



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Colorado Ballot Issues 2012



Take an objective look at the important ballot issues and the arguments of those on each side, **Tuesday, October 2, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The fall 2012 Colorado ballot promises to stir up strong emotions in the state. With issues ranging from marijuana to term limits, there is no shortage of controversy for the November election. This program will be presented by Active Minds, an organization that expands lives and minds with community based educational programs.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Avengers*

See the rousing superhero film, *The Avengers*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, October 13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** When an unexpected enemy emerges that threatens global safety and security, Nick Fury, director of the international peacekeeping agency known as S.H.I.E.L.D., finds himself in need of a team to pull the world back from the brink of disaster. He gathers the super hero team-up of a lifetime: Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), the Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), and Captain America (Chris Evans). The movie features spectacular visual effects. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



International Craft Fair

A wide variety of handmade craft items from around the world will be available for purchase at Bemis on **Saturday, October 20, Noon-4:00 p.m.** Proceeds will benefit the poor in foreign countries. Items for sale will include jewelry and crafts from Indonesia, India, Egypt, Rwanda, Uganda, South Africa, Asia, El Salvador, Bulgaria, Peru, Brazil, Madagascar, and other countries.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the metro area. **Saturday, October 20, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Nationally recognized mandolin player, Charlie Provenza, will entertain with gypsy mandolin and guitar music with a European flare. Take some extra time to visit the International Craft Fair at the library from noon until 4:00 p.m.

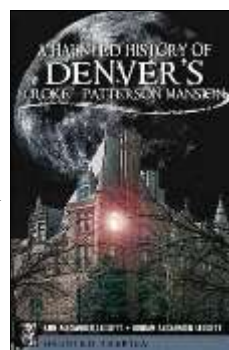


W.C. Fields - I'm Running for Office

Actor Bud Jenkyns will give an entertaining and amusing performance on **Monday, October 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, portraying W.C. Fields as a candidate running for public office who wants to present his platform and explain why you should cast your vote in his direction. You will get an idea about Fields' political beliefs and his outlook on life in general.

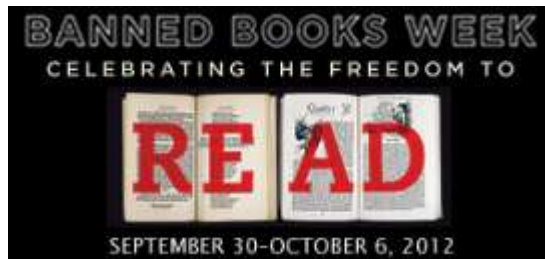
Frightful Friday: Ghosts and Zombies

Join Denver's leading ghost hunters, Spirit Paranormal Investigations and the DEAD Academy for an exciting evening featuring true ghost stories, ghost hunting and zombie activities, **Friday, October 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** SpiritPI will be joined by Ann Leggett, author of the book, *A Haunted History of Denver's Croke-Patterson Mansion*. Leggett will discuss her many strange encounters while doing research and visiting this infamous and incredibly haunted mansion. She will have copies of her book on hand for a rare book signing. The presentation will be directly followed by a real ghost hunt of the haunted Bemis Library led by SpiritPI investigators and psychics. You will have an opportunity to use ghost hunting tools to search for evidence of real ghosts. The event will conclude with a Q & A session and a review of photographs taken during the ghost hunt using special Infrared and Full Spectrum cameras. Hear the voice of a ghost recently recorded at the library! Members of the DEAD Academy will conduct zombie makeup and zombie caricature (see yourself as a zombie caricature!) sessions throughout the evening. **The cost of the program is \$10 per person. To register and pay for the evening event, stop by the library beginning October 1** and see the librarian at the main floor reference desk.



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.



Littleton Immigrant Resources Center Needs Volunteers

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) is looking for volunteers. Are you interested in working with people from different cultures? Would you like to help new immigrants learn English? Would you like to help a permanent resident become a United States citizen? Are you someone who would like to help with data entry or answer phone calls? Enrich your life and your understanding of other cultures while helping newcomers to the Littleton community. The LIRC has numerous volunteer opportunities available. Training, support and materials are provided. For more information, or questions, please call the LIRC office at 303-795-3915 or email the Student/Volunteer Coordinator, Deborah Flom at dflom@littletongov.org. Please visit the LIRC website at www.littletonimmigrants.org.



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.

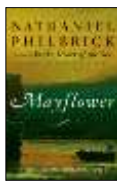
Oct. 1: *Five Quarters of the Orange*
by Joanne Harris

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



Nov. 5: *Mayflower: a Story of Courage, Community, and War*
by Nathaniel Philbrick

A fresh and vivid account of the voyage of the Mayflower and the settlement of Plymouth Colony. From the Mayflower's arduous Atlantic crossing to the eruption of King Philip's War between colonists and natives decades later, Philbrick reveals the epic story of the Pilgrims.



Dec. 3: *Olive Kitteridge*
by Elizabeth Strout

At the edge of the continent, in the small town of Crosby, Maine, lives Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher who deplores the changes in her town and in the world at large but doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her.



♦ **Monday Evening Book Group**

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.



Dec. 17: *We will meet at 6:00 p.m.*
No book is scheduled for discussion; instead, we will meet for a holiday dinner (location to be determined) and book planning session for titles to be discussed in 2013. Contact librarian and group facilitator Pam Child for additional information at 303-795-3961.

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., Oct. 6; Sat., Nov. 3; Sat., Dec., 1

♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**

Tues., Oct. 16; Tues., Nov. 20; Tues., Dec. 18

♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**

Wed., Oct. 17; Wed., Nov. 21; Wed., Dec. 19

♦ **Facebook 101**

Tues., Oct. 30

♦ **Beginning Internet**

Sat., Oct. 20; Sat., Nov. 17; Sat., Dec. 15

♦ **Newsletters with Word - MS Office 2010**

Tues., Nov. 27

♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**

Wed., Nov. 7

♦ **Saving and Finding Files**

Wed., Oct. 3

♦ **Beginning Windows 7**

Tues., Oct. 2; Tues., Nov. 6; Tues., Dec. 4

♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**

Tues., Oct. 9; Tues., Nov. 13; Tues., Dec. 11

♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**

Wed., Oct. 10; Wed., Nov. 14; Wed., Dec. 12

♦ **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

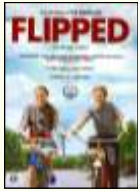


All Hallow's Crafts and Fun

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.
Oct. 6: *Flipped* - Rated PG
Nov. 3: *Men in Black 3* - Rated PG-13
Dec. 1: *Brave* - Rated PG



- ◆ **Gaming**
Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.
Play a different video game each month!
Oct. 18, Nov. 15 and Dec. 20
Choose from a variety of games

- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Oct. 26: Gift baskets & winter programming
Nov. 23: No meeting scheduled due to holidays
Dec. 7*: *Special Event*: decorating gift baskets

*On Friday, December 7, the TAG group will be putting together charity baskets filled with library related items and other donations to be given to local families in need. Contact Mark at 303-795-3961 or via email at mdecker@littletongov.org to donate materials for the baskets.
Dec. 28: No meeting scheduled due to holidays

Teen Read Week



Teen Read Week, **October 14-20**, dares you to read just for the fun of it! Check out an old favorite! Did you know there are teen magazines available for checkout in the library? Take advantage of our books on CD, and our downloadable books, too!

During Teen Read Week the library will be hosting a **Teen Book Swap**. Teens can
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Create Halloween decorations and a treat holder for your Halloween night on **Friday, October 19, 2:00 p.m.** Stories, Halloween Bingo, tricks and treats will top off the hour of fun. For children in grades 1-5. *Reservations required beginning October 5.* Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Annual Costumes On Parade!

Join us for our annual Preschool Story Time Costume Parade to be held on **Thursday, October 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.** and **Friday, October 26 at 10:30 a.m.** The parade will begin in the Children's Room and end in the large meeting room for stories, songs, sweet treats and punch. Attend either day. Younger siblings are welcome to join the festivities.



Family Halloween Show with Denise Gard

Don't miss this family-fun Halloween event. Devious dog, Sienna, helps spooky skeleton bride, Denise, spin some eerie tales based on early Colorado mining history on **Sunday, October 28, 3:00 p.m.** Then join in as they make a bubbling brew concocted of bugs, spiders and rats! Wear your costumes as show-stealing Sienna performs tricks for all of the trick-or-treaters. Hey, is that a four-legged witch or a Border Collie? Not too scary, but just right for kids ages 5 and up.



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 introducing the joy of rhythm, rhyme, and reading. *Space is limited; required 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, October 13, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Kids 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.
- ◆ **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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Web Site: 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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trade in their used paperbacks or hardbacks for books of equal value—up to 3 items per teen. Each participant in the Book Swap will have their name entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to the Tattered Cover bookstore.

Also during Teen Read Week, the **winner of the Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book will be announced**. All teens who nominated a book or voted during the competition will be eligible to win a copy of a book of their choice in the prize drawing. Winners will be contacted during the week.

Final round titles in the Teen Battle for the Best Book contest will be stickered by the teens who nominated the title with an eye-catching sticker to help advertise the book. Watch for the pamphlet listing all of the finalists and winning title, including book descriptions written by teens.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Moonrise Kingdom*** - Rated PG-13
Saturday, November 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Travels in Italy**
Wednesday, November 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with The Mile High Banjo Society**
Saturday, November 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ ***Make a Holiday Dreamcatcher**
Two identical workshops:
Saturday, November 24,
10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- ♦ **On Hitler's Mountain: A Nazi Childhood with author Irmgard Hunt**
Monday, November 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

***Reservations required for this program. Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.**

Schedule of Library Events

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| Oct. Art Exhibit | Heritage Fine Arts Guild Show
October 2-31 | Thursday, Oct. 18 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 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

Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m. |
| Monday, Oct. 1 | Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.

*Making Sense of the Civil War -
Book Discussion Series, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Friday, Oct. 19 | *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

*All Hallow's Crafts and Fun,
For grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 2 | *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Colorado Ballot Issues 2012,
7:00-8:00 p.m. | Saturday, Oct. 20 | *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

International Craft Fair,
Noon-4:00 p.m.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Charlie Provenza on mandolin and guitar, 2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 3 | *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Library Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. | Monday, Oct. 22 | W.C. Fields - I'm Running For Office, 2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 4 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 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 | Tuesday, Oct. 23 | *Beginning Access Part 1, MS Office 2010, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 5 | *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 24 | *Beginning Access Part 2, MS Office 2010, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 6 | *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Teen Movie Club, <i>Flipped</i> ,
Noon, Rated PG | Thursday, Oct. 25 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time Annual Costumes On Parade!
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 9 | *Beginning Word, MS Office '10
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Friday, Oct. 26 | *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time Annual Costumes On Parade!
10:30 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

*Frightful Friday: Ghosts and Zombies, 7:00-9:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 10 | *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sunday, Oct. 28 | Family Halloween Show with Denise Gard, For ages 5 and up,
3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 11 | Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time,
10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. | Tuesday, Oct. 30 | *Facebook 101, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 12 | *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 31 | *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 13 | *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-noon,
For grades K-5

Saturday Movie Matinee:
<i>The Avengers</i> , 2:00-4:00 p.m.,
Rated PG-13, | | |
| Monday, Oct. 15 | Monday Evening Book Group,
7:00 p.m. | | |
| Tuesday, Oct. 16 | *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | | |
| Wednesday, Oct. 17 | *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | | |

Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.