



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Soar into Summer Reading



Our summer reading programs have taken flight. Stop by the library to learn more and register. We have a program to suit *every* reader. All Bemis Summer Reading Programs continue through July 31.

**Children: *One World, Many Stories at Bemis.*** Kids from birth through those entering 5th grade may register and begin reading to earn prizes. See Page 3 for more details.

**Teens: *You Are Here.*** Register online at the library. Read and enter to win prizes. See the Bemis Library teen blog: <http://bemisteens.blogspot.com/> or Page 3 and 4 for more details about events and prize drawings.

**Adults:** It will be a summer to travel to *Novel Destinations* by reading. Register at the Information Desk and receive a gift. It's easy. Fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to. Plus certain library activities will make you eligible for the drawings. Drawings will be held weekly and for the Grand Prize. Prizes will include a book bag, books, gift certificates to Littleton merchants, movie tickets and other novelties.

## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

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

**Saturday, June 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Experience a high-energy musical performance featuring Uchu Rai Daiko, a taiko group of drummers. Taiko is a Japanese style of drumming that involves not only drumming, but rapid movements. Uchu Rai Daiko's ten performers, ranging in age from 7 to 18, have built their own drums from recycled tires. The name of the group, Uchu Rai Daiko, means "thunder of the cosmos."



## Summer Movie Matinee: *Eat, Pray, Love*

An international quest to find peace and spiritual fulfillment is the focus of the film *Eat, Pray, Love*, which will be shown on the library's big screen, **Saturday, June 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** At a crossroads after a divorce, Liz Gilbert, played by Julia Roberts, takes a year-long sabbatical from her job and steps uncharacteristically out of her comfort zone, risking everything to change her life. In her exotic travels, she experiences the simple pleasure of nourishment by eating in Italy; the power of prayer in India, and, finally and unexpectedly, the inner peace and balance of love in Bali. The film is based on the bestselling true story, *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG-13.



## Hiking the Ruins and Rock Art of Southeastern Utah

The remote canyons of Southeastern Utah offer some of the best locations for finding ruins, ancient petroglyphs and pictograms. Phil Waltz, Nature Center and Outdoor Recreation Coordinator for South Suburban Parks and Recreation, will share his adventures and photos exploring these areas, **Tuesday, June 21, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Ancestral Puebloans (also known as the Anasazi culture) thrived in the Four Corners region of Southeastern Utah from about AD 500 to AD 1300. They are well known for their rock art, stone masonry buildings, ornate pottery and woven baskets. In addition to sharing his own explorations, Waltz will talk about the best hiking trails in the Four Corners area for viewing ancient rock art and also, preserving these treasures.



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## From Bemis to Bestseller- A Booklover's Journey Around the Globe

Journalist Laura Fraser will talk about writing, traveling to exotic places and seeking love in her life, **Tuesday, June 28, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Fraser's most recent book, *All Over the Map*, recounts her eight-year worldwide adventures from Naples to remote Pacific islands after a relationship ended. Laura Fraser has written for many national publications, including *The New York Times*, *O, Vogue*, *Self*, *Glamour*, *Mother Jones* and others. She works with several other San Francisco writers and filmmakers in a collective called The Grotto, where she also regularly teaches classes. Fraser is the author of several books, including two memoirs, and is the daughter of Littleton residents Chuck and Virginia Fraser.



# Gabby Gourmet on the Best Restaurants in the Denver Area

Get tips on the best places to dine in the Denver area from Pat Miller, known as the Gabby Gourmet and one of Denver's leading restaurant reviewers on **Monday, June 27, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Miller is the author of an annual guide to restaurants in the greater Denver area and has been a local TV and radio personality for the past 31 years.



## Download Audiobooks, eBooks, Videos and Music from the Bemis Website

Bemis has expanded its services with audiobooks, eBooks, music, and video, available to download. Library card holders can check out and download digital media anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://bemis.sirsi.net> and clicking on "Digital Downloads" or simply going to the website <http://coloradocd.lib.overdrive.com>. The library has joined the Across Colorado Digital Consortium, a group of over 15 local libraries, to provide free access to a large collection of downloadable titles for adults, teens and children. You can browse the collection, check out with your library card, and download to PC, Mac, and many mobile devices. To get started, you will need to install free software. Titles can be enjoyed immediately or transferred to a variety of devices, including iPod, Sony Reader, and many others; free download of titles to Kindle devices will be available in a few months. Titles will automatically expire at the end of the lending period. There are no late fees! With hundreds of popular fiction and non-fiction titles to choose from, the new collection is guaranteed to have something for everyone. You can download best-selling novels, well-known classics, self-improvement guides, and much more.



## Book Groups at Bemis

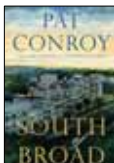
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

### ◆ Senior Book Club

**First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.**

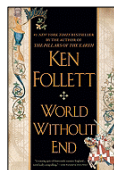
**June 6:** *South of Broad*  
by Pat Conroy

After his brother's suicide, Leopold Bloom King struggles along with the rest of his family in Charleston, South Carolina, until he begins to gather an intimate circle of friends, whose ties endure for two decades until a final, unexpected test of friendship.



**July 11\*:** *World Without End*  
by Ken Follett

In the town of Kingsbridge, a Gothic cathedral and the priory are at the center of a web of love and hate, greed and pride, ambition and revenge. Proponents of the old ways fiercely battle those with progressive minds, as the Black Death captures the city.



◆ *We will meet on the second Monday in July due to the Fourth of July holiday.*

**Aug. 1:** *Murder on the Orient Express*  
by Agatha Christie

A Russian princess, a Hungarian count, a Swedish beauty, and an assortment of Americans, English and French are brought together on the elegant Orient Express. A brutal murder and an unexpected blizzard bring in the vacationing Hercule Poirot.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

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

**June 20:** *Zeitoun*  
by Dave Eggers

This novel tells the story of one man's experience during and after Hurricane Katrina. Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a successful Syrian-born painting contractor, decides to stay in New Orleans and protect his property while his family flees. After the levees break, he uses a small canoe to rescue people, before being arrested by an armed squad and swept powerlessly into a vortex of bureaucratic brutality.



**July 18:** *The Great Man*  
by Kate Christensen

Following the death of New York City painter Oscar Feldman, an artist known for his paintings of the female nude, two rival biographers set out to tell his life story, with the help of Oscar's wife Abigail, sister Maxine, and Teddy, his longtime mistress. A devastating secret threatens to come to light.



**Aug. 15:** *Number9Dream*  
by David Mitchell

A young Japanese man's quest to find his estranged parents throws him into a bizarre world of mobsters, dream villains and cyber-tricksters.



# 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., July 26 (Part 1) & Wed., July 27 (Part 2)  
\*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ◆ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 14; Tues., July 19; Tues., Aug. 16
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., June 15; Wed., July 20; Wed., Aug. 17
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., June 4; Sat., July 16; Wed., Aug. 3
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 28; Tues., Aug. 23
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 21
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Wed., June 1; Tues., July 5
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 7; Tues., July 12; Tues., Aug. 9
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., June 8; Wed., July 13; Wed., Aug. 10
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., July 2; Tues., Aug. 2
- ◆ **Library Databases**  
Wed., Aug. 24
- ◆ **Photo Shoot at Sunset**  
Fri., June 3 - \*Special Time: 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Shutterfly for Advanced**  
Fri., June 17
- ◆ **Using the Library Catalog**  
Tues., Aug. 30
- ◆ **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:

♦ **Read the Movie Club**

**First Sat. of the month @ noon**  
Our new **Read the Movie Club** will discuss a book, then watch the movie. *Join us even if you haven't read the book.* As a special bonus, every few months, we'll take a field trip to the local movie theater to check out a flick - *free!* Don't miss our June movie, *I Am Number Four*. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



**June 4:** *I Am Number Four*

**July 2:** To be determined

**Aug. 6:** To be determined

♦ **Wii & Kinect** - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.  
Play a different video game each month! Check out our new Xbox Kinect system.

**June 16 & July 21—Special time: 11 a.m.**

**June 16:** Wii Super Smash Bros and Xbox sporting tournaments

**July 21:** Dancing game on one machine, tourney on the other

**Aug. 19:** Racing games on both machines

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**June 24:** Planning for Talent Show

**July 22:** Fall Planning

**Aug. 26:** No meeting scheduled

## Teen Summer Reading



Register online at the library from the link located on the Bemis home page. We will have prize drawings every two weeks. 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 events in June:

♦ **Gocks - Gothic Sock Puppets**

**Thurs., June 2, 2:00 p.m.**

*\*Registration required.* Explore your "Goth Side." In this class, you'll create your very own Gock and be able to take it home by the end of class. Make sure to bring a sock or two (large is best)!

♦ **Read the Movie Club**

**Sat., June 4, noon**

*I Am Number Four.* No registration required

♦ **Murder Mystery Event**

**Fri., June 10, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

*\*Registration required.* Put your sleuthing skills to the test in this interactive murder mystery program where participants

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# Children's Programs



## One World, Many Stories



**Summer Reading 2011 - One World, Many Stories at Bemis!** For kids from birth through those entering 5th grade. Pick up a *Reading Record* to track summer reading time and collect prizes along the way. Prizes include a free book, merchant certificates and a chance in our weekly prize drawings. Visit us to register and find out more!

**June Entertainers for Ages 3 and Up:**

These programs are for families with kids ages 3 years and up. **All shows begin at 2 pm.**

♦ **Tuesday, June 7, 2:00 p.m.:** *The Not Junk Man Music with Eric West*

Musical adventure using instruments from around the world, musical recycled junk and dancing puppets.

♦ **Tuesday, June 14, 2:00 p.m.:** *Old Town Puppet Company*

Puppets, songs, fairy tales and humor combine for an entertaining performance by Mike Walsh.

♦ **Tuesday, June 21, 2:00 p.m.:** *Doctor Noize is Unplugged*

You can participate as the Doc sings and plays his award-winning songz on acoustic guitar and kazoo.

♦ **Tuesday, June 28, 2:00 p.m.:** *Grig the Elf Walks the World with Magic*

Erica Sodos is this woodland elf who shares stories and magic which she has seen all over the world and beyond.

**June School-Age Activities for Grades 1-3:**

For kids entering grades 1-3. *Reservations required one week in advance.*

♦ **Wednesday, June 8, 2:00 p.m.:** *Are You Game?*

Make and play Mancala, the classic game from Africa.

♦ **Wednesday, June 15, 2:00 p.m.:** *Jump To It!*

Assemble and embellish an Asian twirling, dancing stick puppet.

♦ **Wednesday, June 22, 2:00 p.m.:** *Wise or Foolish?*

Hear Noodlehead stories, and design a Noodlehead picture using colorful pasta.

♦ **Wednesday, June 29, 2:00 p.m.:** *Leapin' Lizards*

Life-size lizard creations using oil pastels and ink.



**June School-Age Activities for Grades 4-5:**

For kids entering grades 4-5.

*Reservations required one week in advance.*

♦ **Thursday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.:** *Land of the Rising Sun*

Listen to stories from Japan and craft a Kimono boy or girl.

♦ **Thursday, June 16, 2:00 p.m.:** *Up, Up & Away*

Learn about hot-air ballooning then decorate your own small model.

♦ **Thursday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.:** *Count On It*

Build a working abacus based on designs from ancient China.

♦ **Thursday, June 30, 2:00 p.m.:** *Birds of a Feather*

Print-making with cardboard and potatoes.

## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

*Story Time Programs resume the week of June 6.*

♦ **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 30-minute session for children and a caring adult 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.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a *puppet show* on **June 9 and July 7.**

♦ **Theater Time:** Ages 3 years – 5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**

Independent story sessions with fun stories and weekly puppet shows.



♦ **Paws to Read:** For grades 1-5

**Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.**

**June 18:** Readers in grades 1-5 can practice reading 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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investigate the clues to determine the murderer's identity. There also will be room for participants to assume an identity to act out during the event—ask about being a cast member!

♦ **Gaming Event—Wii and Xbox Kinect**  
**Thurs., June 16, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

\***Registration required.** Sign up to compete for prizes in a Super Smash Bros Brawl tournament on the Wii, or a sporting tournament on the Xbox Kinect.

♦ **Turn Your Sense of Taste Upside Down!**  
**Tues., June 21, 2:00 p.m.**

\***Registration required.** What exactly happens when you smell and taste something? Learn about the science of taste and smell in fun and unique ways. In the Grand Finale of this class, we'll turn your sense of sour ... sweet. Lemons will taste like lemon pie!

♦ **Glass Etching**  
**Tues., June 28, 2:00 p.m.**

\***Registration required.** For this art program, think of a place you would like to be and a famous thing you would see at that place. Example- I would like to visit Arizona and the Grand Canyon. Next, you will get a mirror and etch your famous site into the mirror, and voila, "You Are Here!"

\***These programs require a reservation. Sign up at the Information Desk or call 303-795-3961.**

## Teen Talent Show

Take part in a competition to find out who are Littleton's most talented teens! Two lucky teens will win a \$200 savings bond from Colorado Business Bank! **Registration for this event, including tryouts, is required.**

♦ **Tryouts**

Middle school/junior high teens:

**Wed., June 15, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

High school teens:

**Wed., June 22, 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

♦ **Teen Talent Show**

**Wed., July 13, 7:00 p.m.**



# Schedule of Library Events

**June Art Exhibit** Heritage Fine Arts Guild Art Show  
 June 1-30

**Wednesday, June 1** Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 2** International Conversation Circle,  
 12:30-2:00 p.m.

\**Gocks - Gothic Sock Puppets*,  
 Teen Program, 2:00 p.m.

\*World Collage in the Style of  
 Eric Carle, Grades 3-5, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

\*Photo Shoot at Sunset, Space  
 Available, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, June 4** Teen Read the Movie Club,  
*Gulliver's Travels*, Rated PG, Noon

Musical Moments with Uchu Rai  
 Daiko Taiko Drummers,  
 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 6** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 7** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*The Not Junk Man Music with  
 Eric West*, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 8** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

\**Are You Game?* Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 9** Preschool Story Time,  
 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

\**Land of the Rising Sun*, Grades 4-5,  
 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 10** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up  
 10:30 a.m.

Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

\*Teen Murder Mystery Event,  
 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 14** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Old Town Puppet Company*, Ages  
 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 15** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

\**Jump To It!* Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.

\*Teen Talent Show Tryouts:  
 Middle School/Junior High Teens,  
 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 16** Preschool Story Time,  
 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

\*Teen Gaming Event - Wii and  
 Kinect Games, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

\**Up, Up & Away*, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.  
 Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 17** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up  
 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, June 17** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

**Saturday, June 18** \*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon

Summer Movie Matinee:  
*Eat, Pray, Love*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 20** Monday Evening Book Club,  
 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 21** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Dr. Noize is Unplugged*, Ages 3 & Up,  
 2:00 p.m.

\**Turn Your Sense of Taste Upside  
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Hiking the Ruins and Rock Art of  
 Southeastern Utah, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 22** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

\**Wise or Foolish?* Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.

\*Teen Talent Show Tryouts:  
 High School Teens, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 23** Preschool Story Time,  
 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

\**Count On It*, Grades 4-5, 2:00 p.m.

**Friday, June 24** \*Red Cross Babysitting Class,  
 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Class Full

\*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.

**Monday, June 27** Gabby Gourmet on the Best  
 Restaurants in the Denver Area,  
 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 28** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

\**Glass Etching*, Teen Program,  
 2:00 p.m.

*Grig the Elf Walks the World with  
 Magic*, Ages 3 & Up, 2:00 p.m.

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 Booklover's Journey Around the  
 Globe, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 29** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

\**Leapin' Lizards*, Grades 1-3, 2:00 p.m.

**Thursday, June 30** Preschool Story Time,  
 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

\*Teen Gaming Event - Wii and  
 Kinect Games, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

International Conversation Circle,  
 12:30-2:00 p.m.

\**Birds of a Feather*, Grades 4-5,  
 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.*