



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

“Digging” King Tut

Get ready for the King Tut exhibit at the Denver Art Museum by attending “Digging” King Tut, presented by Dr. William Petty on **Tuesday, July 13, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** This program will help you gain an understanding of King Tutankhamun, both from an historical and an archaeological viewpoint. Included in the presentation will be a discussion of King Tut’s place in history, the circumstances surrounding his accession to the throne, his ten-year reign, death and burial. Jumping forward 3100 years, Petty will discuss the rediscovery of Egypt in the early 19th century and the growth of Egyptology, culminating in the discovery by Howard Carter in 1922 of King Tutankhamun’s tomb in Egypt’s Valley of the Kings. You will listen to recorded voices and view archival film footage of several people involved in the discovery of the tomb, including Howard Carter himself. Petty also will tell the story of two trumpets that were found in the tomb and were played in a worldwide broadcast by the BBC in 1939. Petty is a past president of the Egyptian Study Society and of The Amarna Research Foundation; he also is a member of the American Research Center in Egypt. He has presented many lectures on Egypt travel and history, and has published a number of articles on ancient Egypt.



Summer Movie Matinee: *Percy Jackson & the Olympians - The Lightning Thief*

See the fantasy-adventure film, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians - The Lightning Thief*, on the library’s big screen on **Monday, July 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Percy Jackson is no ordinary teenager. He’s the son of Poseidon and is accused of stealing Zeus’ lightning bolt, the most powerful weapon ever created! With storm clouds brewing, Percy embarks on an incredible cross-country journey to prove his innocence, recover the bolt, and prevent a war among the gods that could destroy our world! Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



Pan for Gold at Bemis!

Find a gold nugget in this outdoor program for families on **Saturday, July 24, 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.

Planning Your Estate and Will

Estate planning will be the focus of this financial program, **Monday, July 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** The presentation will cover wills, living wills, basic estate planning and why everyone should have a durable power of attorney. Trusts for guardianship of minor children, the probate process in Colorado, and dying without a will are additional topics for discussion. This program is part of a summer financial series presented by the Women’s Financial Network.

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Flourish! Remarkable Plants for Your Garden from the Denver Botanic Gardens

Learn about special plants cultivated at the Denver Botanic Gardens over its fifty-year history, **Tuesday, July 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Panayoti Kelaidis, senior curator at the Denver Botanic Gardens, will talk about the history of the Denver Botanic Gardens and its ties to the Littleton community as well as unusual plants developed at the Gardens—many of which can be used successfully in a home garden. Photographs of the plants will be shown at the presentation.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy a cold lemonade or delicious pastry while listening to music in Sophie's Place at the library. Monthly performances feature a variety of local musical talent.

♦ **Saturday, July 10, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**

The **Vibe Tribe**, a Dixieland and swing band, will entertain you with the unique sound of the vibraphone accompanied by clarinet, bass, drums and vocals.



Discussions on the National Health Care Reform Plan

Would you like to learn more about the National Health Care Reform Plan? If so, plan to attend *Discussions on the National Health Care Reform Plan*, on the **second Monday of July and August at 2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place**. The programs, facilitated by Daiga Keller of the South Metro Health Alliance, will include presentations from local health professionals, state officials and advocacy groups. Upcoming programs include:

- ♦ **Monday, July 12, 2:00 p.m.** - A presentation by the Colorado Health Institute on the National Health Care Reform Bill and the timeline for implementation of the program.
- ♦ **Monday, August 9, 2:00 p.m.** - A presentation by the Colorado Consumers Health Initiative on Health Care Reform in Colorado, including insurance reform, Medicaid and CHP+ expansion, Medicare and more. For additional information call Daiga Keller at 720-870-5537 or email her at dkeller@southmetrohealthalliance.com.

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 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 columnist who discovers and writes about him in the newspaper.



Sept. 13*: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig

Hired as a housekeeper to work on the early 1900s Montana homestead of widower Oliver Milliron, the irreverent Rose and her brother, Morris, endeavor to educate the widower's sons while witnessing local efforts on a massive irrigation project.



*We will meet on the second Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.



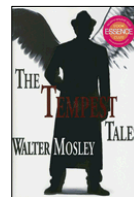
Aug. 16: *The Shack* by William Young

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.



Sept. 20: *Tempest Tales* by Walter Mosley

Refusing to go to hell in spite of his technical disqualification from heaven, murdered African-American everyman Tempest Landry is sent back to Harlem, where a guiding angel tries to convince him to accept judgment.



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 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., July 20; Tues., Aug. 17
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Wed., July 21; Wed., Aug. 18
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint**
Tues., Aug. 24
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., July 6; Tues., Aug. 3
- ♦ **Beginning Word**
Wed., July 7; Wed., Aug. 4
- ♦ **Intermediate Word**
Wed., July 14; Wed., Aug. 11
- ♦ **Buying and Selling on Craigslist**
Fri., Aug. 13
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., July 3; Sat., Aug. 7
- ♦ **Digital Photography Practice in Best Light**
Mon., Aug. 9*
***Special Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.**
- ♦ **Introduction to Digital Photography**
Fri., Aug. 27*
***Special Time: 2:00-3:30 p.m.**
- ♦ **Windows File Management**
Sat., July 17; Sat., Aug. 21
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
Thursdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
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
July 3: *Fullmetal Alchemist Brotherhood: Part 1*
Aug. 7: Title will be selected at July mtg.
Sept. 4: Title will be selected at Aug. mtg.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21
 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!
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*
Sept. 16: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
July 23, Aug. 27, Sept. 24

Teen Talent Show

Who are Littleton's most talented teens? Find out at the **Teen Talent Show on Wednesday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.** Two lucky teens will win a \$200 savings bond from Colorado Business Bank! Winners will be selected from two groups: middle school/junior high contestants and high school contestants who tried out in June.

Teen Summer Reading

We're making waves this summer at Bemis 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 through July 31st. 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:

- ♦ **Teen Movie**
SpongeBob SquarePants
Thursday, July 1, 3:00 p.m.
 No registration required. Free popcorn and lemonade provided. Rated PG.
- ♦ **Wii Event - Guitar Hero**
Thursday, July 15, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.



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Children's Programs



Make a Splash - Read!

Our summer reading program continues through July 31st. *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 this month for the following free entertainers and festivities!



July 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.
- ♦ **Tuesday, July 13, 2:00 p.m. - Big Bubble Circus**
 Jim Jackson conjures a bubble circus out of his trunk using magic, juggling, and comedy combined with the wonder and science of ordinary soap bubbles.
 - ♦ **Tuesday, July 20, 2:00 p.m. - Coconut the Clown**
 Watch as regular teacher, Dennis Brungardt transforms into a clown who performs a special clown show highlighting reading with a live bunny as guest.
 - ♦ **Tuesday, July 27, 2:00 p.m. - Dave the Horn Guy**
 High-energy Dave performs amazing movements to create incredible musical tunes using 25 bicycle horns attached to his body.

July School-Age Activities for Grades 1-5:

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

- ♦ **Wednesday, July 7, 2:00 p.m. - Get Wet!**
 With parents' permission, plan on a wet time at Bemis. Join us for Walk Like a Duck Relay Races, Water Time Ball Toss, and Bubblemania.
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 14, 2:00 p.m. - Mr. Bones and Friends**
 Meet Mr. Bones, the life-sized walking dinosaur skeleton puppet. You may get to volunteer as an amateur paleontologist.
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 21, 2:00 p.m. - Reaction Action with Science Matters**
 A splash of science and magic mixtures, fizzing, colorful molecular madness with demonstrations and hands-on activities.
- ♦ **Wednesday, July 28, 2:00 p.m. - Movie: Finding Nemo**
 Little Nemo is lost and his dad sets off on an undersea adventure to find him. Snacks will be served. Rated G. Running time: 100 minutes.



Families Reading Together

Our *Families Reading Together 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. For families with readers entering grades 1-5. Find out how to participate when you visit the Children's Room at the library.



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-5th Grade - 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, July 17: 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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No registration required. Compete in a Wii contest for prizes and show off your guitar skills!

♦ **Movie Event - Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief**
Monday, July 19, 2:00 p.m.

No registration required. Free popcorn and lemonade provided

♦ **Working with Water**
Friday, July 30, 2:00 p.m.

Registration required. This hands-on learning program will allow teens to discover the answers to questions like can water move uphill, why is water wet, and where does steam come from? Participants will make eggs float, create water explosions, give steam color, and float a few boats. You'll even get to make a small lava light!

Check Out a Kill A Watt Electricity Usage Monitor



Local electricity bills are rising and the library is providing **Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitors** for you to find how much electricity your appliances are using. Simply plug the Kill A Watt™ monitor into a wall outlet and then plug the appliance into the

monitor to get electricity consumption by the kilowatt hour for that appliance. Also, you can check the quality of your power by monitoring voltage and line frequency and calculate your electrical expenses by the day, week, month, even an entire year. The Kill A Watt™ electricity usage monitors may be checked out for one week and are available at the Circulation Desk.

Schedule of Library Events

Thursday, July 1 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
 Teen Movie: *SpongeBob Square-Pants*, Rated PG, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 2 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 3 Teen Anime Club, Noon

Sunday, July 4 Independence Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Monday, July 5 Independence Day
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Tuesday, July 6 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 7 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 *Get Wet! For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 8 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 9 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up, 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 10 Musical Moments at Sophie's Place:
The Vibe Tribe, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Monday, July 12 Discussions on the National Health Care Reform Plan, 2:00 p.m.
 Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
 Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 13 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 *Big Bubble Circus, Ages 3 & up, 2:00 p.m.
 "Digging" King Tut, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 14 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 *Mr. Bones and Friends, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
 Teen Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 15 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
 Teen Wii Games: *Guitar Hero*, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Friday, July 16 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up, 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, July 17 *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Monday, July 19 Summer Movie Matinee: *Percy Jackson & the Olympians - The Lightning Thief*, Rated PG, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Mon. Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 *Coconut the Clown, For Ages 3 & up, 2:00 p.m.
 Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 21 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 *Reaction Action with Science Matters, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 22 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 23 *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.

Saturday, July 24 Pan for Gold, Family Event, Noon-3:00 p.m.

Monday, July 26 Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
 Planning Your Estate & Will, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 *Dave the Horn Guy, For Ages 3 & up, 2:00 p.m.
 Flourish! Remarkable Plants for Your Garden from the Denver Botanic Gardens, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 28 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Movie: *Finding Nemo*, Rated G, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 29 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 30 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up, 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
 *Teen Program: *Working with Water*, 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.