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The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

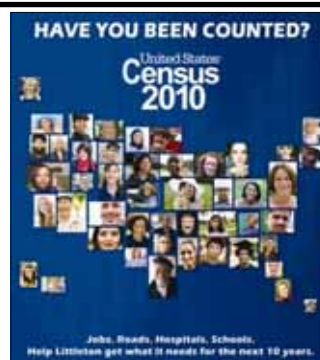
Census Assistance Center at Bemis

Bemis is hosting a U.S. Census Assistance Center through **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.

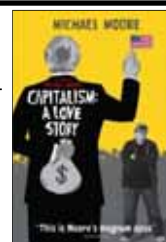
The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, tunnels and other public works projects, and emergency services.

Your Census 2010 form should have arrived in the mail by now. Just answer the 10 short questions and mail the form back in the postage-paid envelope provided.



Saturday Movie Matinee - *Capitalism: A Love Story*

See one of the most talked-about documentaries in the last year, *Capitalism: A Love Story*, **Saturday, April 3, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, on the library's big screen. Acclaimed filmmaker Michael Moore's latest film sets out to examine what he considers the disastrous impact of corporate dominance on the everyday lives of Americans. With both humor and concern, he explores the question: What is the price that America pays for its love of capitalism? Moore interviews ordinary people whose lives have been turned upside down by the financial crisis and he goes looking for answers in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.



Just Like Us: The True Story of Four Mexican Girls in America

Journalist Helen Thorpe, wife of Denver Mayor John Hickenlooper, will talk about her best-selling book, *Just Like Us*, **Monday, April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** The book is a powerful and moving account of four Mexican girls who attend the same high school. Two of the girls have legal documentation and two do not. Thorpe will tell the story of the teens and the differences between them. Getting real or fake identification, finding a job, applying for college financial aid, and dealing with deported parents, are just a few of the issues that confront the girls. Copies of Thorpe's book will be available for purchase and signing.



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, April 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m.: The Choralary, a group of eight singers with guitar accompaniment, will entertain with popular folk ballads from the U.S. and around the world.



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Communities Thrive at Bemis During National Library Week

Bemis is joining libraries around the country in celebrating **National Library Week, April 11-17**; the theme for the week is *Communities Thrive @ Your Library*. Stop by the library and write a few lines about why you enjoy living in Littleton or visiting Littleton; children can color and decorate a printed "hand" that will be placed on display in the library. For participating, you will have your name entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a business of your choice in historic downtown Littleton. This program is for all ages.



A Man in a Red Coat: General Charles Cornwallis

Go back in time to meet General Charles Cornwallis on **Monday, April 26, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Although opposed to the repressive tax policies that Britain imposed on its American colonies, Cornwallis joined British forces in America in 1776 with the rank of Major General. He saw action in most of the major campaigns of the Revolutionary War and pursued Washington's army across New Jersey. Cornwallis eventually surrendered at Yorktown, but went on to have a distinguished career as governor-general of India and then commander-in-chief of Ireland. Cornwallis will be portrayed in full uniform by Bud Jenkyns, who has performed his shows throughout America, including Mount Vernon.

Augusta Tabor & Winfield Scott Stratton: A Dramatic Presentation



Mary Jane Bradbury will portray Augusta Tabor.

Enjoy a fascinating visit with two of Colorado's most famous 19th century personalities, Augusta Tabor and Winfield Scott Stratton, **Tuesday, April 27, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Augusta was the business-wise, hardworking wife of Horace Tabor, who became wealthy through silver mining in Leadville. In a scandalous move, Horace cast Augusta aside to marry the younger Baby Doe. Stratton, after prospecting for 19 years, struck gold in the Cripple Creek area and emerged a multimillionaire in the 1890's, becoming one of Colorado's best known humanitarians. Return to a captivating period in western history as Augusta Tabor and Winfield Scott Stratton recall life in the 19th century boom towns in the Rockies. Augusta will be portrayed by Mary Jane Bradbury, an actress and presenter at Four Mile Historic Park in Denver. Richard Marold, an historian and journalist, will portray Stratton.



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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.

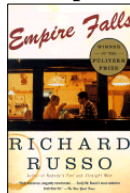
◆ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Apr. 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.



June 7: *Patriot Hearts*

by Barbara Hambly

The triumphs and turmoil of early America are revealed through fictional portraits of four women--Martha Washington, Abigail Adams, Sally Hemings, and Dolley Madison--who played key roles during four presidential administrations.



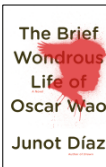
◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

by Junot Díaz

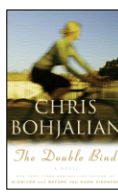
Living with an old-world mother and a rebellious sister, an urban New Jersey misfit dreams of becoming the next Tolkien and believes that a family curse is thwarting his efforts to find love and happiness.



May 17: *Double Bind*

by Chris Bohjalian

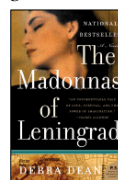
Working at a homeless shelter, student Laurel Estabrook encounters Bobbie Crocker, a man with a history of mental illness and a box of secret photos. When Bobbie dies suddenly, Laurel embarks on an obsessive search for the truth behind the photos.



June 21: *Madonnas of Leningrad*

by Debra Dean

In a novel that moves between the Soviet Union during World War II and modern-day America, Marina, an elderly Russian woman, recalls vivid images of her youth during the height of the siege of Leningrad.



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., Apr. 20; Tues., May 25; Tues., June 29
- ◆ **Beginning Excel**
Tues., Apr. 13; Tues., May 11; Tues., June 8
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel**
Wed., Apr. 21; Wed., May 12; Tues. June 15
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Apr. 17; Wed. May 19; Wed. June 16
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint**
Tues., Apr. 27; Tues. June 22
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher**
Wed., May 26
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., Apr. 6; Tues., May 4; Tues., June 1
- ◆ **Beginning Word**
Wed., April 7, Wed., May 5; Sat., May 15
- ◆ **Intermediate Word**
Wed., Apr. 14; Tues., May 18; Wed., June 9
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Apr. 3; Sat., May 1; Sat., June 5
- ◆ **Digital Photography Practice in Best Light**
Mon., June 7
- ◆ **Facebook: What's the Hype?**
Fri., Apr. 23
- ◆ **Get More Out of Google**
Wed., Apr. 28
- ◆ **How to Search the Library**
Wed., June 23
- ◆ **LuLu Self-Publishing Lab**
Fri., May 14
- ◆ **NetLibrary Downloadable Audio Books**
Tues., May 18
- ◆ **Windows File Management**
Sat., May 29; Sat., June 19
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



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
Apr. 3: *Black Cat Vol. 1*
May 1: Title will be selected at April mtg.
June 5: Title will be selected at May mtg.
- ◆ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Apr. 20, May 18, June 15
 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!
Apr. 15: Wii Sports Resort
May 20: Super Smash Bros Brawl
June 17: Rock Band/Guitar Hero
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Apr. 23: Talent Show details
May 28: Open agenda
June 25: Planning for fall

Special Teen Event

- ◆ **Duct Tape Creations**
Saturday, April 17, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
 Learn how to create cool items out of duct tape! All materials and instruction will be provided. Space is limited; contact teen librarian Mark to register for this program at 303-795-3961 or email him at mdecker@littletongov.org.

Upcoming Teen Events

- ◆ **Family Game Night**
Friday, May 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
 Board games and computers will be on hand for fun! Wii games including Rock Band, Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution will be available. The café will be open offering a selection of snacks, drinks, and sandwiches for sale.
- ◆ **Summer Reading Program:**
May 24-July 31
 This summer's theme is *Make Waves at Your Library*. Online registration begins May 24th and will continue through the program's conclusion on July 31st. More details will be in next month's newsletter.
- ◆ **Summer Film School**
 Watch for news about the summer film school at the Binning Family Foundation!

Under the Sea for Tea!

Join us for our Annual Mother-Daughter Tea Party, **Saturday, April 24, 2:00 p.m.** This year's theme, *Under the Sea for Tea*, will feature an afternoon of merry mermaids, festive fish, shining seashells and more for girls in grades K-5 and their mothers. Please dress in your fancy finery or mermaid best. *Space is limited.* Beginning April 1, please call 303-795-3961 to make a reservation.



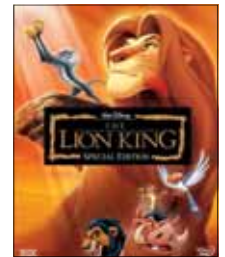
Make a "Splashy" Bookmark

Doodle, draw, collage, paint - Kids in grades K-5 may pick-up entry forms for the **Summer Reading Bookmark Contest** at the Children's Information Desk. Create a colorful design featuring this year's theme: *Make a Splash @ Bemis!* Four lucky winners will be chosen to have their bookmark designs printed. All entries are due by April 30.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Lion King*

Can't wait until 2011 for *The Lion King* to be released from the Disney vault? Then bring the kids on **Saturday, May 1, 2:00 p.m.**, for a special showing of the 1994 movie on the library's big screen. Experience the Academy Award winning music and classic story of Simba, the lion cub who "just can't wait to be king" as he moves from tragedy to reclaiming his rightful throne. Snacks will be provided. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Rated G. Running time: 90 minutes.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ◆ **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, April 17**
 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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Final Days of Free Tax Preparation Assistance

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, Mon. and Tues., 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.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Movie Matinee: *The Blind Side***
Saturday, May 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Why People are Gullible**
Tuesday, May 11, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Strange but True America: Weird Tales from All 50 States**
Tuesday, May 18, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Tropical Beat**
Monday, May 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Summer Reading Programs Begin**
Monday, May 24
- ♦ **Walking in Two Worlds—Mixed-Blood Indian Women**
Tuesday, May 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Thursday, Apr. 1** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 3** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, Noon
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Capitalism: A Love Story*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 5** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 6** *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 7** *Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 8** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 9** *Creating Digital Gifts Using Your Photos, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
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*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 14** *Intermediate Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 15** 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, Apr. 16** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 17** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Saturday, Apr. 17** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Music performed by *The Choralary*, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
*Teen Event: Duct Tape Creations, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 19** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Mon. Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 20** *Beginning Access, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 21** *Intermediate Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 22** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 23** *Facebook: What's the Hype? Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
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*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Augusta Tabor & Winfield Scott Stratton: A Dramatic Presentation, 7-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 28** *Get More Out of Google, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 29** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 30** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
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***These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.