



## SOL: A Solar System Journey

Join us on **Monday, December 10, 2–3 p.m.** to learn how a day actually happens, not to mention the years, seasons, tides, phases of the moon and lunar and solar eclipses. Take a peek into the movements, operations, facts and phenomena of the planetary bodies in the cozy community orbiting our sun, SOL. Join us as we chart an arc of observing and learning across our sky.



## Musical Performance: Smithtonians Holiday Concert

Due to popular demand, Littleton’s own famous handbell choir, the Smithtonians, will perform two holiday concerts on **Saturday, December 15 at 1 and 3 p.m.** Join us for one of these performances and celebrate the holiday spirit.



## Crafts at the Library: All that Glitters



It may not be gold, but it can certainly be sparkly! Join us on **Sunday, December 16, 2–4 p.m.** to make bright, beautiful, glittery (and maybe even garish) ornaments and decorations. We will refresh trinkets and collectibles with a coat of white paint, and then use sparkling supplies to make them shiny for the season. The library will provide supplies and instructions. *This program is for adults only. Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).*

## Movie Matinee: *It’s a Wonderful Life*

Get into the holiday spirit on **Saturday, December 22, 2–4 p.m.** with this Christmas classic starring Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed. A man is saved from a suicide attempt by an angel and is then shown how important he is to the people who love him. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. Rated PG.



## Holiday Book Sale

Holiday shopping was never easier than buying books at the Friends’ Holiday Book Sale **through December 31**. 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, art, current events, gardening, biography and more.

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## Adult Winter Reading Program: Blizzard of Books

Chase the winter blues away with our **Adult**



**Winter Reading Program, Blizzard of Books.** Read any five books from January 7–February 28 and be entered to win a prize from local Littleton businesses. Play our BOOK BINGO and if your five books form a BINGO, your name will be entered twice into that week’s prize drawings. Stop by the library to register and pick up your BINGO card beginning January 7.

# Food For Fines

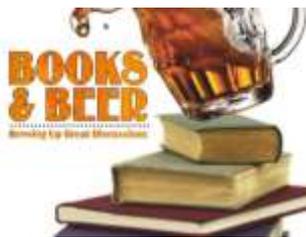
Donate a non-perishable unexpired food item and have an overdue fine removed from your Bemis Library record through **December 31**. Offer does not apply to lost or damaged books. Food will benefit Integrated Family Community Services which helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County.



# AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Events

Stop by the Aging Well Resource Center's Grab, Gab & Go Event on **Monday, December 10, 1:30–2 p.m.** The AWRC provides resources and referral information on a wide variety of aging subjects for seniors, caregivers, spouses or friends.

# Books & Beer: Brewing Up Great Discussions



Each month this book group brews up great discussions at Saint Patrick's Brewing Company. Read our nonfiction book selection and then join us to discuss it over a beverage. No meeting in December due to Christmas. Join us **Thursday, January 24** to discuss *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree* by A.J. Jacobs. The discussion starts at 6 p.m., but be sure to get there a little earlier to take advantage of the 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.

**Dec. 3:** *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* by Robin Sloan

The Great Recession has shuffled Clay Jannon away from life as a web-design drone and into the aisles of Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore. But after a few days on the job, Clay discovers that the store is more curious than either its name or owner might suggest. The customers are few, and they never seem to buy anything—instead, they "check out" obscure volumes from strange corners of the store. Suspicious, Clay engineers an analysis of the clientele's behavior, seeking help from his variously talented friends. But when they bring their findings to Mr. Penumbra, they discover the bookstore's secrets extend far beyond its walls.

**Jan. 7:** Discussion and book selection for 2019

**Feb. 4:** *Lilac Girls* by Marth Hall Kelly

The lives of three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and one of them is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany, and Poland—as the other two women strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.



## ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Dec. 17:** No book discussion in December

**Jan. 28\*:** *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the grand Metropol Hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.

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

**Feb. 25\*:** *Heft* by Liz Moore  
Former academic Arthur Opp weighs 550 pounds and hasn't left his rambling Brooklyn home in a decade. Twenty miles away in Yonkers, seventeen-year-old Kel Keller navigates life as the poor kid in a rich school and pins his hopes on what seems like a promising baseball career. The link between this unlikely pair is Kel's mother, Charlene, a former student of Arthur's, who breaks two decades of silence to ask Arthur to tutor Kel.

\* We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to President's Day.



# 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 at the Library Main Calendar at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

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

## ◆ Mon., Dec. 3: Editing Photos with Fotor

Fotor is a powerful, free photo editor that you can use online. In this class we'll learn how to upload our photos, use basic editing techniques, and how to add fun effects such as stickers and frames. *Registration required.*

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

## ◆ Mon., Dec. 10: Computer Basics

Gain a basic understanding of the different parts of a computer and how it works. We will practice opening and closing programs, using the mouse, and typing skills. *Registration required.*

**Prerequisites:** None.

## ◆ Mon., Dec. 17: Gmail Basics

Learn the ins and outs of this free email service from Google. We'll go over reading, sending, forwarding and replying to emails as well as attaching files and downloading attachments. *Registration required.*

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

## ◆ Wed., Dec. 12 & 19: One-on-One Tech Help

**30-minute time slots from 1:30–3 p.m.** Sign up for a 30 minute individualized tech assistance appointment with a librarian. *Registration required.*

## ◆ Open Computer Lab: 9:30–11 a.m. Every Thursday morning. No registration required.

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 audiobooks to your device.



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).



◆ **Board Game Friday**

**December 14,  
4:45–7:30 p.m.**

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)**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month @ 5 p.m.**

**Dec. 27: 5–7 p.m.**

**Merry Cocoa-mas**

Play games, enjoy snacks, and help make your library a better place! In this special event, we'll enjoy hot chocolate, a pile of fluffy blankets, and a holiday movie!



## Build a Gingerbread House



Create a gingerbread house on **Saturday, December 1, 2–4 p.m.** and enter it into a competition for a chance to win \$25! We'll provide the basic supplies, but feel free to bring along any extra building materials you'd like to use. The only rule is that all materials must be edible! We will be displaying your creations at the library through December 23<sup>rd</sup> for voting. The creation with the most votes wins. *This program is open to all ages—space is limited. Registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.*

# Children's Programs



## Winter Reading Program

Our special **Winter Reading Program Season's Readings** runs through **January 7** 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. Visit the Children's Room to find out more.

## The Polar Express



Don't miss our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train on **Saturday, December 8, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.** A program for families with children ages 3 and up. Call 303-795-3961 to register for one of the times.

## Top Hogs-Trick Pigs of the Wild West



From amazing tricks, to sports and impressions, this show on **Friday, December 28, 11 a.m.** has it all. Mudslinger and Digger perform exciting feats to music and the cues of animal trainer, John Vincent. An amazing, comedy-filled, action-packed trick pig act that is fun for families with children of all ages.

## "Noon" Year's Party

Get a jump on the countdown to 2019! Join us for treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball...at noon on **Monday, December 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.** 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. For families with children of all ages. *Reservations required. Come in or call 303-795-3961 beginning December 17 to reserve a spot.*



## Movie Matinee- *Smallfoot*

The legend of Bigfoot is turned upside down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist—a human. Enjoy this story about friendship, courage and the joy of discovery on **Wednesday, January 2, 3 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG. Length: 109 minutes. *Reservations required. Come in or call 303-795-3961 beginning December 17 to reserve your spot.*



## Ongoing Programs

**Weekly Story Time Programs end on December 21 and resume on January 7.**

◆ **All Together Now Story Time: All Ages.**

**Monday at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. and  
Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities. For kids of all ages, but children under age 3 *must* attend with an adult.

◆ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months.**

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

Thirty minutes of stories and songs for children and a caring adult to introduce the joys of rhythm, rhyme and reading.

◆ **Preschool Story Time: Thursday at 11 a.m. Ages 3 and older.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a *puppet show on December 6.*

◆ **Artful Story Time: Friday 11 a.m. Ages 3 and older.**

Stories, music and art combine for 30 minutes of fun with a *puppet show December 7.*



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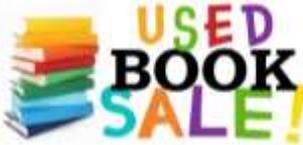
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HOURS: M–Th 9–9; F–Sa 9–5; Su 1–5

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## Year-Round Book Sale Benefits Bemis

The Friends of the Library and Museum conduct a year-round book sale at Bemis located in Sophie's Place. You will find "like new" hardcover and paperback used books at reasonable prices. Choose from bestsellers, classics, cookbooks, crafts, children's books, fiction, history, current events, gardening, biographies and more. Book sale proceeds benefit Bemis Library and the Littleton Museum.



## Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ♦ **Musical Performance: The Mark McQuery Trio**  
Saturday, January 12, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Mindfulness: Embrace Each Moment**  
Monday, January 14, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Documenting your Genealogy Workshop\***  
Tuesday, January 15, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- ♦ **Crafts for Grownups at the Library: A Cleansing New Year\***  
Sunday, January 20, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **The Ski Troops: Colorado's 10th Mountain Division**  
Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: A Wrinkle in Time**  
Saturday, January 26, 2–4 p.m. PG
- ♦ **Alexander Hamilton with Active Minds**  
Monday, January 28, 2–3 p.m.

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

## Schedule of Library Events

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| <b>Dec. Art Exhibit</b>   | Roseann Gomez Art Show, December 3–31  | <b>Sunday, Dec. 16</b>    | *Crafts for Adults: All That Glitters 2–4 p.m.  |
| <b>Saturday, Dec. 1</b>   | *Build a Gingerbread House, For all ages, 2–4 p.m.   | <b>Monday, Dec. 17</b>    | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>*Gmail Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.  |
| <b>Monday, Dec. 3</b>     | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>*Editing Photos with Fotor, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.<br>*Writing the Memoir: Learning The Basics, 2–4 p.m.              | <b>Tuesday, Dec. 18</b>   | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  |
| <b>Tuesday, Dec. 4</b>    | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.   | <b>Wednesday, Dec. 19</b> | Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.<br>International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level<br>*One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m. |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec. 5</b>  | Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.<br>International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level   | <b>Thursday, Dec. 20</b>  | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.  |
| <b>Thursday, Dec. 6</b>   | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.   | <b>Friday, Dec. 21</b>    | Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.  |
| <b>Friday, Dec. 7</b>     | Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.   | <b>Saturday, Dec. 22</b>  | Movie Matinee: <i>It's a Wonderful Life</i> , PG, 2–4 p.m.  |
| <b>Saturday, Dec. 8</b>   | *The Polar Express, For families with kids ages 3 and up, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.   | <b>Monday, Dec. 24</b>    | Christmas Eve<br><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Monday, Dec. 10</b>    | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.<br>*Computer Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.<br>AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.<br>SOL: A Solar System Journey, 2–3 p.m. | <b>Tuesday, Dec. 25</b>   | Christmas Day<br><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday, Dec. 11</b>   | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.   | <b>Wednesday, Dec. 26</b> | International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level  |
| <b>Wednesday, Dec. 12</b> | Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.  | <b>Thursday, Dec. 27</b>  | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Merry Cocoa-mas, 5–7 p.m.  |
| <b>Thursday, Dec. 13</b>  | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.   | <b>Friday, Dec. 28</b>    | Top Hogs–Trick Pigs of the Wild West, For families with kids of all ages, 11 a.m.   |
| <b>Friday, Dec. 14</b>    | Story Box, 9:30 a.m.<br>Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.<br>Teen Board Game Friday, 4:45–7:30 p.m.   | <b>Monday, Dec. 31</b>    | *"Noon" Year's Party, For families with kids of all ages, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.<br>New Year's Eve<br><b>LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 5 P.M.</b>  |
| <b>Saturday, Dec. 15</b>  | Smithtonians Holiday Concert, 1 and 3 p.m.   | <b>Tuesday, Jan. 1</b>    | New Year's Day<br><b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>   |
|                           |  | <b>Wednesday, Jan. 2</b>  | International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level<br>*Movie Matinee: <i>Smallfoot</i> , For kids ages 3 and up, PG, 3 p.m.   |
|                           |  | <b>Thursday, Jan. 3</b>   | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.<br>The Fabulists-Aesopology, For families with kids of all ages, 3 p.m.   |
|                           |  | <b>Friday, Jan. 4</b>     | *Zumba for Kids, For ages 4 and up, 11 a.m.   |

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