



Bemis Celebrates National Library Week

Bemis is joining libraries around the country in celebrating **National Library Week, April 13–19**. The theme for the week is *Lives Change @ Your Library*. Stop by Bemis and write a few comments or suggestions on the library's services and collection. Children can color historical drawings of the library. This program is for all ages and each participant will receive a chocolate pencil or a plush screen cleaner.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

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

Saturday, April 5, 2–3 p.m. *Love Letters from the Greatest Generation* will be the theme of this program featuring singer **Marta Burton** and singer/pianist **Nick Rossi**. Enjoy songs, stories, letters and music from the World War II era. Burton has sung in concert halls throughout the U.S. and abroad. She has starred with many major orchestras, including the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.



Imagineering with Walt Disney

Visit with entrepreneur Walt Disney, portrayed by professional actor David Skipper, **Friday, April 18, 7–8:30 p.m.** Disney was an innovative animator who won 22 Academy Awards and was the founder of theme parks Disneyland and Disney World. Skipper captures the Disney personality as he presents Disney's life from his early years as a cartoonist and initial difficulties forming an animation studio, to his later successes with full-length animated films and entertainment parks. Disney created the first cartoon in color and was the original voice of Mickey Mouse. Skipper will bring various objects and animatronics from his extensive Disney collection to show the audience.



A Million Steps: Walking Spain's El Camino Trail

Author Kurt Koontz will give a photographic tour of his month-long adventure walking 500 miles from village to village in Spain along a route that pilgrims have followed since medieval times, **Tuesday, April 22, 7–9 p.m.** El Camino de Santiago, also known as The Way of St. James, is an important pilgrimage route leading to a cathedral in northern Spain where it is believed that the remains of the apostle St. James are buried. Koontz embraced the beauty of the countryside on the trip which included climbing over the high meadows of the Pyrenees, quests through the unceasing wind of the Meseta, and dances in the rains of Galicia. While following the route, he made interesting connections with other pilgrims from around the world and also worked through personal and spiritual issues. He never considered writing a book until he walked the El Camino Trail. Those million steps were so compelling that he returned home and began writing and speaking about his life-changing adventures. He lives and writes on a tree-lined creek in Boise, Idaho. Copies of his book, *A Million Steps*, will be available for purchase and signing at the program.



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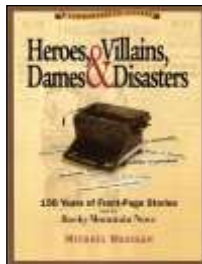
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Saving Mr. Banks*

Walt Disney and the author of the Mary Poppins books are the focus of the recent popular film, *Saving Mr. Banks*, showing on the library's big screen, **Saturday, April 26, 2–4 p.m.** When Walt Disney's daughters begged him to make a movie of their favorite book, P.L. Travers' *Mary Poppins*, he made them a promise—one that he didn't realize would take 20 years to keep. In his quest to obtain the rights, Disney comes up against a curmudgeonly, uncompromising writer who has no intention of letting her beloved magical nanny be altered in any way on the screen. It is only when he reaches into his own childhood that Walt discovers the truth about the family ghosts that haunt the author. The film stars Tom Hanks and Emma Thompson. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG-13.



Heroes, Villains, Dames and Disasters: 150 Years of Stories from the *Rocky Mountain News*

If you read the *Rocky Mountain News*, or enjoy Colorado and American history, you will want to hear former news editor Michael Madigan as he shares headline stories and photos from the history of the newspaper, **Monday, April 28, 2–3 p.m.** The *Rocky Mountain News* was Colorado's leading and oldest daily newspaper before closing in February 2009 just a few days short of its 150th anniversary. Madigan will highlight events and personalities from the front pages of the newspaper throughout its history. Experience what it was like to open the *Rocky* on the days it first reported Lincoln's assassination, how Baby Doe Tabor died outside of the Matchless Silver Mine, the sinking of the Titanic, the trial of a Colorado cannibal, the two great World Wars, the newspaper's warning to young fans of the Beatles, the unsolved murder of JonBenét Ramsey, and many more noteworthy news stories. Michael Madigan worked 30 years at the *Rocky Mountain News* in various positions, including sportswriter. He also was general manager of the *Daily Camera* in Boulder for four years. He has written one novel, an adventure/thriller titled *Double Dare*, set in southern Colorado's San Juan Mountains, and is currently working on his second novel.



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

See historic film clips and join a discussion of America's civil rights struggles on **Wednesday Evenings 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. The documentaries, discussion topics and special guests are:

- ♦ **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.

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.

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.

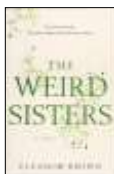
- ♦ **Senior Book Club**
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Apr. 7: *Death Comes for the Archbishop*
by Willa Cather



In 1851 Bishop Latour and his friend Father Valliant are dispatched to New Mexico to reawaken its slumbering Catholicism. Latour must contend with the unforgiving landscape, derelict and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Over nearly 40 years, the priests leave converts and enemies, but it takes a death for them to make their mark on the landscape forever.

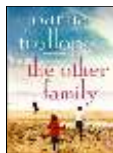
May 5: *The Weird Sisters*
by Eleanor Brown



Unwillingly brought together to care for their ailing mother, three sisters who were named after famous Shakespearean characters discover that everything they have been avoiding may prove more worthwhile than expected.

- ♦ **Monday Evening Book Group**
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Apr. 21: *The Other Family*
by Joanna Trollope



When Richie Rossiter dies unexpectedly, his partner Chrissie knows she must now tell their three daughters their parents were never married. Yet when Richie's will is read, it seems he never forgot the wife and son he left behind years ago. Now two families are left to confront their losses and each other, and no one will be the same.

May 19: *Americanah*
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



Ifemelu and Obinze are young and in love when they depart military-ruled Nigeria for the West. Beautiful, self-assured Ifemelu heads for America where she is forced to grapple with what it means to be black for the first time. Quiet Obinze had hoped to join her, but with post-9/11 America closed to him, he instead plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. They reunite 15 years later in a newly democratic Nigeria, and reignite their passion—for each other and their homeland.

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 and our open computer lab are held from 9–10:30 a.m. except Thursday evening classes, noted in red.

- ♦ **Blogging 101**
Thurs., May 1, 6:30-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Computer Basics—Mousing and More!**
Sat., May 3
- ♦ **Email: Managing Your Inbox**
Wed., Apr. 9
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Apr. 22; Tues., May 27; Tues., June 10
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Apr. 23; Wed., May 28; Wed., June 11
- ♦ **Excel Data Analysis—MS Office '10**
Thurs., Apr. 17, 6:30-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Excel Macros - MS Office 2010**
Thurs., Apr. 3, 6:30-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Google Drive**
Thurs., May 29, 6:30-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Beginning Internet—Search Better**
Sat., Apr. 19; Sat., June 7
- ♦ **Beginning iPad**
Tues., Apr. 1
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10**
Tues., Apr. 8; Tues., June 24
- ♦ **Intermediate PowerPoint, MS Office '10**
Thurs., June 26
- ♦ **Beginning MS Publisher, MS Office '10**
Wed., May 7
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Wed., Apr. 2; Wed., June 4
- ♦ **Staying Safe Online**
Thurs., June 12, 6:30-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Sat., Apr. 5; Tues., May 6; Tues., June 3
- ♦ **Windows 8**
Thurs., May 15, 6:30-8 p.m.
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Apr. 15; Tues., May 20; Sat., June 21
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Apr. 16; Wed., May 21
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - 9–10:30 a.m.**
Every Thursday. No registration required.



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

Apr. 5: *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*—PG-13

May 3: *The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*—PG-13

June 7: *Vampire Academy*—PG-13



◆ **Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

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

Apr. 17/May 15

June 19* *Special Time: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.*

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Apr. 25: Summer Reading preparation

May 23: Summer Reading preparation

June 27: Talent show planning

Teen Tech on the Deck

Reserve a spot to experiment with some cool technology that will be available for use in the Teen Deck most afternoons, 2:30–4:30 p.m., and Wednesday evenings, 5–9 p.m. No registration is required, but you can reserve a specific item to experiment with by contacting Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org or by calling 303-795-3961. Try out:

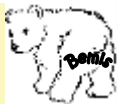
- ◆ **Cubelets**—magnetic robots that snap together to create robots with various functions
- ◆ **Makey Makey board**—turn everyday objects into a computer keyboard
- ◆ **Snap Circuits**—snap together pieces to create various electronics/circuits/projects

Teen Duct Tape Creations

Learn how to make some cool stuff out of duct tape on **Sat., April 19, 2–3:30 p.m.** All materials provided. Learn how to make a wallet, flower, or an iPod/cell phone case. If you're already an experienced duct-taper, make whatever you want. **Registration is required for this event.** *Space is limited.* Contact teen librarian Mark to register for this event at 303-795-3961 or by email at mdecker@littletongov.org.



Children's Programs



One Book 4 Colorado

One Book 4 Colorado is a statewide effort to provide 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. **Stop by the Children's Room and request your copy between April 7 and 21** when new books will be distributed by Bemis to every four-year-old.



Preschoolers and their grown-ups are invited to attend a special event when the nationally known author of this year's One Book 4 Colorado visits Bemis on **Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.** The lively author will read the winning book aloud and be available to sign copies afterwards.

Early Literacy Fun Night @ Bemis without the Kids

Enhance your child's early literacy skills with music! Join us on **Wednesday, April 9, 7–8:30 p.m.** for "make & take" instruments and resources to find your own singing voice. Refreshments will be served. **Reservations are required.** Please call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's Desk to reserve a spot.



Brewing Up a Storm

A professional naturalist from EcoAdventures will be at Bemis on **Monday, April 21, 4–5 p.m.** to help us experiment with components of weather and explore the cause and effect of meteorological changes in Colorado. Kids will be able to brew up a thunderstorm complete with hailstones, lightning and thunder. Participants also will create a tornado and a microburst and learn the difference between these common Colorado weather events. This program is for Grades K-5. **Reservations are required.** Please call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's Desk to reserve a spot.



Ongoing Programs

◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD—Lego Club: For Grades K-5**
Saturday, April 5, 2–2:45 p.m. and 3–3:45 p.m.

The Lego Club will continue throughout the spring. Since the program has proven to be so popular, we will begin having **two sessions back-to-back each first Saturday.** On Saturday, April 5, we will have a day especially for siblings. Brothers and sisters who are in grades K-8 will sign up to work on a project together. Legos will be provided, so please do NOT bring any blocks from home unless you want to donate them. **Registration is required.** Come in or call 303-795-3961 a week before the session to reserve your spot. Happy building!



◆ **Paws to Read: For Grades K-5**
Saturday, April 12, 10 a.m.–noon

Kids in grades K-5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. **Registration is required.** Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. *Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.*

◆ **Story Box: April 1-25, 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. Required tickets are available one week in advance.*

◆ **Story Time: April 3-25, 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.





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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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Patrons Can Now Place Holds on Available Items

We are excited to offer our patrons the option to **place holds through our online catalog on items that are currently on the shelf.** Start by searching our catalog at www.bemis.ent.sirsi.net. Find the item you are looking for and click the "Place Hold" button on the right side of the screen. A box will pop up asking for your library card and PIN. You will receive a notification once the item is ready for you to pick up. Please allow 24 hours for the item to be pulled and processed. Then you will find it on the self-service holds pick-up shelf.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with vocal ensemble Dynamix**
Saturday, May 3, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Discover Who You Are through Family History Research**
Thursday, May 8, 7–8 p.m.
- ♦ **Cheyenne War—Indian Raids on the Roads to Denver**
Tuesday, May 13, 7–8:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Book Thief***
Saturday, May 17, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Meet Me at the Motel: Stories of the Motels that Once Were on Santa Fe Drive**
Monday, May 19, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Scholastic Family Book Fair**
May 28–June 4

Schedule of Library Events

- April** Mountainside Art Guild Show
Art Exhibit April 1–30
- Tuesday, Apr. 1** *Beginning iPad, Space Available 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 2** *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
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**Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*—Film Discussion Series, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05–1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
*MS Excel Macros, Space Available, 6:30–8 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 4** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 5** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*, PG-13, Noon
*Lego Club, For kids in grades K-5, 2–2:45 p.m. and 3–3:45 p.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Marta Burton & Nick Rossi, 2–3 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 7** Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 8** *Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 9** *Email: Managing Your Inbox, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
*Early Literacy Fun Night @ Bemis without the Kids, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 10** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 11** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 12** *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.–noon, Grades K-5
- Tuesday, Apr. 15** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 16** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
One Book 4 Colorado Author Signing, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 17** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
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.
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- Friday, Apr. 18** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Imagineering with Walt Disney, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 19** *Beginning Internet—Search Better, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Teen Duct Tape Creations, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 20** Easter
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- Friday, Apr. 25** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
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- Friday, May 2** 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.*