



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and Denver metro area.

Enjoy an entertaining performance of holiday and fiddling melodies by members of the **Colorado Old Time Fiddlers Association** on **Saturday, December 1 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.** COTFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the uniquely American style of music known as Old Time Fiddling throughout the Rocky Mountain area.



Home Front Holiday Radio Show

Celebrate the season with a hilarious romp through the 1940's radio air-waves, **Saturday, December 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** One of Denver's best Andrews Sisters tribute acts, **Reveille 3**, returns to present a radio show that will entertain you with songs from the forties, homemaking and fashion tips for women supporting the troops, and humorous stories that will be fun for all!

A Scandinavian Christmas

Norwegian Eldon Halingstad will entertain you with stories about traditional Scandinavian Christmas customs, **Wednesday, December 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Halingstad will come dressed in an authentic Norwegian bunad that is typically worn during all major celebrations. He will talk about food served for the holidays, Christmas tree customs and family holiday activities. A few Norwegian Christmas songs will be included as part of the program. Halingstad has been a professional speaker and storyteller for over thirty years. He is internationally known for his educational programs.



Free Film Event: *Ice Age - Continental Drift*

Take a break during the holidays and bring the family to see the film *Ice Age - Continental Drift*, on the library's big screen, **Thursday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Scrat's nutty pursuit of the elusive acorn, which he's been after since the dawn of time, has world-changing consequences. A continental cataclysm is triggered and Manny, the woolly mammoth, Diego, the saber-toothed tiger and Sid, the sloth, go on a high-seas quest aboard a floating iceberg. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



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Bemis Library Awarded Teen Area Grant

A grant proposal to create a new teen area on the mezzanine level of the library was approved in September for funding through the Library Services and Technology Act. The total amount of funding for the new area is \$11,700. Additional funding will be provided by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. The project will consolidate the library's teen materials in one area while providing more space for this popular teen collection. Littleton teens are reading! Circulation of teen materials has increased by 26% in the last five years. In addition, computers and iPads will be provided for teen use in the new area. A recent online survey of the library's teen patrons showed that the teens wanted more space in the library and computers to work on homework projects.

Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, is sponsoring the annual **Food for Fines program 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 **through noon Monday, December 24 at the library**. Choose from bestsellers, classic books, DVDs, cookbooks, and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!



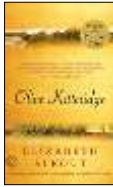
Book Groups at Bemis

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.

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.

Jan. 7: *The Man Who Loved Books Too Much: The True Story of a Thief, a Detective, and a World of Literary Obsession*



by Allison Hoover Bartlett

An insightful book about people who will do anything to possess rare books. Unrepentant book thief John Charles Gilkey has stolen a fortune in rare books from around the country. Yet unlike most thieves who steal for profit, Gilkey steals for the love of books. Perhaps equally obsessive is the man who is driven to catch him.

Feb. 4: *The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation*



by Elizabeth Letts

The dramatic and inspiring story of a horse rescued from a slaughterhouse truck to eventually become a star in the horse jumping circuit.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

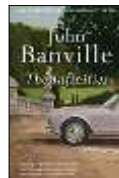
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.

Jan. 28*: *The Infinities*

by John Banville



The story of a dying man, Adam Godley, and his family. The gods of Olympus decide to alleviate their boredom by coming to earth to involve themselves in the concerns of the Godley family.

**We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the MLK holiday.*

Feb. 25*: *Street of a Thousand Blossoms*

by Gail Tsukiyama



This novel deals with life in Japan before, during and after World War II. The story follows brothers Hiroshi and Kenji Matsumoto through the devastation of war and the hardships of postwar reconstruction.

**We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to President's day holiday.*

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; Sat., Feb. 2
- ◆ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Dec. 18; Tues., Jan. 15; Tues., Feb. 19
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Dec. 19; Wed., Jan. 16; Wed., Feb. 20
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Dec. 15; Sat., Jan. 19; Sat., Feb. 16
- ◆ **Advanced Internet**
Tues., Jan. 29
- ◆ **eReader Workshop**
Wed., Jan. 23; Wed., Feb. 6
- ◆ **Photo Editing with MS Picture Manager**
Wed., Jan. 30
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Jan. 22
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Dec. 5
- ◆ **Beginning Windows 7**
Tues., Dec. 4; Wed., Jan 2; Tues., Feb. 5
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Dec. 11; Tues., Jan. 8; Tues., Feb. 12
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Dec. 12; Wed., Jan. 9; Wed., Feb. 13
- ◆ **Saving and Finding Files**
Sat., Jan., 5
- ◆ **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



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://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.

Dec. 1: *Brave* - Rated PG

Jan 5: *ParaNorman*

Feb 2: To be determined



◆ Gaming

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

Dec. 20, Jan. 17 and Feb. 28*

**We will meet on the fourth Thursday in February.*

Choose from a variety of games

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Dec. 7*: *Special Event:* decorating gift baskets

**On Friday, December 7, 4:00-8:00 p.m.* 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

Jan 25: New teen area planning

Feb 22: No meeting scheduled

Join us for a special **Winter Reading Program - Warm up with a Good Book**. Just for independent readers in grades 1-5, the program runs **through January 5**. Pick up a reading record in the library, read chapter books in your free time 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, a certificate and a couple of surprises. Visit us in the Children's Room to find out more.



All Aboard for *The Polar Express*

Join us for our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train on **Saturday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.*** This is a free program for families with children ages 3 and up. *Reservations required.* Please call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room to make a reservation for this special event. ***Bring your cameras!**



Up in the Air



Don't miss juggler, dancer, actor, poet, and physical comedian, **Peter Davison on Friday, December 28, 2:00 p.m.** Davison is a one-of-a-kind artist who transforms the stage into a magical world of motion. He brings ordinary objects - a chair, table, newspaper and hats - to life in surprising and humorous ways. This captivating show is perfect for the entire family!

"Noon" Year's Eve Party

Get ready for the noon countdown to 2013 on **Monday, December 31, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** Funny man Bryce Jackman (The Big Kahuna) will be here as our very own "DJ" during this fun family celebration to mark the start of a new year—Polynesian style. Dress in a Hawaiian shirt or other beachwear and join us for treats, dancing and the dropping of the New Year's Eve Ball. *Reservations required beginning December 17.* Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Special Teen Events

◆ Donut Thursday

Stop by Teen Central after 3 p.m. every Thursday; work on homework or pick out a book to read and get a free donut from LaMar's Donuts.

◆ Make A Gingerbread House

Sun., Dec. 2, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Join us to build a gingerbread house. We'll provide the basic supplies; feel free to bring along any extra building materials as long as they are edible. Once completed, the houses 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.** To register, email teen librarian Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org, or call the library at 303-795-3961.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

Weekly Programs end on December 21 and resume on January 8.

◆ 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 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.

◆ 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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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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Beginning Chinese Classes

Free conversation classes in Mandarin Chinese will be held at the library every Friday from 2:00-3:00 p.m., January 18 through March 29 in the lower level conference room.



Participants also will learn about Chinese culture and literature from instructor Yi Ren, a native of Beijing, China, who has taught Chinese for over twenty-five years. Yi Ren is the author of the recently published book, *Chinese for Beginners: Mastering Conversational Chinese*. To register for the classes, call the library at 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Hope Springs***
Saturday, January 12, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Railroading the Rockies: A Grand Tour with Tom Noel**
Tuesday, January 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Riders of the Orphan Train**
Saturday, January 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Quilts in Slave Life**
Monday, January 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **One Woman's Walk Around the World**
Tuesday, January 29, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Dec. Art Exhibit** Jeanie Beghart Art Show
December 1-30
- Saturday, Dec. 1** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, *Brave*, Noon, Rated PG
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.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 5** *Beginning Publisher, MS Office 2010 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 6** 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, Dec. 7** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group Holiday Decorating & Gift Basket Special Event, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 8** *All Aboard for *The Polar Express*, 10:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m., For ages 3 and up
- Tuesday, Dec. 11** *Beginning Word, MS Office 2010 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 12** *Intermediate Word, MS Office 2010, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 13** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 14** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 15** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Home Front Holiday Radio Show, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 17** Monday Evening Book Group, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 18** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 19** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
A Scandinavian Christmas, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 20** 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, Dec. 21** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 24** Christmas Eve
LIBRARY CLOSSES AT NOON
- Tuesday, Dec. 25** Christmas Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Thursday, Dec. 27** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Free Film: *Ice Age: Continental Drift*, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Rated PG
- Friday, Dec. 28** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Up in the Air, 2:00 p.m., Family program for all ages
- Monday, Dec. 31** *"Noon" Year's Eve Party, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Family program for all ages
New Year's Eve
LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 5 P.M.
- Tuesday, Jan. 1** New Year's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Wednesday, Jan. 2** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
- Friday, Jan. 4** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
*Make Your Own Fleece Scarf, 2:00 p.m., For grades 3-5
- Saturday, Jan. 5** Teen Movie Club, *ParaNorman*, Noon, Rated PG
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.