

Behind the Cover

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Slide into Summer Reading Fun!



Our summer reading programs are in full swing. Stop by the library to learn more and register. 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.

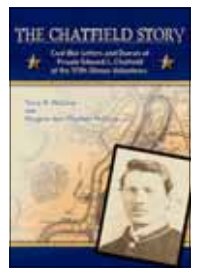
Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Young Victoria*

The early life of Queen Victoria is the focus of the romantic historical drama, *The Young Victoria*, featured on the library's big screen, **Saturday, June 5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The film chronicles Victoria's relationship and eventual marriage to Prince Albert, as well as her early rise to power and the first turbulent years of her rule. Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend star as Victoria and Albert. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided for the showing. Rated PG.



The Chatfield Story

Hear the incredible story of Edward L. Chatfield and the Chatfield family, who are recognized locally by the Chatfield Dam and State Park, on **Tuesday, June 8, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Speakers Terry and Peg McCarty have unearthed compelling new information about Edward Chatfield's experiences in the 113th Illinois regiment during the Civil War. Chatfield participated in a number of major battles and also was held prisoner at Andersonville and several other Confederate prisons. He made a dramatic escape and returned to Union lines. Edward has been described as a remarkable man of character, charm and fortitude who lived an extraordinary life. The Chatfield family moved to Littleton in 1879 and their ranch was located at what is now Chatfield Avenue and Platte Canyon Road. Terry and Peg McCarty are the authors of the book, *The Chatfield Story*, which will be available for purchase. Peg is Edward Chatfield's great grandniece.



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Pan for Gold at Bemis!

Find a gold nugget in this outdoor program for families on **Saturday, June 12, noon-3:00 p.m.** The Gold Prospectors of the Rockies will teach you how to pan for gold in water troughs set up on the front lawn of the library. Learn about the history and methods of gold prospecting in Colorado from the Gold Prospectors.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy a cold lemonade 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, June 19, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Hear the story and selected songs from the musical *Phantom of the Opera*, performed by Marta Burton as Christine and Nick Rossi as the Phantom. Burton has starred with dozens of major orchestras, including the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center.



Safe Wealth Accumulation Secrets Unveiled

Do you know what all your options are in today's volatile market? Find out at this financial program, **Monday, June 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Learn how to safeguard your retirement savings and have guaranteed income for the rest of your life. Also, learn about tax deferred growth with no limits to contributions. This program is part of a summer financial series presented by the Women's Financial Network.



Volunteers Needed for Immigrant Resources Center

Littleton Immigrant Resources Center is looking for volunteers! Citizenship applicants have increased and our ESL-based Language Partners program is still gathering students, so demand is high. If you have an interest in working with people from different cultures, helping them study to become U.S. Citizens, or assisting them in learning English, we would love for you to join us! Please contact Jimmie Braley at the library at 303-795-3968 or jbralej@littletongov.org for more information.



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.

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.

Aug. 2: *The Soloist: a Lost Dream, an Unlikely Friendship, and the Redemptive Power of Music*
by Steve Lopez

The true story of musician Nathaniel Ayers, who becomes schizophrenic and homeless, and his friendship with Steve Lopez, the Los Angeles columnist who discovers and writes about him in the newspaper.

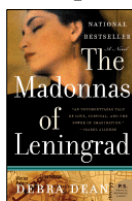


Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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 and 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.



Aug. 16: *The Shack*
by William Young

Four years after his daughter is abducted and evidence of her murder is found in an abandoned shack, Mackenzie Philips returns to the shack in response to a note claiming to be from God.



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., June 29
- ◆ **Beginning Access Part 1 & 2***
Part 1: Tues., July 27; Part 2: Wed., July 28
*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ◆ **Beginning Excel**
Tues., July 13; Tues., Aug. 10
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel**
Tues., June 15; Wed., July 14; Tues., July 20
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Wed., June 16; Wed., July 21; Wed., Aug. 18
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint**
Tues., June 22; Tues., Aug. 24
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., June 1; Tues., July 6; Tues., Aug. 3
- ◆ **Beginning Word**
Wed., June 2; Wed., July 7; Wed., Aug. 4
- ◆ **Buying and Selling on Craigslist**
Fri., Aug. 13
- ◆ **Intermediate Word**
Wed., June 9; Wed., July 14; Wed., Aug. 11
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., June 5; Sat., July 3; Sat., Aug. 7
- ◆ **Digital Photography Practice in Best Light**
Mon., June 7; Mon., Aug. 9
***Special Time for Both: 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- ◆ **How to Search the Library**
Wed., June 23
- ◆ **Mail Merge with Word**
Wed., June 30
- ◆ **Organizing & Managing Your Photos**
Fri., June 4
- ◆ **Windows File Management**
Sat., June 19; Sat., July 17; Sat., Aug. 21
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



Make a Splash - Read!



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
June 5: *Case Closed: Phantom of Baker St.*
July 3: Title will be selected at June mtg.
Aug. 7: Title will be selected at July mtg.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
June 15, July 20, Aug. 17
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!
June 17: Sword Fighting
**Special Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.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 a.m.-1 p.m.*
Compete in a Wii contest for prizes and strut your guitar skills.
Aug. 19: Wii Sports
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
June 25, July 23, Aug. 27

Teen Talent Show

Take part in a competition to find out who are Littleton's most talented teens! Two lucky teens will win a \$200 savings bond from Colorado Business Bank! Registration for this event, including tryouts, is required.

- ♦ **Tryouts**
Middle school/junior high teens:
Wednesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m.
High school teens:
Wednesday, June 23, 7:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Teen Talent Show**
Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.

Teen Summer Reading

Make Waves at Your Library with our teen summer reading program. Register online at the library from the link located on the Bemis home page or on the Bemis Library teen blog. We will have prize drawings every two weeks. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book. Plus, creative programs and events will be happening throughout the summer. Join us for these upcoming events:

- ♦ **Egyptian Hieroglyphics**
Thursday, June 3, 2:00 p.m.
Registration required; sign up at the Information Desk. Learn to read and write basic

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Our summer reading program, *Make a Splash*, is for all children from birth through those entering 5th grade in the fall. Pick up a Reading Record, learn about the program and begin winning prizes. Join us for all our fun entertainers and festivities!

June Entertainers for Ages 3 and Up:

- These programs are geared to kids ages 3 years and up. All children under 8 must attend with an adult. No reservations needed but attendance is limited so please arrive early.
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 2, 2:00 p.m. - Big Little Mermaid**
Birgitta DePree 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.
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 p.m. - Splish, Splash & Sing**
Singer/songwriter Sue Schnitzer uses guitars, kazoos and percussion in a lively, interactive musical program fun for the whole family.
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 16, 2:00 p.m. - The Elstuns' Magic Comedy Hour!**
An interactive show featuring the fabulously funny antics of a live bunny and birdie.
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. - Professor Klutzo H₂O**
Professor Klutzo and his puppet sidekicks, Percy Penguin and Freddy Frog, make a splash with music, water tricks, and juggling!
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 30 - Uniquely Twisted**
You'll be a part of this "oceany" story as Ms. Suzanne weaves storytelling together with amazing balloon costume creations.

June School-Age Activities for Grades 1-3:

Enjoy crafts, games, stories, and other fun activities. Reservations required one week in advance.

- ♦ **Tuesday, June 1, 2:00 p.m. - Catch a Fish**
Test your eye/hand coordination with a fun toy you will make and decorate.
- ♦ **Tuesday, June 8, 2:00 p.m. - Buoyant Buddies**
Make fun, foamy creatures for bobbing in the water.
 - ♦ **Tuesday, June 15, 2:00 p.m. - Argh Matey!**
Fun on the high seas! Draw and paint a pirate and his ship.
 - ♦ **Tuesday, June 22, 2:00 p.m. - Jumpin' Jellyfish!**
Learn about jellyfish, listen to stories and make your own to take home.
 - ♦ **Tuesday, June 29, 2:00 p.m. - Splash of Sparkle**
Let's get shiny with mobiles of sparkle to brighten your room.



June School-Age Activities for Grades 4-5:

Enjoy crafts, games, stories, and other fun activities. Reservations required one week in advance.

- ♦ **Thursday, June 3, 2:00 p.m. - Float Your Boat**
Construct a watertight toy paddle boat for summer water fun.
- ♦ **Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m. - Sea Creature Soccer**
Make a table soccer game with mermaids, sharks and seahorses that you can play at home.
- ♦ **Thursday, June 17, 2:00 p.m. - Splat, Splash, Stamp**
Using recycled materials, make at least three different stamps to use for your future artwork.
- ♦ **Thursday, June 24, 2:00 p.m. - Seascape**
Create a colorfully unique underwater world.
- ♦ **Thursday, July 1, 2:00 p.m. - Survivor: Book Island**
Can you survive this activity? We'll have games, puzzles, book sharing and more!

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**
Tues. & Wed. at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Also on Fri. at 9:30 a.m.
A thirty-minute session for children and a caring adult to introducing the joy of 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.**
A thirty-minute independent session with stories, songs, and a puppet show the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Theater Time: Ages 3 years and up - Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**
A thirty-minute independent session with weekly puppet shows, stories and fun!
- ♦ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5-Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.**
Saturday, June 19: Readers in grades 1-5 can read with a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by the American Humane Association.



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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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Egyptian Hieroglyphs. Participants will create a cartouche of their name.

♦ **The Art of YOU!**

Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.

Registration required; sign up at the Information Desk. A professional artist will teach you how to combine lettering and images to create a piece of art that reflects the real you. Participants will create a banner that will be displayed in the library.

♦ **Science Matters! Under the Sea**

Tuesday, June 22, 2:00 p.m.

Registration required; sign up at the Information Desk. Participants will explore the ocean using their five senses. Traveling from the seashore to deep sea, participants will come face-to-face with a squid, create their own tide pool, and make an angler fish game.

♦ **Teen Movie**

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie

Thursday, July 1, 3:00 p.m.

No registration required. Free popcorn and lemonade provided. Rated PG.

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 due June 15. Pick up the application at the Information Desk.** Residents of Littleton and Littleton Public School students will be given first priority.



Schedule of Library Events

- Tuesday, June 1** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Catch a Fish, Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Big Little Mermaid, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 3** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
*Float Your Boat, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.
*Egyptian Hieroglyphics, Teen Program, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 4** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 5** Teen Anime Club, Noon
Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Young Victoria*, Rated PG, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 7** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 8** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Buoyant Buddies, Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.
The Chatfield Story, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 9** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Splish, Splash & Sing, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 10** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
*Sea Creature Soccer, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.
*The Art of You! Teen Program, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 11** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 12** Pan for Gold, Noon-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 14** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Argh Matey! Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Writer's Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 16** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
The Elstuns' Magic Comedy Hour, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 16** *Teen Talent Show Tryouts: Middle School/Junior High Teens, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 17** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Teen Wii Games: Sword Fighting, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
*Splat, Splash, Stamp, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 18** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 19** *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Songs from *Phantom of the Opera*, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 21** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Mon. Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 22** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Jumpin' Jellyfish! Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.
*Science Matters! Under the Sea Teen Program, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 23** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Professor Klutzo H₂O, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.
*Teen Talent Show Tryouts: High School Teens, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 24** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Seascape, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 25** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 28** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Safe Wealth Accumulation Secrets Unveiled, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 29** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Splash of Sparkle! Grade 1-3, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 30** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Uniquely Twisted, Ages 3 & Up 2:00 p.m.

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

Find computer classes on Page 2 and specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.