



## Celebrate the Season at Bemis! Smithtonians Handbell Choir

Hear seasonal favorites performed by the popular local group, the Smithtonians Handbell Choir, **Sunday, December 4, 2–3 p.m.** The ringers in the group have a combined ringing experience of over 250 years. In recent years the group has performed at Boettcher Concert Hall and the Denver Botanic Gardens.



## Musical Moments: Christmas City Colorado

Singer Marta Burton, with piano and saxophone accompaniment, will present **Christmas City Colorado**, which celebrates 101 years of holiday lights in the Mile-High City on **Saturday, December 10, 2–3 p.m.** Hear the story of Sturgeon Electric's founding father who was the first to light up his tree with red and green bulbs to cheer his ill son and the female reporter who inspired a city to follow suit. This program will be rich with music and memories of growing up in Colorado over the last century. Burton has performed in concert halls across the U.S. and abroad, and has starred with major orchestras, including The National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.



## The Joy of Christmas, Past and Present



Celebrate the season on **Saturday, December 17, 2–3 p.m.**, with the Joe Peterson Rhythm Trio, the JPO Andrews Singers and special emcee, David Hixon. Christmas favorites, both sacred and secular, will be featured. Based in Littleton, the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra has performed over 20 years in the Denver metro area. Adding to the success and popularity of this band are the JPO Andrews Singers who perform many favorite tunes made famous by the Andrews Sisters, McGuire Sisters and other performers of that era. Hixon is a retired radio announcer.

## Color a Holiday Bookmark or Create a Gingerbread Man Ornament

Stop by the library and create a wonderful seasonal bookmark or ornament, **Saturday, December 3, anytime between 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**, across from the checkout desk. We will supply all materials needed. This program is for all ages.



## 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, December 17, 10 a.m.–noon:** Participants will be taught chaining, single- and double-crochet stitches, and begin working on a small project.
- ◆ **Intro to Knitting—Sunday, December 18, 2:30–4:30 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.

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## Coloring for Adults

Enjoy a stress-relieving coloring session on **Sunday, December 18, 2–3:30 p.m.** Colored pencils and markers will be provided.

## Movie Matinee: *The Secret Life of Pets*

See the animated comedy, *The Secret Life of Pets*, on the library's big screen, **Wednesday, December 28, 2–4 p.m.** The film explores the lives pets lead after their owners leave for work or school each day. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG.



# Holiday Book Sale



Holiday shopping was never easier than buying books at the Friends' Holiday Book Sale through **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.

## Food for Fines

Bemis Public Library, in cooperation with Integrated Family Community Services, is sponsoring the annual Food for Fines program through **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. Integrated Family 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.**

**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.



**Jan. 9\*:** *Defending Jacob*

by William Landay

A shocking crime shatters a New England town. Andy, the district attorney of the town, is blindsided by the crime when his fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student. As the crisis reveals how little a father knows about his son, Andy will face a trial of his own—between loyalty and justice, between truth and allegation, between a past he's tried to bury and a future he cannot conceive.



\*We will meet on the second Monday in January due to the New Year's holiday.

**Feb. 6:** *Circling the Sun*

by Paula McLain

Brought to Kenya from England as a child and then abandoned by her mother, Beryl is raised by both her father and the native Kipsigis tribe who share the



estate. Her unconventional upbringing transforms Beryl into a bold young woman with a fierce love of all things wild and an inherent understanding of nature's delicate balance. Then she meets the ruggedly charismatic Denys Finch Hatton who helps Beryl navigate the uncharted territory of her own heart. The intensity of their love reveals Beryl's truest self and her fate: to fly.

### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**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.

**Feb. 27\*:** *What Alice Forgot*

by Liane Moriarty

Suffering an accident that causes her to forget the last ten years of her life, Alice is astonished to discover that she is thirty-nine years old, a mother of three children, and in the midst of an acrimonious divorce from a man she dearly loves.

\*We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to the 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 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](http://www.littletongov.org).

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

**No computer classes in December. Open Computer Lab will be available on Thursdays. Classes resume in January.**

### ◆ Buying & Selling on Craigslist

Tues., Feb. 28

### ◆ Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010

Tues., Jan. 17; Tues., Feb. 14

### ◆ Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010

Wed., Jan. 18; Wed., Feb. 15

### ◆ Beginning Internet

Wed., Feb. 1

### ◆ Beginning Windows 10

Tues., Jan. 3

### ◆ Beginning Word - MS Office 2010

Tues., Jan 10; Tues., Feb. 7

### ◆ Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

Wed., Jan. 11; Wed., Feb. 8

### ◆ eBooks & Other Downloadables

Tues., Jan. 31

### ◆ Email: One-On-Open Lab

Tues., Feb. 21

### ◆ Find, Save & Share Your Photos

Wed., Jan. 25

### ◆ Photo Editing with Gimp

Tues., Jan. 24

### ◆ Saving & Finding Files

Wed., Jan. 4

### ◆ Teach Yourself Tech

Wed., Feb. 22

◆ **Open Computer Lab - 9:30–11 a.m. Every Thursday.** No registration required. Practice your computer skills and receive a little 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 [bemisteent.blogspot.com](http://bemisteent.blogspot.com). Join teens for:

♦ **Teen Movies**

**First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.**

Free popcorn and lemonade!

**Dec. 5:** No movie scheduled

**Jan. 7:** *Suicide Squad*, 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.

**Dec. 15, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16**

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**Dec. 23:** No meeting scheduled

**Jan. 27:** Testing new technology

## Holiday Decorating Party

Help the Teen Advisory Group decorate the library for the holidays on **Friday, December 2, 2–4 p.m.** Light snacks and lemonade will be provided—feel free to bring a treat to share with everyone. After we decorate, we'll play some fun games! *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required.* Register for this event by contacting Mark at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org), or by calling the library at 303-795-3961.

## Holiday Crafts as Gifts

Create a hand-made gift that shows you care! Stop by the teen deck in the afternoon each week in December to get supplies and directions for making your own gifts—while supplies last.

- ♦ **Dec. 5–10:** Greeting Card Ornament
- ♦ **Dec. 12–17:** Candy Cane Reindeer
- ♦ **Dec. 19–22:** Bead Jewelry

## Make a Gingerbread House

Create a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 10, 1–2:30 p.m.** We'll provide the basic supplies. Bring extra building materials as long as they are edible. Houses will be on display at Bemis during December 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 and registration is required.* Register for this event by calling the library at 303-795-3961.



# Children's Programs



## Chill Out and READ! Winter Reading Program

A special Winter Reading Program for independent readers in grades 1–5. Don't forget to pick up a reading log in the library and record the number of pages that you read on your own. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises. Program ends January 9.

## 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 to register for one of the times.



## Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on **Saturday, December 17 anytime between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** for some make and take winter crafting fun. For all ages. No reservations needed.

## Special Holiday Puppet Show

Enjoy a fun puppet show/story time on **Friday, December 23, 10:30–11 a.m.** presented by our talented children's librarians. Warm cocoa and doughnut holes will round out the event. For children ages 3 and up. Come in or call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning December 9.

## Up in the Air with Peter Davison

Don't miss juggler, dancer, actor, poet, and physical comedian, Peter Davison, on **Thursday, December 29, 2–2:45 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 families with children of all ages.



## "Noon" Year's Eve Party

Get ready for the countdown to 2017! Join us on **Saturday, December 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.** for treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball... at noon! A hilarious performance by Bryce Jackman followed by a family dance party will be featured during this favorite celebration to mark the start of a new year. Come in or call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning December 17.

## Ongoing Programs

*Weekly Programs end on December 23 and resume on January 9.*

- ♦ **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 *December 1 and 2.*
- ♦ **Paws to Read:** For kids in grades K–5  
**Saturday, December 10, 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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## Online Brain Exercise Program Now Available

**B**rainHQ, an online brain-training system that represents the culmination of 30 years of neurological science research, is now available to Bemis Library cardholders free of charge. BrainHQ is an easy way to make brain health a priority. The program includes numerous online exercises to help you think faster, focus better & remember more. Get started today, and soon you'll be charting your progress and seeing results. The exercises in BrainHQ have been proven in labs and in lives to bring real benefits to brain health and fitness. Go to [bemis.ent.sirsi.net](http://bemis.ent.sirsi.net) to find the library's link to BrainHQ. See a demonstration of how to use BrainHQ at the *How to Prolong Your Memory and Mental Clarity* program on Monday, January 30, 2 p.m., at the library.



## Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ◆ **Herndon Davis & the Face on the Barroom Floor with Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel**  
Tuesday, January 17, 7–8 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place**  
Singer Daniel Blegen presents Pete Seeger: a Musical Portrait  
Saturday, January 21, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **Working on the Manhattan Project: A Scientist Tells His Story**  
Monday, January 23, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **Thomas Jefferson and the Most Contentious Election in American History**  
Tuesday, January 24, 7–8 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: Sully**  
Saturday, January 28, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **How to Prolong Your Memory & Mental Clarity**  
Monday, January 30, 2–3:30 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Dec. Art Exhibit** Women's Caucus for Art, December 1–30
- Thursday, Dec. 1** Open Computer Lab, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2** Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 2** \*Holiday Decorating Party, Teen Event, 2–4 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 3** Create a Holiday Bookmark or Ornament, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 3** \*The Polar Express, For kids ages 3 & up, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 4** Smithsonian Handbell Choir, 2–3 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Dec. 5** Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 6** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 7** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,
- Wednesday, Dec. 7** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Dec. 8** Open Computer Lab, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 8** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9** Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10** \*Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
- Saturday, Dec. 10** \*Make a Gingerbread House, 1–2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place  
Christmas City Colorado with Marta Burton, 2–3 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 12** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,
- Wednesday, Dec. 14** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Dec. 15** Open Computer Lab, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15** Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 15** Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 16** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 16** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 16** Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 17** \*Intro to Crochet for Adults, 10 a.m.–noon
- Saturday, Dec. 17** Drop-in Crafts, For all ages, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 17** The Joy of Christmas Past and Present, 2–3 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 18** Coloring for Adults, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 18** \*Intro to Knitting for Adults, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 19** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 21** \*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,
- Wednesday, Dec. 21** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Dec. 22** Open Computer Lab, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 22** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 23** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 23** \*Special Holiday Puppet Show, For ages 3 and up, 10:30–11 a.m.
- LIBRARY CLOSURES AT NOON**
- Saturday, Dec. 24** Christmas Holiday  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Sunday, Dec. 25** Christmas Holiday  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Monday, Dec. 26** Christmas Holiday  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Wednesday, Dec. 28** Movie Matinee: *The Secret Life of Pets*, PG, 2–4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 28** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Dec. 29** Open Computer Lab, 9:30-11 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 29** Up in the Air with Peter Davison, For families with kids of all ages, 2–2:45 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 30** Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 31** \*Noon Year's Eve Party, For families with kids of all ages, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 1** New Year's Holiday  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Monday, Jan. 2** New Year's Holiday  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Jan. 3** \*I Love Art, For kids in grades 1–5, Noon–1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 4** \*Zumba for Kids, Perfect for ages 7–10, but younger & older kids may attend, 2–3 p.m.

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