



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



## Colorado Poet Laureate Joseph Hutchison

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Colorado's Poet Laureate Joseph Hutchison on **Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m.** Laureate Hutchison will read from his work and discuss the role of poetry in the public sphere.

## Colorado's Natural Resources: A Partnership with Red Rocks Community College

Join us as on **Tuesday, April 10, 7 p.m.**, as we partner with students from the Red Rocks Community College Park Ranger Interpretation Program. Aspiring Park Rangers will present programs on a variety of topics about Colorado's treasured wildlife and natural resources.

## Musical Performance: Blue Sonnet Jazz Duo

Hear Blue Sonnet Jazz perform torch songs made famous by the great blues and jazz artists of our time, such as Billie Holiday, Diana Krall, Ella Fitzgerald and Bonnie Raitt on **Saturday, April 14, 2 p.m.** This duo showcases singer-songwriter and jazz pianist Elea Plotkin with vocalist Karen Banning.



## Crafts for Grownups: Gardens to Go

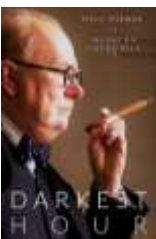
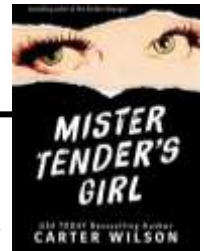
Join us for a different featured craft on the **third Sunday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.** The library will provide supplies and space - you bring imagination and curiosity. These programs are for adults only. *Space is limited. Registration is required.* Please call 303-795-3961 to register or register online at the library's events calendar at [www.littleton.gov.org](http://www.littleton.gov.org).



**Sunday, April 15, 2 p.m.—Gardens to Go** Using simple containers, create a low-maintenance indoor garden with succulents and air plants.

## Author Talk with Carter Wilson, *Mister Tender's Girl*

Hear from *USA Today* and *Denver Post* bestselling author Carter Wilson on **Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.**, as he explores the depths of psychological tension and paranoia in his dark, domestic thrillers. A two-time winner of the Colorado Book Award and International Book Award, Wilson's latest thriller *Mister Tender's Girl* is a "highly satisfying high-tension thriller." Books will be available for sale at the event.



## Movie Matinée: *Darkest Hour*

See *Darkest Hour* on the library's big screen on **Saturday, April 21, 2-4 p.m.** During the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly-appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who must decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler or fight on against incredible odds. Starring Gary Oldman and Kristin Scott Thomas. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG-13.

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## Medicare Basics with DRCOG

Learn about the different parts of Medicare and coverage options on **Monday, April 23, 2 p.m.** The class will review coverage choices: Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage (Part C), Medicare supplemental (Medigap) insurance policies and Prescription Drug Plans.

## AWRC Senior Resource Fair

Don't miss the Aging Well Resource Center's (AWRC) first annual Senior Resource Fair on **Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.** Find information on house shares, home repair services for seniors, healthcare, mobility services and more that are offered in our community for older adults and their caregivers. This free event will offer a wealth of resources.

# Photos of Old Havana with Denver artist Tony Ortega

Explore Old Havana through the photography and stories of Tony Ortega, winner of the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, on **Tuesday, April 24, 7 p.m.** Ortega, associate professor at Regis University, celebrates the richness of the Cubano culture and traditions through his artwork.



## Third Annual Six Word Story Contest—Win Cash!

One story.  
Six words.  
Good luck!

Ernest Hemingway wrote a famous six word story: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." Now it's your turn. **Enter the third annual Bemis Public Library's Six Word Story Contest, between April 15 and May 15** and you could win a cash prize! Nine cash prizes will be given out to winners in three age categories: Adult (age 19+), Teen (age 12-18), and Children (age 6-11). Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place winner in each age category, thirty dollars to the second place winner and twenty dollars to the third place winner. Enter at the library or online at [bemis.ent.sirsi.net](http://bemis.ent.sirsi.net).

### Six Word Story Contest Rules

- ◆ Story must contain only six words.
- ◆ Story must be your original work.
- ◆ Story may contain only one contraction, such as I'm or can't.
- ◆ Each contestant may submit up to three six word stories.
- ◆ Stories must be submitted by May 15, 2018
- ◆ Entries must include contestant's full name and telephone number.
- ◆ By entering the Six Word Story Contest, you give the Bemis Public Library rights to post your story and name in the library's media outlets.

Entries will be judged by award-winning author Mark David Gerson. Gerson is the author of 15 books and has conducted writing workshops throughout the United States. **Winners will be announced at our Summer Reading Kick-Off event on Tuesday, May 29, 10 a.m.** at the library. *One story. Six words. Good luck!*

## Book Groups at Bemis

We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and join us for some stimulating discussions.

### ◆ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

**Apr. 2:** *American Housewife* by Helen Ellis

Meet the women of *American Housewife*: they wear lipstick, pearls and sunscreen, even when it's cloudy. They casse- role. They pinwheel. And then they kill a party crasher, carefully stepping around the body to pull cookies from the oven. These 12 delightfully demented stories are a refreshing and wicked answer to the question, "What do housewives do all day?"



**May 7:** *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Set on the French Riviera in the late 1920s, *Tender Is the Night* is the tragic romance of the young actress Rosemary Hoyt and the stylish American couple Dick and Nicole Diver.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Apr. 16:** *The Butterfly Sister* by Amy Gail Hansen

After a disastrous semester, Ruby returns home to tend her wounds. The delivery of a mysterious suitcase forces her to face her demons. The suitcase belongs to an acquaintance from college who has gone missing. Ruby begins investigating the girl's disappearance, a search that quickly splashes over its margins into her own life.



**May 21:** *The Man Who Spoke Snakish* by Andrus Kivirähk

In this imaginative story set in a fantastical version of medieval Estonia, a boy is tasked with preserving ancient traditions in the face of modernity. The boy, Leemet, lives with his hunter-gatherer family in the forest and is the last speaker of the ancient tongue of snakish, a language that allows its speakers to command all animals.



## Technology 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 fifth grade and younger. Free Wi-Fi is available throughout the library.



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). **Classes are held from 9:30–11 a.m.**

### ◆ Mon., April 2: iPhone Tips & Tricks

Get the most out of your Apple device. Find out how to customize settings and make your iPhone work for you. We'll go over Spotlight Search, Siri, the Control Center and more. *Registration required.*

**Prerequisites:** iPhone Basics class (or equivalent knowledge of Apple devices) and iPhone with iOS 10 or 11 installed. Call the library if you have questions about which iOS software you have.

### ◆ Mon., April 9: Intro to Goodreads

Do you keep forgetting the books you've read? Want to find new books you'll love? Goodreads is a website you can use to do all of the above. We'll create an account, start tracking books we've read in the past, explore lists, genres and following authors. *Registration required.*

**Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse), Internet basics (know how to navigate a web browser) and an active email account\*.

### ◆ Mon., April 23: Social Media Crash Course

Get a quick overview of three popular social media sites: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We'll create an account on each site then discuss what each is best used for, how to create posts and how to interact with others. *Registration required.*

**Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and an active email account\*.

\* Call the library if you need assistance setting up an email account.

### ◆ Mon., April 30: Writing a Resume with MS Word

Learn how to use MS Word's formatting tools to create a resume. We'll cover special formatting, line breaks, inserting symbols, changing margins and saving documents as PDFs. *Registration required.*

**Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and MS Word basics (used the program before).

### ◆ One-on-One Technology Help:

**Wednesdays, 1:30–3 p.m.**

**Registration required for one-on-one appointments.** Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get help with anything from Smart-phones and Tablets to signing up for an email address.

### ◆ Open Computer Lab: 9:30–11 a.m.

**Every Thursday morning. No registration required.**



For more information, call the library at 303-795-3961 and ask for the Teen Deck or send an email to [libem@littletongov.org](mailto:libem@littletongov.org).

♦ **Teen Movies**

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

**Apr. 7:** *Thor: Ragnarok*, P-13

**May 5:** *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, PG-13



♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**Apr. 27 and May 25**

## Board Game Friday

Play board games in the library after-hours on **Friday, April 13, 4–7:30 p.m.**\* Each month we'll feature a new game although all of our board games will be available to play. Snacks will be provided.

\*This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. No registration required.



## Poetry Zine Workshop

Improve your writing skills and help us create a unique collection of poetry and art about what it means to be yourself on **Sunday, April 29, 2–4:30 p.m.** Finished poems will become part of our first annual poetry zine on the Teen Deck! *Space is limited and registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961 or email [libem@littletongov.org](mailto:libem@littletongov.org).*

## New Teen Deck Stuff!

We have new activities and gadgets on the Teen Deck including an art station, music station, remote-controlled devices, robots kits, VR and more. Our new craft activity pack has all the supplies you need to make some cool stuff, including duct tape, beading, calligraphy and more. Stop by and check out all the fun stuff to do on the Teen Deck.

# Children's Programs



## One Book 4 Colorado



This statewide effort provides every four-year-old in Colorado with a copy of the same book, helping to instill a love of reading in Colorado youngsters. To ensure school readiness, it is critical that preschoolers have frequent and routine access to books and that they be read to consistently.

**Bemis will be distributing books April 9–23** to every four-year-old. Stop by the Children's Room and request your copy.

## Busy Bodies at Bemis



Join us on **Saturday, April 14, 11–11:30 a.m.** for music, movement, games and fun. For children ages 2–6 and their caregivers.



## Dads and Donuts

Calling all Dads, grandpas and uncles! Bring your little ones in (ages 1-5 with caregivers) for a fun story time with juice, coffee and donut treats on **Saturday, April 21, 10–10:30 a.m.**

## El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros

Celebrate Children's Day/ Book Day at Bemis on **Monday, April 30, 1–2 p.m.** We will explore books and music from different cultures and make a craft or two from around the world. For children ages 3 and up. *Reservations required.* Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room beginning April 16 to sign up.



## Ongoing Programs

♦ **All Together Now Story Time: Monday at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 4 p.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities. For children of all ages, but children under age 3 *must* attend with an adult. *Optional extended playtime immediately following Monday sessions.*

♦ **Story Box: Ages infant–36 months**

**Tuesday at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories and songs for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme and reading. *Optional extended playtime on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of the month. Space is limited; free tickets available at the Children's Desk or by calling 303-795-3961 the morning of the session.*

♦ **Bounce Along with Baby: Ages 0–18 months & their caregivers, Wednesday at 11 a.m.**

Join us for rhymes, songs, baby sign language, stories and fun. Siblings are welcome.

♦ **Preschool Story Time: Ages 3 and older, Thursday & Friday at 10:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.

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

**Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m.**

You bring creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks. *Registration begins one week in advance.*



♦ **Paws to Read: For kids in grades K–5, Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m.–noon**

Kids 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.*

♦ **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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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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## AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Events

Stop by the Aging Well Resource Center's Grab, Gab & Go Event on **Monday, April 23, 1:30–2 p.m.** AWRC provides information for seniors, caregivers, spouses or friends. Be sure to attend our first annual **Senior Resource Fair, Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.** See Page 1 for details

## Homebound Delivery Service Needs Volunteers

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. *Contact library assistant Krysta Wiggins-Post at 303-795-3961* and let her know what items 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.**

## Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ◆ **Power of Attorney & Living Will Clinic**  
Thursday, May 10, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Performance: the Smithtonians**  
Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Find the Job of your Dreams–Job Searching with RefUSA**  
Monday, May 14, 6 p.m.
- ◆ **America's Role in WWI: Aerial Warfare**  
Monday, May 21, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Greatest Showman*, PG**  
Saturday, May 26, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **Summer Reading Kick-Off! Instrument Petting Zoo with Swallow Hill Music**  
Tuesday, May 29, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

## Schedule of Library Events

<b>April Art Exhibit</b>	Mountainside Art Guild Art Show April 2–30	<b>Monday, April 16</b>	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
<b>Sunday, April 1</b>	Easter— <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 17</b>	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Author Talk with Carter Wilson, 7 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 2</b>	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *iPhone Tips & Tricks, 9:30–11 a.m. Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 18</b>	*Story Box, 10 a.m. Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m. All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 3</b>	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Colorado Poet Laureate Joseph Hutchison, 7 p.m.	<b>Thursday, April 19</b>	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 4</b>	*Story Box, 10 a.m. Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m. All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.	<b>Friday, April 20</b>	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, April 5</b>	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Saturday, April 21</b>	Dads and Donuts, 10–10:30 a.m. Movie Matinee: <i>Darkest Hour</i> , PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 6</b>	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Monday, April 23</b>	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Social Media Crash Course, 9:30–11 a.m. AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m. Medicare Basics with DRCOG, 2 p.m.
<b>Saturday, April 7</b>	*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 2 p.m. Teen Movie: <i>Thor: Ragnarok</i> , PG, 2 p.m.	<b>Tuesday, April 24</b>	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Photos of Old Havana with Denver artist Tony Ortega, 7 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 9</b>	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Intro to Goodreads, 9:30–11 a.m.	<b>Wednesday, April 25</b>	*Story Box, 10 a.m. Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m. All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 10</b>	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Colorado's Natural Resources, 7 p.m.	<b>Thursday, April 26</b>	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 11</b>	*Story Box, 10 a.m. Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m. All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.	<b>Friday, April 27</b>	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
<b>Thursday, April 12</b>	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.	<b>Saturday, April 28</b>	AWRC Senior Resource Fair, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 13</b>	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.	<b>Sunday, April 29</b>	*Teen Poetry Zine Workshop, 2–4:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, April 14</b>	*Paws to Read, For grades K-5, 10 a.m.–noon Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m. Musical Performance: Blue Sonnet Jazz Duo, 2 p.m.	<b>Monday, April 30</b>	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Writing a Resume with MS Word, 9:30–11 a.m. *El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros, For ages 3 and up, 1–2 p.m.
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