



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



## Check Out Colorado State Parks



Want to explore Colorado's 42 state parks this summer? Now you can with a free Colorado State Parks Pass and Backpack available for one week check out at Bemis. The backpack includes a hang-tag park pass that allows free entry for one carload into any of Colorado's 42 state parks. The backpack also contains binoculars, Colorado wildlife, trees and wildflowers guides, a Guide to Your 42 State Parks brochure, activity ideas, and more. We're excited to partner with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Colorado Department of Education and the Colorado State Library to bring you the Check Out Colorado State Parks program. Check out the free state parks pass and backpack at our circulation desk. Then create your own adventure at one of our state parks!

## Secrets to Great iPhone/Android Photos

If you own an iPhone or Android phone, you have a powerful tool for taking amazing photos. Well-known travel photojournalist Ron Stern will share tips for taking terrific photos, **Saturday, July 9, 2-4 p.m.** Learn nine picture taking secrets of your phone and the most useful photo apps. Discover how to properly compose and take beautiful panoramas and time lapse videos. At the end of the program, Stern will take participants outside to practice what they have learned.

## Teddy Blue: True Adventures of a Wild West Cowboy

Hear the story of "Teddy Blue" Abbott, a cowboy who led a life of adventure, **Tuesday, July 12, 7-8 p.m.** Speaker and performer Kurtis Kelly has presented historic character reenactments for more than two decades. Born in England, Teddy Blue was just a boy when he found himself on his first ride with cowpunchers, driving cattle to the railroads. It began a lifetime of exciting adventures from Texas to Montana, highlighted by rousing encounters with Buffalo Bill Cody, Calamity Jane, and many others. Teddy Blue Abbott's experiences which he recounted in his memoir *We Pointed Them North: Recollections of a Cowpuncher*, were the inspiration for the book *Lonesome Dove*, by Larry McMurtry.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. Join **The Denver Brass on Saturday, July 16, 2-3 p.m.** for an afternoon of lively music.

## The Legendary Ladies Present Energetic Women of the West



Enjoy a dramatic presentation by seven actresses featuring energetic women in the history of the West on **Saturday, July 23, 2-3 p.m.** Characters to be portrayed will include songwriter Katharine Lee Bates; patroness of fire fighters, Lillie Hitchcock Coit; frontier physician, "Doc" Susie Anderson; Francis Wisebart Jacobs, founder of an organization that later became the United Way; benefactress Rae Wilson; Miriam Davis Colt, who planned a utopian colony in Kansas; and suffragist Julia Holmes, who climbed Pikes Peak. Each actress has researched the character that she portrays, written her own script and created a costume. This program is produced by The Legendary Ladies, a group that exists to promote the role of women in the settling of the West.

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## 52 Rivers: A Woman's Fly-fishing Journey



Fly fishing a river a week for a year was a dream fulfilled by author and photographer Shelley Walchak. Hear about her remarkable adventure and view her stunning photographs, **Monday, July 25, 2-3 p.m.** Walchak is the author of the award winning book, *52 Rivers: A Woman's Fly-fishing Journey*. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

## Saturday Movie Matinee: My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2

See the romantic comedy, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, July 30, 2-4 p.m.** PG-13.



# Self-Publishing 101: A Beginner's Guide to Self-Publishing Your Book

Learn how you can get your book published in easy to follow steps from an expert in the publishing industry, **Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m.–noon**. Speaker Polly Letofsky is a publishing consultant with the company Self-Publishing Experts and the author of an award winning book. In this workshop, Letofsky will cover options in self-publishing, steps to publish a book, the length of time it will take to get a title published and the cost of self-publishing.

## LEGO® Building Contest

Win cash in our first LEGO® Building Contest! Using Lego® bricks, create a character from a book of your choice. Fill out a LEGO® Building Contest Entry Form and submit your creation at the main floor Information Desk **anytime from July 5–31**. Winners will be announced on Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m., at the Lego City event in Sophie's Place. Nine cash prizes will be awarded to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12–18), and children (age 6–11). Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place winners in each age category, and ten dollars will be awarded to the second and third place winners in each age category. A special team of judges from the Colorado/Wyoming LEGO Users' Group and the Denver LEGO Users' Group will review all submitted entries and select the winners.



## Cookbook Exchange

If you have a cookbook you are no longer using bring it to the library **anytime from July 11–31** and exchange it for another cookbook. Just go to the main floor Information desk where you will find a cart of cookbooks for the exchange. Bring a cookbook... take a cookbook. Bon appétit!



## Online Hoopla Service Adds Audiobooks & Movies

Bemis' patrons now have access to audiobooks and movies online in addition to music, graphic novels, comics and eBooks through the library's Hoopla service. Access Hoopla through the library's online web catalog at [bemis.ent.sirsi.net](http://bemis.ent.sirsi.net) or through the library's mobile app, FindIT CO. Hoopla also features a new Kids' Mode format that instantly weeds out all teen and adult-targeted content to customize the online experience for children. Patrons may check out eight items per month in any format. The checkout period is 21 days for most titles. Hoopla has over 500,000 titles available. Many titles have an unlimited number of copies so no wait periods (holds) are needed.

## 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.**

**July 18:** \**The Buried Giant*  
by Kazuo Ishiguro

\*We will meet on Mon., July 18 due to the 4th of July holiday.

In England, after the reign of King Arthur, an elderly couple go on a journey in search of their long lost son. Along the way they meet two heroic knights and an unusual dragon.

**Aug 1:** *The Cuckoo's Calling*  
by Robert Galbraith

Detective Cormoran Strike investigates a supermodel's suicide and the case plunges him into the world of multi-millionaire beauties, rock-star boyfriends, and desperate designers. This is the acclaimed first crime novel by J.K. Rowling, writing under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**July 18:** *Homeland*

by Barbara Hambly

Exchanging letters throughout the devastation of the American Civil War, southerner Susanna Ashford and northerner Cora Poole share their thoughts about their husbands' military service, literature, and the prospects of 19th century women.

**Aug. 15:** *The Painted Girls*  
by Cathy Marie Buchanan

Would-be ballerinas Antoinette, Marie, and Charlotte are responsible for fending for themselves after the death of their father and the alcoholic decline of their mother. The sisters struggle to eke out an existence while pursuing their careers at the harshly competitive school of the Paris Opéra.



## 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.**



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 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. You also may register for classes online through the Library Main Calendar at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

**All classes and open computer lab are held from 9:30–11 a.m.**

### ◆ Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010

Tues., July 26; Tues., Aug. 16

### ◆ Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010

Wed., July 27; Wed., Aug. 17

### ◆ Find, Save & Share Your Photos

Tues., Aug. 30

### ◆ Beginning Internet

Wed., Aug. 3

### ◆ Beginning MS PowerPoint - MS Office '10

Wed., July 20

### ◆ Beginning Publisher - MS Office '10

Wed., Aug. 24

### ◆ Saving & Finding Files

Wed., July 6

### ◆ Beginning Tablet & Smartphone Workshop

Tues., Aug. 23

### ◆ Beginning Windows 7

Tues., Aug. 2

### ◆ Beginning Windows 10

Tues., July 5

### ◆ Beginning Word - MS Office 2010

Tues., July 12; Tues., Aug. 9

### ◆ Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

Wed., July 13; Wed., Aug. 10

### ◆ MS Word for College Bound - MS Office '10

Tues., July 19

### ◆ Open Computer Lab - 9:30–11 a.m.

**Every Thursday.** No registration required. 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](http://bemisteen.blogspot.com). Join teens for:

♦ **Teen Movies**

**First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.** Free popcorn and lemonade!

**July 2:** *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire*, PG-13



**Aug. 6:** *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice*, PG-13

♦ **Gaming**

**Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

We have a PS4 and an Xbox One gaming station. Each month we feature one of the gaming systems on the giant screen. The Wii also will be up and running on a smaller screen.

**July 21\*, Aug. 18 and Sept. 15**

\*Special time on July 21:

11 a.m.–1 p.m. *Registration required.*

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**July 22, Aug. 26 and Sept. 23**

## Teen Summer Reading

**Get in the Game: Read!**

There's still time to register at the library or online for our Teen Summer Reading Program at [bemis.ent.sirsi.net](http://bemis.ent.sirsi.net). The program runs through July 31. Be entered for prize drawings every two weeks. Free book upon completion.

*\*To make a reservation for the following July programs, call the library at 303-795-3961 or email teen librarian Mark at [mdecker@litletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@litletongov.org).*

*\*These programs require a reservation.*

♦ **Minecraft Tech - Makey Makey & More!\***

**Thursday, July 7, 2–3:30 p.m.**

We'll be combining a Minecraft game with a Makey Makey board to create a life-sized, interactive Minecraft game on the giant screen.

♦ **Giant Jenga and Life-sized Pac-Man\***

**Monday, July 11, 2–3:30 p.m.**

Two classic games turned into life-sized, interactive versions. For Jenga, you'll need a steady hand to keep the tower from crashing down. For Pac-Man, you'll navigate the maze to pick up dots, all while eluding ghosts.



♦ **Laser Tag**

**Friday, July 15, 5:30–8 p.m.\***

Get your game on in this after-hours Laser Tag event in the library. *\*Parent permission slips are required for this event.*

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# Children's Programs



## Summer Reading 2016

Children from birth through kids going into 5th grade in the fall may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress and collect prizes along the way. Prizes include a free book and merchant certificates. Visit us to find out more!



**July Entertainers—For families with children 3 years & up. All shows begin at 2 p.m.**

- ♦ **July 12—Magical Delights with Doc Murdock**  
A delightful performance filled with audience participation, magic, comedy, puppets and lots of surprises.
- ♦ **July 19—Old Town Puppet Company presents *The 3 Little Pigs* and *The Lion & the Mouse***  
Puppets, songs, fairy tales and humor combine for a fun-filled performance by Mike Walsh.
- ♦ **July 26—Wag that Tale! Stories that make you bark, leap, and beg for more!**  
Denise Gard with Sienna & Joey, her smart Border Collies, bring tales to life with your help. Move with them as they wiggle, crawl, jump, and explore tales from around the world.
- ♦ **July 31—The Beauty of the Mountain Dulcimer**  
Mike Anderson, The Dulcimer Guy, combines music, story-telling and humor while making traditional and modern music come alive on this uniquely American instrument. This entertaining and educational program provides the grand finale to Summer Reading 2016.

**July School Age Programs—For kids entering grades 1–5, Wednesdays at 2 p.m.**

*Reservations required one week in advance.*

- ♦ **July 6—Totally Insane Kid Olympics**  
Local favorite, Bryce Jackman, provides a variety of wacky obstacle course challenges. Have a ton of fun while learning the fundamentals of good sportsmanship and how to work as a team.
- ♦ **July 13—Outdoor Games-Water Fun**  
Wet and wild fun on the lawn at Bemis.
- ♦ **July 20—Marine Biology**  
CU Science Discovery Center presents the watery world of jellyfish, seahorses, sharks and other ocean creatures. Learn about the characteristics of marine vertebrates and invertebrates by observing museum specimens.
- ♦ **July 27—Movie Matinee: *Zootopia***  
Adventure and laughs abound in this action-packed film about an all-animal city. Snacks will be served. Rated PG. Length: 108 minutes.

## Ongoing Programs

- ♦ **All Together Now Story Time: Especially designed for ages 2–3 Mondays at 9:30 a.m.**  
Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities designed for ages 2–3. Older and younger children may attend, but children under the age of 3 *must* attend with an adult.
- ♦ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Friday at 9:30 a.m.**  
Thirty minutes of stories and song for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme & reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.*
- ♦ **All Ages Story Time: Especially designed for ages 3-5. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.**  
Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a *puppet show* on July 7. Older and younger children may attend, but children under the age of 3 *must* attend with an adult.
- ♦ **1<sup>st</sup> Start Art: Ages 3-5 (Fall 2016 kindergarteners welcome) Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**  
Painting, collage, drawing, stories...creating ART based on children's books. Puppet show on July 8. *Space is limited. Tickets are required and available one week in advance.*
- ♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! – Lego Club: For kids entering grades 1–5 Saturday, July 2, 2 p.m.**  
You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Legos. *Registration begins one week in advance.*
- ♦ **Paws to Read: For kids entering grades 1–5 Saturday, July 9, 10 a.m.–noon**  
Kids in grades 1–5 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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**HOURS:** M–Th 9–9; F–Sa 9–5; Su 1–5

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**Teen Summer Reading Events**

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♦ **Gaming Event - Super Smash Bros Brawl Tournament\***

**Thursday, July 21, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**

Random prizes will be awarded throughout the tournament.

♦ **Chocolate Olympics\***

**Thursday, July 28, 2–3:30 p.m.**

It's like the Olympics, only with chocolate—sweet! We'll have a number of events. You can participate in any of the events you choose. Test your chocolate skills in everything from Whopper relays to Oreo stacking. Wear clothes that can get a little messy for the pudding painting!

*\*We'll do our best to ensure that the chocolate doesn't contain nuts, however, most of the candy we'll be using has warnings for peanut allergies.*

**Red Cross Babysitting Classes**

Attend an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis on **Saturday, July 9 from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.** Each class is limited to 10 participants ages 11–15. The course fee is \$85. To register online, go to [www.Redcross.org/takeaclass](http://www.Redcross.org/takeaclass) or call the American Red Cross at 1-800-Red-Cross.

**Teen Talent Show**

Be in the audience on **Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m.** to find out who are Littleton's most talented teens! Two lucky teens will each win \$100 cash from Colorado Business Bank.



**Aging Well Resource Center Has New Hours**

The Aging Well Resource Center (AWRC) located inside Bemis is open **Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.** Stop by and learn about the center. For more information about the AWRC services, call us at 303-795-3980 or visit our website at [littletongov.org/awrc](http://littletongov.org/awrc).

**Schedule of Library Events**

**July Art Exhibit** Five Artist Friends Art Show, July 1–31

**Friday, July 1** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, July 2** \*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.  
Teen Movie, *Harry Potter and The Goblet of Fire*, PG-13, 2 p.m.

**Monday, July 4** Independence Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Tuesday, July 5** \*Beginning Windows '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 6** \*Saving & Finding Files, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level  
\*Totally Insane Kid Olympics, For Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, July 7** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
All Ages Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Minecraft Tech-Makey Makey & More! Teen Program, 2–3:30 p.m.  
Coloring for Adults, 6:30–8 p.m.

**Friday, July 8** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, July 9** \*Red Cross Babysitting Class, Teen Program, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
\*Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, 10 a.m.–noon  
Secrets to Great iPhone/Android Photos, 2–4 p.m.

**Monday, July 11** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m.  
\*Giant Jenga & Life-sized Pac-Man, Teen Program, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 12** \*Beginning Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Magical Delights with Doc Murdock, For families with children 3 years & up, 2 p.m.  
Teddy Blue: True Adventures of a Wild West Cowboy, 7–8 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 13** \*Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level  
\*Outdoor Games–Water Fun, For Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, July 14** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
All Ages Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 15** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.  
\*Laser Tag, Teen Program, 5:30–8 p.m.

**Saturday, July 16** Self-Publishing 101: A Beginner's Guide to Self-Publishing Your Book, 9 a.m.–noon  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place The Denver Brass, 2–3 p.m.

**Sunday, July 17** Coloring for Adults, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Monday, July 18** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m.  
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 19** \*MS Word for College Bound, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Old Town Puppet Co., For families with children 3 years & up, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 20** \*Beginning MS PowerPoint, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level  
\*Marine Biology, For Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.  
Teen Talent Show, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, July 21** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
All Ages Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Gaming Event, Super Smash Bros Brawl Tournament, Teen Program, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.

**Friday, July 22** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, July 23** The Legendary Ladies Present Energetic Women of the West, 2–3 p.m.

**Monday, July 25** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m.  
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.  
52 Rivers: A Woman's Fly-fishing Journey, 2–3 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 26** \*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Wag That Tale! For families with children 3 years & up, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 27** \*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level  
\*Movie Matinee: *Zootopia*, For Grades 1–5, Rated PG, 2 p.m.

**Thursday, July 28** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
All Ages Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Chocolate Olympics, Teen Program, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 29** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

**Saturday, July 30** Sat. Movie Matinee: *My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2*, Rated PG-13, 2–4 p.m.

**Sunday, July 31** The Beauty of the Mountain Dulcimer, For families with children 3 years & up, 2 p.m.

*\*These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.*  
*Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*