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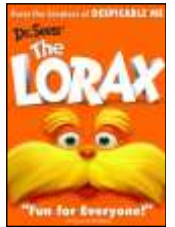
Polynesian Fiafia Music & Dance Performance

Experience an energetic and colorful outdoor show featuring the musicians and dancers from Polynesian Fiafia, **Thursday, August 9, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**, on the front lawn of the library. The performance will include the traditional music and dances of Hawaii, Samoa, Tahiti and New Zealand. Featured will be the spectacular Samoan fire dance performed by a native Samoan. Hot dogs, brats, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Lorax*

Bring the family to see the animated film, *The Lorax*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, August 11, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The movie is an adaptation of the classic Dr. Seuss tale of a forest creature who shares the enduring power of hope. It follows the journey of 12-year-old Ted (voiced by Zac Efron) as he searches for the one thing that will enable him to win the affection of the girl of his dreams, Audrey (voiced by Taylor Swift). To find it, he must discover the story of the Lorax (voiced by Danny DeVito), the grumpy yet charming creature who fights to protect his world. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



Big Band Tribute to the Big Apple

Enjoy a Big Band concert, **Thursday, August 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m.** on the front lawn of the library! The Joe Peterson 10-piece Dance Orchestra and the Andrews Singers will treat you to a lively musical tribute to New York. Tunes such as *New York, New York*, *Take the "A" Train*, *Satin Doll* and others will bring back the magic of the Big Band era. Based in Littleton, the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra has performed over 21 years throughout the Denver metro area. Hot dogs, brats, snacks and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5:30 p.m.



Making Sense of the Civil War- A Book Discussion Series

Bemis will host a free **five-part reading and discussion series** titled **Making Sense of the Civil War**. Bemis is one of six Colorado sites that will host the series, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support provided by the Colorado Humanities Council.

"Since the country is commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, we are excited to have been chosen to host this unique series that will give our patrons a chance to discuss the legacy of the Civil War," said Phyllis Larison, Deputy Director of Bemis Public Library.

Group discussion events will be held once per week on Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning September 5 and ending October 3. Discussions will revolve around three books: *March* by Geraldine Brooks; *Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam* by James McPherson; and *America's War: Talking About the Civil War and Emancipation on their 150th Anniversaries* edited by Edward L. Ayers. Participants will be given copies of the books to read and a schedule of discussion topics. Patricia L. Richard, Ph.D., Associate Professor of American History at Metropolitan State University of Denver, will provide a guest lecture prior to each discussion. Richard is a Civil War scholar who has written a book and numerous articles on this period of American history.

To register for the series, call the library at 303-795-3961. **Registration begins August 1.**



Who Do You Think You Are? Using Genealogy Websites

Enjoy a day at Bemis learning from an expert about how to find family history information on two popular genealogy websites, **Saturday, September 22**. Aimee Leverette, national Genealogy Training Specialist for Proquest (provider of Ancestry.com and HeritageQuest), will review Ancestry Library Edition from **10:00 a.m.-noon**, and the HeritageQuest website from **1:30-3:30 p.m.**; these subscription databases are available at the library. Leverette will give search tips and tricks and discuss tools for organization as well as save/print/email options and image viewer options. She will include an overview of the recently released 1940 Federal Census. This program is co-sponsored by the Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society. To register for the sessions, call the library at 303-795-3961. **Registration begins August 1.**

Antique Appraisal Fair

Curious about the value of a family treasure? Find out from the experts at the library's free Antique Appraisal Fair on **Friday, September 14, from Noon-7:00 p.m.** Bring dishes, art, jewelry, coins, toys, stamps, books, lamps, clocks, glassware, and other antiques and collectibles to be evaluated by expert local appraisers. A maximum of two items will be appraised. Photos of large pieces of furniture are preferred. Appraisers will explain the history, significance and approximate value of each item. Register now for a time slot with appraisers by calling the library at 303-795-3961.

Check Out a Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitor

Wondering how much electricity you're using this summer to keep things cool? Check out a Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitor and you can determine how much electricity your appliances are using. Simply plug the Kill A Watt monitor into a wall outlet. Then, plug the appliance into the monitor to get electricity consumption by the kilowatt hour for that appliance. Also, you can check the quality of your power by monitoring voltage, line frequency and power factor. The Kill A Watt monitors check out for one week and are available at the Circulation Desk.



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.

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

Octogenarian Paul Jacobson, who suffers from short-term memory loss, discovers a body stuffed in the trash chute of his retirement home. Jacobson's running narrative (he writes a journal to stay current with his present-day life) is both humorous and heartbreaking. A quick read for those who like their mysteries peopled with elderly characters. The Hawaiian setting adds to the story.



Meet the Author

Special Event Author Mike Befeler will be joining the group for the discussion of his book! He also will present a check to the library for \$1,000 from the Sisters in Crime organization. Befeler is an entertaining speaker who enjoys meeting with book groups to talk about authorship and his books. He has written three books in the Paul Jacobson Geezer-lit Mystery Series and a fourth title will be coming out in December.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.



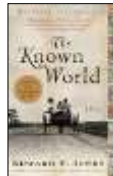
Sept. 17: *Turn of the Screw*
by Henry James

One of literature's most gripping ghost stories tells the tale of a governess who fears that the children in her charge are in danger from the ghosts of the previous governess and her sinister lover.



Oct. 15: *Known World*
by Edward P. Jones

This critically acclaimed novel focuses on a neglected chapter of American history, the world of blacks who owned blacks in the antebellum South.



Nov. 19: *Remains of the Day*
by Kazuo Ishiguro

A profoundly compelling portrait of the perfect English butler and of his fading insular world in postwar England.



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 Access Parts 1 & 2***
MS Office 2010
Tues., Oct. 23 (Part 1) & Wed., Oct. 24 (Part 2)
*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Wed., Aug. 1; Sat., Sept. 1; Sat., Oct. 6
- ♦ **eReader Workshop - Bring Your Device**
Wed., Sept. 26
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Aug. 28; Tues., Sept. 18; Tues., Oct. 16
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Aug. 29; Wed., Sept. 19; Wed., Oct. 17
- ♦ **Facebook 101**
Tues., Oct. 30
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Aug. 4; Sat., Sept. 15; Sat., Oct. 20
- ♦ **Mail Merge with MS Office Word**
Tues., Sept. 25
- ♦ **Photo Editing with MS Picture Manager**
Wed., Sept. 5
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Aug. 14
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Wed., Aug. 8; Wed., Oct. 3
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Tues., Aug. 7; Tues., Sept. 4; Tues., Oct. 2
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Aug. 21; Tues., Sept. 11; Tues., Oct. 9
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Aug. 22; Wed., Sept. 12; Wed., Oct. 10
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - 9:00-10:30 a.m.**
Every Thursday
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your eReader device for help with eBooks.



Children's Programs



Summer Reading: A Sizzling Success!

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

Aug. 4: No meeting scheduled

Sept. 1: *Battleship* - PG-13

Oct. 6: Title to be determined



◆ Gaming

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18:

Choose from a variety of games

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Aug. 24: No meeting scheduled

Sept. 28: Teen Read Week planning

Oct. 26: Winter programming



And a special thanks to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. We couldn't have done it without you!

Geology You Can Eat!

Gray Matters presents Stephanie Urban, a working geologist, who will bring a variety of fossils and rocks for you to examine on **Tuesday, August 14, 2:00 p.m.** Then, create a hands-on project involving edible materials. YUM!

For children in grades K-5. Please call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's Desk to reserve your place.



Gill the Drummer Man with The Black Hands Drum Ensemble

Enjoy African drumming and dance during this highly interactive presentation on **Sunday, August 26 at 3:00 p.m.** Mesmerizing and fun for children of all ages and their families.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Weekly Story Time sessions in August. Our weekly story time programs will resume September 4.

◆ 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 the first week of the month.

◆ Paws to Read: For grades K-5

Saturday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Kids in grades K-5 practice reading to a visiting pet pal. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society.



Special Teen Events

◆ 2012 Film School Movie Premiere

The Binning Family Foundation and Bemis Public Library proudly present the World Premiere of the 2012 Film School Movies, **Tuesday, August 14, location and time to be announced.**

◆ *Murder Mystery Event:

In the Shadow of the Vampyre
Saturday, August 18, 2:00 p.m.

Put your sleuthing skills to the test in this interactive murder mystery program where participants investigate the clues, including witness and suspect interviews, to



determine the murderer's identity. Win prizes!
*This is a re-scheduling of an event that was postponed during summer. *Registration is required. Teens who were registered for the event in June are automatically registered for this program.*

◆ Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book

Teens who participate in this contest to determine the best teen book at Bemis will be eligible to win prizes. The contest begins with teens submitting their votes for the best teen book to Mark, either in

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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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Special Teen Events

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person or via email. Each week in August, books from the nominated titles will be selected to "battle" against each other. Teens will vote on which of the books they'd like to see remain in the competition. The losing titles will be removed. The battle will continue throughout August, September, and early October, with the final winner being announced during Teen Read Week, October 16-22. For every nomination or vote a teen provides during the battle, they will be entered for a prize drawing. The prize drawing will take place during Teen Read Week. Winners of the drawing will win a copy of a book of their choice. Teens can monitor the Battle for the Best Book at the Bemis Teen Blog, <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/> or by visiting the library.

***New this year:** We will be putting stickers on nominated and winning titles to help identify them as great reads. Even better, teens who nominate winning titles get to put the stickers on the books if they'd like, and will have the opportunity to write a description of the book for a "Best Teen Books" pamphlet!

Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ ***Making Sense of the Civil War - A Book Discussion Series**
Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Sept. 5-Oct. 3
- ◆ ***Antique Appraisal Fair**
Friday, Sept. 14, noon-7:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments with Skean Dubh**
Saturday, Sept. 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ ***Who Do You Think You Are? Using Genealogy Websites**
Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Fort Logan & the Sioux Uprising of 1890**
Monday, Sept. 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Movie Matinee: *Best Exotic Marigold Hotel***
Saturday, Sept. 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Schedule of Library Events

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| Aug. Art Exhibit | Elizabeth Blakley Art Show, August 1-31 | Thursday Aug. 16 | Teen Gaming Event, 3:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Aug. 1 | *Computer Comfort, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Big Band Tribute to the Big Apple, 6:30-7:30 p.m. |
| | Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. | Friday, Aug. 17 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, Aug. 2 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Saturday, Aug. 18 | *Teen Murder Mystery Event: <i>In the Shadow of the Vampyre</i> , 2:00 p.m. |
| | International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place | Monday, Aug. 20 | Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday, Aug. 3 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 21 | *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 4 | *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Wednesday, Aug. 22 | *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Monday, Aug. 6 | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m. | Thursday, Aug. 23 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 7 | *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Friday, Aug. 24 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Aug. 8 | *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Sunday, Aug. 26 | Gill the Drummer Man with the Black Hands Drum Ensemble, 3:00 p.m., For families with children of all ages |
| Thursday, Aug. 9 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Tuesday, Aug. 28 | *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| | Polynesian Fiafia Music and Dance Performance, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Wednesday, Aug. 29 | *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, Aug. 10 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Thursday, Aug. 30 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, Aug. 11 | Saturday Movie Matinee: <i>The Lorax</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m. Rated PG | Friday, Aug. 31 | Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| | *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-noon, For grades K-5 | Saturday, Sept. 1 | *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday, Aug. 14 | *Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | Teen Movie Club, <i>Battleship</i> , Noon, Rated PG-13 |
| | *Geology You Can Eat! 2:00 p.m., For grades K-5 | Monday, Sept. 3 | Labor Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED |
| Wednesday, Aug. 15 | *A-Z Business Directory Database, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961. |
| Thursday, Aug. 16 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m. | | <i>Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.</i> |
| | International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place | | |
| | Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m. | | |