

# Behind the Cover

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## The Story of the Racehorse Secretariat

Littleton resident Kate Chenery Tweedy had a front row seat when the legendary racehorse Secretariat thundered across America's racetracks and into sports history. Tweedy will come back to Bemis Library to tell this remarkable story **Tuesday, January 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Kate's mother, Penny Chenery (Tweedy), went from being a suburban wife and mother in Littleton to becoming a national celebrity as the owner-manager of Secretariat from 1968 to 1973. As a teen during that turbulent time, Kate will reveal what it was like to experience Secretariat's astonishing career up close and she will also talk about her perspective on the recent film, *Secretariat*. Kate retells the story of her amazing family and their phenomenal horse in her new book, *Secretariat's Meadow, the Land, the Family, the Legend*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy music in Sophie's Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

**Saturday, January 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Jeff Wittig & Friends, a five-member band, will perform classic folk and rock songs. Wittig has performed on stage with *A Prairie Home Companion*. His CDs will be available for purchase.



## Shared Joys and Sorrows: Islam, Christianity and Judaism

Twelve events in the lives of followers of Islam, Christianity and Judaism will be the focus of a photographic presentation by Dr. Richard Steckel on **Sunday, January 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** At this program, you will have an opportunity to meet some of the people featured in the photographs. Steckel and his wife Michele are founders of The Milestones Project, which promotes mutual respect and understanding between cultures and religions. Among the special family events that will be shown are first day at school, first grandchild, sharing a holiday meal, worshipping together, cherishing children and death of a grandparent. The Steckels believe that if we learn more about other peoples' faiths, intolerance can be replaced with understanding. Richard Steckel has an international reputation as an author, consultant, speaker and photographer. The Milestones Project has been honored by the United Nations and the National Education Association. Cookies and apple cider will be provided.



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## Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Social Network*

The highly acclaimed film about the creation of the website Facebook, *The Social Network*, will be featured on the library's big screen, **Saturday, January 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** In 2003, Harvard student and computer programming genius Mark Zuckerberg sat down at his computer and began working on a new idea. This idea soon became a global social network and a revolution in communication. A mere six years and 500 million friends later, Mark Zuckerberg became the youngest billionaire in history, but for this entrepreneur, success led to both personal and legal complications. Free popcorn and beverages will be available at the showing.



# Polly Pry, 1st Female Reporter at *The Denver Post*

Leonel Ross Campbell, better known as Polly Pry, was born in the South in 1857. Intelligent, beautiful, and from a socially elite family, she ran away from an exclusive boarding school at age 15. As the first female reporter for *The Denver Post*, her male co-workers resented her "flouncing skirts" in their newsroom. What gained Polly the most renown was her passionate campaign to free Colorado's famous cannibal, Alfred Packer, from prison. Polly Pry will be portrayed on **Monday, January 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** by Kay Negash, one of Colorado's most widely recognized storytellers.



## Free Tax Preparation Assistance

Beginning in February, Bemis will be providing 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 from February 2 through April 13 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.



**The AARP will provide tax preparation help on the upper level of the library from February 7-April 12, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 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 the library, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

## 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.**

**Jan. 10:** \**The Alchemist*  
by Paulo Coelho

An Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist. What starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasures found within.

\*We will meet on the second Monday in January due to the holidays.

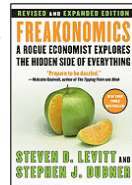
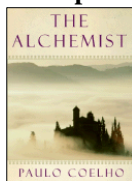
**Feb. 7:** *Freakonomics:*

*A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*  
by Stephen Leavitt

Leavitt is not a typical economist. He studies the stuff and riddles of everyday life, from cheating and crime to sports and child rearing. His conclusions regularly turn conventional wisdom on its head.

**Mar. 7:** *The Wrong Mother*  
by Sophie Hannah

A year after a brief affair, Sally Thorning learns about the murders of her lover's family and realizes that the man's face does not match her lover--a situation which quickly escalates to a dangerous level for Sally's family.



### Monday Evening Book Group

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**Jan. 24:** \**White Tiger*  
by Aravind Adiga

A memorable story that depicts the social and economic inequalities of contemporary India. The main character, Balram Halwai, recounts his transformation from an honest, hardworking boy to a murderer. \*We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

**Feb. 28:** *A Mercy*  
by Toni Morrison

Set at the close of the 17th century and told through the perspective of several women, this thought-provoking book looks at various forms of slavery in America.

\*We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to the President's Day Holiday.

**Mar. 21:** *Spoon*  
by Robert O. Greer

In Big Horn County, MT, 1991, when a barefoot half-African American, half-Native American hitchhiker wearing an expensive cowboy hat gets a ride from a teenager named TJ Darley, a friendship is born.



## 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 now available throughout the building for patrons with wireless-enabled laptops.**

Currently, our computers use Microsoft XP operating systems and Microsoft Office 2003 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 \$0.50 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 Parts 1 & 2\***  
**MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Jan. 18 & Wed., Jan. 19  
\*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Jan. 11; Tues., Feb. 15
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Jan. 12; Wed., Feb. 16
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Wed., Jan. 26; Wed., Feb. 2
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Jan. 25
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Feb. 22
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Tues., Jan. 4; Tues., Feb. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Jan. 5; Tues., Feb. 8
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Feb. 9
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., Jan. 15; Sat., Feb. 5
- ♦ **Craigslist**  
Fri., Jan. 21
- ♦ **Introduction to Digital Photography**  
Fri., Feb. 11
- ♦ **iPad and Kindle**  
Wed., Feb. 23
- ♦ **Shopping on the Internet**  
Fri., Feb. 25
- ♦ **Skype & VoIP Options**  
Fri., Jan. 7
- ♦ **Windows XP File Management**  
Sat., Feb. 19
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



# Children's Programs



## Family Film: *Shrek Forever After*

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:

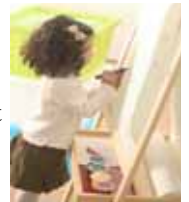
- ◆ **Anime Club**  
First Sat. of the month @ noon  
Jan. 8\*: *Tower Of Druaga*  
Feb. 5: Title will be selected at Jan. mtg.  
Mar. 5: Title will be selected at Feb. mtg.  
\*We will meet on the second Saturday in January due to the New Year's Day holiday.
- ◆ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**  
Play a different video game each month!  
Jan. 20: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*  
Feb. 17: *Carnival Games*  
Mar. 17: *Wii Sports*
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**  
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.  
Jan. 28, Feb. 25 & Mar. 25

Join us on **Saturday, January 8, 2:00 p.m.** for ninety-three minutes of laughter, popcorn and lemonade at the large screen showing of *Shrek Forever After* (Rated PG). Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Reservations are required, call the library at 303-795-3961 or sign-up at the Children's Desk beginning December 28. No strollers, please.



## Caldecott Art Affair

To recognize the Caldecott Award for 2011, come to Bemis on **Saturday, January 22, 2:00 p.m.** to experience art in the Caldecott tradition. We will have paints, paper, pastels and all things artistic to enable you to make a picture similar to a Caldecott award-winning illustrator. For children in Grades 1-5. Please call 303-795-3961 to book reservations beginning January 9.



## Special Teen Event

**Book It!**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**  
Handmade books are all the rage. Join us to learn how to create a cool book by hand! Great for diaries, journals, or just for fun, these books also make fantastic gifts. Bring in a favorite photograph and we'll help you copy and recolor it to use for the cover of your book. All materials will be provided. Space is limited! Register for this program by calling the library at 303-795-3961, or by emailing Mark, the teen librarian, at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

## Caldecott Medal Nominees on Display

Each January, the Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States during the preceding year. To be eligible, the artist must be a citizen or resident of the U.S. This month, stop by the Children's Room to see a display of books eligible for the prestigious 2011 Caldecott Medal.



## Upcoming Teen Events

**Red Cross Babysitting Class**  
**Saturday, February 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
Become a certified babysitter by attending an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis. The class is limited to 12 participants ages 11-15. The course fee is \$60. To register, call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474.

**"You Are Here"**  
**Teen Photography Contest**  
Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme "You Are Here" by **Monday, March 14**. Include the name of your photograph with your submission. The winning photos from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will be published on a library bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. For more information, or to submit your photo, contact Mark, the teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org)

## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

**Weekly Programs resume on January 4.**



- ◆ **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 introduce 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 activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.



- ◆ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5**  
Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.  
Saturday, Jan. 15 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.

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Online Catalog: <http://bemis.sirsi.net>

**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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## ESL Classes @ Bemis

Learn English at the library! The spring session of ESL classes begins on January 4. **Beginning English 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-Tuesday. Intermediate English classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday.** These classes are open to teens age sixteen 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. Register for the classes with an instructor anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District Six 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.

## Library to Use Collection Agency

Starting January 1, 2011 Bemis will use the services of a collection agency, Unique Management Services, to recover overdue materials, fines, and fees. Patron accounts with over \$40 in outstanding charges will be sent to Unique Management Services for recovery. A \$10 fee will be added to accounts sent through the collections process.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Jan. Art Exhibit** Littleton Public Schools Elementary Art Show, Jan. 10-31
- Saturday, Jan. 1** New Year's Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Jan. 4** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 5** \*Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 6** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 7** \*Skype & VoIP Options, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Space Available  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 8** Teen Anime Club, Noon  
\*Family Film: *Shrek Forever After*, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 10** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 11** \*Beginning Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
The Story of the Racehorse Secretariat, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 12** \*Intermediate Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 13** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 14** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 15** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Jeff Wittig & Friends, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
\*Teen Event: Book It! 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 17** Martin Luther King Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Jan. 18** \*Beginning Access Part 1, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 19** \*Beginning Access Part 2, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 20** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.  
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 21** \*Craigslist, 9:00-10:30 a.m., Space Available  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 22** \*Caldecott Art Affair, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Jan. 23** Shared Joys & Sorrows: Islam, Christianity & Judaism, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 24** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
Polly Pry, First Female Reporter at the *Denver Post*, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 25** \*Beginning Power Point, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 26** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 27** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 28** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 29** Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Social Network*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 1** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 2** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- \*These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.