



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Sign Up for a Library Card!

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month and Bemis will hold a special contest to promote getting and using a library card. Tell us why you enjoy having a library card and your name will be entered in a drawing for a Kindle eBook reader. Entry forms will be available at the main floor reference desk. This contest is open to all ages. Sign up for a library card in September and you will receive a free book or prizes. Your name also will be entered in the drawing for a Kindle. A library card gives you access to a wide variety of free materials, including the latest movies, best sellers, downloadable ebooks and audio books, as well as magazine and newspaper articles online.



## 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.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, September 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Hear one of the most entertaining Celtic bands in the Rocky Mountain region, **Skean Dubh**, a five-member group of performers. Their music spans centuries with Scottish ballads, Irish pub-songs and melodious Celtic airs.



## 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.

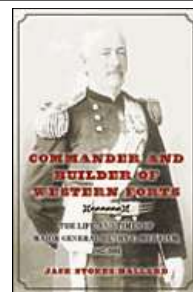


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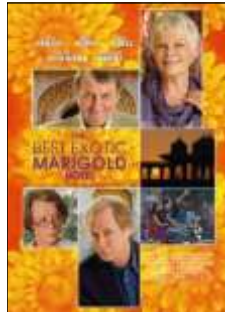
## Fort Logan and the Sioux Uprising of 1890

Join author Jack Ballard on **Monday, September 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** when he will talk about the role Fort Logan, once a bustling military post, played in the Sioux uprising of 1890 which culminated in the massacre at Wounded Knee. Ballard also will discuss the history of Fort Logan, which was founded in 1887. It housed important infantry, cavalry and engineer units and once attracted Denverites to elaborate parade ceremonies, band concerts and competitive athletic events. Ballard is the author of *Commander and Builder of Western Forts: the Life and Times of Major General Henry C. Merriam, 1862-1901.*



# Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*

Some of the finest actors in England are featured in *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, showing on the library's big screen, **Saturday, September 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The film follows a group of British retirees who decide to "outsource" their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Well-known actors/actresses in the movie include Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Bill Nighy and others. Enticed by advertisements for the newly-restored Marigold Hotel and bolstered with visions of a life of leisure, they arrive to find the palace a shell of its former self. Though the new environment is less luxurious than imagined, they are forever transformed by their shared experiences, discovering that life and love can begin again when you let go of the past. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



## Banned Books Week

Celebrate Banned Books Week 2012 and the freedom to read, **September 30 through October 6**, by participating in a banned books scavenger hunt in the library. Stop by the main floor reference desk to pick up a contest form. Each participant will receive a free book or prize and will be entered in a drawing to win one of two \$25 gift certificates from Amazon.com. The contest is open to children age ten and up, teens and adults.



## 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.**

**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.



## 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.

**Oct. 1:** *Five Quarters of the Orange*

by Joanne Harris

This novel follows a woman as she returns to the French village where she lived as a girl during the German occupation.



### ♦ Monday Evening Book Group

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**Sept. 17:** *Turn of the Screw*

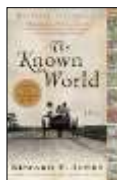
by Henry James

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:

- ♦ **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**  
Sat., Sept. 1; Sat., Oct. 6
- ♦ **eReader Workshop - Bring Your Device**  
Wed., Sept. 26
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Sept. 18; Tues., Oct. 16
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Sept. 19; Wed., Oct. 17
- ♦ **Facebook 101**  
Tues., Oct. 30
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., Sept. 15; Sat., Oct. 20
- ♦ **Mail Merge with MS Office Word**  
Tues., Sept. 25
- ♦ **Photo Editing with MS Picture Manager**  
Wed., Sept. 5
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**  
Wed., Oct. 3
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**  
Tues., Sept. 4; Tues., Oct. 2
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Sept. 11; Tues., Oct. 9
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**  
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



## Canyon Critters presents "The Wolf Program"

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](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) for details. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

**Sept. 1:** *Battleship* - PG-13

**Oct. 6:** Title to be determined

**Nov. 3:** Title to be determined



### ◆ Gaming

**Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

Play a different video game each month!

**Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15**

Choose from a variety of games

### ◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

**Sept. 28:** Teen Read Week planning

**Oct. 26:** Winter programming

**Nov. 23:** No meeting scheduled

## Hunger Games Events

### ◆ Hunger Games Movie Saturday, Sept. 15, Noon-2:30 p.m.

See the blockbuster film on our big screen. Free popcorn and lemonade. Rated PG-13.



### ◆ Hunger Games Art

**Saturday, Sept. 15, 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

Are you a fan of the Hunger Games Trilogy? Join our class where we will be making art based on the books - everything from the book covers, to the characters, to mocking-jays and mutants. Color your pictures using markers, water color paints, and colored pencils. Then use a second layer of pastels and craft items, such as glitter and jewels to highlight your work. All supplies provided. Just bring your imagination! **Registration is required for this art program.** Call the library at 303-795-3961 or email Mark, the teen librarian at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org) to register.

## Special Teen Event

### ◆ Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book

The battle that began in August continues

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Visit rescued hybrid wolves while their licensed handlers explain the importance of wolves to the eco-system and why we need to save these majestic creatures on **Sunday, September 16, 3:00 p.m.** Fallacy and fear will be replaced with facts and respect. Bring your cameras. There will be plenty of photo opportunities as the wolves are gentle and are able to be petted. Ideal for children ages 6 and up with their families.



## September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

Celebrate our library by getting a card or using the one you already have. Kids, show your new card and receive a small prize at the Children's Desk during September.

## The Importance of Reading to Babies

By the time babies reach their first birthday, they will have learned all the sounds needed to speak their native language. The earlier babies are exposed to reading, the better they perform in school. We will be happy to make suggestions and help you find materials which are just right for you and your baby. Visit us in the Children's Room. Reading aloud to babies:

- ◆ teaches a baby about communication
- ◆ introduces concepts such as stories, numbers, letters, colors, and shapes
- ◆ builds listening, memory, and vocabulary skills
- ◆ gives babies information about the world around them.



## 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 to introduce 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 K-5

**Saturday, September 8, 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.



◆ **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/](http://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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Web Site: [www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis)  
Online Catalog: <http://bemis.sirsi.net>

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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throughout September. Each week, teens can submit their votes for which book wins in a one-on-one competition to narrow down the list of eligible books to two. The final voting to determine the best book will occur the first week of October. The winner will be announced during Teen Read Week, October 16-22. Each time a teen votes for a book, they are entered for the prize drawing.

**\*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 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:

- ◆ **Banned Books Week**  
September 30-October 6
- ◆ **Colorado Ballot Issues 2012**  
Tuesday, October 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Avengers***  
Saturday, October 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Teen Read Week**  
October 16-22
- ◆ **International Craft Fair**  
Saturday, October 20, Noon-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **W.C. Fields - I'm Running For Office**  
Monday, October 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Frightful Friday: Ghosts and Zombies**  
Friday, October 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

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| <p><b>Sept. Art Exhibit</b> Roxborough Arts Council Art Show September 1-28</p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 1</b> *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>Teen Movie Club, <i>Battleship</i>, Noon, Rated PG-13</p> <p><b>Monday, Sept. 3</b> Labor Day - <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, Sept. 4</b> *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 5</b> *Photo Editing with MS Picture Manager, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.<br/>Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.<br/>*Making Sense of the Civil War - Book Discussion Series, 7-9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 6</b> Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. &amp; 1:30 p.m.<br/>International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place</p> <p><b>Friday, Sept. 7</b> *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br/>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 8</b> *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-noon, For grades K-5</p> <p><b>Monday, Sept. 10</b> Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Sept. 11</b> *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 12</b> *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.<br/>*Making Sense of the Civil War - Book Discussion Series, 7-9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 13</b> Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. &amp; 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Sept. 14</b> *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br/>*Antique Appraisal Fair, Noon-7 p.m.<br/>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 15</b> *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>Teen Movie: <i>The Hunger Games</i>, Noon-2:30 p.m., Rated PG-13<br/>*Teen Event: <i>The Hunger Games</i> Art Program, 3:00-4:00 p.m.<br/>Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Skean Dubh, 2:00-3:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Sunday, Sept. 16</b> Canyon Critters presents <i>The Wolf Program</i>, for families with children ages 6 and up, 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday, Sept. 17</b> Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Sept. 18</b> *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 19</b> *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.<br/>*Making Sense of the Civil War - Book Discussion Series, 7-9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 20</b> Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. &amp; 1:30 p.m.<br/>International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place<br/>Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.<br/>Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Sept. 21</b> Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br/>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 22</b> *Who Do You Think You Are? Using Genealogy Websites Sessions, 10:00 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday, Sept. 24</b> Fort Logan and the Sioux Uprising of 1890, 2:00-3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Tuesday, Sept. 25</b> *Mail Merge with MS Office Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, Sept. 26</b> *eReader Workshop, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30 a.m.<br/>*Making Sense of the Civil War - Book Discussion Series, 7-9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Thursday, Sept. 27</b> Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. &amp; 1:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Friday, Sept. 28</b> *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br/>Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.<br/>Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 29</b> Saturday Movie Matinee: <i>The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel</i>, Rated PG-13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Monday, Oct. 1</b> Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.</p> |
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**\*These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

*Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.*