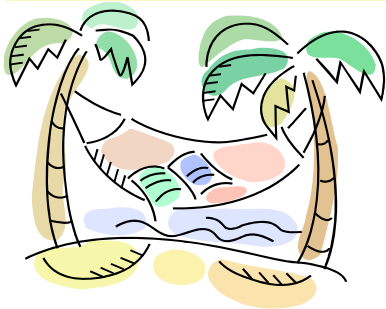


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# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Luke Ham Sandwich Family Band

Enjoy Texas style fiddling and bluegrass music with the Luke Ham Sandwich Family Band on the front lawn of the library, **Thursday, August 12, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** The band has performed throughout the country and includes dad and mom, Del and Debbie Lukasiewicz, and their eight children who range in age from seven to 17. Three of the fiddling children are adoptees from a Haitian orphanage.



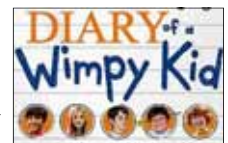
## Tribute to the Big Band & Swing Era

The Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra and the Andrews Singers will entertain with lively and popular big band hits from the 1930's and 40's, **Thursday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.** on the front lawn of the library. Included in the performance will be a demonstration of swing dancing.



## Summer Movie Matinee: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*

See the popular comedy, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, August 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Based on a best-selling book series, the movie chronicles the adventures of 12-year-old Greg Heffley and his best friend as they try to become popular in their school. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



## Summer Reading Programs Wrap Up

Our summer reading programs were a splashing success! Over 2,000 children ages infant through 5th grade participated in *Make a Splash*, our Children's Summer Reading Program. Our Teen Summer Reading Program, *Make Waves @ Your Library*, had a record 540 teens participating. *Water Your Mind, READ*, our Adult Summer Reading Program, had 419 adults participating.

Bemis wishes to extend its gratitude to the following businesses who generously contributed to the success of our 2010 Summer Reading Programs:



AMF Bowling Centers \* Applebee's Restaurants \* Arapahoe Acres Nursery & Garden Center \* Aspen Grove Shopping Center \* Big Papa's BBQ & Grill \* Brelli's Café \* Chick fil-A, 4090 River Point Parkway \* Claim Jumper Restaurants \* Colorado Business Bank \* Dairy Queen, 7935 S. Broadway, Littleton \* Denver Museum of Nature & Science \* Fazoli's Restaurant \* Lakeside Amusement Park \* Littleton Police Department \* McDonald's Restaurants in Littleton \* Noodles & Company \* Pirates Cove Family Aquatic Center \* Romano's Italian Restaurant \* Skate City, 5801 S. Lowell Way, Littleton \* South Suburban Parks and Recreation District

And a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. We couldn't have done it without you!

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## Discussions on the National Health Care Reform Plan

Attend a discussion on the National Health Care Reform Plan, **Monday, August 9 at 2:00 p.m.** in the large meeting room. Presented by the Colorado Consumers Health Initiative, the program will focus 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](mailto:dkeller@southmetrohealthalliance).

## Long Term Care - What are the Options?

Hear tips on choosing and paying for long term health care, **Monday, August 23, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Topics covered will include long term care insurance, nursing homes, assisted living and home health care. Issues such as amounts of coverage, elimination periods and protecting your family's acquired wealth also will be discussed. This program is presented by the Women's Financial Network.

# International Coffee Hour

If you are learning to speak English, come to the library the **first and third Friday mornings of each month from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in Sophie's Café** for our International Coffee Hour. The group is for those who would like to practice their English-speaking skills, meet people from other countries, and discuss topics of mutual interest. Join us on August 6th and 20th.



# Immigrant Resources Center Needs Volunteers

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 [jbraley@littletongov.org](mailto:jbraley@littletongov.org) for more information.



# Check Out a Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitor

Check out a Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitors to determine how much electricity your appliances are using. Simply plug the Kill A Watt monitor into a wall outlet. 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, line frequency and power factor. The Kill A Watt monitors check out for one week and are available at the Circulation Desk.



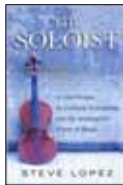
# Book Groups at Bemis

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

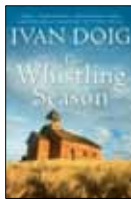
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

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



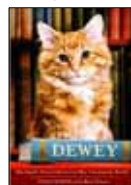
The true story of musician Nathaniel Ayers, who becomes schizophrenic and homeless, and his friendship with Steve Lopez, the columnist who discovers and writes about him in the newspaper.

**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.

**Oct. 4:** *Dewey: the Small Town Library Cat who Touched the World* by Vicki Myron



The charming story of Dewey Readmore Books, the beloved library cat of Spencer, Iowa.

## Monday Evening Book Group

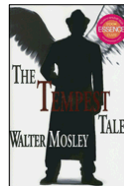
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

**Aug. 16:** *The Shack* by William Young



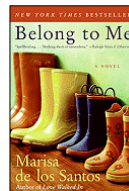
Four years after his daughter is abducted and evidence of her murder is found in an abandoned shack, Mackenzie Philips returns to the shack in response to a note claiming to be from God.

**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.

**Oct. 18:** *Belong to Me* by Marisa De Los Santos



A devoted city dweller, Cornelia Brown moves to the suburbs where she faces her new life with trepidation and struggles to make friendships. Her mettle is tested by judgmental neighbor Piper, who represents everything Cornelia feared she would find in suburbia. A saving grace soon appears in the form of Lake, a warm yet elusive woman who is also a recent arrival in town.

# 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\***  
Tues., Sept. 21 & Wed., Sept. 22  
\*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Beginning Excel**  
Tues., Aug. 10, Tues., Sept. 7; Wed., Oct. 13
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel**  
Tues., Aug. 17; Tues., Sept. 14; Wed., Oct. 20
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Wed., Aug. 18; Sat., Sept. 18; Sat., Oct. 16
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint**  
Tues., Aug. 24; Tues., Oct. 27
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher**  
Wed., Sept. 29
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Tues., Aug. 3; Wed., Sept. 1; Tues., Oct. 5
- ♦ **Beginning Word**  
Wed., Aug. 4; Wed., Sept. 8; Tues., Oct. 12
- ♦ **Intermediate Word**  
Wed., Aug. 11; Wed., Sept. 15; Tues., Oct. 19
- ♦ **Buying and Selling on Craigslist**  
Fri., Aug. 13
- ♦ **Buying Your First Digital Camera**  
Fri., Sept. 10
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., Aug. 7; Sat., Oct. 2
- ♦ **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., Aug. 21
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



## 2010 Bookmark Contest Winners

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  
Aug. 7: *Full Metal Alchemist*  
Sept. 4: Title will be selected at Aug. mtg.  
Oct. 2: Title will be selected at Sept. mtg.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**  
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.  
Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19  
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!  
Aug. 19: *Wii Sports Resort*  
Sept. 16: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*  
Oct. 21: *MarioKart*
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**  
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.  
Aug. 27, Sept. 24 and Oct. 22

The winners of our annual Bookmark Contest have been selected. Children in Kindergarten-5th grade created artwork to represent our Children's Summer Reading theme, *Make a Splash @ Bemis*. We had many creative entries to choose from. Congratulations to our 2010 Bookmark Contest Winners!



2010 Bookmark Contest Winners left to right:  
Derek Wright—Kindergarten; Finn O'Shea—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade; Jordan Roos—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade;  
Kate Scalet—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; Athena Nguyen—5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Special Teen Events

- ♦ **2010 Film School Movie Premiere**  
The Binning Family Foundation and Bemis proudly present the World Premiere of the 2010 Film School Movies on Fri., Aug. 13, 5:30-7:30 pm., at the Littleton City Center (2255 W. Berry Ave.). Free pizza and beverages provided.
- ♦ **Teen Tie-Dye**  
Learn how to make cool tie-dye creations on Sat., Aug. 21, 2:00-3:30 p.m. We'll supply the dye, the room, and the know-how; you bring your own materials to be dyed. *Space is limited*; contact teen librarian Mark to register for this event at 303-795-3961 or by email at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

## Battle for the Best Book

Beginning in August, teens can vote for the best teen book at Bemis by sending their votes by email to teen librarian Mark at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org). Each week two books from the nominated titles will be chosen to "battle" against each other. Teens will vote for the book they'd like to see stay in the competition; the losing title will be removed. The battle continues through early October with the final winner being announced during **Teen Read Week, October 17-23**. Teens: every nomination or vote you submit enters your name into a prize drawing to be held in October. Winners will receive a copy of a book of their choice. Monitor the battle at the Bemis Teen Blog, <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/>, or by visiting the library.

## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

*No Story Times or Paws to Read in August. Weekly Story Times resume Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>.*

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**  
Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays and Fridays 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. Also on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.  
A thirty-minute independent session with stories, songs, and a puppet show the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5**  
Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.  
Saturday, Sept. 18: 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.
- ♦ **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.



## Upcoming Children's Events

Mark your calendars now for this exciting September program. Playground Theatre will present *The Green Scene*, Saturday, September 18 at 2:00 p.m. Meet Super Natural, the world's first organic Super Hero and his green side-kick Sprout. Born on Earth Day and raised on peace, love and granola, Super Natural is here to save the planet from the evil plans of "Toxic Waste." This program is for families with children ages 3 and up.



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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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## English as a Second Language Classes

Learn English at the library! The fall session of English as a Second Language (ESL) will begin on **Monday, August 23**. **Beginning classes are held in the library's classroom from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday, and 5:30-6:50 p.m., Monday-Wednesday. Intermediate classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday.** These classes are open to teens age 16 and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 each semester for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals under the age of 21. You may register for the classes at the library's main floor reference desk anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District No. 6 and an instructor is provided by the District. For more information call Alejandra Harguth or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

## Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Power of Good - One Man's Experience**  
Tuesday, September 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- ♦ **\*Antique Appraisal Fair**  
Friday, September 17, Noon-7:00 p.m.  
\*Reservations required for appraisals.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee:**  
*Letters to Juliet*  
Saturday, September 25, 3:00-4:40 p.m.
- ♦ **True Stories of Titanic Survivors**  
Monday, September 27, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Western entertainer Bill Barwick**  
Wednesday, September 29, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

**Monday, Aug. 2** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 3** \*Beginning Windows XP,  
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 4** \*Beginning Word, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 5** Open Computer Lab,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Friday, Aug. 6** International Coffee Hour,  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 7** \*Computer Comfort, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Teen Anime Club, Noon

Summer Movie Matinee:  
*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*,  
Rated PG, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 9** Discussions on the National  
Health Care Reform Plan,  
2:00 p.m.

Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

\*Digital Photography Practice in  
The Best Light, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 10** \*Beginning Excel, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 11** \*Intermediate Word, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 12** Open Computer Lab,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.

Luke Ham Sandwich Family  
Band, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 13** \*Buying & Selling on Craigslist,  
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 16** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Mon. Evening Book Group,  
7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17** \*Intermediate Excel, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Aug. 18** \*Beginning Internet, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 19** Open Computer Lab,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.

Senior Wii Bowling,  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

Teen Wii Games: *Wii Sports  
Resort*, 3:30 p.m.

Tribute to the Big Band and  
Swing Era, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Friday, Aug. 20** International Coffee Hour,  
10:00-11:00 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, Aug. 21** \*Windows File Management,  
Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Monday, Aug. 23** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Long Term Care - What are the  
Options? 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 24** \*Beginning Power Point, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Aug. 26** Open Computer Lab,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Friday, Aug. 27** \*Introduction to Digital  
Photography, Space Available,  
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Aug. 30** Free Medical Services Van,  
Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 1** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space  
Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 2** Open Computer Lab,  
9:00-10:30 a.m.

**Friday, Sept. 3** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 6** Labor Day Holiday  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**  
No Free Medical Services Van

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

*Find specific program details elsewhere in  
this newsletter.*