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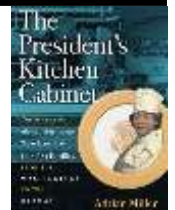
Lego City Exhibit

Visit an interactive Lego City exhibit in the Sophie's Place area of the library on **Saturday, August 4, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. and Sunday, August 5, 1–5 p.m.** The city will feature scenes inspired by this year's Summer Reading theme, *LIBRARIES ROCK!* The display is courtesy of the Colorado/Wyoming LEGO Users' Group and the Denver LEGO Users' Group.



The President's Kitchen Cabinet: Black Chefs in the White House with author Adrian Miller

Join us for an entertaining and informative look at the African Americans who have fed our First Families since the days of George Washington with culinary historian and author Adrian Miller on **Monday, August 13, 2 p.m.** Learn about the men and women who have cooked for Presidents Washington, Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Eisenhower, Lyndon Johnson and Obama. Mr. Miller served as special assistant to President Bill Clinton and as Deputy Director of the President's Initiative for One America.



The Sculptor in Buckskin: The Life of Alexander Phimister Proctor



Storyteller Dave Lively presents the life of Alexander Phimister Proctor on **Tuesday, August 14, 7 p.m.** Although Proctor is recognized as the leader among American animal sculptors and as the country's foremost creator of sculpted monuments on western themes, Lively presents the more engaging aspects of Proctor's artistic talent—the remarkable characters he met and his adventures with his wife and children as his work took him all over the United States, France and Italy.

Outdoor Concert—Spinphony

See the hit group Spinphony on the front lawn of the library **Thursday, August 16, 6–7:30 p.m.** The high-energy, all-female string quartet will play a mix of rock, classical, pop and original tunes complete with choreography. Hot dogs, brats, burgers, beverages and ice cream will be available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. Food truck provided by Interstate Catering.



Crafts at the Library: Altered Art

From collages to layered images, to actually painting on another canvas, we'll explore the many ways we can build on someone else's artistic vision to create our own altered art. The library will provide supplies and instruction. *These programs are for teens and adults only. Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org.* **Saturday, August 18 – Teens Only: 2–4 p.m. and Sunday, August 19 – Adults Only: 2–4 p.m.**

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Healthy Aging: Reduce Inflammation Through a Holistic Lens

Inflammation has a direct correlation to the state of our mind, body and emotions. Join Certified Nutrition Therapy Practitioner Zita Easton on **Monday, August 20, 2 p.m.** to learn about the connection between brain inflammation and unhealthy lifestyle choices.

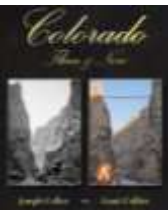
Legal Night with the Arapahoe County Bar Association

Meet with an attorney, free-of-charge, for up to a 30-minute consultation on **Tuesday, August 21, 5:30–7:30 p.m.** Attorneys, provided by the Arapahoe County Bar Association, can help on a variety of legal subjects. *Registration is required and begins Aug. 6. To register, go to the library's calendar at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.*

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Chappaquiddick*



Watch this biopic on **Saturday, August 25, 2 p.m.** about the events of the 1969 car accident involving Senator Ted Kennedy that took the life of a young campaign strategist, Mary Jo Kopechne. Starring Ed Helms, Kate Mara, and Jason Clarke. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG-13.



Colorado, Then & Now

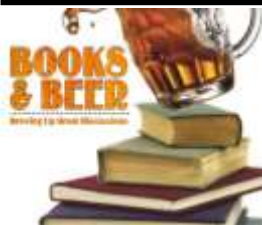
Author Grant Collier presents a slideshow of images from his newest book, *Colorado Then & Now* on **Monday, August 27, 7-8 p.m.** Collier pairs photos taken by Joseph Collier his great, great grandfather with his own photos taken at the same location a century later.

The Future of Bees with Active Minds

Bees are vital pollinators, making possible much of the food humans eat. Recently, however, crucial bee species have experienced significant loss. Join Active Minds on **Tuesday, August 28, 7 p.m.** as we examine the factors that are affecting these important species.



Books & Beer: Brewing Up Great Discussions



We're partnering with Saint Patrick's Brewing Company, a local business, to provide a new book group—at the brewery! Each month, read a nonfiction book about a social, economic, or historical topic, then meet to discuss it over a beverage. For our next meeting on **Thursday, August 23, 6 p.m.**, read *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. Arrive earlier to take advantage of happy hour prices. Saint Patrick's Brewing Company is located at 2842 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80120.

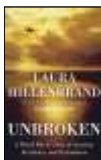
Book Groups at Bemis

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.

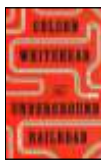
Aug. 6: *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*



by Laura Hillenbrand

In May 1943, an Army Air Forces bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only a spray of debris and a slick of oil, gasoline and blood. Then, on the ocean surface, a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier, who was struggling to a life raft and pulling himself aboard. So began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of the Second World War.

Sept. 10*: *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead



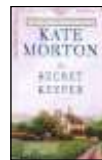
Cora is a young slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood—where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him.

* We will meet on the second Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

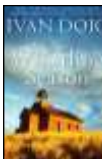
Aug. 20: *The Secret Keeper*



by Kate Morton

Laurel Nicholson is a teenager when she witnesses a shocking crime: her gentle, kind mother, Dorothy, kills a man. It becomes a family secret that Laurel never divulges or tries to fathom until five decades later, when Dorothy is on her deathbed, and Laurel finds a photograph of her mother with an old friend, snapped back in 1941, when Dorothy was barely out of her teens.

Sept. 17: *The Whistling Season*



by Ivan Doig

"Can't cook but doesn't bite." So begins the newspaper ad offering the services of a housekeeper that draws the hungry attention of widower Oliver Milliron in the fall of 1909. And so begins the unforgettable season that deposits the noncooking, nonbiting, ever-whistling Rose Llewellyn and her font-of-knowledge brother, Morris Morgan, in Marias Coulee along with a stampede of homesteaders drawn by the promise of the Big Ditch—a gargantuan irrigation project intended to make the Montana prairie bloom.

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. **Classes are held from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**

◆ Mon., Aug. 6: Beginning MS Excel

Learn the basics of this powerful Microsoft spreadsheet program. We'll cover setting up and using spreadsheets, entering and editing data, creating basic functions and formulas, and naming our sheets.

Registration required.

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse).

◆ Mon., Aug. 13: Buying Online

Learn how to safely navigate the websites Ebay and Craigslist and get tips on how to avoid scams. We'll cover how to narrow down search results to find exactly what you want, as well as pointers for what you should look for in listings. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and Internet basics (know how to navigate a web browser).

◆ Mon., Aug. 20: One-on-One Tech Help

30-minute time slots from 9:30–11 a.m.

Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from smartphones and tablets to signing up for an email address.

Registration required.

◆ Mon., Aug. 27: Intermediate MS Word

Microsoft Word is a powerful processing tool. In this class we will learn about headers and footers, working with images, adding and using tables and other useful formatting tools. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and MS Word basics (is comfortable using program, know how to use basic formatting tools such as bullets and text options).

◆ Wed., Aug. 1, 8, 22 & 29: One-on-One Tech Help

30-minute time slots from 1:30–3 p.m.

Sign up for a 30 minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from smartphones and tablets to signing up for an email address.

Registration required.

◆ Open Computer Lab: 9:30–11 a.m.

Every Thursday morning. No registration required. Get answers to your computer-related questions. Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive individual help downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks to your device. No registration required.



Children's Programs



Thanks for Making Summer Reading ROCK!

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



◆ **Board Game Friday**
2nd Friday of every month
August, 10: Family Board Game Night
4-7:30 p.m.

Don't miss this special family edition of our monthly Board Game Friday. Play board games in the library after-hours! Snacks and improv fun will be provided. *This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. No registration required.*

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
4th Thursday of every month @ 5 p.m.
New day & time—August 23, 5 p.m.
TAG, you're it! We're moving TAG to a new time and day of the week. Join us for snacks, fun and games (including Just Dance and Rock Band). Help make the library even better by contributing your ideas and suggestions for upcoming projects, programs and what books and games we should purchase.

Desktop Catapults

Create miniature catapults on **Thursday, August 2, 5-7 p.m.** We'll learn about kinetic energy and material engineering as we use popsicle sticks, pencils, rubber bands and more to create miniature siege engines. Creations will be put to the test, as we see who can launch a marshmallow the farthest. *Registration is required. Register on-line at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.*



Upcoming Teen Events

Meditation For Teens
Thursday, September 6, 5-7 p.m.

Discover meditation styles to help you find your zen! We'll learn basic stretches and three different types of meditation from a professional yoga instructor. *Space is limited. Registration is required. Register on-line beginning Aug. 9 at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.*



Bemis readers rocked the library this summer. Over 2,000 children, 510 teens and 300 adults enrolled in *LIBRARIES ROCK!* The library wishes to thank those who generously contributed to the success of our summer reading program.

- ◆ Andy's Frozen Custard
- ◆ Aspen Grove
- ◆ Cafe Terracotta
- ◆ Chick-fil-A of Aspen Grove
- ◆ Chocolate Therapist
- ◆ Cold Stone Creamery at Aspen Grove
- ◆ Colorado Rapids
- ◆ Enchanted Grounds
- ◆ EVOO Marketplace
- ◆ Hot Pots
- ◆ in-TEA



- ◆ Lakeside Amusement Park
- ◆ Merle's Restaurant
- ◆ My Favorite Muffin
- ◆ Papa Murphy's Pizza
- ◆ Romano's Italian Restaurant
- ◆ Rubio's Coastal Grill
- ◆ Savory Spice Shop
- ◆ Skate City of Littleton
- ◆ South Suburban Parks & Recreation
- ◆ Tattered Cover Book Store
- ◆ ViewHouse Littleton

And a special thanks to South Metro Land Conservancy and the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, August 4, 11-11:30 a.m.** and **Monday August 20, 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. No reservations needed.



Math Matters—One Went Away



Math and literacy can be found together in many wonderful children's books and songs. On **Monday, August 6, 10-10:30 a.m.**, we'll share stories and music that introduce subtraction in a fun and creative way. For ages 3-6.

Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on **Tuesday, August 14, anytime between 10-11 a.m.** for some make and take crafty fun. No reservations needed. For children of all ages.



Stargazer Storytime



Enjoy a special story time on **Wednesday, August 22, 10-10:30 a.m.**, as we explore the wonders of the night sky with celestial-themed books and a craft. For children ages 3-5. No reservations needed.

Ongoing Programs

No regular weekly story times in August. Weekly programs resume September 4.



◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club:**
Grades 1-5, Saturday, August 4 at 2 p.m.
You bring creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks. *Registration begins one week in advance.*

◆ **Paws to Read:** Grades 1-5, Saturday, August 11, 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.*



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Fall Adult ESL Classes from LIRC

Registration for the fall session of adult ESL classes will take place at the library on **Tuesday, August 28, 9 a.m.–noon**, and **Wednesday, August 29, noon–3 p.m.** You will take an English test to determine your level. Registration cost is \$75 (\$40 for class, \$35 for textbook). Fall ESL classes run 14 weeks from September 4–December 20. Classes offered include:

◆ Beginner English

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.–noon
Held at Littleton Museum
6028 S. Gallup Street
(one block east of the library)
From 9/4/18–12/20/18

◆ Intermediate English

Monday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon
Held at Bemis Public Library
6014 S. Datura Street
From 9/5/18–12/19/18

For information or to register, call or email Erica Bisbey, LIRC volunteer coordinator, at 303-734-8411, ebisbey@littletongov.org.

Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ◆ **Putin's Russia with Active Minds**
Monday, September, 17, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Beginner Genealogy Workshop***
Tuesday, September 18, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
*Registration required on or before Sept. 11.
- ◆ **DRCOG Medicare Class**
Monday, September 24, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Touring Colorado Hot Springs**
Tuesday, September 25, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Ageless Outings**
Wednesday, September 26, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Rocky Mountain Shipwrights Exhibit**
Friday–Sunday, September 28–30
- ◆ **Movie Matinée: RBG**
Saturday, September 29, 2 p.m.

Aug. Art Exhibit Littleton Fine Arts Guild Art Show, Aug. 1–31

Wednesday, Aug. 1 International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

*One-on-One Tech Help,
By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 2 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

*Teen Desktop Catapults, 5–7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 4 Lego City Exhibit, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m.

*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club,
For grades 1–5, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 5 Lego City Exhibit, 1–5 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 6 *Beginning MS Excel, 9:30–11 a.m.

Math Matters—One Went Away,
For ages 3–6. 10–10:30 a.m.

Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 8 International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

*One-on-One Tech Help,
By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 9 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Friday, Aug. 10 Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11 *Paws to Read, For grades 1–5, 10 a.m.–noon

Monday, Aug. 13 *Buying Online, 9:30–11 a.m.

AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.

The President's Kitchen Cabinet, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 14 Drop-In Crafts, For all ages, 10–11 a.m.

The Sculptor in Buckskin, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 15 International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

Thursday, Aug. 16 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Outdoor Concert: Spinphony,
Food catering begins at 5 p.m.
Concert from 6–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 18 *Crafts for Teens, Altered Art, 2–4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 19 *Crafts for Adults, Altered Art, 2–4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20 Busy Bodies at Bemis, 10–10:30 a.m.

*One-on-One Tech Help,
By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.

AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.

Healthy Aging: Reduce Inflammation Through a Holistic Lens, 2 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 21 *Legal Night with the Arapahoe County Bar Association, By appointment between 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22 Stargazer Storytime, For ages 3–5, 10–10:30 a.m.

International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

*One-on-One Tech Help,
By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 5 p.m.

Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m.,
at Saint Patrick's Brewing Company,
2842 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton 80120

Saturday, Aug. 25 Movie Matinee: *Chappaquiddick*, PG-13, 2 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 27 *Intermediate MS Excel, 9:30–11 a.m.

Colorado, Then & Now, 7–8 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 28 Adult ESL Classes Registration, 9 a.m.–noon

The Future of Bees with Active Minds, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 Adult ESL Classes Registration, Noon–3 p.m.

International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

*One-on-One Tech Help,
By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 30 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Saturday, Sept. 1 *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 2 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 3 Labor Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

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