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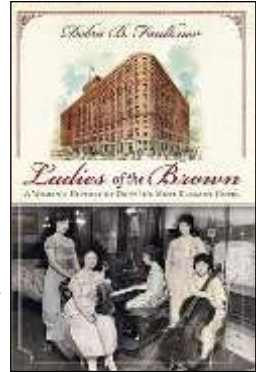
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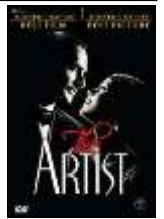
Ladies of the Brown: A Women's History of Denver's Most Elegant Hotel

Join author Debra Faulkner for a fascinating look at the Brown Palace Hotel's most famous female visitors, residents and employees, **Tuesday, July 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** From Denver's "Unsinkable" Molly Brown and Romania's Queen Marie to Zsa Zsa Gabor, Mamie Eisenhower and many more, these intriguing characters play leading roles in true tales of romance, scandal, humor, and heartbreak. Since the day it opened in 1892, Denver's Brown Palace Hotel has been the Mile High City's foremost destination for high-powered business travelers, celebrities, royalty and politicians. Faulkner teaches U.S. and Colorado history courses at Metropolitan State College of Denver. Her passion for women's history led her to serve on the board of the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame and to create the archives for that organization. Faulkner is the author of several books on Denver and Colorado history. Copies of her book, *Ladies of the Brown*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Artist*

The Academy Award winning film, *The Artist*, will be featured on the library's big screen, **Saturday, July 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** In Hollywood, 1927, actor George Valentin (Jean Dujardin) is a silent movie superstar. The advent of the talkies sounds the death knell for his career and sees him fall into oblivion. For young extra, Peppy Miller (Bérénice Bejo), it seems the sky's the limit and major movie stardom awaits. *The Artist* tells the story of their interlinked destinies. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, July 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** A **Tribute to Lennon and McCartney**, performed by the **Four Ever Fab Duo**. Enjoy classic Beatles' songs from the group's early start in 1962 to the solo careers of John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

Meet Molly Brown - Reformer, Activist and Philanthropist

See a dramatic portrayal of Colorado's Margaret "Molly" Brown, presented by professional actress Mary Jane Bradbury on **Monday, July 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** The Molly Brown of myth and legend often is portrayed as an eccentric character, a social outcast who struggled for recognition. Even her name is fiction, as she was not called Molly in her lifetime. Margaret Tobin Brown defied social convention of her day to make waves long before she stepped foot on the Titanic. Hear this world traveler, the epitome of the reform era's "New Woman," talk about using her wealth and education to work for the social, political and labor reform critical to the early decades of the 20th century.



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I am Nikola Tesla

See a dramatic presentation on the amazing life of the brilliant scientist, Nikola Tesla, **Tuesday, July 24, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Tesla's work in the late 19th and early 20th centuries set the stage for the technological breakthroughs that shape our world today. Among his discoveries and inventions are the fluorescent light, the laser beam, the system of alternating current, wireless communications, the modern radio system, remote control, and robotics. He registered over 700 patents worldwide and foresaw interplanetary communications and satellites. Tesla spent seven months in Colorado in 1899 conducting experiments in wireless telegraphy and investigating the higher strata of the atmosphere. Tesla will be portrayed by historian and actor Richard Marold.



Richard Marold as Tesla

Summer Reading Programs

There's still time to sign up for one of our summer reading programs. Stop by the library to register. All summer reading programs continue 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 at the library. 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.

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.

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.



Sept. 10*: *Retirement Homes are Murder*

by Mike Befeler



Meet the Author

Crotchety octogenarian Paul Jacobson must become an amateur sleuth to clear himself as a murder suspect when he finds a dead body in the trash chute of his retirement home.

Author Mike Befeler will join us for our discussion.

*We will meet on the second Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.



Sept. 17: *Turn of the Screw*

by Henry James

The governess of two enigmatic children fears their souls are in danger from the ghosts of the previous governess and her sinister lover.



Oct. 15: *Known World*

by Edward P. Jones

The story of Henry Townsend, a black farmer and former slave who falls under the tutelage of William Robbins, the most powerful man in Manchester County, Virginia.

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., July 24, Tues., Aug. 28
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., July 25, Wed., Aug. 29
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Aug. 4
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Aug. 14
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher- MS Office 2010**
Tues., July 17
- ◆ **Beginning Windows 7**
Sat., July 7, Tues., Aug. 7
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., July 10, Tues., Aug. 21
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., July 11, Wed., Aug. 22
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
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://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.

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!

July 19: *Special time! 11 a.m.-1 p.m.*

Gaming Tournament for Summer Reading

Aug. 16: Choose from a variety of games

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

July 27: Fall programming planning

Aug. 24: No meeting scheduled

Teen Summer Reading



There's still time to register online at the library from the link located on the Bemis home page. We have prize drawings every two weeks. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. Join us for these events in July:

◆ Teen Movie Club

Saturday, July 7, noon.

Monty Python and the Holy Grail (Rated PG)

◆ Mars Explorers

Wednesday, July 11, 3:00-4:00 pm.

***Registration required.** Explore the mysteries of the red planet and the awesome challenge of mounting a manned, 60-million mile mission to its surface. Participants will pilot an RC planetary rover similar to the ones on Mars, learn how to make "Mars Mud," and launch their very own Mars glider.



◆ Gaming Event - Wii and Xbox Kinect

Thursday, July 19, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

***Registration required.** Sign up to compete in a variety of sporting games on the Wii and Xbox Kinect. Win prizes!

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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. Visit us to register and find out more. Remember, return all completed reading records by the program's ending date: July 31.



July 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.

◆ **Tuesday, July 3, 2:00 p.m.: I Dreamed I Was a Genie**

Ann Lincoln as a "dreamy" genie makes wishes come true by blending magic, juggling and special tricks performed by her amazing pets.

◆ **Tuesday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.: Magical Delights** with Doc Murdock

A delightful performance filled with audience participation, magic, comedy, puppets and lots of surprises.

◆ **Tuesday, July 17, 2:00 p.m.: Mimeworks** with Donna Brown

A wordless presentation combining mime, music, masks, costumed characters and storytelling.

◆ **Tuesday, July 24, 2:00 p.m.: Meghan the Magnificent**

Join puppeteer and ventriloquist Meghan Casey as she travels along meeting a variety of puppets in her dreams.

July School-Age Programs for Grades 1-5

For kids entering grades 1-5. *Reservations required one week in advance.*

All shows begin at 2 p.m.

◆ **Wednesday, July 11, 2:00 p.m.: Space Explorers, a SpaceTime Workshop**

Prepare to explore the Final Frontier! Guaranteed to give you a look at what space exploration is all about.

◆ **Wednesday, July 18, 2:00 p.m.: African Safari** presented by The Denver Zoo

Travel from the African Serengeti plains to the Congo rainforest basin, learning about the diverse biomes. Meet a variety of African animals up close and explore one of Africa's unique cultures.

◆ **Wednesday, July 25, 2:00 p.m.: Movie Matinee, Tooth Fairy 2**

Popcorn, lemonade and laughs for your afternoon. Rated PG. Running time: 90 minutes.

Special Grand Finale Program:

◆ **Tuesday, July 31 @ 7 pm., Family Game Night** – Join funnyman Bryce Jackman

for an evening of game show fun and prizes. For families and children of all ages.

Reservations required one week in advance.

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 July 5.

◆ 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, July 14, 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*.



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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 July Programs

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♦ **The Beautiful Art of Henna**

Tuesday, July 24, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Registration required. Parental permission slip required.* If you can trace, you can do henna. Each student will be doing hands-on henna and will have a cone of paste and a "magic" pencil to take home. Class covers the history of henna, what it is and where it grows, dangers of black "henna," India Traditions, and more.

♦ **Summer Reading Finale**

Tuesday, July 31, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Registration required.* Join Bryce Jackman for an evening of TV game show fun, an audience-participation event combining the games *Concentration* and *Fear Factor*.

Teen Talent Show

Find out who are Littleton's most talented teens at the **Teen Talent Show** on **Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Two lucky teens will win \$100 cash from Colorado Business Bank! *Registration for this event is required.*



Upcoming Events

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

♦ **Polynesian Fiafia Music and Dance Performance**

Thursday, August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Lorax***

Saturday, August 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

♦ **Big Band Tribute to the Big Apple**

Thursday, August 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

July Art Exhibit	Mountainside Art Guild Show July 1-31	Tuesday, July 17	*Beginning Publisher, MS Office '10 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Mimeworks, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 3	*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. I Dreamed I Was a Genie, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m. Teen Movie Club, <i>Mission Impossible 4: Ghost Protocol</i> , noon, Rated PG-13	Wednesday, July 18	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *African Safari, Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m. *Teen Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 4	Independence Day LIBRARY CLOSED	Thursday, July 19	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 *Teen Gaming Event, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 5	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	Friday, July 20	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Theater Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Friday, July 6	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Theater Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.	Saturday, July 21	Musical Moments at Sophie's Place, A Tribute to Lennon & McCartney, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 7	*Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. Teen Movie Club, <i>Monty Python and the Holy Grail</i> , noon, Rated PG	Monday, July 23	Meet Molly Brown - Reformer, Activist & Philanthropist, 2-3:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, July 11	*Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Space Explorers, Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m. *Teen Program: Mars Explorers, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Wednesday, July 25	*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Movie Matinee: <i>Tooth Fairy 2</i> , Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 12	Open Computer Lab, 9-10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.	Thursday, July 26	Open Computer Lab, 9-10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Friday, July 13	*Red Cross Babysitting Course, Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Theater Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.	Friday, July 27	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Theater Time, 10:30 a.m. Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 14	Saturday Movie Matinee: <i>The Artist</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m. *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-noon, K-5	Tuesday, July 31	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Summer Reading Grand Finale with Bryce Jackman, For families & children of all ages, 7-8:30 p.m.
Monday, July 16	Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.		

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

Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.