How the Grinch Stole Christmas
Live Reading & Movie Event to Benefit Library

Join Cindy Lou Who, portrayed by a Bemis children’s librarian, for a read-along of the Dr. Seuss classic, *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*, followed by the Ron Howard movie starring Jim Carrey at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at Aspen Grove on **Monday, December 22, 11 a.m.** Tickets for this one day only family-fun holiday event are $6 per person with all box office proceeds going to support the library. Select and purchase your reserved seats in person or online at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. The movie is rated PG. Movie length is 104 minutes.

Crystal Snowflake Craft

Stop by Sophie’s Place at the library and make a beautiful crystal snowflake to hang on your tree, **Saturday, December 6, anytime between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.** The free crystal snowflake kit includes all the beads you need to make an amazing holiday ornament of sparkly clusters.

Smithtonians Bell Choir

Hear seasonal favorites performed by the popular local group, The Smithtonians Handbell Choir, **Sunday, December 7, 2–3 p.m.** The ringers in the group have a combined ringing experience of over 250 years. In recent years the group has performed at Boettcher Concert Hall and the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from the Littleton and Denver area. **Saturday, December 13, 2–3 p.m.: P’zazz Children’s Choir**, a group of 25 young singers, will perform holiday favorites for all ages. The choir performs throughout the year in the Denver area.

Celtic Harp Music for the Holidays

Acclaimed Celtic guitarist Jerry Barlow will entertain with holiday favorites and popular Irish melodies for the harp, **Wednesday, December 17, 2–3 p.m.** in Sophie’s Place. Barlow’s music has been played on National Public Radio and in a PBS documentary. His latest CD, *Fields and Fences*, was one of five nominees for Instrumental Album of the Year by the Independent Music Association.

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Saturday Movie Matinee: *How to Train Your Dragon 2*

Enjoy the thrilling second chapter of the *How To Train Your Dragon* trilogy, **Saturday, December 27, 2–4 p.m.** The film revisits the fantastic world of Hiccup and Toothless five years after the two have successfully united dragons and Vikings on the island of Berk. The now inseparable pair journey through the skies, charting unmapped territories and exploring new worlds. When one of their adventures leads to the discovery of a secret ice cave that is home to hundreds of new wild dragons and the mysterious Dragon Rider, the two friends find themselves at the center of a battle to protect the peace. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.
Food for Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, is sponsoring the annual Food for Fines program through noon Wednesday, December 24. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost materials. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.

Holiday Book Sale

Holiday shopping was never easier than buying books at the Friends’ Holiday Book Sale through noon Wednesday, December 24. 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, current events, gardening, biography, and more.

Aging Well Resource Center Holiday Tea

Please join the staff of the Aging Well Resource Center located within Bemis Library for Holiday Tea on Friday, December 19, 10–11:30 a.m. Sip tea, eat a yummy treat and enter a raffle contest while learning about the services offered at the Aging Well Resource Center. No reservation required.

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.
  Dec. 1: *Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey Into the Afterlife* by Eben Alexander
  Thousands of people have had near-death experiences, but many scientists have questioned the validity of these experiences. Dr. Eben Alexander was one of those scientists until he was in a coma and visited heaven.
  Jan. 5: *Plague of Doves* by Louise Erdrich
  The unsolved murder of a farm family still haunts the white small town of Pluto, North Dakota, generations after the vengeance exacted and the distortions of fact transformed the lives of Ojibwe living on the nearby reservation.
  Feb. 2: *Hunt for Red October* by Tom Clancy
  A fast-paced military thriller involving a runaway top secret Russian submarine. This bestselling book launched author Tom Clancy’s phenomenal career.

- **Monday Evening Book Group**
  Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
  Dec. 15: Holiday dinner for book group members; selection of titles to be discussed in 2015.
  Jan. 26*: *The Dinner* by Herman Koch
  A darkly suspenseful, highly controversial tale of two families struggling to make the hardest decision of their lives—all over the course of one meal.
  *We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the MLK Day holiday.
  Feb. 23*: *The Kitchen House* by Kathleen Grissom
  When a white servant girl violates the order of plantation society, she unleashes a tragedy that exposes the worst and best in the people she has come to call her family.
  *We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to the Presidents’ 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 laptops.

Currently, 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 or register for 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 and open computer lab are held from 9–10:30 a.m. No computer classes in December. Classes resume in January.

- **Beginning Android**
  Wed., Feb. 4
- **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
  Tues., Jan. 20; Tues., Feb. 17
- **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
  Wed., Jan. 21; Wed., Feb. 18
- **Get Your Free eBooks**
  Wed., Jan. 28
- **Google Drive**
  Tues., Nov. 18
- **Beginning Internet**
  Sat., Jan. 17
- **Beginning iPad**
  Wed., Feb. 25
- **Linking and Imbedding with Excel**
  Tues., Feb. 24
- **Saving and Finding Files**
  Tues., Feb. 3
- **Beginning Windows 7**
  Wed., Jan. 7
- **Beginning Windows 8.1**
  Tues., Jan. 6
- **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
  Tues., Jan. 13; Tues., Feb. 10
- **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
- **You Tube 101**
  Tues., Jan. 27
- **Open Computer Lab - 9–10:30 a.m., Every Thursday**
  Drop in, no registration required. 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.

Behind the Cover
Children’s Programs

Season’s Readings Winter Reading Program

Our special Winter Reading Program just for independent readers in grades 1-5. Pick up a reading log and record the number of pages that you read through January 10. Children will meet their goals by completing a certain number of pages based on their grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises. Visit us in 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 6, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. This program is for families with children ages 3 and up. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.

Play-Ground Theatre presents Wild West Show

Saddle up to ride, rope and wrangle on Monday, December 29, 2–3 p.m. with Colorado’s premiere children’s theater performers, Jeff Haycock and Mia Sole. Join us for an hour of interactive western tales, music and hilarious adventures including Buffalo Gil’s Biggest Little Rodeo with Chilly the Square Dancing Penguin. For families with children ages 3 and up.

‘Noon’ Year’s Eve Party

Get ready for the countdown to 2015! Can’t stay up until midnight? Then join us on Wednesday, December 31, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year’s Eve ball—at noon! Local funnyman, Bryce Jackman, will host a Peppy Penguin Party with contests, games and entertainment during this fun family celebration to mark the start of a new year. Call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning December 17.

Chapters…a Book Club returns for Winter Reading

Join us for fun activities, lively discussions and snacks on Friday, January 2, 2–3 p.m. Our book will be The Sixty-Eight Rooms by Marianne Malone, and free copies will be available for the first 15 kids who sign up! For kids in grades 3–5. Call 303-795-3961 to register and pick up your book.

Ongoing Programs

Weekly Programs end on December 19 and resume on January 6.

• Story Box: Ages infant–36 months
  Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
  Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
  A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joys of rhythm, rhyme and reading. Space is limited; free required tickets are available one week in advance.

• Story Time: Ages 3 and up
  Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
  Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.

• Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club: For kids in grades K-5
  No session in December. Next session Saturday, January 3, 2 p.m.
  Legos will be provided. Please do not bring any blocks from home. Registration is required and begins one week in advance.

• Paws to Read: For grades K–5
  Saturday, December 13, 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.

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 teens for:

• Teen Movie Club
  First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.
  New Time: We’ll be starting the movies at 2 p.m. instead of noon. Free popcorn and lemonade! Participants can help select titles for future meetings.
  Dec. 6: No movie scheduled
  Jan. 3: The Giver - PG-13
  Feb. 7: The Maze Runner - PG-13

• Gaming
  Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.
  Enjoy popular interactive video games on PS3, Wii and Xbox Kinect featuring different games each month!
  Dec. 18/Jan. 15/Feb. 19

• Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
  Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
  *Dec. 5: Special date & time: 4-6:30 p.m.
  TAG decorates the library for the holidays!
  Dec. 26: No meeting scheduled
  Jan. 23: Open agenda
  Feb. 27: Summer reading planning

December Teen Events

Holiday Decorating Party
Friday, December 5, 4–6:30 p.m.
Help the Teen Advisory Group decorate the library for the holidays. Light snacks and lemonade will be provided—feel free to bring a treat to share with everyone. Registration required.

Holiday Crafts as Gifts
Need a holiday gift but don’t have much money to spend? Create a hand-made gift that shows you care. Stop by the teen deck in the afternoon each week in December to get supplies and directions for making your own gifts—while supplies last!

• Week 1 (Dec. 2–8): Smartphone Stand/Charging Dock
• Week 2 (Dec. 9–15): Greeting Card Ornament
• Week 3 (Dec. 16–22): Special Bookmarks

Make a Gingerbread House
Saturday, December 13, 10–11:30 a.m.
Create a gingerbread masterpiece. We’ll provide the basic supplies. Feel free to bring any extra building materials as long as they are edible. Houses will be displayed at the library during December for a contest. The public will vote for their favorite house. The winner will receive a $25 Visa gift card. This program is open to all ages Registration required.

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Hour of Code
Saturday, December 13, 2–3:30 p.m.
Hour of Code is a national campaign to introduce computer science skills and computer programming to students. Students will learn the basics of Scratch, the free computer language created by MIT. Students will create their own interactive holiday card on the computer. Registration required.

Videogame Design—Intro to Unity
Saturday, December 20, 2–3:30 p.m.
This introductory class provides basics on using the Unity 3D editor and engine for videogame design on the computer. You must be fairly proficient on the computer and have some basic understanding of geometry to get the most out of this class. Registration required.

Upcoming Events

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

- Modern-Day Amelia Earhart Recounts Flight Around the World
  Tuesday, January 13, 7–8:15 p.m.
- Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place with singer Marta Burton
  Saturday, January 17, 2–3 p.m.
- Rocky Mountain National Park: The First 100 Years
  Tuesday, January 20, 7–8 p.m.
- Saturday Movie Matinee: The Hundred-Foot Journey - Rated PG
  Saturday, January 24, 2–4 p.m.
- Meet Irene Castle—Dancer, Trendsetter and Animal Rights Activist
  Monday, January 26, 2–3 p.m.

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