



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Mile High Tourism: From Alfred Packer to DIA

Well-known Colorado historian Tom Noel will inform and entertain with historical stories and photos of Denver and Littleton tourism, **Tuesday, February 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Noel will talk about the builders and boosters, the saloonkeepers and journalists, hotel owners, stagecoach guides and mayors who tirelessly promoted our area. Copies of Noel's recent book, *Mile High Tourism: Denver's Convention and Visitor History*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

Saturday, February 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m.: Déjà Vu Sweet Adeline Quartet, a female barbershop quartet with a focus on swing, will sing a variety of romantic songs from the forties and fifties.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Secretariat*

See the remarkable film, *Secretariat*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, February 19, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Based on a true story, *Secretariat* chronicles the spectacular journey of the 1973 Triple Crown winner. Littleton housewife Penny Chenery (Diane Lane) agrees to take over her ailing father's Virginia-based Meadow Stables, despite her lack of horse-racing knowledge. Against all odds, Chenery—with the help of veteran trainer Lucien Laurin (John Malkovich)—manages to navigate the male-dominated business, ultimately fostering the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years and what may be the greatest racehorse of all time. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



How to Live on the Cheap

Hear tips on living frugally from national consumer writer, Laura Daily, **Tuesday, February 22, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Daily will talk about finding and using coupons to save big bucks, how to be a savvy shopper in grocery stores, locating free tickets to cultural events, searching the Internet for special deals and how not to overspend. Daily is the founder of [MileHighOnTheCheap](http://MileHighOnTheCheap.com), a website devoted to deals, bargains and freebies in the metro Denver area. The website was recently named "Best Website for Cheapskates" by *Westword* magazine. Laura Daily is a professional journalist who has written articles for the *AARP Magazine*, *Global Traveler*, and other national publications.



Westword's Best Website for Bargain Hunters

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Free Tax Help!

Bemis is 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.** Appointments are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.



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 an AARP tax assistance appointment at the library, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

The Crown Throughout History

Join us on **Monday, February 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** for a fascinating presentation on the history of the crown from ancient Greece, through Roman emperors, medieval royalty and up through the reign of England's Queen Elizabeth II. Dr. Beverly Chico, who will be speaking and showing photographs, is one of the world's leading authorities on headwear. Chico will bring an eighteenth century silver crown, a sixteenth century tiara and other examples of classic crowns.



Dr. Chico

Immigrant Resources Center Needs Volunteers

The 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 Alejandra Harguth at the library at 303-795-3968 or aharguth@littletongov.org for more information.



Book Groups at Bemis

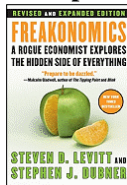
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Feb. 7: *Freakonomics:*

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



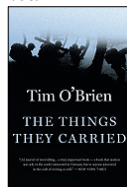
Leavitt is not a typical economist. He studies the stuff and riddles of everyday life, from cheating and crime to sports and child rearing. His conclusions regularly turn conventional wisdom on its head.

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.

Apr. 4: *The Things They Carried*
by Tim O'Brien



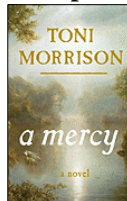
Heroic young men carry the emotional weight of their lives to war in Vietnam in a patchwork account of a modern journey into the heart of darkness. In their relationships we see their isolation and loneliness, their rage and fear. They miss their families, their girlfriends and buddies; they miss the lives they left back home. Yet they find sympathy and kindness for strangers, and love for each other, because in Vietnam they are the only family they have.

Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.

Apr. 18: *Await Your Reply*
by Dan Chaon



The lives of three strangers interconnect in unforeseen ways. While Miles pursues elusive letters and clues in a perpetual search for his missing twin, Ryan struggles with the discovery that he is adopted, and Lucy finds her daring escape from her hometown posing unexpectedly dangerous consequences.

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 Excel - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Feb. 15
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Feb. 16
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Wed., Feb. 2
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Feb. 22
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., Feb. 1
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Feb. 8
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Feb. 9
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Feb. 5
- ◆ **Introduction to Digital Photography**
Fri., Feb. 11
- ◆ **iPad and Kindle**
Wed., Feb. 23
- ◆ **Shopping on the Internet**
Fri., Feb. 25
- ◆ **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.



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
Feb. 5: *Sengoku Basara: Samurai Kings*
Mar. 5: Title will be selected at Feb. mtg.
Apr. 2: Title will be selected at Mar. mtg.
- ◆ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**
 Play a different video game each month!
Feb. 17: *Carnival Games*
Mar. 17: *Wii Sports*
Apr. 21: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 25: Summer Reading Planning
Mar. 25: Programming Ideas
Apr. 22: Open Agenda

Special 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 win a \$25 Amazon gift certificate and have their photo 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

Upcoming Teen Events

Teen Tech Week: Mix and Mash @ Your Library: March 6-12

The library has much more to offer than just books! Teen Tech Week offers teens the chance to learn about other library services. Check the Bemis Teen Blog at

<http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/> for details about activities available during Teen Tech Week—win prizes by participating!

Teen Movie: *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*—March 24, 1-4:00 p.m.

Shown on our big screen. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG-13.

Children's Programs



Simple as a Giggle

Wiggle and giggle with entertainer Beth Epley on **Saturday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.** Join in the fun as we hear silly songs and funny stories about the importance of laughter. Meet zany characters like Chuck Chuckle and Charley Horse as we take being silly very seriously. Make the most of every moment. It is as simple as a giggle. For families with children ages 3 and up.



Katherine Dines Presents Hunk-ta-Bunk-ta Music

HUNK-TA-BUNK-TA

In the spirit of Dr. Seuss, join us on **Sunday, February 27, 2:00 p.m.** for music, laughter, and fun as nationally-renowned entertainer Katherine Dines presents original songs to entertain and delight you. For families with children 3 and older.



Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities



- ◆ **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, Feb. 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.



◆ 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 Spring Break Activities

- ◆ **Spring Break Movie Time: *Open Season 3* - Monday, March 21, 2:00 p.m.**
 For families with children ages 3 and up. Please call for reservations beginning March 11. Rated PG.
- ◆ **Birds of Prey by HawkQuest - Wednesday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.**
 Don't miss this special program just for kids in grades 1-5. Reservations are required; please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 7.

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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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ESL Classes @ Bemis

Learn English at the library! **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.

Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary**
Tuesday, March 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **What's New in Solar Energy?**
Monday, March 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with singing Scotsman Matthew Gurnsey**
Wednesday, March 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Free Family Film: Tangled**
Saturday, March 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Autumn Romance: Stories and Portraits of Love after 50**
Monday, March 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Art and Soul: Adventures with Animals**
Tuesday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Feb. Art Exhibit** Littleton Public Schools Secondary Art Show, Feb. 1-28
- 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.
- Friday, Feb. 4** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 5** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Teen Anime Club, Noon
Simple as a Giggle, for families with children ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 7** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 8** *Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Mile High Tourism: From Alfred Packer to DIA with Tom Noel, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 9** *Intermediate Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 10** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 11** *Introduction to Digital Photography, 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, Feb. 12** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Déjà Vu Sweet Adeline Quartet, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 15** *Beginning Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 16** *Intermediate Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 17** 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, Feb. 18** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 19** *Red Cross Babysitting Class, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
*Windows XP File Management, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Secretariat*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 21** President's Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Feb. 22** *Beginning Publisher Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
How to Live on the Cheap, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 23** *iPad and Kindle, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 24** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 25** *Shopping on the Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*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.
- Sunday, Feb. 27** Hunk-ta-Bunk-ta Music with Katherine Dines, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 28** Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
The Crown Throughout History 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Mar. Art Exhibit** J. Sullivan Art Show
Art Show, March 1-April 8
- Tuesday, Mar. 1** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.