



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Littleton Museum Director Nimz Also Named Acting Director of Bemis

Littleton Museum Director Tim Nimz has been appointed Acting Director of Bemis Public Library. He also will remain director of the Museum while the city considers a combined management structure. Nimz is replacing longtime library director Margery Smith, who retired in December.

City Manager Jim Woods said during a two-year combined management trial period, the city staff will solicit feedback from employees, citizens, the library and museum boards, and city council as to the success of the consolidated management structure. The move will result in more than \$100,000 in annual savings in salary and benefits. Acting Library Director Phyllis Larison will continue to serve as Deputy Library Director.

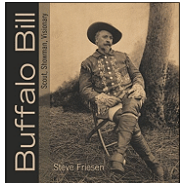
Nimz earned bachelor's and master's degrees in history from Fort Hays State University, specializing in English and British history. Among his professional accomplishments are serving as director of the Casa Grande Valley Historical Society and Museums in Casa Grande, Arizona; director of the Old Shawnee Town Museum in Shawnee, Kansas; and executive director of the National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame in Bonner Springs, Kansas. Nimz was hired as the director of the Littleton Museum in 2002. Under his leadership, the museum became the first in Colorado to be named an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution.



Nimz will oversee both the Museum and Library.

## Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary

William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was one of America's first celebrities. Hear new revelations about his life, **Tuesday, March 8, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, presented by author Steve Friesen, who also is director of the Buffalo Bill Museum in Golden. Cody worked as a wagon driver, trapper, gold prospector, Pony Express rider, and pro-Union guerrilla fighter while still in his teens. In his twenties, his reputation grew as he served as a valued Army scout, Indian fighter, and, of course, as a buffalo hunter. Cody's lasting fame is the product of his creativity and showmanship as the owner and star of the Wild West shows. Friesen will talk about some of the controversies surrounding Cody's life, including the question of whether Cody accomplished all that is attributed to him, his impact on the loss of buffalo herds in the West, and the battle over his gravesite. Friesen also will show photographs of Buffalo Bill and related artifacts from the Buffalo Bill Museum. Copies of the author's recent book, *Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary*, will be available for purchase and signing.



## What's New in Solar Energy?

Learn about the latest developments in solar energy from Littleton expert, John Thornton, **Monday, March 14, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Thornton will discuss new solar solutions for the home or business owner, costs, and the status of solar energy use around the world. He has over 48 years of experience in the renewable energy field, including working at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Thornton is currently the owner of Thornton Solar Consulting.



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## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Monthly performances feature a variety of local musical talent. **Wednesday, March 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** The singing Scotsman, Matthew Gurnsey, will sing traditional Irish and Scottish sea shanties, ballads and drinking songs. He also will play a variety of instruments, including the mandolin, penny whistle, bodhran and bones. Gurnsey has captivated audiences from Hawaii to Maine with his stirring bass voice.



## Free Family Film: *Tangled*

See the animated Disney film, *Tangled*, on **Saturday, March 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** When the kingdom's most wanted and most charming bandit, Flynn Rider, hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel, a beautiful and feisty teen with 70 feet of magical, golden hair. Flynn's curious captor, who's looking for a way out of the tower, strikes a deal with the handsome thief and the unlikely duo set off on an action-packed adventure. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



# Autumn Romance: Stories and Portraits of Love after 50

Author Carol Denker found love in her 60s and realized that romantic love is timeless. She also realized that there was little in our society to reflect that truth. No images of older couples in love! Too few stories about how wonderful it could be! For two and a half years, Carol traveled the U.S. to interview and photograph people who had found transformative love after midlife. In this program on **Monday, March 28, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, Denker will talk about the couples she met and will show their photographs. The stories of these couples will demonstrate how powerful and healing love can be at any age.



# Art and Soul: Adventures with Animals

Colorado artist J.B. Sullivan's encounters with the wild will come to life through his powerful storytelling and exquisite fine art drawings, **Tuesday, March 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Sullivan's art reflects his western heritage and love of the outdoors. Hundreds of pencil strokes go into each of Sullivan's drawings, resulting in a realistic, representational work of immense detail. A natural storyteller, Sullivan's synthesis of art images and stories is an enjoyable experience that will appeal to all ages. Sullivan's artwork will be on display in the library's gallery area during March.



# 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.**

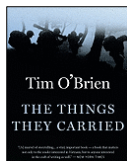
**Mar. 7:** *The Wrong Mother* by Sophie Hannah

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.



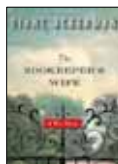
**Apr. 4:** *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

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.



**May 2:** *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman

A true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. When Germany invaded Poland, bombers devastated Warsaw and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Zabinski began smuggling Jews into empty cages.



## ♦ Monday Evening Book Group

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

**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.



**May 16:** *A Good Fall* by Ha Jin

In this collection of stories, Ha Jin presents detailed pieces illuminating the experiences of Chinese immigrants in America, from a lonely composer who takes comfort in a parakeet's song, to a group of children who want to change their names.



# 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:

- ♦ **Be Your Own Travel Agent**  
Fri., Mar. 18
- ♦ **Beginning Access - 1 & 2 MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Mar. 22 & Wed., Mar. 23
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Mar. 15; Tues., Apr. 12
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Mar. 16; Wed., Apr. 13
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Wed., Mar. 2; Sat., Apr. 16
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Apr. 19
- ♦ **Beginning Shutterfly**  
Fri., Apr. 29
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Sat., Apr. 2
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Mar. 8; Tues., Apr. 5
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Mar. 9; Wed., Apr. 6
- ♦ **Buying a Digital Camera**  
Fri., Mar. 4
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Tues., Mar. 1
- ♦ **Downloading Your Pictures**  
Fri., Apr. 1
- ♦ **Get More Out of Google**  
Wed., Mar. 30
- ♦ **Google Docs**  
Tues., Apr. 26
- ♦ **Managing and Editing Your Photos**  
Fri., Apr. 15
- ♦ **Windows XP File Management**  
Wed., Apr. 20
- ♦ **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://bemisteent.blogspot.com>.

Join other teens for the following activities:

◆ **Read the Movie Club**

First Sat. of the month @ noon

Mar. 5: *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*

Rated PG-13; Run time: 178 minutes



Join us for the introductory meeting

of our new **Read the Movie Club** which replaces the Anime Club. The new club will discuss a book then watch the movie. As a special bonus, every few months, we'll take a field trip to the local movie theater to check out a flick - *free!* At our first meeting, the library will be giving away some copies of the Tolkien books plus we will choose books and movies for our upcoming meetings. Check it out! Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

◆ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**

Play a different video game each month!

Mar. 17; Apr. 21; May 19

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 25; Apr. 22; May 27

## Special Teen Events

◆ **Teen Tech Week:**

Mix and Mash @ Your Library: March 6-12



Teen Tech Week will give teens a chance to find out that libraries are about much more than books. Check the Bemis Teen Blog at <http://bemisteent.blogspot.com> for details about activities available during Teen Tech Week—win prizes by participating!

◆ **“You Are Here” Teen Photo 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 details, or to submit your photo, contact Mark, the teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org)

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

Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG-13.



# Children's Programs



## Spring Break Movie: *Open Season 3*

Join us during Spring Break on **Monday, March 21, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** for *Open Season 3* shown on the library's large screen. Boog, Elliot, and their forest friends return with an all-new adventure, this time in a big top circus! For families with children ages 3 and up. Please call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning March 11. Rated PG. Run time: 75 minutes.



## Birds of Prey by HawkQuest

Don't miss *Birds of Prey*, an educational program presented by HawkQuest on **Wednesday, March 23, 2:00 p.m.** Children in grades 1-5 will learn the importance of different raptor species, their specially-adapted tools, and their role in our ecosystems. In this participatory program, children are able to observe the unique tools of the owl, the incredible talons and six-foot wingspan of the eagle, the aerodynamic features of the falcon, and the precision flying of the hawk. Reservations are required; please call 303-795-3961 beginning March 7.



## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

*No Story Box or Preschool Story Time programs March 21-25.*



◆ **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.

**March 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 Children's Activities

**Magic Cover to Cover with Dave Elstun**

Sunday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.

Entertainer Dave Elstun will astound and inspire children to read with *Magic Cover to Cover*, an exhilarating program which tells stories of magicians past. Watch as a torn newspaper instantly repairs itself, an open book suddenly catches fire, and Elstun links six beautiful silver rings together. This program is for families with children ages 3 and up.



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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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## Immigrant Resources Center Presents Two Workshops

If you are a current Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) volunteer or would like to become one, don't miss these upcoming workshops presented by LIRC:

### ◆ Naturalization and Immigrant Qualification

**Tuesday, March 22, 6:00-7:30 p.m.**

This workshop will review the process for acquiring U.S. citizenship as well as the requirements for naturalization, including continuous residence, physical presence, good moral character, oath of allegiance, and civics and English language testing requirements. The training also covers waivers, the naturalization application process and how to ask the right questions to make sure your student qualifies for naturalization. Space is limited; please contact Alejandra Harguth at the library at 303-795-3968 by March 20 or email her at [aharguth@littletongov.org](mailto:aharguth@littletongov.org).

### ◆ When Cultures Collide: What You Can't See Does Make a Difference

**Wednesday, March 30, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

This hands-on workshop will address issues that can arise when people from different cultures interact. The skills you learn here will open your eyes to cultural differences and make you an even more effective cultural guide for the immigrants you work with. Come ready to participate - this is one workshop you won't forget! Space is limited; please contact Alejandra Harguth at the library at 303-795-3968 or email her at [aharguth@littletongov.org](mailto:aharguth@littletongov.org).



# Schedule of Library Events

- Mar. Art Exhibit** J.B. Sullivan Adventures with Animals Art Show, March 1-April 8
- Tuesday, Mar. 1** \*Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 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, Mar. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 4** \*Buying a Digital Camera, 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.
- Saturday, Mar. 5** Teen Read the Movie Club, Noon
- Mar. 6-12** Teen Tech Week
- Monday, Mar. 7** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 8** \*Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
Buffalo Bill: Scout, Showman, Visionary, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 9** \*Intermediate Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Digital Camera Operation Help, Space Available, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 10** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 11** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 14** What's New in Solar Energy? 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 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, Mar. 16** \*Intermediate Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Matthew Gumsey, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 17** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 17** Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 18** \*Be Your Own Travel Agent, 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.
- Saturday, Mar. 19** \*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Secretariat*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 21** \*Spring Break Movie: *Open Season 3*, 2:00-3:30 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 22** \*Beginning Access Part 1, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Naturalization & Immigrant Qualification LIRC Workshop, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 23** \*Beginning Access Part 2, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Birds of Prey by HawkQuest, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 24** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Movie: *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- Friday, Mar. 25** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 26** Free Family Film: *Tangled*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, Mar. 28** Autumn Romance: Stories & Portraits of Love after 50, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Mar. 29** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
Art & Soul: Adventures with Animals, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Mar. 30** \*Get More Out of Google, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*When Cultures Collide: What You Can't See Does Make a Difference LIRC Workshop, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Mar. 31** 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.