



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Bemis Named FamilySearch™ Affiliate Library

Bemis is proud to announce it is the newest FamilySearch™ affiliate library. This designation means library patrons will have convenient access to the wealth of genealogical resources available through FamilySearch. FamilySearch is the world's largest repository of genealogical records and manages the famous Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. It has amassed billions of birth, marriage, death, census, land, and court records of genealogical significance from over 130 countries.



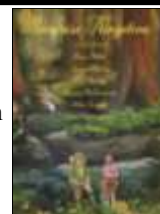
FamilySearch is extending access to its collections by circulating microfilms of the historic records through select public libraries. Bemis is now one of those libraries. It is a priceless resource for local residents interested in discovering their family tree.

FamilySearch has over 200 camera teams filming historic records in 45 countries on any given day. These records are then circulated to public patrons through FamilySearch centers worldwide, like Bemis. For example, FamilySearch has filmed over 60% of the Civil Registration (birth, marriage and death records) of Italy. If you have Italian ancestry, you will be able to extend your Italian research by using the FamilySearch films through Bemis.

There is a nominal fee of \$7.50 to order a microfilm. Once the film arrives, patrons use the microfilm readers at Bemis to peruse it. The Bemis staff can help patrons in getting started with this new service. Patrons also can search the Family History Library Catalog online at FamilySearch.org to see what records FamilySearch has available to order through Bemis.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Moonrise Kingdom*

Enjoy the acclaimed film *Moonrise Kingdom*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, November 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Set on an island off the coast of New England in the summer of 1965, the movie tells the story of two twelve-year-olds, a boy and a girl, who make a secret pact and run away together into the wilderness. As authorities try to hunt them down, a violent storm is brewing off-shore and the peaceful island community is turned upside down. The cast includes Bruce Willis as the local sheriff, Edward Norton, Bill Murray and Tilda Swinton. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



Travels in Italy

Hear a fascinating account of a Littleton woman's experiences exploring Italy, **Wednesday, November 7, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Diana Armstrong and her husband have lived in Italy for the past eleven years. During this time the Armstrongs have traveled extensively throughout the country and hosted groups at their home, a restored monastery, in Umbria. Diana will talk about and show photographs of her favorite Italian places, including Rome, Florence, Venice, Tuscany, Umbria, the Amalfi Coast, and the Cinque Terre. She also will give tips on the best time to visit Italy, customs that are unique to Italians, getting the best airfare prices to Italy, what to pack for a trip to Italy, and typical Italian foods. Armstrong is an award-winning food and travel writer. Copies of her book, *Somewhere South of Tuscany*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the metro area. **Saturday, November 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** The Mile High Banjo Society will play toe-tapping Dixieland, ragtime, polka and bluegrass music.

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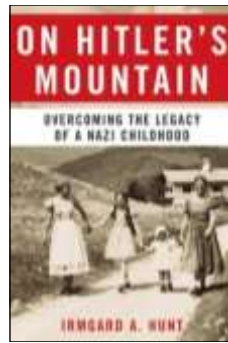
Make a Holiday Dreamcatcher

Learn how easy and fun it is to make a traditional Native American dreamcatcher! Jessica Bordeaux, a Lakota, will present two identical workshops on **Saturday, November 24, 10:00 -11:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m.** During the workshops Jessica will talk about the origins of the dreamcatcher and Native American customs. These classes are open to adults and children, accompanied by an adult, age ten and older. Participants must bring \$5.00 for materials. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.



On Hitler's Mountain: A Nazi Childhood

Irmgard Hunt grew up in the beautiful mountains of Berchtesgaden, Germany, just steps from Adolf Hitler's alpine retreat. Hunt was photographed sitting on Hitler's lap and her parents were loyal Nazis. On **Monday, November 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, hear the compelling story of how her family came to realize the truth about Hitler, the occupation by American troops of Hitler's retreat, and the current views of Germans regarding the era of the Third Reich. Speaker Irmgard Hunt immigrated to the United States in 1958. She holds a B.A. from Columbia University (which she earned at age fifty-two) and an M.P.A. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Hunt has been an executive at a number of environmental organizations. She is the author of *On Hitler's Mountain: Overcoming the Legacy of a Nazi Childhood*.



Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring the annual **Food for Fines** program from **Monday, November 19 through noon Monday, December 24**. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



Buy a Gift Book at the Library!

Looking for that unique book or DVD for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum are offering a special sale of "like new" used books and other items at low prices from **Monday, November 19 through noon Monday, December 24 at the library**. Choose from bestsellers, classics books, DVDs, cookbooks, and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!



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.

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

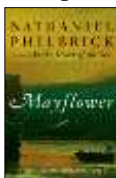
by Nathaniel Philbrick

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.

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:

- ◆ Computer Comfort
Sat., Dec., 1
- ◆ Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010
Tues., Nov. 20; Tues., Dec. 18
- ◆ Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010
Wed., Nov. 21; Wed., Dec. 19
- ◆ Beginning Internet
Sat., Nov. 17; Sat., Dec. 15
- ◆ Newsletters with Word - MS Office 2010
Tues., Nov. 27
- ◆ Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010
Wed., Nov. 7
- ◆ Beginning Windows 7
Tues., Nov. 6; Tues., Dec. 4
- ◆ Beginning Word - MS Office 2010
Tues., Nov. 13; Tues., Dec. 11
- ◆ Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010
Wed., Nov. 14; Wed., Dec. 12
- ◆ Open Computer Lab - 9:00-10:30 a.m. Every Thursday
No registration required. Get answers to all of your computer-related questions. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your eReader device for help with eBooks.



Children's Programs



Warm Up with a Good Book

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.

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!
Nov. 15, Dec. 20 and Jan. 17
Choose from a variety of games

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Nov. 23: No meeting scheduled

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

Join us for a special **Winter Reading Program November 17-January 5** just for independent readers in grades 1-5. Pick up a reading record in the library beginning November 17, read chapter books in your free time during the holidays and record the number of pages that you read. Children will meet their goals by completing a certain number of pages based on their grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises. Visit us in the Children's Room to find out more.



Give a Gift

In the true spirit of giving thanks, join us on **Tuesday, November 20, 12:00 p.m.**, to make a Thanksgiving decoration for your favorite adult. Treats, games and stories also will be included. For children in grades 1-5. Reservations required beginning November 6. Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Movie Matinee - *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*

Don't miss our Thanksgiving week movie matinee, *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*, on **Wednesday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m.** Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Gloria the Hippo and Melman the Giraffe are still fighting to get home to their beloved Big Apple. Their journey takes them through Europe where they find the perfect cover: a traveling circus, which they reinvent — Madagascar style. Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. (Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult.) Rated PG. Running time: 93 minutes. Reservations required beginning November 6. Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Teen Halo 4 Event

Are you a fan of Halo? Join us for an after-hours evening of multiplayer combat in the newly released version on **Friday, November 9, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** We'll have two game systems running and one will be displayed on our giant screen! Halo 4 allows up to four players at a time, so eight people will be battling at once. You could win a prize! We do need extra controllers, so *if you've got a controller, please bring it with you.* Free pizza and lemonade will be provided. **Space is limited for this event; registration is required.** Register by contacting teen librarian Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org, or by calling the library at 303-795-3961. Because Halo 4 is rated "M," this program requires a signed parent/guardian permission slip. Contact Mark to receive a blank permission slip via email, or ask for the slip at the main information desk in the library.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Times the week of November 19.

◆ **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 and up

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, November 10, 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.



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E-Mail: bemislib@earthlink.net
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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Upcoming Teen Event

Make A Gingerbread House Sunday, December 2, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Are you a budding gingerbread house architect? Have you got what it takes to make a true gingerbread house masterpiece? Put your



skills to the test. We'll provide the basic supplies, but feel free to bring along any extra building materials you'd like to use. The only rule is the materials must be edible. Once the creations are completed, they will be on display throughout the library for a contest. The public will vote for their favorite house and the winner will receive a \$25 Visa gift card. This program is open to all ages.

Space is limited; registration is required.

Register beginning Nov. 12 by contacting teen librarian Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org, or by calling the library at 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Colorado Old Time Fiddlers' Association**
Saturday, December 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Home Front Holiday Radio Show**
Saturday, December 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **A Scandinavian Christmas**
Wednesday, December 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Free Film Event:**
Ice Age: Continental Drift - Rated PG
Thursday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Nov. Art Exhibit** Littleton Fine Arts Guild Show
November 1-30
- Thursday, Nov. 1** 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
- Friday, Nov. 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 3** Teen Movie Club, *Men in Black 3*, Noon, Rated PG-13
- Saturday Movie Matinee: *Moonrise Kingdom*, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Rated PG-13,
- Monday, Nov. 5** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 6** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 7** *Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office 2010, 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.
- Travels in Italy, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 8** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 9** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- *Teen Halo 4 Event, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 10** *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-noon, For grades K-5
- Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with the Mile High Banjo Society, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 13** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 14** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 15** 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.
- Friday, Nov. 16** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Nov. 19** Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 20** *Beginning Excel, MS Office 2010, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- *Give a Gift, for grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 21** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office 2010, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- *Movie Matinee - *Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted*, for ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m., Rated PG
- Thursday, Nov. 22** Thanksgiving Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Friday, Nov. 23** Thanksgiving Day Holiday
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- Saturday, Nov. 24** *Make a Holiday Dreamcatcher, Two Workshops: 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 26** On Hitler's Mountain: A Nazi Childhood, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 27** *Newsletters with Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 28** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 29** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 30** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 1** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Colorado Old Time Fiddlers' Association, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 2** *Make A Gingerbread House, for all ages, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 3** 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.