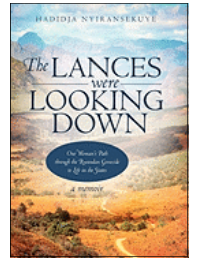




## One Woman's Path Through the Rwandan Genocide to Life in the States

A survivor of the Rwandan genocide will tell her incredible story, **Tuesday, May 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Hadidja Nyirankesuye will share her journey before, during and after the one hundred days of the 1994 civil war in Rwanda. Nothing had prepared Hadidja and other Rwandans for the magnitude of the barbarism that took place during this time period; more than 800,000 people were brutally killed. Hadidja believes that an unyielding love for family, friends and country will always triumph over evil. She also will talk about her immigration to the United States and successful career in this country. Hadidja has a Ph.D. and teaches at the Metropolitan State College of Denver.



## Saturday Movie Matinee: *The King's Speech*

See the Academy Award winning film, *The King's Speech*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, May 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** George VI, played by Colin Firth, reluctantly takes the throne of England when his brother Edward, abdicates in 1936. The unprepared king turns to a radical speech therapist, Lionel Logue, to help overcome his nervous stutter and the two forge a friendship. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



## Unconventional Women of the West

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by eight actresses portraying unconventional women in the history of the West, **Tuesday, May 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Historical characters performed will include Calamity Jane; the first American to become a saint, Mother Cabrini; the bandit queen Belle Starr; Indian captive Olive Oatman; miner Captain Ellen Jack; the first female professor at the University of Colorado, Mary Rippon; the author of the song *America the Beautiful*, Katharine Lee Bates; and the first female police officer in the U.S., Alice Stebbins Wells. Each actress has researched the character that she is portraying, written her own script and created a costume. This program will be produced by The Legendary Ladies, a group that exists to promote the role of women in the settling of the West.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

**Saturday, May 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Singers Marta Burton and Lucas Graf with pianist Nick Busheff will perform an intimate tale of love through Broadway's most beloved songs in **A Broadway Valentine--Dream Duet**. Songs will include *Some Enchanted Evening*, *When I Fall in Love* and other favorites. Burton has sung in concert halls throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has starred with many major orchestras, including the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.



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## Summer Reading Programs

Summer reading is nearly here! Registration begins on **Monday, May 23**. We have a program for *every* reader. **Children:** *One World, Many Stories at Bemis*. Kids from birth through those entering 5th grade may register and begin reading to earn prizes. See Page 3 for more details. **Teens:** *You Are Here*. Register online at the library. Read and enter to win prizes. See the Bemis Library teen blog: <http://bemisteens.blogspot.com/> or Page 3 for more details about events and prize drawings. **Adults:** It will be a summer to travel to *Novel Destinations* by reading. Register at the Information Desk and receive a gift. It's easy. Fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to. Plus certain library activities will make you eligible for the drawings. Drawings will be held weekly and for the Grand Prize. Prizes will include a book bag, books, gift certificates to Littleton merchants, movie tickets and other novelties. All Bemis Summer Reading Programs run through July 31.



# Looking for Grandpa's Island

Family roots, cultural heritage, faraway lands... these are recurring themes and interests for many here in America, the land of immigrants. On **Monday, May 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, professional storyteller Pam Faro will tell the true story, "Looking for Grandpa's Island," which tells of her search for the Norwegian island that her grandfather, and her family name, came from. Pam has performed and taught internationally and throughout the U.S. since 1988. This unforgettable personal story of seeking, and discovering, connects with audiences at the deepest levels.

"I was glad I was sitting in the back—your story of 'Grandpa's Island' brought such tears to my eyes."

John Stansfield,  
Founder, Rocky Mtn.  
Storytelling Festival

# International Conversation Circle

Want to expand your English conversation skills? Join us for our International Conversation Circle on the **first and last Thursday of every month from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place**. Everyone is welcome. If you are a new-arrival (immigrant/new American) you can learn about American culture, exchange experiences, get resources, socialize, and self-educate to integrate better into the community. Hosted by the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative. For more information call the library at 303-795-3968.



# 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.

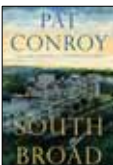
**May 2:** *The Zookeeper's Wife*  
by Diane Ackerman

A true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. When Germany invaded Poland, bombers devastated Warsaw and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Żabiński began smuggling Jews into empty cages.



**June 6:** *South of Broad*  
by Pat Conroy

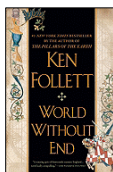
In the late 60s following his brother's suicide, Leopold Bloom King struggles along with the rest of his family in Charleston, S.C., until he begins to gather an intimate circle of friends: a black football coach's son, Appalachian orphans, members of Charleston's aristocracy, and a beautiful pair of twins. The story alternates between 1969 and 1989, when one of the twins enlists Leopold and her other friends to find her missing gay brother.



**July 11\*:** *World Without End*  
by Ken Follett

In the town of Kingsbridge, a Gothic cathedral and the priory are at the center of a web of love and hate, greed and pride, ambition and revenge. Proponents of the old ways fiercely battle those with progressive minds, as the Black Death captures the city.

\* We will meet on the second Monday in July due to the Fourth of July holiday.



## Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**May 16:** *A Good Fall*  
by Ha Jin

In this collection of stories, Ha Jin presents detailed pieces illuminating the experiences of Chinese immigrants in America, from a lonely composer who takes comfort in a parakeet's song, to a group of children who want to change their names.



**June 20:** *Zeitoun*  
by Dave Eggers

This novel tells the story of one man's experience during and after Hurricane Katrina. Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a successful Syrian-born painting contractor, decides to stay in New Orleans and protect his property while his family flees. After the levees break, he uses a small canoe to rescue people, before being arrested by an armed squad and swept powerlessly into a vortex of bureaucratic brutality.



**July 18:** *The Great Man*  
by Kate Christensen

Following the death of New York City painter Oscar Feldman, an artist known for his figurative paintings of females, two rival biographers set out to tell his life story with the help of his wife Abigail, sister Maxine, and Teddy, the painter's longtime mistress. Winner of the 2008 PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.



# Computer Services & Computer Classes

Bemis has 22 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 now available throughout the building for patrons with wireless-enabled laptops.**



Currently, our computers use Microsoft XP operating systems and Microsoft Office 2003 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 12 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 Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., May 18; Tues., June 14
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., June 15
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Tues., May 31; Sat., June 4
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 28
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 21
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Wed., May 11; Wed., June 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., May 17; Tues., June 7
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., June 8
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Tues., May 10
- ♦ **Managing Your Health**  
Fri., May 6
- ♦ **Photo Shoot at Sunset**  
Fri., June 3 - *\*Special Time: 6:30 p.m.*
- ♦ **Shutterfly for Advanced**  
Fri., June 17
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



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:

♦ **Read the Movie Club**

First Sat. of the month @ noon

The new **Read the Movie Club** is replacing the Anime Club. The new club will discuss a book, then watch the movie. *Join us even if you haven't read the book.* As a special bonus, every few months, we'll take a field trip to the local movie theater to check out a flick - free! Don't miss our May movie, *Gulliver's Travels* starring Jack Black. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



May 7: *Gulliver's Travels*  
Rated PG; 85 min.

June 4: To be determined

July 2: To be determined

♦ **Wii & Kinect** - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month! Check out our new Xbox Kinect system.

May 19: *Guitar Hero*

June 16 & July 21:

*Special Time-11:00 a.m.*

Special Gaming Tournaments on Wii or Xbox Kinect. Games to be announced.

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

May 27: Planning for Talent Show

June 24: Open Agenda

## Teen Summer Reading



Online registration begins May 23. The registration link will be located on the Bemis Public Library Home page. This summer's theme is *You Are Here*. There will be a lot of creative programs and events happening throughout the summer. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. Prizes will be awarded to participants throughout the program which ends on July 31.

## Red Cross Babysitting Classes

Become a certified babysitter by attending an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis on **Saturday, May 21, Friday, June 24 or Friday, July 22 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** Classes are limited to 12 participants ages 11-15. The course fee is \$65. To register, call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474.



American Red Cross

# Children's Programs



## Pinkalicious-Royal-Tea

Princesses, queens, and all things pink will reign at our annual Mother-Daughter Tea Party on **Saturday, May 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** The royal library of Bemis Kingdom is requesting the presence of little princesses and their queen mothers for tea, sweet treats and a royal craft. The event is for girls in grades K-5 and their mothers. Reservations are required and may be made beginning May 1 by calling the library at 303-795-3961.



## One World, Many Stories

**Summer Reading 2011 - One World, Many Stories at Bemis! Registration begins Monday, May 23** for kids from birth through those entering 5th grade. Pick up a Reading Record to track summer reading time and collect prizes along the way including a book to keep and entry into a weekly prize drawing after completing six hours of reading. We will have 10 programs per week just for kids from birth to 5th grade. Bemis will host summer entertainers, activities, crafts, puppet shows and story times. Visit us and find out more!

## Summer Reading Suggestions Sessions

Summer reading is upon us. So many books, so many hours, what to read, what to read, what to read! Need ideas? Join us for one or both of our upcoming **Summer Reading Suggestions Sessions** where we will be offering book lists, book talks, books to check-out and snacks as we talk the talk about this year's newest reads and old favorites.

- ♦ **Thursday, May 26 - Grades 1-3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **Friday, May 27 - Grades 4-5, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

For kids entering grades 1-5 and their parents. Please reserve a space for your child based on their grade beginning May 12th by calling the library at 303-795-3961.

## World Collage in the Style of Eric Carle

Ready to paint? Ready to paste? Join us to make a collage using the techniques of one of our favorite children's illustrators, Eric Carle, on **Tuesday, May 31 and Thursday, June 2, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** On May 31, we will paint tissue paper. On June 2, we will assemble the collage for hanging in the Children's Room at Bemis. Young artists entering grades 3-5 are encouraged to join the creative fun. Reserve your space (for either or both sessions) beginning May 17 by calling the library at 303-795-3961.



## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

*There will be no Story Times in May as we visit local schools to promote our 2011 Summer Reading Program, One World, Many Stories @ Bemis.*



♦ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5**

**Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.**

**May 21:** Readers in grades 1-5 can practice reading with a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by the American Humane Association.

- ♦ **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:**

Receive our monthly newsletter via email and choose to be notified of special programs. Here's how: visit <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 the next time you visit the library.

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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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## Summer Film School

Are you a teen in grades 7-12 who is interested in writing, acting, directing, filming or editing your own movie? For the past seven years, over 280 students have created amazing films at the Film School, part of the Summer Reading Program at Bemis. In eight weeks, you will learn professional moviemaking techniques that include how to write scripts, storyboard, act, and of course, film masterpieces. This year, students will create six original movies based on the theme, *You Are Here*. Each movie will be shown to the public at a World Premiere Red Carpet Event in August. **Beginning June 7, the Film School will meet Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** at the Binning Family Foundation, 1269 W. Littleton Blvd. Cost for the class is \$100 per student and scholarships are available. Pick up your application at Bemis beginning May 9. Space is limited; please reserve your spot as soon as possible. For details, contact librarian Mark Decker at 303-795-3961.



## Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Uchu Rai Daiko Taiko Drummers**  
Saturday, June 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Summer Movie Matinee: *Eat, Pray, Love***  
Saturday, June 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Hiking the Ruins and Rock Art of Southeastern Utah**  
Tuesday, June 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **The Gabby Gourmet on the Best Restaurants in the Denver Area**  
Monday, June 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **From Bemis to Bestseller—A Book-lover's Journey Around the Globe**  
Tuesday, June 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- May Art Exhibit** Historic Littleton Art Show  
May 2-31
- Monday, May 2** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3** One Woman's Path Through the Rwandan Genocide to Life in the States, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 4** Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 5** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 6** \*Managing Your Health, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7** Teen Read the Movie Club, *Gulliver's Travels*, Rated PG, Noon  
Saturday Movie Matinee: *The King's Speech*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 10** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Unconventional Women of the West, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 11** \*Beginning Windows XP, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 12** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 13** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 14** \*Pinkalicious-Royal-Tea, For Girls in Grades K-5, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 16** Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 17** \*Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 18** \*Beginning Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 19** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Teen Wii & Kinect Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 20** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 21** \*Red Cross Babysitting Class, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
\*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with A Broadway Valentine Dream Duet featuring singers Marta Burton and Lucas Graf, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 23** Summer Reading Registration Begins for All Ages  
Looking For Grandpa's Island, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 26** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.  
\*Summer Reading Suggestions Sessions, Grade 1-3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Friday, May 27** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
\*Summer Reading Suggestions Sessions, Grade 4-5, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 30** Memorial Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, May 31** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*World Collage in the Style of Eric Carle, For Grades 3-5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 1** Library Board Meeting
- Thursday, June 2** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*World Collage in the Style of Eric Carle, For Grades 3-5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 3** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
\*Photo Shoot at Sunset, Space Available, 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 4** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Uchu Rai Daiko Taiko Drummers, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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

*Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*