

Behind the Cover

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Innkeepers of the West

Journey back and imagine the thrill of being a guest in early Western lodges, **Tuesday, November 1, 7–8 p.m.** Speaker/performer Kurtis Kelly will tell the story of the evolution of early tourism and accommodations in the West. Home-steader Abner Sprague entered the lodging business accidentally when his Moraine Park ranch was in the path of visitors hoping to secure a meal and a place to stay. The Earl of Dunraven, an Irish aristocrat, opened his English Hotel in 1874. It was so luxurious it included indoor flush toilets. F.O. and Flora Stanley opened the famous hotel bearing their name in 1909. It was the first hotel in the world to have electricity in its original design plan. The mysterious Frenchman Louis Dupuy arrived in Georgetown with a curious past. Then he came to operate the legendary Hotel de Paris. You also will hear about Littleton's famous connection to the hotelkeepers of the world. Kelly is a stage actor who has portrayed historic characters for over 15 years.



Kurtis Kelly portraying F.O. Stanley

Introduction to Crochet & Knitting Classes

Learn the craft and art of crochet or knitting in two separate classes for adults. Both classes will cover basics to get you started on a crochet or knitting project of your own.

- ♦ **Intro to Crochet—Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m.–noon:** Participants will be taught chaining, single- and double-crochet stitches, and begin working on a small project.
- ♦ **Intro to Knitting—Saturday, November 5, 1:30–3:30 p.m.:** You'll learn the Portuguese style of knitting, casting-on, the knit stitch, the purl stitch, and binding off.

We'll provide the basic materials and instruction, although you can bring your own supplies if you wish. *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required.* To register call the library at 303-795-3961.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Nine Lives*

See the comedy, *Nine Lives*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, November 12, 2–4 p.m.** A workaholic businessman, played by Kevin Spacey, has to figure out how to redeem himself after a terrible accident leaves him trapped in the body of a cat. Adopted by his own family, he begins to experience what life is truly like for the family pet. As a cat, he gains a new perspective on his family. Meanwhile the family, including Tom's beautiful wife Lara (played by Jennifer Garner) adjusts to life with an odd and stubborn cat. Tom must go to great lengths to earn back his human existence. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG.



A Winding Path to Umbria

Author Diana G. Armstrong returns to Bemis to continue the story of her life in a remote village in Umbria, Italy, **Tuesday, November 15, 7–8 p.m.** It is in Umbria that she uncovers the fact that her father, 70 years earlier, also was there. The windows of her Umbrian home, a converted monastery, look out across the Calanchi Valley and onto the magnificent hilltop town of Civita di Bagnoregio. Armstrong learns that her father was fighting with Allied troops against the mighty German war machine at Civita. She finds her father's World War II story intermingled with her 21st century one. Armstrong is an award-winning food and travel writer. Copies of her books, *Somewhere South of Tuscany*, and *A Winding Path to Umbria*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Civita di Bagnoregio, Italy

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Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

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

The **Brazilian Guitar Duo** will perform on **Saturday, November 19, 2–3 p.m.** The duo features world renowned Brazilian guitarist/vocalist/composer Sergio Augusto, who played a major part in the burgeoning bossa nova movement in Brazil during the 1960's, and award winning guitarist Eric Roberts. The duo will play music ranging from bossa nova to jazz standards.



The Story of Lowry Air Force Base

Learn the inside story of Lowry Air Force Base with author Jack Ballard, **Monday, November 28, 2-3 p.m.** From 1937 to 1994, Lowry Air Force Base served the nation and the surrounding Denver community in many distinguished ways. The air base, primarily a training center, graduated more than one million enlisted men and officers in skills ranging from armament to photography, greatly strengthening the country's war effort in World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Cold War. Ballard will show historic photos of activities at the air base over the years it was operational. Copies of Ballard's book *Lowry Air Force Base* will be available for purchase and signing.



Holiday Book Sale



Holiday shopping was never easier than buying books at the Friends' Holiday Book Sale, **Saturday, November 19–Friday, December 23**. Donated books in pristine condition that are truly gift worthy and all at reasonable prices. You'll find craft, cooking, and children's books, as well as fiction, history, current events, gardening, biography, and more. A special preview sale for members of the Friends of the Library and Museum will take place on Friday evening, November 18 from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Food for Fines

Bemis Public Library, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring the annual Food for Fines program from **Monday, November 21–Thursday, December 22**. 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.



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. 7: *Book Thief*

by Markus Zusak

The story of Liesel, a foster girl living outside of Munich during World War II. Liesel scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing something she can't resist—books.

With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau.

Dec. 5: *Brooklyn*

by Colm Tóibín

In early 1950s Ireland, Eilis Lacey is one of many who cannot find work at home. When an Irish priest from Brooklyn offers to sponsor Eilis in America, it is clear to everyone that she must go. Slowly, the pain of parting is buried beneath the rhythms of her new life. As she falls in love, devastating news from Ireland threatens the promise of her future.



♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Nov. 21: *Thirteen Moons*

by Charles Frazier

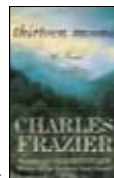
From the age of twelve, when he is sent alone into the wilderness to run an Indian trading post, Will's life becomes intertwined with the destiny of the Cherokee Indians. He falls in love with a girl named Claire and builds a friendship with a chief named Bear.

♦ Jan. 23*: *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*

by Michael Chabon

In 1939 New York City, Joe Kavalier, a refugee from Hitler's Prague, joins forces with his Brooklyn-born cousin, Sammy Clay, to create comic-book superheroes inspired by their own fantasies, fears, and dreams.

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

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 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. You also may register for classes online through the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org.

All classes and open computer lab are held from 9:30–11 a.m.

♦ Brain Exercise on the Web

Tues., Nov. 22

♦ Buying & Selling on Craigslist

Wed., Nov. 2

♦ Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010

Tues., Nov. 15

♦ Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010

Wed., Nov. 16

♦ Beginning Windows 10

Tues., Nov. 1

♦ Beginning Word - MS Office 2010

Tues., Nov. 8

♦ Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

Wed., Nov. 9

♦ Open Computer Lab - 9:30–11 a.m.

Every Thursday. No registration required. Get answers to all of your computer-related questions. Practice your computer skills and receive a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your Kindle or Nook and receive individual help with using an Ebook device.



For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or check the Bemis teen blog site online at bemisteent.blogspot.com. Join teens for:

♦ **Teen Movies**

First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m. Free popcorn and lemonade!

Nov. 5: *X-Men Apocalypse*, PG-13



♦ **Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

We have a PS4 and Xbox One gaming station. Each month we feature one of the gaming systems on the giant screen. The Wii also will be up and running.

Nov. 17, Dec. 15 and Jan. 19

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Nov. 25: No meeting. Library closed.

Painting with Light

CSI technicians use this photography trick to photograph a dark room, but we'll be using it for some cool



alternative photos on **Saturday, November 19, 2-3:30 p.m.** You'll get to create a photograph by "painting" a design in the air with a light source. We'll do some "ghostly-image" photos, too. Although we'll have a camera for this event, you can bring your own if you have a camera with a manual shutter control, a tripod, and a timer. We'll have some colored glowsticks, but you can bring your own as well if you want. *Registration is required.* Contact teen librarian Mark Decker at 303-795-3961 or mdecker@littletongov.org to register.

Afternoon Activities in the Teen Area

♦ **STEAM Tuesday**

Tuesday, November 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

We'll feature a different gadget or project each month.

♦ **Board Game Friday**

Friday, November 11, 3-4:30 p.m.

We have a board game for you! Each month we'll feature something new.

♦ **Dungeons and Dragons**

Sat., Nov. 5 and Sat., Nov. 19, noon

We'll provide the books and supplies. Join in whether you're an experienced D&D player or just learning.

Children's Programs



Chill Out and READ! Winter Reading Program

A special Winter Reading Program just for independent readers in grades 1-5 begins **November 19 and continues through January 9**. Pick up a reading log in the Children's Room beginning November 19, read chapter books on your own and record the number of pages that you read. Meet reading goals by completing a certain number of pages based on your grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises.



Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Monday, November 21, 10-10:30 a.m.** for music, movement, games and fun as we move, groove and grow at the library. For ages 2-6 and their caregivers.



Lego Mindstorms Robotics

No school? Attend this introduction to Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robot programming on **Monday, November 21, 1-3 p.m.** hosted by Bits, Bytes and Bots Computer Adventures. Create and command robotic devices that use touch, color and infrared sensors to complete challenges. Just for students in grades 3-5. *Registration required.* Call 303-795-3961 beginning November 7 to register.

Movie Matinee—Finding Dory

Thrill to another Dory and Nemo adventure on the library's big screen with *Finding Dory* on **Tuesday, November 22, 2 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG. Running time: 100 minutes. *Registration required.* Call 303-795-3961 beginning November 7 to register.



The Polar Express

Don't miss our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train **Saturday, December 3, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.** For families with children ages 3 and up. *Registration required.* Call 303-795-3961 beginning November 19 to register for one of the times.



Ongoing Programs

No story times the week of November 21.

- ♦ **All Together Now Story Time:** Especially designed for ages 2-3 **Mondays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.**

Older and younger children may attend, but children under the age of 3 must attend with an adult. Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities.

- ♦ **Story Box:** Ages Infant-36 months

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 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; required tickets are available one week in advance.*

- ♦ **Preschool Story Time:** Ages 3 and up

Thursdays and Fridays 10:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a puppet show *November 10 and 11.*

- ♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! – Lego Club:** For kids in grades K-5

Saturday, November 5, 2 p.m.

You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Legos.

Registration begins one week in advance.

- ♦ **Paws to Read:** For kids in grades K-5

Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.-noon

Kids in grades K-5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. *Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.*



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HOURS: M–Th 9–9; F–Sa 9–5; Su 1–5

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Migration Dialogues

Littleton's Conflict Resolution Center (CRC) and the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) will be conducting the City's first Community Migration Dialogues on **Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup Street.** Both the CRC and the LIRC have been working with community members who have had varying experiences here in Littleton both as immigrants and as residents who have been in the community for decades. The goal of this dialogue is to bring community members together to discuss these experiences, present obstacles prohibiting inclusion within the community, and to connect others in the community. All are welcome to come participate. If you plan to attend, please register online at <http://www.littletongov.org/my-littleton/neighborhood-resources/mediation-services>.



Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ♦ **Color a Holiday Bookmark**
Saturday, December 3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Smithtonians Handbell Choir**
Sunday, December 4, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place—Christmas in Colorado with singer Marta Burton**
Saturday, December 10, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Christmas Then and Now with the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra**
Saturday, December 17, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: *The Secret Life of Pets***
Wednesday, December 28, 2–4 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Nov. Art Exhibit** Paint Box Guild Art Show, November 1–30
- Tuesday, Nov. 1** *Beginning Windows '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Innkeepers of the West, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 2** *Buying & Selling on Craigslist, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Nov. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 4** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 5** *Intro to Crochet for Adults, 10 a.m.–noon
*Intro to Knitting for Adults, 1:30–3:30 p.m.
*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *X-men Apocalypse*, PG-13, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 7** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 8** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 9** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Nov. 10** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Nov. 11** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 12** *Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Nine Lives*, PG, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 14** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 15** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
A Winding Path to Umbria, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 16** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Nov. 17** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 18** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 19** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place
Brazilian Guitar Duo, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Program: Painting with Light, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 20** Coloring for Adults, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 21** Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
Busy Bodies at Bemis, For ages 2–6 & caregivers, 10–10:30 a.m.
*Lego Mindstorms Robotics, For kids in Grades 3–5, 1–3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 22** *Brain Exercise on the Web, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Movie Matinee: *Finding Dory*, For kids ages 3 & up, 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 23** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Friday, Nov. 25** Thanksgiving Day
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- Monday, Nov. 28** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.
The Story of Lowry Air Force Base, 2–3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 29** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Dec. 1** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 3** Color a Holiday Bookmark, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
*The Polar Express, For kids ages 3 & up, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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