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Library To Be Closed February 18 - 23

Bemis will be closed Monday, February 18 for President’s Day and Tuesday, February 19 through Saturday, February 23, for the installation of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) equipment and tags as well as the installation of a sorter for materials. An RFID tag will be placed on every item in the Bemis collection. Implementation of RFID at Bemis will allow easier and faster checkout of materials for library patrons and a significant reduction in missing items. The automated materials sorter will be installed in the library’s circulation area and will sort items into seven bins according to their categories (fiction, children’s books, etc.). The sorter contains RFID technology that reads the tag on each returned item and then drops the item into the appropriate bin. Library staff, who have had to manually check in materials, will now have more time to shelve materials and to assist library patrons.

We apologize for any inconvenience this closure may cause. No late fees will be assessed during this week. Patrons may still return books to the library lobby February 19-23; however, items on HOLD will not be available for pickup until Sunday, February 24. During the closure, patrons may access our online catalog at bemis.sirsini.net to search the library catalog and place holds on items, check your library card to review your account or renew items, download an eBook or Audio eBook, and search our databases.

Exploring Mars: The Curiosity Rover & Future Colonization

The enigmatic Red Planet will be the focus of two presentations. First, on Tuesday, February 26, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Dr. Steven Lee, Curator of Planetary Science at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, will discuss the ongoing exploration of Mars and show spectacular recent images of Mars taken by the newly-arrived Curiosity Rover. Learn about the latest findings from the Red Planet! Then, on Tuesday, March 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Dr. Robert Zubrin, chairman of the National Space Society, will talk about how we can send human explorers to Mars in the next decade and why we should. He also will discuss the possibility of establishing a Martian settlement and a plan to build life on a new world. Dr. Zubrin is the author of The Case for Mars.

From Slave to Scholar: The Life of A.A. Burleigh

See a living history performance on the extraordinary life of ex-slave and soldier Angus Augustus Burleigh, Tuesday, February 5, 7:00-8:30 p.m. After his Civil War experiences, Burleigh went on to become an acclaimed black educator and minister. A.A. Burleigh will be portrayed by Hasan Davis, noted Kentucky scholar, lawyer and historical actor. Davis’s electrifying portrayal of Burleigh incorporates his deep knowledge of African-American history with his ability to connect and engage audiences. His visit to Colorado is sponsored by Colorado Humanities and Friends of the Library and Museum to commemorate Black History Month and the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

A Journey Through Afghanistan

Explore Afghanistan through the photography and watercolors of Londoner Brian Serff, Monday, February 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m. Serff, a photographer, traveled with the Royal Geographic Society from England to Afghanistan to go on an expedition in the Hindu Kush mountains. The trip occurred in 1965 when Afghanistan was a much different country than it is today. It was a life-changing experience for Serff, who captured in his photographs the life and faces of the people as well as the country’s landscape. Serff has painted numerous watercolors based on these photos. Serff will show both the photographs and the art that he has created. Serff also will talk about the people he met on his journey.

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Sorry... TEMPORARILY CLOSED
Enjoy a visit to the animated Hotel Transylvania, showing on the library’s big screen, Saturday, February 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m. The hotel is Dracula’s lavish resort where monsters and their families can live it up, free to be the monsters they are without humans to bother them. Problems develop when a human stumbles on the hotel and falls for Dracula’s daughter. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.

Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

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

Saturday, February 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: The kilted Scotsman, Matthew Gurnsey, will entertain you with Celtic love songs. Gurnsey has appeared on hundreds of stages nationally and internationally, delighting audiences with his Scottish charm and melodic voice.

Homebound Delivery Service - Volunteers Needed

Bemis offers a free delivery service to City of Littleton residents who are unable to visit the library due to physical limitations. If you are temporarily or permanently confined to your home because of illness, age or physical disability, we will deliver library materials to you. Available materials include books (even Braille), magazines, music CDs, DVDs, and audio books. Contact librarian Pam Child at 303-795-3961 and let her know what materials you are interested in having delivered to your home once a month by library staff or volunteer. Volunteers are needed for this program. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to volunteer.

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.
  Feb. 4: The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, the Horse that Inspired a Nation by Elizabeth Letts
  The dramatically inspiring story of a horse rescued from a slaughterhouse truck to eventually become a star in the horse jumping circuit.

- Mon.: On Beauty by Zadie Smith
  Struggling with a stale marriage and the misguided passions of his three adult children, art professor Howard Belsey finds his family life thrown into turmoil by his son’s engagement to the socially prominent daughter of a right-wing icon.

- Apr. 1: Me & Emma by Elizabeth Flock
  Eight-year-old Carrie Parker and her little sister, tired of living in an abusive environment, concoct a plan to run away. Their escape is thwarted, however, by a shocking revelation that will change their lives.

- Monday Evening Book Group
  Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
  Feb. 25*: Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen
  When Elizabeth Bennet first meets eligible bachelor Fitzwilliam Darcy, she thinks him arrogant and conceited; he is indifferent to her good looks and lively mind. Jane Austen shows the folly of judging by first impressions.
  *We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to President’s day holiday.

- Mar. 18: The Paris Wife by Paula McClain
  Hadley Richardson is a quiet 28-year-old who has all but given up on love and happiness until she meets Ernest Hemingway. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for Paris, where they become the golden couple in a lively and volatile literary group.

- Apr. 15: A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway
  Hemingway’s classic memoir of Paris in the 1920s, filled with irreverent portraits of authors such as F. Scott Fitzgerald and Gertrude Stein; tender memories of his first wife, Hadley; and insightful recollections of his own early experiments with writing.

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, call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Information Desk.

All classes and open computer lab are held from 9:00-3:00 a.m. except where noted. Currently space is available in these classes:

- Beginning Access Parts 1 & 2*, MS Office 10
  Tues., Feb. 26 (Part 1) & Wed., Feb. 27 (Part 2)
  *Students should sign up for both classes.

- Computer Comfort
  Sat., Feb. 2; Sat., Mar. 2; Tues., Apr. 2

- Craigslist 101
  Tues., Apr. 3

- Desktop Publishing - MS Publisher 2010
  Tues., Mar. 26

- eReader Workshop
  Wed., Feb. 6

- Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010
  Tues., Mar. 19; Tues., Apr. 16

- Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010
  Wed., Mar. 20; Wed., Apr. 17

- Facebook 101
  Wed., Mar. 27

- Beginning Internet
  Sat., Feb. 16

- Magazines and Newspapers Online
  Sat., Apr. 20

- Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010
  Wed., Mar. 6

- Protecting Your Computer
  Wed., Apr. 24

- Beginning Windows 7
  Tues., Feb. 5; Tues., Mar. 5; Wed., Apr. 3

- Beginning Word - MS Office 2010
  Tues., Feb. 12; Tues., Mar. 12; Tues., Apr. 9

- Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

- Saving and Finding Files
  Sat., Mar. 16; Sat., Apr. 6

- Teach Yourself Tech - Computer Self-Study
  Tues., Apr. 30

- Open Computer Lab - 9:00-10:30 a.m. Every Thursday
  No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.

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Children’s Programs

Happy Birthday, Amelia Bedelia!

Everyone loves Amelia Bedelia. Celebrate the 50th birthday of this cheerful, playful and very literal-minded housekeeper on Friday, February 15, 2:00 p.m. Actress Megan Heffernan will portray Amelia Bedelia and her mixed-up antics for all to enjoy. Please call 303-795-3961 to register children ages 3 and up with their parents for a fun party honoring the beloved character from children’s literature.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Ballet at Bemis

The Littleton Youth Ballet with the Littleton Dance Academy will delight us with excerpts from their new production of The Wizard of Oz on Sunday, February 17, 3:00 p.m. Get a sneak peek of this Storybook Ballet series performance before it premieres at the Lone Tree Arts Center in March. For families with children of all ages.

O h the Places You Will Go! Celebrate Read Across America Day

When you read, you use your imagination to explore places where you would have never thought you could travel. On Sunday, March 3, 3:00 p.m., entertainer Bill Anderson will weave magic, music, drama, storytelling, and funny puppetry into a show like no other to help us celebrate the thrill of books! Fun and surprises also await, so be sure to register and don’t be late! Please call 303-795-3961 beginning February 15 to register families with children ages 3 and up.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- **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.

- **Paws to Read**: For grades K-5
  Saturday, February 9, 10:00 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 twenty-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.

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.
  Feb 2: Frankenweenie - PG
  Mar. 2: Horton Hears A Who - G
  Apr. 6: Wreck it Ralph - PG

- **Gaming**
  Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.
  Enjoy popular interactive video games on PlayStation 3, Wii and Xbox Kinect featuring different games each month!
  Feb 28*, Mar. 21 and Apr. 18
  *Special date because the library will be closed on the 3rd Thursday of February.

- **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
  **Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.**
  Feb 8*: New teen area planning
  *Special date because the library will be closed on the 4th Friday of February.
  Mar. 22: Summer reading planning
  Apr. 26: Summer reading preparation

Special Teen Events

- **Beneath the Surface Teen Photography Contest**
  Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme Beneath the Surface by Monday, March 18. The winning photographers from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will win a $25 gift certificate to a store of their choice, and their photos will be published on a library bookmark for the Bemis teen summer reading program. The winning photos will also be featured as posters in the new teen area during the Teen Summer Reading Program. For more information, or to submit your photo, contact teen librarian Mark at 303-795-3961 or mdecker@littletongov.org.

- **Decorate the New Teen Area Contest**
  Submit an idea for decorating the new teen area, or submit your original artwork to be displayed in the new teen area. Send your ideas, questions, or scans/photos of artwork to Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org. One lucky winner will win a gift card to iTunes just for entering!

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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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Bemis is providing free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. IRS trained volunteers will be available on the lower level of the library from February 2 through April 13 on Thursday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon-4:00 p.m. No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.

The AARP will provide tax preparation help, with trained volunteers, in the reference area of the library from February 4 through April 8 on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Appointments are required for this assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To make an appointment for AARP tax assistance at the library, please call the library at 303-795-3961.

Upcoming Events

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

- Tea & Talk: The World of Downton Abbey
  Saturday, March 9, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Life in the Wrong Lane - Experiences of a World Correspondent
  Tuesday, March 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place with Celtic group Tradition, Tartan & Tears
  Saturday, March 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Exploring Colorado Wineries
  Tuesday, March 19, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Dabbers & Blowers: A History of the Handkerchief
  Monday, March 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Saturday Movie Matinee: Lincoln
  Saturday, March 30, 2:00-4:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Feb. Art Exhibit
February 1-28

Friday, Feb. 1
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Beginning Chinese Classes, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2
*Computer Comfort, Space
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, Frankenweenie, Noon, Rated PG

Monday, Feb. 4
Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 5
*Beginning Windows 7, Space
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
From Slave to Scholar: The Life of A.A. Burleigh, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 6
*eReader Workshop, Space
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7
Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05-1:30 p.m. in Sophie’s Place

Friday, Feb. 8
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Beginning Chinese Classes, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 9
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon.
For grades K-5
Saturday Movie Matinee: Hotel Transylvania, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Rated PG

Tuesday, Feb. 12
*Beginning Word, MS Office ‘10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 13
*Intermediate Word, MS Office ‘10,
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 14
Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 15
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Beginning Chinese Classes, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

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For system upgrades - See Page 1

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2:00-3:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
*Beginning Access Part 1, MS
Office 2010, Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Exploring Mars: the Curiosity Rover & Future Colonization, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
*Beginning Access Part 2, MS
Office 2010, Space Available,
9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 28
Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 1
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Pre-school Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Beginning Chinese Classes, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

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*Computer Comfort, Space
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Celebrate Read Across America Day,
For families with kids ages 3 and up

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Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.