



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Perspectives on India

Former Littleton Mayor Susan Thornton and her husband John will share their impressions of the fascinating and ancient country of India, **Tuesday, March 2, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The couple recently made a second visit to India after a gap of forty years. Along with photos from their trip, they will talk about their impressions of changes in India, the enormous economic progress of the country, and the challenges ahead.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

♦ **Saturday, March 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Hear lively Celtic music performed on Irish flute, guitar and bodhran by the popular local group, **Peace & Love & Jigs & Reels.**



Saturday Movie Matinee: 2012

Bring the family to see the exciting action-adventure film, *2012*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, March 20, 1:30-4:00 p.m.** With groundbreaking special effects, *2012* brings an end to the world through a catastrophe of apocalyptic proportions and tells of the heroic struggle of the survivors. The film stars John Cusack and Amanda Peet. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG-13.



The Racehorse Secretariat and the Littleton Family Who Owned Him

Littleton resident Kate Chenery Tweedy had a front row seat when the legendary racehorse Secretariat thundered across America's racetracks and into sports history. She will tell this remarkable story **Tuesday, March 30, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Kate's mother, Penny Chenery, became a national celebrity as the owner-manager of Secretariat from 1968 to 1973. Kate will reveal what it was like to experience Secretariat's astonishing career up close. In October, 2009, she was able to relive that time when Walt Disney Pictures began filming her mother's life story for the upcoming 2010 film, *Secretariat*, in which Diane Lane plays her mother. Kate



retells the story of her amazing family and their phenomenal horse in a new book coming out this fall titled *Secretariat's Meadow, the Land and the Family That Made Him*. Secretariat is one of three horses in the past 36 years to have won the Triple Crown of Thoroughbred Racing. This year is the 40th anniversary of the racehorse's birth. In May, Kate will be at her mother's side as Penny reigns as the Grand Dame of the Kentucky Derby parade in Louisville, Kentucky.

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Getting Here: From a Seat on a Train To a Seat on the Bench

Hear the moving story of the life of Peter Ney, a Littleton resident and judge in the Colorado Court of Appeals on **Monday, March 22, 2:00 p.m.** Two months after Kristallnacht, the beginning of Nazi violence against the Jews, Ney's parents placed him on a train to England; he was one of 10,000 German children granted safe refuge in England. His parents joined him in London just before the start of World War II. As a family, they immigrated, penniless, to the United States. Ney will talk about his journey from Germany, his adolescent years, art school training, and his fifty-six year marriage to his wife, Betty. His career includes work as a designer of consumer products, a space program engineer, 20 years as a trial attorney, and tenure as a judge. Copies of *Getting Here* will be available for purchase and signing.





Learn a Foreign Language, Create or Update Your Resume & Access Value Line At Home

Bemis has some new products available to you. If you're interested in learning a foreign language, try **Mango Languages**. Mango is an online language-learning system that offers 22 foreign language courses for English speakers and 14 ESL programs for non-English speakers. Mango can be accessed online from your home PC. Go to <http://bemis.sirsi.net/> and click on Databases/Websites. Then click on ADULTS/TEENS and scroll down to Mango Languages under Education.



Need to create or update your resume? We now have **WinWay Resume Deluxe** software installed on every computer in our lab. Create resumes of any kind ideal for every career situation. Customize your resume using job-specific phrases from over 14,000 resume examples.



Lastly, if you're an avid user of **Value Line**, you'll be happy to know you can now access it at home. Go to <http://bemis.sirsi.net/> and click on Databases/Websites. Then click on ADULTS/TEENS and scroll down our Internet use page to the Value Line link under the Business section.



Free Tax Preparation Help!

Bemis is hosting free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. **IRS trained volunteers will be available in the study rooms on the lower level of the library through April 10 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon-4:00 p.m.** No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.



AARP will provide tax preparation help on the upper level of the library through April 13, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required for this assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To register for AARP tax assistance at Bemis, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

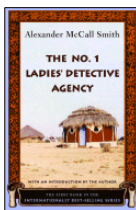
Book Groups at Bemis

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

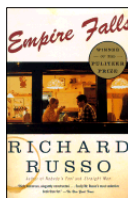
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Mar. 1: *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith



Working in Gaborone, Botswana, Precious Ramotswa investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week.

Apr. 5: *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo



Milo Roby tries to hold his family together while working at the Empire Grill in the once-successful logging town of Empire Falls, Maine, with his partner, Mrs. Whiting, who is the heir to a faded logging and textile legacy.

May 3: *Ladder of Years* by Anne Tyler

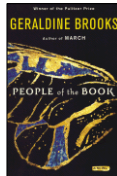


Forty-year-old Delia Grinstead, mother of three almost-grown children, impulsively walks away from her marriage and sets off into the unknown to begin an entirely new life, but suddenly she discovers that she is accumulating fresh responsibilities.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

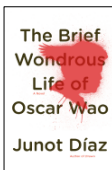
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Mar. 15: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks



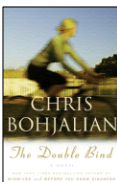
An Australian rare-book expert, Hanna Heath, is given the job of conserving a rare Hebrew manuscript. She discovers in its binding a series of tiny artifacts that begin to unlock the manuscript's deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges her into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.

Apr. 19: *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz



Living with an old-world mother and a rebellious sister, an urban New Jersey misfit dreams of becoming the next Tolkien and believes that a family curse is thwarting his efforts to find love and happiness.

May 17: *Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian



Working at a homeless shelter, student Laurel Estabrook encounters Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of secret photos. When Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel embarks on an obsessive search for the truth behind the photos.

Computer Services & Computer Classes

Bemis has 22 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 in Sophie's Place for patrons with wireless-enabled laptops.

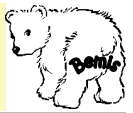


Our computers use Microsoft operating systems and software that includes Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher. All of our PCs are linked to printers. Printing costs are \$0.10 a page for black only or \$0.25 a page for color. Our computer lab has 12 PCs and may be scheduled for group use. We 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 or stop by the Information Desk.

All classes and open computer lab are held from 9-10:30 a.m. Currently space is available in the following classes:

- ◆ **Beginning Access**
Tues., Mar. 30; Tues., Apr. 20
- ◆ **Beginning Excel**
Tues., Mar. 16; Tues., Apr. 13
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel**
Tues., Mar. 23; Wed., Apr. 21
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Mar. 20; Sat., Apr. 17
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint**
Wed., Mar. 24; Tues., Apr. 27
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., Mar. 2; Tues., Apr. 6
- ◆ **Beginning Word**
Tues., Mar. 9
- ◆ **Intermediate Word**
Wed., Mar. 17; Wed., Apr. 14
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Mar. 6; Sat., Apr. 3
- ◆ **Creating Digital Gifts Using Your Photos**
Fri., Apr. 9
- ◆ **Facebook: What's the Hype?**
Fri., Apr. 23
- ◆ **Get More Out of Google**
Wed., Apr. 28
- ◆ **Using the Internet to Self-Publish**
Wed., Mar. 3
- ◆ **Self-Publishing Lab**
Wed., Mar. 10
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
No registration required. Get answers to all your computer-related questions! Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



Spring Break Activities!

For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or check the Bemis teen blog site online at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com>.

Join other teens for the following activities:

- ◆ **Anime Club**
First Sat. of the month @ noon
Mar. 6: *Gunslinger Girl*
Apr. 3: Title will be selected at Mar. mtg.
- ◆ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18
All teen creative writers are welcome! Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback.
Special event! In honor of National Poetry Month, we'll be focusing on poetry at the April 20th meeting. Bring your poetry to share and receive feedback.
- ◆ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**
Play a different video game each month!
Mar. 18: *Avatar*
Apr. 15: *Wii Sports Resort*
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Mar. 26: *Summer Reading Planning*
Apr. 23: *Open Agenda*

Special Teen Events

- ◆ **Teen Tech Week:**
Learn Create Share
March 7 – 13



The library has much more to offer than just books! Teen Tech Week offers teens the chance to learn about other library services. Check the Bemis Teen blog at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/> for details about the following activities:

- ◆ Six-Word Life Story Contest
 - ◆ Write a Book or Game Review
 - ◆ Web Scavenger Hunt
 - ◆ Create a Stop-Motion Animation Video
- The Bemis Teen Blog explains each activity plus tells how you can win prizes during Teen Tech Week. Contact Mark with questions at mdecker@littletongov.org.

- ◆ **Make Waves @ Your Library - Teen Photography Contest**

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme *Make Waves @ Your Library* by **Monday, March 15**. Make sure to include the name of your photograph with your submission. The winning photos from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will be published on a library bookmark for the teen summer reading program. For more details, or to submit your photo, call Mark, teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or email him at mdecker@littletongov.org.

Join us for several special Spring Break programs during the week of March 22. You won't want to miss:

- ◆ **Paint a Plaster of Paris Pal**
Tuesday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.
For Grades 3-5

Decorate a cute, mini garden critter to keep. Space is limited. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 8 to register.



- ◆ **The Denver Zoo presents Colorado Alive**
Wednesday, March 24, 2:00 p.m. For Grades K-5
Meet live Colorado wildlife and investigate biofacts (information and specimens) from the diverse natural species in our state. Space is limited. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 8 to reserve a space.

- ◆ **Cool Kaleidoscope Craft**

Thursday, March 25, 2:00 p.m. For Grades K-2
Create, decorate and personalize your own beautiful and unique color collage for looking at the world. Space is limited. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for this fun craft beginning March 8.



I need a good book!



It's March and spring is sneaking into Colorado. That means both snowy days and warm sunny ones. The Children's Librarians want to help you find a good book for all types of weather. Plus... it is National March into Literacy Month. There are many ways to find a good book. We've been reading children's books for years and love making recommendations. Pick up a book list; whether it's Mystery, History, Fantasy, Princesses or Trucks and Trains, there's something for all ages and interests. For those of you who want to search on your own, ask us how to use our online catalog or Novelist database. You'll be sure to come away with great books for sunny days or snowy nights. Happy Spring Reading!

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Box or Preschool Story Time programs the week of March 22.

- ◆ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Also on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
A thirty-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.*

- ◆ **Preschool Story Time: Ages 3-kindergarten**
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Also on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month. This is an independent story time.

- ◆ **Paws to Read: For readers in grades 1-5, Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon. Next Meeting: Saturday, March 20**
Kids in grades 1-5 can practice reading with a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by R.E.A.D. Reading Education Assistance Dogs & Denver Pet Partners.



- ◆ **Register for Email Notification:**
Receive our monthly newsletter via email and choose to be notified of special programs. Here's how: visit <http://bemis.sirsi.net/>, under Library Info click on More information and then click on Subscribe Bemis News Email. Or, fill out a paper form at any Information Desk the next time you visit the library.
- ◆ **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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LIBRARY HOURS: M-Th 9-9; F-Sa 9-5; Su 1-5

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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Census Assistance Center at Bemis

Bemis will host a U.S. Census Assistance Center **March 19-April 19**. Two U.S. Census employees will staff the center **Tues., Wed. and Thurs., from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Sat. and Sun. from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** to help you complete the form, as needed. Census employees are bilingual in Spanish and Vietnamese. *All information collected is confidential.*

The U.S. Census, required by the Constitution to take place every 10 years, counts every person living in the United States.

The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects, and emergency services.

Look for your Census 2010 form in the mail in mid-March. When you receive yours, just answer the 10 short questions and mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided.

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?

United States
Census 2010

Jobs. Roads. Hospitals. Schools.
Help Littleton get what it needs for the next 10 years.
Forms will be delivered starting in March.
www.2010census.gov

Schedule of Library Events

- Mar. Art Exhibit** Women's Caucus Art Show, Mar. 1-31
- Monday, Mar. 1** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 2** *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Perspectives on India with Susan Thornton, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 3** *Using the Internet to Self-Publish, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 4** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 5** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 6** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, Noon
- Monday, Mar. 8** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 9** *Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 10** *Self-Publishing Lab, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 11** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 12** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 13** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Celtic music performed by Peace & Love & Jigs & Reels, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 15** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Artist Trading Card Group, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 16** *Beginning Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 17** *Intermediate Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 18** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling League, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 19** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 20** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
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- Wednesday, Mar. 24** *Beginning Power Point, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Denver Zoo Presents *Colorado Alive*, For Grades K-5, 2:00 p.m.
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*Cool Kaleidoscope Craft, For Grades K-2, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 26** *Getting Digital Photos Out of Your Camera, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 p.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 29** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 30** *Beginning Access, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
The Racehorse Secretariat & the Littleton Family Who Owned Him with Kate Tweedy, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 31** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.