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The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

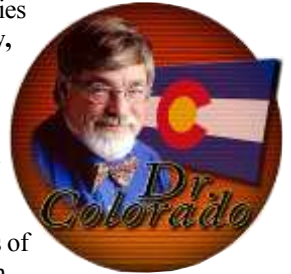
Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

Saturday, January 11, 2-3 p.m.: Enjoy an afternoon of classic **John Denver music with guitarist and singer Gregg Green.** Hit songs performed will include "Annie's Song," "Rocky Mountain High," "Sunshine on my Shoulder," and more. Green has sung at many John Denver tribute performances including shows at Red Rocks Amphitheatre.



Colorado Buildings: A Grand Tour with Tom Noel

Well-known Colorado historian Tom Noel will present entertaining stories and photos of Colorado Buildings from Mesa Verde to DIA, **Tuesday, January 14, 7-8:30 p.m.** Noel will explore the grandest, most exciting structures ever built in the Highest State including Pueblo ruins, adobe chapels, ramshackle cities of gold, the Broadmoor Hotel, Denver's oldest edifice, opera houses and Georgetown's six-seater outhouse. Tom Noel, a Professor of History at the University of Colorado Denver, is the author or co-author of 42 books, writes a history column for the Sunday *Denver Post* and appears on 9NEWS *Colorado & Company* as Dr. Colorado. Copies of Noel's recent books will be available for purchase and signing at the program.



Denver Mountain Parks with John Fielder

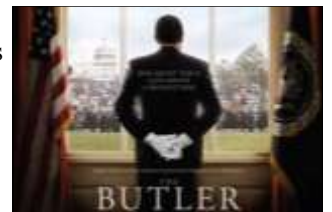


Renowned nature photographer John Fielder will show photographs and talk about his latest book, *Denver Mountain Parks*, **Tuesday, January 21, 7-8:30 p.m.** The multi-media slide show celebrates 100 years of Denver mountain parks, including Red Rocks, Genesee, Summit Lake parks, and more. Historic photos of the parks also will be shown. Copies of Fielder's books will be available for purchase and signing.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Butler*

See the highly acclaimed film, *The Butler*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, January 25, 2-4 p.m.** As Cecil Gaines serves eight presidents during his tenure as a butler at the White House, the civil rights movement, Vietnam, and other major events affect his life, family, and American society. Forest Whitaker stars as the butler and Oprah Winfrey gives a dramatic performance as his wife. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG-13.



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Who Killed the Lindbergh Baby?

There are many who believe that Bruno Hauptmann was wrongly executed for the alleged kidnapping and death of the Lindbergh baby in 1932. Speaker and attorney Ted Borrillo will explore this historic case, **Monday, January 27, 2-3 p.m.** Borrillo will focus on the questionable evidence and/or lack of evidence leading up to the conviction of Hauptmann. There are many plausible theories that point in other directions than the guilt of Hauptmann. Borrillo lived in the Bronx a few blocks from where Bruno Hauptmann lived and he had the opportunity to interview David Wilentz, the prosecutor of Hauptmann. Borrillo is a graduate of Harvard Law School and served as Denver's deputy city attorney.



Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle—Film Discussion Series

See historic film clips and join a discussion of America's civil rights struggles beginning **Wednesday, February 5 and continuing on Wednesday evenings March 5, April 2 and May 7, 7–8:30 p.m.** Littleton and Denver community members who participated in the Civil Rights movement will be present to share their experiences. Film clips from four documentaries, covering the history of the civil rights movement from the abolitionists to the freedom riders, will be shown. The four documentaries, discussion topics and special guests are:

- ♦ **Feb. 5 - *The Abolitionists* with special guest Charles Everett Pace**, a historian and one of the country's leading historical performers. Pace will focus on some of the successful strategies that Black leaders have used to overcome the obstacles of race in American society.
- ♦ **Mar. 5 - *Slavery by Another Name* with special guest Helen Kearney**, a quilt historian who conducts programs on the role quilts played in the everyday life of slaves during the Civil War era.
- ♦ **Apr. 2 - *The Loving Story* with special guest Chuck Fraser**, a Littleton doctor who, along with his wife and other community members, fought against housing discrimination in the 1960s and was active in local civil rights efforts.
- ♦ **May 7 - *Freedom Riders* with special guest Carlotta Walls LaNier**, who will share her experiences as one of the "Little Rock Nine" who in 1957 integrated Little Rock Central High School.

Bemis is one of two Colorado sites that will host the series, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support provided by the Colorado Humanities Council, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. Patricia L. Richard, Ph.D., Associate Professor of American History at Metropolitan State University of Denver will facilitate each discussion session. **Register for one or more of the discussion series online through the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.**



Sign Up to be a Giver for World Book Night

If you would like to spread the joy of reading and participate as a book giver on World Book Night, April 23, simply go to the World Book Night website, www.us.worldbooknight.org/, choose a book that you would like to hand out, and select Bemis Public Library as the place to pick up the books. **Deadline for applications is January 5, 2014.** For information, call the library at 303-795-3961.

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.

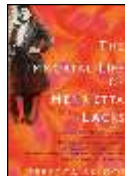
Jan. 6: *Girl with a Pearl Earring*
by Tracy Chevalier

The story of Griet, a 16-year-old girl who is required by her family's misfortunes to become a maid in the artist Vermeer's household. She inspires one of the artist's greatest paintings.



Feb. 3: *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
by Rebecca Skloot

A fascinating story of medicine and family. Lacks was a poor African American tobacco farmer who had worked the same land as her slave ancestors. Lacks died from cancer at the age of 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue turned out to provide a major discovery: human cells could survive, even thrive, in the lab. Known as HeLa cells, their stunning potency gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio.



♦ **Monday Evening Book Group**

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Jan. 27*: *Thread of Grace*
by Mary Doria Russell

A dramatic novel that traces the lives of Jewish refugees in Italy and tells the little-known but true story of the network of Italian citizens who saved the lives of forty-three thousand Jews during WWII's final phase.



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

Feb. 24*: *Cellophane*

by Marie Arana
Don Victor Sobrevilla is an engineer and a dreamer who brings his wife and children into the Peruvian jungle to build a paper mill. When he discovers the formula for cellophane, his household is afflicted with a "plague of truth," a compulsion to confess their most shameful histories and most hidden yearnings, making them as transparent as the paper itself.



*We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to 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.**



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 an upcoming class and/or group use of our computer lab, call the library at 303-795-3961. Register for one or more of our computer classes online through the Library Main Calendar www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.

All classes listed below are held from 9–10:30 a.m.

- ♦ **24/7 Library: Internet Resources for Book Lovers**
Wed., Jan. 8
- ♦ **Beginning Access Parts 1 & 2*, MS Office '10**
Tues., Feb. 18 (Part 1) &
Wed., Feb. 19 (Part 2)
*Students should sign up for both classes
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Jan. 21; Tues., Feb. 11
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Jan. 22; Wed., Feb. 12
- ♦ **Craigslit 101**
Wed., Feb. 26
- ♦ **eReaders/eBooks Workshop**
Wed., Jan. 29
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10**
Tues., Jan. 28
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Tues., Jan. 7; Sat., Feb. 15
- ♦ **Teach Yourself - Computer Self Study**
Tues., Feb. 25
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Sat., Jan. 4; Sat., Feb. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Jan. 14; Tues., Feb. 4
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Jan. 15; Wed., Feb. 5
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - 9–10:30 a.m.**
Every Thursday. Get answers to all of your computer-related questions. Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your Kindle or Nook and receive individual help with using an ebook device.



For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or check the Bemis teen blog site online at 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.

Jan. 4: *Mortal Instruments: City of Bones* (PG-13)

Feb. 1: To be determined



◆ **Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy popular interactive video games on Wii, Xbox, Kinect, and PS3 featuring different games each month!

Jan. 16/Feb. 20/Mar. 20

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Jan. 24: Open Agenda

Feb. 28: Summer reading planning

January Teen Events

◆ **Dance Days: Learn a Hip-Hop Routine Saturday, January 18, 2–3 p.m.**

Colorado Dance Center brings the joy of dance to the community! Watch a short dance performance by the Colorado Dance Center dancers, then join in for an optional beginning hip-hop class! Students will learn stretching, technique, and fun choreography. Please wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes. *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required.* Register for this event by contacting Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org, or by calling the library at 303-795-3961.

◆ **“Spark a Reaction” Teen**

Photography Contest

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme “Spark a Reaction” by **Monday, March 17**. The winning teens from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will win a \$25 gift certificate to a store of their choice, and will be published on a library bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. The winning photos also will be featured as posters in the new teen area during the Teen Summer Reading Program. For more information, or to submit your photo, contact Mark, the teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or mdecker@littletongov.org.

Children’s Programs



Penguin Power Craft Program

What do you know about penguins? Learn some interesting facts about the birds on **Thursday, January 2, 2–2:45 p.m.**, then make a penguin thermometer that will show you just how chilly it is. For kids in grades 1–5. *Reservations required.* Call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Istari World Percussion

Join us for music and drumming from around the world on **Friday, January 3, 2–3 p.m.** Percussionists Ed Contreras and Chadzilla of Istari World Percussion will demonstrate the roots of modern American music. From Africa and the Middle East to South America and the Caribbean, audiences will enjoy the great drumming, education and humor that is Istari. For families with children of all ages.



Reading in a Winter Wonderland Reading Program Ends January 11

Be sure to complete and turn in your *Reading in a Winter Wonderland* reading record by **5 p.m. on January 11**. Independent readers in grades 1–5 who meet their reading goals by completing a certain number of pages based on their grade level will receive a free book to keep, a certificate and some fun and yummy surprises. Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakhouses at 2660 W. Belleview Ave. in Littleton, Kids’ Nite Out Across America and of course, the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.



Early Literacy Fun Night without the Kids

Enhance your child’s early literacy skills with music! Join us on **Wednesday, January 15, 7–8:30 p.m.** for “make & take” instruments and resources to find your own singing voice. Refreshments will be served. *Reservations required.* Please call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



New, Updated and Revamped Family Packs

Have you checked out a Family Pack from the Children’s Room recently? Each Family Pack is designed for the preschool-aged child and contains a collection of several books with a specific theme along with a puppet all in an easy-to-carry case. Children may enjoy learning about dinosaurs, dragons, starting school or even princesses. Ask the children’s staff for help in finding just the right pack for your child.

Ongoing Weekly Programs

Weekly Programs resume on January 7.

- ◆ **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 to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme and reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.*

- ◆ **Story Time:** Ages 3 and older
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, January 11, 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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Free Tax Help!

Beginning in February, Bemis will be 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 1 through April 12 on Thursday evenings from 5:30–8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.** No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.

AARP will provide tax preparation help, with trained volunteers, in the reference area of the library from **February 3–April 8, Mondays and Tuesdays, 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 online for AARP tax assistance at the library, go to the Library Main Calendar www.littletongov.org or call 303-734-8200 and leave a message.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Documentary Film: *The Abolitionists***
Sunday, February 2, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Dramatic Performance: *Life of Malcolm X***
Tuesday, February 4, 7–8 p.m.
- ♦ ****Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle - Film Discussion Series***
Wednesday, February 5, 7–8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with *Love Potion #9—Classic Love Songs***
Saturday, February 15, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *Captain Phillips***
Saturday, February 22, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Streetcars of Denver**
Monday, February 24, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Exploring Mars: the Curiosity Rover One Year Later**
Tuesday, February 25, 7–8:30 p.m.

**This discussion series requires a reservation. Please call 303-795-3961.*

Schedule of Library Events

January Littleton Public Schools
Art Exhibit Art Show, Jan. 6–30

Wednesday, New Year's Day
Jan. 1 LIBRARY CLOSED

Thursday, Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 2
International Conversation Circle, 12:05–1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
**Penguin Power Craft Program, For kids in grades 1-5, 2–2:45 p.m.*

Friday, Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Jan. 3
Istari World Percussion, For families with children of all ages, 2–3 p.m.

Saturday, *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 4
Teen Movie Club, *The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones*, PG-13
Noon

Monday, Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
Jan. 6

Tuesday, *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 7
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

Wednesday, *24/7 Library: Internet Resources for Book Lovers, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 8
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

Thursday, Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 9
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Friday, *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 10
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.–noon, Grades K-5
Jan. 11
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Gregg Green, 2–3 p.m.

Tuesday, *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 14
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

Colorado Buildings: A Grand Tour with Tom Noel, 7–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 15
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*
**Early Literacy Fun Night without the Kids, 7–8:30 p.m.*

Thursday, Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 16
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05–1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
Senior Wii Bowling, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 17
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Monday, Martin Luther King Day
Jan. 20 LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 21
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*
Denver Mountain Parks with John Fielder, 7–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 22
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

Thursday, Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 23
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Friday, *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 24
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Butler* Rated PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
Jan. 25

Monday, Who Killed the Lindbergh Baby? 2–3 p.m.
Jan. 27
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, *Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 28
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

Wednesday, *eReaders/eBooks Workshop, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 29
**Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.*

Thursday, Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Jan. 30
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Friday, *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 31
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

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

Specific program details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.