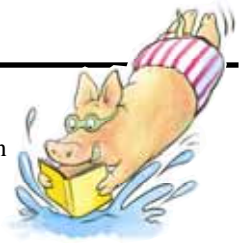




# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Dive Into Summer Reading!



Register for our summer reading programs starting on **Monday, May 24th**. We have a program to suit *every* reader.

**Children's:** This summer, *Make a Splash at Bemis!* Our program is for children from birth through those entering 5th grade in the fall. Visit us to pick up your Reading Record, track summer reading time and collect prizes along the way including a free book, coupons and entry into a weekly prize drawing after completing six hours of reading. See Page 3 for more program details and upcoming events.

**Teens:** This summer's theme is *Make Waves at Your Library*. There will be numerous creative programs and events happening this summer. Prizes will be awarded to participants throughout the program. Teens completing the program will receive a free book. See Page 3 for more program details and upcoming events.

**Adults:** Cultivate yourself this summer with our *Water Your Mind—READ* program. Register at the Information Desk and receive a gift. Fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to. Plus, take part in certain library activities to earn more chances to win weekly prizes or our overall Grand Prize drawing—a \$100 gift certificate to Aspen Grove. Other prizes include a book bag, books, gift certificates to Littleton merchants, two memberships to the Denver Botanic Gardens, and other nourishing items.

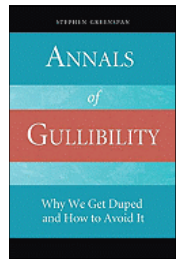
## Saturday Movie Matinee - *The Blind Side*

Bring the family to see the acclaimed film, *The Blind Side*, **Saturday, May 8, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**, on the library's big screen. Sandra Bullock and Tim McGraw star in this remarkable true story of a young man who went from abandonment to success as a pro-football player. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided for the showing. Rated PG-13.



## Why People are Gullible

Gullibility, the susceptibility to being duped, will be the focus of a talk by the world's leading expert on this subject, Dr. Stephen Greenspan, **Tuesday, May 11, 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Gullibility manifests itself in many areas of life including finance, personal relationships, science, religion and politics. Greenspan will illustrate his presentation with many interesting and sometimes humorous examples from literature, the popular media and current events. He was recently featured on the television program *60 Minutes* and has done other interviews on the History Channel, NPR's *Science Friday* and the BBC. Greenspan is a psychologist and author of the book, *Annals of Gullibility: Why We Get Duped and How to Avoid It*.

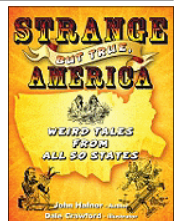


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## Strange but True America: Weird Tales from All 50 States

What if one American uncovered the most bizarre piece of history from each of our 50 states? Listen to funny and fascinating trivia and history from around the U.S., presented by author John Hafnor, **Tuesday, May 18, 7:00-8:15 p.m.** From the strange circumstances surrounding the death of George Washington to the story of the "horse in the sky" in Colorado, Hafnor will entertain you with little known facts from our history. His award-winning book, *Strange but True America*, has been reviewed as "a book like none other—a true treasure of a read!"



## Family Game Night

Enjoy a great family after-hours program on **Friday, May 21, 5:30 to 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. Brelli's Café will be open throughout the program, offering a selection of snacks, drinks, and sandwiches for sale.



# Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

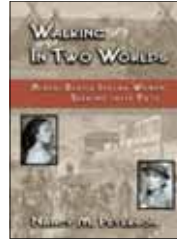
Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

**Monday, May 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** The musical duo **Tropical Beat** will entertain on keyboard and drums with music that will transport you to the beach!



## Walking in Two Worlds— Mixed-Blood Indian Women

Hear the true stories of mixed-blood Indian women who were torn between two worlds—raised in the traditions of their Indian mothers, but living in the world of their white fathers, on **Tuesday, May 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** These women followed differing paths—medicine, music, crafts, the stage, teaching—and they walked strong and tall. Some became nationally recognized leaders in the fight for Native American rights. Speaker Nancy Peterson is the author of a number of books on the history of the West.



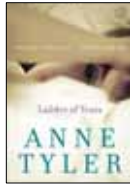
## Book Groups at Bemis

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 2:00 p.m.

**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. 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.



**July 12\*:** *To Kill a Mockingbird*  
by Harper Lee

The explosion of racial hate in an Alabama town is viewed by a little girl whose father defends a black man accused of rape.

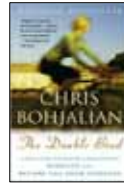


\*We will meet on the second Monday in July due to the 4th of July holiday.

### ♦ **Monday Evening Book Group** Third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**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.



**July 19:** *Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society*  
by Mary Ann Shaffer

In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey who tells her about the local book club born as an alibi during German occupation.



# 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. except where noted.** Currently space is available in these classes:

- ♦ **Beginning Access**  
Tues., May 25; Tues., June 29
- ♦ **Beginning Excel**  
Tues., June 8
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel**  
Wed., May 12; Tues. June 15
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Wed. May 19; Wed. June 16
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint**  
Tues. June 22
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher**  
Wed., May 26
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Tues., May 4; Tues., June 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word**  
Wed., May 5; Sat., May 15; Wed., June 2
- ♦ **Intermediate Word**  
Tues., May 18; Wed., June 9
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., May 1; Sat., June 5
- ♦ **Digital Photography Practice in Best Light**  
Mon., June 7 \**Special Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.*
- ♦ **How to Search the Library**  
Wed., June 23
- ♦ **LuLu Self-Publishing Lab**  
Fri., May 14
- ♦ **Mail Merge with Word**  
Wed., June 30
- ♦ **NetLibrary Downloadable Audio Books**  
Tues., May 18 \**Special Time: 2:00-3:30 p.m.*
- ♦ **Walk Around Photo Shoot**  
Fri., May 7
- ♦ **Windows File Management**  
Sat., May 29; Sat., June 19
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-one time with a computer class instructor.



# Children's Programs



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

Join other teens for the following activities:

- ◆ **Anime Club**  
**First Sat. of the month @ noon**  
**May 1:** *My Neighbor Totoro*  
**June 5:** Title will be selected at May mtg.  
**July 3:** Title will be selected at June mtg.
- ◆ **Teen Writers Group**  
**Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.**  
**May 18, June 15, July 20**  
 All teen creative writers are welcome! Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback.
- ◆ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**  
 Play a different video game each month!  
**May 20:** Super Smash Bros Brawl  
**June 17:** Sword Fighting  
*\*Special Time: 11:00 a.m.*  
 Compete in a Wii contest for prizes and prove that you're the best sword fighter around.  
**July 15:** Guitar Hero  
*\*Special Time: 11:00 a.m.*  
 Compete in a Wii contest for prizes and strut your guitar skills.
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**  
**Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**May 28, June 25, July 23**

## Special Teen Events

- ◆ **Teen Movie: Twilight Saga: New Moon**  
**Saturday, May 15, 2:00-4:30 p.m.**  
 The romance between mortal Bella Swan and vampire Edward Cullen grows more intense as ancient secrets threaten to destroy them.  
 130 minutes. Rage PG-13.
- ◆ **Family Game Night**  
**Friday, May 21, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**  
 After-hours program featuring board games, computers, Wii, Rock Band, Guitar Hero and Dance Dance Revolution. See Page 1 for more details.



## Summer Reading

This summer, **Make Waves at Your Library** with our teen summer reading program. Online registration begins **May 24th** and will continue through July 31st. The registration link will be located on the Bemis home page and on the Bemis Library teen blog. There will be a number of creative programs and events happening throughout the summer with prize drawings every two weeks. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. **See Page 4 for additional teen summer programs.**

## Decorations for Summer

Kids, help us transform the Children's Room into a Water Wonderland for the summer. Visit us during **Children's Book Week, May 10-16**, and decorate frolicking fish and shimmering shells. The librarians will then use all of your wonderful artwork to decorate the Children's Room. You also can write about your favorite books and submit a guess for the guessing jar! The crafts will be available each day; please call for times.



## Families Reading Together Kick-Off Program

Celebrate the start of summer and jump right into our **Families Reading Together Program** on **Sunday, May 23, 2:00 p.m.** This program is designed to encourage you and your kids to read chapter books together throughout the summer. When children read with the caring adults in their lives, it models the importance and fun of reading. Join us for exciting book talks, bibliographies with suggestions for great read-alouds and, of course, snacks! For readers entering grades 1-5 and their parents. Please register at the Children's Desk or call 303-795-3961.

## Summer Reading Fun: *Make a Splash at Bemis!*

Summer Reading registration begins **Monday, May 24th** for all children from birth through those entering 5th grade in the fall. Visit us to pick up your Reading Record, track summer reading time and collect prizes along the way including a free book, coupons and entry into a weekly prize drawing after completing six hours of reading.



### Summer Entertainers for Ages 3 and Up:

Every week beginning June 2nd visit Bemis for a free show with magic, music, comedy, puppets, and more! These programs are geared to kids ages 3 years and up. All children under eight must attend with an adult. No reservations needed but attendance is limited. Please arrive early so you don't miss the show.

- ◆ **Wednesday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. - Big Little Mermaid**  
**2010 Summer Reading Program Kick-Off**  
 Birgitta DuPree from the Manitou Art Theatre dons snorkel and mask to solve the mystery of the missing Little Mermaid in this modern adaptation of the classic Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale. For ages 3 and up.
- ◆ **Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m. - Splish, Splash & Sing**  
 Singer/songwriter Sue Schnitzer will perform with guitars, kazoos and percussion, making this lively, interactive music program fun for the whole family. For ages 3 and up.
- ◆ **School-Age Activities for Grades 1-3 & Grades 4-5:**  
 Enjoy crafts, games, stories, songs and other fun activities. Reservations required one week in advance.
- ◆ **Tuesday, June 1, 2:00 p.m. - Catch a Fish**  
 For kids going into grades 1-3. Test your eye/hand coordination with a fun toy you will make and decorate.
- ◆ **Thursday, June 3, 2:00 p.m. - Float Your Boat**  
 For kids going into grades 4-5. Construct a watertight toy paddle boat for summer water fun.

## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

### **No story times in May.**

### ◆ **Story Box & Preschool Story Time will resume in June:**

No story times in May as the Children's Librarians will be visiting Littleton Public Schools to promote our Summer Reading Programs. All programs and Story Times begin June 1.

### ◆ **Paws to Read: For readers in grades 1-5, Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon. Next Meeting: Saturday, May 15**

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.



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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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## Summer Film School

Are you a teen in grades 7-12 who is interested in writing, acting, directing, or editing your own movie? For the past six years, over 240 students have created amazing films at the Film School, part of the Summer Reading Program at Bemis. In eight weeks, you will learn professional movie-making techniques that include how to write scripts, storyboard, act, and of course, film masterpieces. This year, students will create six original movies based on the theme, *Make Waves at Your Library*. Each movie will be shown to the public at a World Premiere Red Carpet Event in August. **Beginning June 1, the Film School will meet Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Binning Family Foundation, 1269 W. Littleton Blvd.** Cost for the class is \$75 per student and scholarships are available. **Pick up your application at Bemis beginning May 10.** Space is limited; please reserve your spot as soon as possible. For details, contact librarian Mark Decker at 303-795-3961.



## CSI for Teens with the Littleton Police Dept.

The Littleton Police Department will be offering a seminar at the library for teens interested in the science of solving crime. The seminar will include **three, six-hour sessions on July 6-8, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.** The seminar is limited to 12 teens in 9th-11th grade. Participants will learn about fingerprints, shoe prints, crime scene diagramming and photography, blood-stain analysis and other topics. Lunch will be provided. **Registration for this event requires a special application available at the Information Desk after May 24.** Residents of Littleton and Littleton Public School students will be given first priority for this program.



# Schedule of Library Events

- Saturday, May 1** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Teen Anime Club, Noon  
 Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Lion King*, Rated G, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 3** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
 Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 4** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 5** \*Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 6** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 7** \*Walk Around Photo Shoot, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 8** Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Blind Side*, Rated PG-13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 10** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 11** \*Beginning Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Why People are Gullible, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 12** \*Intermediate Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 13** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 14** LuLu Self-Publishing Lab  
 Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, May 15** \*Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
 Teen Movie: *Twilight Saga: New Moon*, Rated PG-13, 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 17** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
 Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 18** \*Intermediate Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*NetLibrary Downloadable Audio Books, Space Available, 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
 Teen Writer's Group, 4:00 p.m.  
 Strange But True America: Weir Tales from All 50 States, 7:00-8:15 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 19** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 20** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Senior Wii Bowling League, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
 Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 21** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
 Family Game Night, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 23** \*Families Reading Together Kick-Off Program, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, May 24** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Tropical Beat, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
 Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 25** \*Beginning Access, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Walking in Two Worlds - Mixed-Blood Indian Women, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 26** \*Beginning Publisher, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, May 27** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 28** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
 Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 29** \*Windows File Management, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Monday, May 31** Memorial Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, June 1** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
 \*Catch a Fish, Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 2** \*Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
*Big Little Mermaid*, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.  
 \*Float Your Boat, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.  
 \*Teen Egyptian Hieroglyphics, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 4** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
 Theater Time, Ages 3-5th Grade, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

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

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.