

Behind the Cover

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Summer Movie Matinee: *True Grit*

See the Academy Award nominated film, *True Grit*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, July 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Mattie Ross (Hailee Steinfeld), is determined to avenge her father's blood by capturing the man who shot and killed him for two pieces of gold. Just fourteen, she enlists the help of Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges), a one-eyed, trigger-happy U.S. Marshall with an affinity for drinking. Despite their differences, their ruthless determination leads them on a perilous adventure that can only have one outcome: retribution. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided at the showing. Rated PG-13.



Around the World with Travel Photographer Blaine Harrington

See beautiful images from around the world and hear the stories behind the pictures, with Blaine Harrington, **Tuesday, July 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.** Harrington is an award-winning travel photographer who has photographed everything from icebreakers in Arctic Finland to Turkish Baths in Istanbul. Many of the exciting things he has photographed, he also has experienced, including running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain, jumping off the highest bungee jump in the world in New Zealand, and ski mountaineering in the Alps. At this program, audience members will be able to vote on travel images for Harrington's entry in the Travel Photographer of the Year competition; he is a two-time winner of this competition. Harrington has worked on assignment for most major news, business and travel magazines and has over thirty-five years in the photography business, including working in Amsterdam, New York, Paris and Zurich.



Photos by Harrington.

The Odyssey-A Dramatic Presentation

Bring the family to see a multi-media theatre performance of Homer's epic story, *The Odyssey*, **Saturday, July 30, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** This production, performed by Now or Never Theatre, will include an ensemble of actors and will feature the use of masks, a chorus, puppets, video sequences and live music. You will see the Cyclops and other fantastic creatures Odysseus meets on his journeys. Video projections will conjure the gods in their heavens, the Underworld, and the Trojan War. The show has been adapted for family audiences. The production of the *Odyssey* is funded by several organizations, including the Boulder Arts Commission and the Jim Henson Foundation.



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Summer Reading Sizzles

There's still time to sign up for one of our summer reading programs. Stop by the library to 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 Page 3 and 4 for more details about events and prize drawings.

Adults: It's a summer to travel to *Novel Destinations* by reading. Register at the Information Desk and receive a gift. It's easy. 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.

Teatime Traditions Around the World

Take an imaginary trip around the world as you learn about the tea customs from different regions and taste a few exotic teas on **Monday, July 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Speaker Judy Williams is a Certified Tea Specialist who enjoys sharing her passion for tea with others.



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.



Downloadables Now Available at Bemis

NEW Bemis has expanded its services with audiobooks, eBooks, music, and video, available to download. Library card holders can check out and download digital media for adults, teens and children anytime, anywhere by visiting <http://bemis.sirsi.net> and clicking on "Digital Downloads" or simply going to the website <http://coloradocd.lib.overdrive.com>. You can browse the collection, check items out with your library card, and download them to PC, Mac, and many mobile devices. To get started, click on "Digital Downloads" at our online web catalog. Then click on "Across Colorado Digital Consortium" and click on "Quick Start Guide."



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.

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.

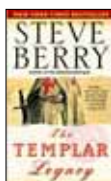
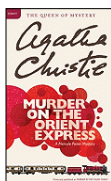
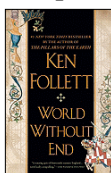
Aug. 1: *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie

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.

Sept. 12*: *The Templar Legacy* by Steve Berry

Former secret agent Cotton Malone and Stephanie Nelle, a U.S. Justice Department prosecutor, must solve the mystery of fourteenth-century Templar riches and secrets before Raymond de Roquefort and his murderous allies prevail.

*We will meet on the second Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.



♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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 long-time 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.

Sept. 19: *Shadows on the Hudson* by Isaac Singer

Traces the intertwined lives of a group of Jewish refugees in New York City in the late 1940s. At its center is Boris Makaver, a pious, wealthy businessman whose greatest trial is his unstable daughter, Anna. A chain of events disrupts the lives of the close-knit community as each refugee struggles to reconcile the horrific past with the difficult present, as Singer explores both the nature of faith and the nature of love in the aftermath of the Holocaust.



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., July 19; Tues., Aug. 16
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**
Wed., July 20; Wed., Aug. 17
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., July 16; Wed., Aug. 3
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Aug. 23
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., July 5
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**
Tues., July 12; Tues., Aug. 9
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., July 13; Wed., Aug. 10
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., July 2; Tues., Aug. 2
- ♦ **Library Databases**
Wed., Aug. 24
- ♦ **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://bemisteent.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 July movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules*. Rated PG. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



July 2: *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules*

Aug. 6: To be determined

Sept. 3: 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.

July 21: Special time: 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Dancing game on one machine, tourney on the other

Aug. 18: Racing games on both machines

Sept. 15: To be determined

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

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 July:

♦ **Read the Movie Club**

Sat., July 2, noon

No registration required.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules
Rated PG.

♦ **Science Matters! Fantastic Flight**

Thurs., July 7, 1:00 p.m.

*Registration Required. Blast off to another world as you explore the properties of flight. These experiments show how powerful air actually is! Activities may include shooting an air cannon, starting a rocket engine, and even launching rockets.

♦ **The Magic of Blake Nielsen**

Thurs., July 14, 2:00 p.m.

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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. All Bemis Summer Reading Programs continue through July 31.

July Entertainers for Ages 3 and Up:

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

♦ **Wednesday, July 6, 2:00 p.m.:** *Scott McCray - Now That's Funny*

A unique, fresh and delightful way of magic and laughter will delight kids of all ages..

♦ **Wednesday, July 13, 2:00 p.m.:** *Jim Jackson - Clown Around the World*

Mr. Guffaw sets out on an around the world adventure to discover what makes us laugh. Along the way, we meet clowns from many different cultures and periods of time.

♦ **Wednesday, July 20, 2:00 p.m.:** *PlayGround Theatre presents Funny Fairy Tales*

Get ready for lots of laughs, great music and zany characters that kids will love.

♦ **Wednesday, July 27, 2:00 p.m.:** *Peter Davison - Poet of Motion*

Peter will transform the stage into a magical world of motion. From a rhythmic mix of juggling and drumming to a precarious act atop a six-foot unicycle, Peter presents a kinetic celebration of life that will be enjoyed by all ages.

July School-Age Activities for Grades 1-5:

For kids entering grades 1-5. All shows are on Tuesdays at various times. *Reservations required one week in advance.*

♦ **Tuesday, July 5, 2:00 p.m.:** *Gnomeo & Juliet*

Join us for feuding garden gnomes, romance and great movie snacks.

Rated G. Running time: 84 minutes.

♦ **Tuesday, July 12: Mask Making**

Grades 1-3 @ 1:00 p.m.

Grades 3-5 @ 3:00 p.m.

Join local artist Betsy Tobin to make performance masks.

♦ **Tuesday, July 19: Circus School**

Grades 1-3 @ 1:00 p.m.

Grades 3-5 @ 3:00 p.m.

Bill Patterson will perform and teach circus tricks.

♦ **Tuesday, July 26, 2:00 p.m.:** *Bug Bites Café*

Discover bug cuisine from cultures around the world. Meet live animals who have been on the menu and taste a few buggy treats yourself!



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 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 July 7.

♦ **Theater Time: Ages 3 years - 5th grade**

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

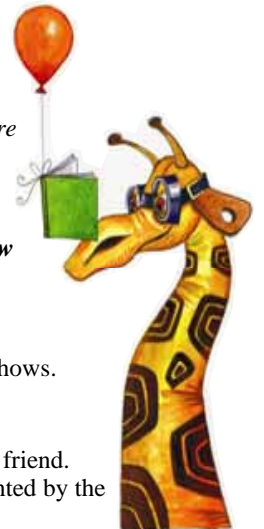
Independent story sessions with fun stories and weekly puppet shows.

♦ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5**

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

July 16: 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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No registration required. Sit back while Blake, last year's Teen Talent Show Winner, amazes and delights you with his artful presentation! Using his skills in magic, mentalism, acting, martial arts, and lots of creativity, Blake will have you on the edge of your seat.

- ◆ **Gaming Event—Wii and Xbox Kinect**
Thurs., July 21, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
 *Registration required. Play a variety of games on the Wii and Xbox Kinect. We'll be running a dance game on one machine, while we play sporting tournaments on the other. Check it out!
- ◆ **Optical Illusions**
Thurs., July 28, 2:00 p.m.
 *Registration required. Don't be fooled! Learn all about how your eyes are trained to project images and how optical illusions, including some magical illusions, can trick them. You'll be amazed as you experience some illusions first-hand.

Teen Talent Show

Find out who are Littleton's most talented teens at the **Teen Talent Show on Wednesday, July 13, 7:00 p.m.** Two lucky teens will win a \$200 savings bond from Colorado Business Bank! *Registration for this event is required.*



Upcoming Events

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

- ◆ **Summer Movie Matinee: Rango**
 Saturday, August 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Kissidugu & Project Drum: West African Drum & Dance Troupe**
 Thursday, August 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Big Band Tribute to the Silver Screen Era**
 Thursday, August 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- July Art Exhibit** No Plateaus Art Show, Rocky Mountain Stroke Association
- Friday, July 1** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 2** Teen Read the Movie Club, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules*, Rated PG, Noon
- Monday, July 4** Independence Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, July 5** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 **Gnomeo & Juliet*, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 6** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Scott McCray - Now That's Funny, For Ages 3 & up, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 7** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
 International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
 **Science Matters! Fantastic Flight*, Teen Program, 1:00 p.m.
 Joint Library and Museum Board Meeting at Museum, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 8** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 9** Summer Movie Matinee: *True Grit*, Rated PG-13, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 11** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 12** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 **Mask Making with Betsy Tobin*, For Grades 1-3, 1:00 p.m.
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 Teen Talent Show, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, July 14** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
The Magic of Blake Nielsen, Teen Program, 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 15** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
 Theater Time, Ages 3 years & up 10:30 a.m.
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 16** *Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Monday, July 18** Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 19** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 **Circus School*, For Grades 1-3, 1:00 p.m.
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- Thursday, July 21** 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.
 Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Friday, July 22** *Red Cross Babysitting Class, Class Full, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 *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, July 25** Teatime Traditions Around the World, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 26** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 **Bug Bites Café*, For Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
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- Saturday, July 30** *The Odyssey - A Dramatic Presentation* by Now or Never Theatre, For families with children Ages 6 & up, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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

Computer classes are listed on Page 2.

Specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.