



Behind the Cover

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, May 3, 2-3 p.m.:** **Dynamix**, an outstanding vocal ensemble of twelve teens ages 13-17, will entertain with an energetic performance of doo-wop and pop standards.



Discover Who You Are through Family History Research

Who do you have lurking in your family tree? Discover who you are by digging into your roots with professional genealogist and instructor Deena Coutant, **Thursday, May 8, 7-8:30 p.m.** Hear a fascinating case study of a woman who was told that her second great-grandmother and Abe Lincoln were "first cousins." Could she really be related to the famous president? Find out how tracing lines of descent requires the use of many records, including censuses, birth, marriage and death records, cemetery and tombstone information, and even clues gathered from home sources such as photographs and documents. Learn how the woman's true connection to Abe Lincoln was revealed by evaluating the evidence in these sources.



Indian Raids on the Roads to Denver

Conflicts between Native Americans and white settlers will be the topic of a presentation by author and historian Jeff Broome, **Tuesday, May 13, 7-8:15 p.m.** Broome conducted extensive research at the National Archives in Washington D.C. to uncover firsthand accounts from both settlers and Indians. Many Indian raids took place between 1864 and 1869 on the roads to Denver. Broome will reconstruct this time period and give a view of the experiences of frontier men, women and children, some of whom were captured and taken to live in Native American villages. Broome has published more than 20 academic articles and several books and has won awards for his writing.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Book Thief*

See the acclaimed film *The Book Thief* on the library's big screen, **Saturday, May 17, 2-4 p.m.** Based on a bestselling book, the film tells the inspirational story of a spirited and courageous young girl who transforms the lives of everyone around her when she is sent to live with a new family in World War II Germany. Although Liesel is illiterate when she is adopted by a German couple, her adoptive father encourages her to learn to read. Ultimately, the power of words helps Liesel and Max, a Jew hiding in the family's home, escape from the events unfolding around them. The film stars Sophie Nélisse, Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG-13.



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Meet Me at the Motel: Stories of the Motels that Once Lined Santa Fe Drive

Hear an entertaining account of the history behind the motels that once lined Santa Fe Drive, **Monday, May 19, 2-3 p.m.** At one time there were over 80 motels located along this popular avenue. Lyle Miller, Outreach Specialist from History Colorado, will talk about the owners, architecture, unusual residents and why this area became a mecca for tourists looking for a place to stay. He also will discuss the end of the motel era along Santa Fe Drive.



Adult Summer Reading Program: *Literary Elements*



Our 2014 Adult Summer Reading Program, *Literary Elements*, will begin on **Tuesday, May 27**. It's easy to participate. Stop by the Information Desk anytime during the summer to register and receive a gift. Fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to. There will be weekly drawings for prizes with a Grand Prize drawing held at the end of the summer. *Literary Elements* will run through July 31. We look forward to seeing you this summer at the library.

Scholastic Family Book Fair



A large selection of award-winning and popular new books for children and teens will be available for purchase in the library, **May 28-June 4**. Have your family get started with summer reading by buying a Scholastic paperback! For younger children there will be an opportunity to meet Clifford the Big Red Dog. Books can be purchased with cash, check, or credit card and proceeds will benefit the library.

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 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:

♦ **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.

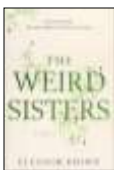
Register for one or more of the discussion series online through the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961. The documentary film, *The Freedom Riders*, will be shown Sunday, May 4, 2-4:00 p.m. No registration is required to view the film.

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.

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.

June 2: *The Postmistress* by Sarah Blake



The stories of a small Cape Cod postmistress and an American radio reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the United States' entrance into World War II, a meeting that is shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter.

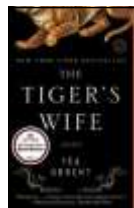
♦ **Monday Evening Book Group**
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

May 19: *Americanah* by Chimimanda 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.

June 16: *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht



In a Balkan country mending from war, Natalia, a young doctor, is compelled to unravel the mysterious circumstances surrounding her beloved grandfather's recent death.

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; special times noted in red.

- ♦ **Computer Basics—Mousing and More!**
Sat., May 3
- ♦ **Computer Class in Spanish**
Sat., May 10, 10 a.m.-Noon
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., May 27; Tues., June 10
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., May 28; Wed., June 11
- ♦ **Google Beginning Internet—Search Better**
Sat., June 7
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10**
Tues., June 24
- ♦ **Beginning MS Publisher, MS Office '10**
Wed., May 7
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Wed., June 4
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Tues., May 6; Tues., June 3
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., May 20; Sat., June 21
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., May 21
- ♦ **Protecting Your Computer**
Tues., June 17
- ♦ **Microsoft Web Apps**
Wed., June 18
- ♦ **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 bemisteens.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.

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

June 7: *Vampire Academy*—PG-13

July 5: *Dr. Who* top episodes



◆ **Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

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

May 15

June 19 and July 17: Special Time: 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

May 23: Summer Reading preparation

June 27: Talent show planning

July 25: Fall program planning

Teen Summer Reading

Spark a Reaction!

Registration begins May 27 and will continue throughout the summer, until the program ends on July 31. Registration will take place in the teen area on the upper level. This summer's theme is *Spark a Reaction!*, and there will be a number of creative programs and events happening throughout the summer. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. Numerous prizes will be awarded during the program.



Summer Film School



Are you a teen in grades 7-12 who is interested in writing, acting, directing, filming or editing your own movie? For the past ten years hundreds of students have created amazing films at the Film School, part of the teen summer reading program at Bemis. In

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Children's Programs



It-"Tea" Bit-"Tea" Party

Tiny crafts, tiny tea sandwiches, tiny tales and huge fun will be had by all at our annual tea party just for girls and a significant woman in their lives, **Saturday, May 10, 2-3:30 p.m.** Come dressed in your tea party best. Registration is required; call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's Desk to reserve a *little* space.



Summer Reading: Fizz, Boom, READ!

The 2014 Summer Reading Program will **begin on May 27**. Infants through children entering 5th grade may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress and collect prizes along the way...including a free book to keep. The weekly schedule includes entertainers, activities, puppet shows, crafts and story times. Visit us to find out more!



Chapters...a Book Club



Join **CHAPTERS...**a book club for summer reading which will meet one time each in May, June and July. Get together with us at the initial meeting, **Friday, May 30, 2-3:00 p.m.**, to pick up the first book, enjoy snacks, lively discussions and great fun as we kick-off the new Summer Book Club for kids entering grades 3-5. Registration is required; call 303-795-3961 beginning May 16 to bookmark your space.

Ongoing Programs

◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD—Lego Club: For Grades K-5**
Saturday, May 3, 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 are now having **two sessions back-to-back each first Saturday**. 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, May 10, 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.*

◆ **Weekly Story Times:** There will be **no Story Box or Preschool Story Time programs during the month of May** as Bemis Children's Librarians will be visiting the local schools to promote our 2014 Summer Reading Program, *Fizz, Boom, READ!*

◆ **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.

Teen Summer Film School (continued from page 3)

eight weeks you will learn movie-making techniques that include how to write scripts, storyboard, act, and create film masterpieces! This year, students will create original movies based on the theme, *Spark a Reaction*. Movies will be shown to the public at a World Premiere Red Carpet Event at the Alamo Drafthouse on August 6. **Beginning June 3, the Film School will meet Tuesdays through Thursdays, 10 a.m.– 3 p.m. at the Binning Family Foundation, 1269 W. Littleton Blvd. Cost is \$100; some scholarships are available. Pick up an application beginning May 5 at Bemis.**

Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ **Bottoms Up: Colorado’s Most Celebrated Saloons with Tom Noel**
Tuesday, June 10, 7-8 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place with the Highline Silver Cornet Band**
Saturday, June 21, 2-3 p.m.
- ◆ **From Dachau to Denver—A Journey to Find My Father**
Monday, June 23, 2-3 p.m.
- ◆ **Mars Exploration Update**
Tuesday, June 24, 7-8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: The Secret Life of Walter Mitty**
Saturday, June 28, 2-4 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

May Art Exhibit Heritage Fine Arts Guild Show, May 1–31

Thursday, May 1 Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 2 Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 3 *Computer Basics, 9–10:30 a.m.

Teen Movie Club, *The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug*, PG-13, Noon

*Lego Club, For kids in grades K-5, 2–2:45 p.m. and 3–3:45 p.m.

Dynamix Vocal Group, Sophie’s Place, 2-3 p.m.

Sunday, May 4 Freedom Riders film, 2-4 p.m.

Monday, May 5 Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6 *Beginning Windows 7, 9-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 7 *Beginning MS Publisher 2010 9–10:30 a.m.

**Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle*—Film Discussion Series, 7–8:30 p.m.

Library Board, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 8 Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.

Discover Who You Are, 7-8:30 p.m.

Friday, May 9 Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 10 *It-Tea Bit-Tea Party, 2-3:30 p.m.

*Paws to Read, 10 a.m.-Noon

*Spanish Computer Class, 10-Noon

Tuesday, May 13 *Beginning PowerPoint, 9–10:30 a.m.

Cheyenne War—Indian Raids, 7- 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 15 Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a. m.

Senior Wii Bowling, 2-3 p.m.

Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16 Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.–noon

Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Book Thief*, 2-4 p.m.

Monday, May 19 Meet Me at the Motel, 2-3 p.m.

Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20 *Beginning Word, MS Office ‘10, 9–10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21 *Intermediate Word, MS Office ‘10, 9–10:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 22 Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 23 Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, May 24 *Beginning Internet–Search Better, 9–10:30 a.m.

Monday, May 26 Closed for holiday.

Tuesday, May 27 *Beginning Excel, MS Office ‘10 9–10:30 a.m.

Summer Reading Programs begin.

Wednesday, May 28 *Intermediate Excel, MS Office ‘10 9–10:30 a.m.

Scholastic Family Book Fair begins.

Thursday, May 29 Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 30 *Chapters Book Club, 2-3 p.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.