Lion and the Mouse

Puppets, songs, fairy tales and humor combine for an entertaining performance by Mike Walsh.

◆ Wednesday, June 20, 2:00 p.m.: Monsters Beware!

Denise Gard and her faithful dog, Sienna, hunt monsters under the bed in this interactive tale about things that go BUMP in the night.

◆ Wednesday, June 27, 2:00 p.m.: Music for Kids

Clap, stomp, laugh and sing with Mary Sue and Cari as they dream big in this fun musical adventure.



June School-Age Programs for Grades 1-2

For kids entering grades 1-2. *Reservations required one week in advance.*

◆ Tuesday, June 5, 2:00 p.m.: Wish Upon a Star

Create constellation maps for indoor stargazing.

◆ Tuesday, June 12, 2:00 p.m.: Dream a Little Dream of Me

Paint a dream scene.

◆ Tuesday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.: (Not So Scary) Monsters Under the Bed

Listen to monster stories, and make bright monsters for under your bed.

◆ Tuesday, June 26, 2:00 p.m.: Counting Sheep

“Ewe” won’t fall asleep while listening to a funny story and making a sheep magnet.

June School Age Programs for Grades 3-5

For kids entering grades 3-5. *Reservations required one week in advance.*

◆ Thursday, June 7, 2:00 p.m.: It’s All Greek to Me

Olympics and Mythology- we have the ancient Greeks to thank for our fun hour of story and craft.

◆ Thursday, June 14, 2:00 p.m.: Sleeping Under the Stars

Hear a campfire story and make your own dream pillow.

◆ Thursday, June 21, 2:00 p.m.: Whoooo’s There?

Listen to owl stories and create an owl pal.

◆ Thursday, June 28, 2:00 p.m.: Heads Up!

Construct an astrolabe which can be used to locate the position of stars and planets in the night sky.

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, 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.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show on June 7.

◆ Theater Time: Ages 3 years and older

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

An independent story session with fun stories and weekly puppet shows.

◆ Paws to Read: For grades K-5

Saturday, June 9, 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* and 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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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 Reading June Programs

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◆ **Murder Mystery Event: In the Shadow of the Vampire**

Thursday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

***Registration required.** Put your sleuthing skills to the test in this interactive murder mystery program where participants investigate the clues to determine the murderer's identity. Win prizes!

◆ **Gaming Event - Wii and Xbox Kinect**

Thursday, June 21, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

***Registration required.** Sign up to compete for prizes in a Mario Kart tournament on the Wii, or a Dance Central tournament on the Xbox Kinect.

◆ **Art program - Come Own the Night**

Friday, June 29, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

***Registration required.** In this class you'll create your very own nightscape. What fills your nightscape is limited only by your imagination—owls, stars, shooting stars, the sun, anthropomorphic moons, etc. Using paper, paint, your art skills and imagination, you will have a work of art finished by the time class ends.

Teen Talent Show

Take part in a competition to find out who are Littleton's most talented teens! Two lucky teens will win \$100 cash from Colorado Business Bank! **Registration for this event, including auditions, is required.**

◆ **Tryouts**

Middle school/junior high teens:

Wed., June 13, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

High school teens:

Wed., June 20, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Alternate/makeup auditions:

Wed., June 27, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

◆ **Teen Talent Show**

Wed., July 18, 7:00 p.m.



Schedule of Library Events

June Art Exhibit Rocky Mountain Stroke Assn. Art Show, June 1-30

Friday, June 1 Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 2 *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, *Mission Impossible 4: Ghost Protocol*, noon, Rated PG-13

Monday, June 4 Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 5 *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Wish Upon a Star, Grades 1-2, 2 p.m.
*Teen Program: Boomerangs, 2-3:30 p.m.
Matilda and the Dreamtime - An Australian Performance, 7:00-8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6 *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Museum of Dreams, Ages 3 & Up, 2 p.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 7 Open Computer Lab, 9-10:30 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
*It's All Greek to Me, Grades 3-5, 2 p.m.

Friday, June 8 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 9 Saturday Movie Matinee:
The Iron Lady, 2-4:00 p.m.
*Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-noon, K-5

Tuesday, June 12 *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Dream a Little Dream of Me, Grades 1-2, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13 *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Old Town Puppet Company, Ages 3 & Up, 2 p.m.

*Teen Talent Show Tryouts for middle school/junior high teens, 5-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 14 Open Computer Lab, 9-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

*Sleeping Under the Stars, Grades 3-5, 2 p.m.

*Teen Program: Murder Mystery Event, 2-4:00 p.m.

Friday, June 15 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 16 *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Red Cross Babysitting Course, Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place, with Derek Evilsizor, 2-3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 18 Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 19 *Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Memories of Alaskan Love, World Travel & the Power of Running Away, 7-8:30 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*(Not So Scary) Monsters Under the Bed, Grades 1-2, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 20 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Monsters Beware!, Ages 3 & Up, 2 p.m.
*Teen Talent Show Tryouts for high school teens, 5-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 21 Open Computer Lab, 9-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

*Teen Gaming Event, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
*Whoooo's There? Grades 3-5, 2 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday, June 22 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, June 25 Dusty Saunders: Life in the TV & Newspaper World, 2-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Counting Sheep, Grades 1-2, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Music for Kids, Ages 3 & Up, 2 p.m.
*Teen Talent Show Alternate/Makeup Auditions, 5-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 28 Open Computer Lab, 9-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

*Heads Up!, Grades 3-5, 2 p.m.

Friday, June 29 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Theater Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
*Teen Art Program, Come Own the Night, 2-3:30 p.m.

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

Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.