



Behind the Cover

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Herndon Davis and the Face on the Barroom Floor with Tom Noel

Well-known historian Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel will entertain and enlighten you with the story of Herndon Davis, the artist who painted the face on the barroom floor in Central City’s Teller House, **Tuesday, January 17, 7–8 p.m.** Davis became a prominent illustrator for newspapers and magazines on the East coast and was commissioned by the Smithsonian to create paintings and murals. After coming to Denver in 1936, he painted more than 100 portraits of famous Coloradans and another 50 of the state's notable landmarks, including Littleton's Rough and Ready Mill. Davis was a prolific artist whose murals, sketches and portraits can be found all over the state of Colorado. Noel teaches history at the University of Colorado at Denver where he is the director of Public History and Preservation. He also is a columnist for *The Denver Post* and appears regularly on local TV. Copies of the book he co-authored, *Herndon Davis: Painting Colorado History, 1901-1962*, will be available for purchase and signing following the program.



Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Author and singer **Daniel Blegen** will present *Pete Seeger: A Musical Portrait*, celebrating the 60-year career of a man who inspired the folk music revival of the 1960s on **Saturday, January 21, 2–3 p.m.** Included will be songs that endeared Seeger to the world, such as “Turn, Turn, Turn,” “Where Have All the Flowers Gone,” “We Shall Overcome,” “If I Had a Hammer,” and “Guantanamera.”



Working on the Manhattan Project: A Scientist Tells His Story

Hear a first-hand account of the top-secret Manhattan Project and the development of the atomic bombs that were dropped on Japan during World War II, **Monday, January 23, 2–3 p.m.** Speaker Bill Koch, who is 95 years old, was one of the scientists who worked on the project and was directed by Manhattan Project head Enrico Fermi to study and measure the reactions inside a nuclear bomb. Koch was recognized by Secretary of War Henry Stinson for “work essential to the production of the Atomic Bomb, thereby contributing to the successful conclusion of World War II.” Koch later became the executive director of the American Institute of Physics. In addition to speaking about the Manhattan Project, Koch will discuss the state of the world today and the nuclear threat from a number of countries.

Thomas Jefferson and the Most Contentious Election in American History

Visit with Thomas Jefferson, portrayed by Jack Van Ens, as he recounts the mudslinging election of 1800, **Tuesday, January 24, 7–8 p.m.** Do you believe politics couldn’t get any worse than the last presidential election? Jefferson would say that it was mild compared to the slug fest that erupted in his first run for the presidency. Learn why blistering accusations along partisan lines nearly tore the nation apart. Find out why politics, then and now, is a rough sport, full of verbal body slams and character assassinations that Jefferson experienced firsthand. Since 1976 Van Ens has portrayed Thomas Jefferson for schools, religious organizations, libraries and public service groups. Van Ens is the author of the book, *How Jefferson Made the Best of Bad Messes*.



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Saturday Movie Matinee: *Sully*

Experience the drama of the “Miracle on the Hudson,” **Saturday, January 28, 2–4 p.m.**, on the library’s big screen. On January 15, 2009, the world witnessed an amazing event when Captain “Sully” Sullenberger (played in the film by Tom Hanks) glided his disabled plane onto the frigid waters of the Hudson River, saving the lives of all 155 aboard. However, even as Sully was being heralded by the public and the media for his unprecedented feat of aviation skill, an investigation was unfolding that threatened to destroy his reputation and his career. Rated PG-13.



How to Prolong Your Memory and Mental Clarity

Hear neurologists Penny Montgomery and Glenda Lippmann, founders of New Hope for the Brain and leaders in the field of brain health, on **Monday, January 30, 2–3:30 p.m.**, as they discuss advances in science that have made it possible to view our brain's activity and change it. The face of neurology has changed dramatically in the past ten years. It is now known that we get new brain cells every day and that those cells enable our brains to heal as never before thought possible. Learn about techniques to keep your mind sharp as you get older. See a demonstration of how to use BrainHQ, an online brain-training system that is now available free of charge to Bemis Library cardholders. Enjoy free coffee, tea and desserts prior to the program.

Online Brain Exercise Program Now Available

BrainHQ, an online brain-training system that represents the culmination of 30 years of neurological science research, is now available to Bemis Library cardholders free of charge. BrainHQ is an easy way to make brain health a priority.



The program includes numerous online exercises to help you think faster, focus better and remember more. The exercises in BrainHQ have been proven in labs and in lives to bring real benefits to brain health and fitness. Go to bemis.ent.sirsi.net to find the library's link to BrainHQ. See a demonstration of how to use BrainHQ at the *How to Prolong Your Memory and Mental Clarity* program on Monday, January 30, 2 p.m., at the library.

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.

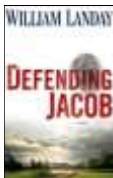
Jan. 9*: *Defending Jacob*
by William Landay

A shocking crime shatters a New England town. Andy, the district attorney of the town, is blindsided by the crime when his fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student. As the crisis reveals how little a father knows about his son, Andy will face a trial of his own—between loyalty and justice, between truth and allegation, between a past he's tried to bury and a future he cannot conceive.

*We will meet on the second Monday in January due to the New Year's holiday.

Feb. 6: *Circling the Sun*
by Paula McLain

Brought to Kenya from England as a child and then abandoned by her mother, Beryl is raised by both her father and the native Kipsigis tribe who share the estate. Her unconventional upbringing transforms Beryl into a bold young woman with a fierce love of all things wild and an inherent understanding of nature's delicate balance. Then she meets the ruggedly charismatic Denys Finch Hatton who helps Beryl navigate the uncharted territory of her own heart. The intensity of their love reveals Beryl's truest self and her fate: to fly.



♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Jan. 23*: *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay*
by Michael Chabon

In 1939 New York City, Joe Kavalier, a refugee from Hitler's Prague, joins forces with his Brooklyn-born cousin, Sammy Clay, to create comic-book superheroes inspired by their own fantasies, fears, and dreams.

*We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the MLK holiday.

Feb. 27*: *What Alice Forgot*
by Liane Moriarty

Suffering an accident that causes her to forget the last ten years of her life, Alice is astonished to discover that she is thirty-nine years old, a mother of three children, and in the midst of an acrimonious divorce from a man she dearly loves.

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



Computer Services & Computer Classes

Bemis has 24 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 available throughout the building for patrons with wireless-enabled devices.**



Currently, our computers use Microsoft Windows 7 operating systems and Microsoft Office 2010 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 10 PCs and may be scheduled for group use. We are happy to assist patrons individually 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. You also may register for classes online through the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org.

All classes and open computer lab are held from 9:30–11 a.m.

♦ Beginning Windows 10

Tues., Jan. 3

♦ Saving & Finding Files

Wed., Jan. 4

♦ Beginning Word - MS Office 2010

Tues., Jan 10; Tues., Feb. 7

♦ Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

Wed., Jan. 11; Wed., Feb. 8

♦ Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010

Tues., Jan. 17; Tues., Feb. 14

♦ Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010

Wed., Jan. 18; Wed., Feb. 15

♦ Photo Editing with Gimp

Tues., Jan. 24

♦ Find, Save & Share Your Photos

Wed., Jan. 25

♦ eBooks & Other Downloadables

Tues., Jan. 31

♦ Beginning Internet

Wed., Feb. 1

♦ Email: One-On-One Open Lab

Tues., Feb. 21

♦ Teach Yourself Tech

Wed., Feb. 22

♦ Buying & Selling on Craigslist

Tues., Feb. 28

♦ Open Computer Lab - 9:30–11 a.m.

Every Thursday morning. No registration required. Get answers to your computer-related questions. Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your Kindle or Nook and receive individual help with using an Ebook device.



For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or email him at libmd@littletongov.org.

Join teens for:

♦ **Teen Movies**

First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.

Free popcorn and lemonade!

Jan. 7: *Suicide Squad*, PG-13

Feb. 4: *Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children*, PG-13



♦ **Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

We have a PS4 and Xbox One gaming station. Each month we feature one of the gaming systems on the giant screen. The Wii also will be up and running.

Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and Mar. 16

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Jan. 27: Testing new technology

Feb. 24: Summer reading planning

Mar. 25: Summer reading planning

"Build a Better World" Teen Photography Contest

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme "Build a Better World" by **Monday, March 20**.

Various prizes will be awarded for the best photographs, including \$50 for first place. Winning photos will be published on a library bookmark and will be used to create posters to hang in the teen area. For information, or to submit your photo, contact teen librarian Mark at 303-795-3961 or libmd@littletongov.org.



Photography Basics

Learn the basics for taking great photographs on **Saturday, January 21, 2–3:30 p.m.** Professional photographer CJ Nicolai will teach the basics and be on-hand to answer your questions, too. Get some tips for the upcoming teen photography contest! *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required.* To register, contact teen librarian Mark at 303-795-3961 or libmd@littletongov.org.

Children's Programs



I Love Art

Create a canvas masterpiece using bleeding tissue paper and water on **Tuesday, January 3, Noon–1:30 p.m.** The results will be magical. For kids in grades 1–5. Come dressed for a bit of a mess. Refreshments will be served. *Reservations required.* Stop by or call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.

Zumba for Kids

A rockin', high-energy dance party packed with kid-friendly routines on **Wednesday, January 4, 2–3 p.m.** led by certified Zumba Kids & Kids Jr. instructor and personal trainer, Ari Rhoads. We break down steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements to help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives. Perfect for ages 7-10. Younger and older kids will be welcomed. *Reservations required.* Stop by or call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Movie Matinee: *The Peanuts Movie*

See Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the whole gang in this heartwarming story on **Monday, January 9, 2 p.m.** For ages 3 and up. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Rated G. Running time: 88 minutes. Stop by or call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Winter Reading Program Ends Soon

Be sure to complete and turn in your "Chill Out and READ!" reading record by January 9th. Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Cold Stone Creamery at Aspen Grove, Starbucks Coffee Company at Aspen Grove and of course, the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on **Saturday, January 21 between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** for some make and take winter crafting fun. *Just for Grades 3–5.* No reservations needed.

New Extended Play Sessions

Children learn through play and develop physical abilities, cognitive skills, social skills and literacy skills. By providing optional extended playtime after some of our story times, Bemis is encouraging children and their caregivers to grow, develop and have FUN together. So if you are joining us for a Story Box program during the 2nd or 4th week of the month or during any of the All Together Now Story Times, we hope you'll have time to stay and play!



Ongoing Programs

Weekly Programs resume on January 9.

- ♦ **All Together Now Story Time:** Especially designed for ages 2–3
Mondays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Older and younger children may attend; children under the age of 3 *must* attend with an adult. Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities.

- ♦ **Story Box: Ages Infant–36 months**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult introducing the joy of rhythm, rhyme and reading. *Space is limited; required tickets are available one week in advance.*

- ♦ **Preschool Story Time: Ages 3 and up**

Thursdays and Fridays 10:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities.

- ♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! – Lego Club: For kids in grades K–5**

Saturday, January 7, 2 p.m.

You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Legos.

Registration begins one week in advance.

- ♦ **Paws to Read: For kids in grades K–5**

Saturday, January 14, 10 a.m.–noon

Kids in grades K–5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. *Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society.*





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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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Adult ESL & Citizenship Classes

Registration for the winter term of Adult ESL classes will take place on **Tues., January 17, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. and Wed., January 18, 1–3p.m.** Registration will include the \$40 payment for program fees and a brief test to determine your English level.
Beginner English: Jan. 24–Apr. 27
Tuesday & Thursday: 10 a.m.–noon
Location: Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St.
Intermed./Advanced English: Jan. 23–Apr. 26
Monday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon
Location: Bemis Public Library
Citizenship Classes start January 9. Students must take the CASAS exam and pay the \$50 fee before starting class.

Beginner Citizenship: Jan. 9–Mar. 22
Monday & Wednesday, 10–noon
Location: Bemis Public Library
Intermediate Citizenship: Jan. 10–Mar. 16
Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.–noon
Location: Bemis Public Library

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ♦ **Rich People Behaving Badly with author Dick Kreck**
Tuesday, February 7, 7–8:15 p.m.
- ♦ **Make a Beaded Valentine Necklace!**
Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place**
Saturday, February 11, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Experience Vive–Virtual Reality***
Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Light Between Oceans*, Rated PG-13**
Saturday, February 25, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **The Story of Roxborough**
Monday, February 27, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Visiting Cuba–Land of Mystery & Beauty**
Tuesday, February 28, 7–8:30 p.m.

*Registration is required for this event. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.

Schedule of Library Events

- Sunday, Jan. 1** New Year's Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Monday, Jan. 2** New Year's Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Jan. 3** *Beginning Windows 10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*I Love Art, For kids in grades 1–5, Noon–1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 4** *Saving & Finding Files, 9:30–11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*Zumba for Kids, For ages 7–10, 2–3 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 5** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Friday, Jan. 6** Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 7** *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *Suicide Squad*, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 9** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Movie Matinee: *The Peanuts Movie*, For ages 3 & up, 2 p.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., STEAM Tuesday, Teen Program, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 11** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Jan. 12** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Jan. 13** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Board Game Friday, Teen Program, 3–4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 14** *Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
- Sunday, Jan. 15** Coloring for Adults, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 16** Martin Luther King Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Jan. 17** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Herndon Davis & the Face on the Barroom Floor, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 18** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Jan. 19** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 20** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 21** Drop-in Crafts, For grades 3–5, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Daniel Blegen, 2–3 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 23** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.
Working on the Manhattan Project: A Scientist Tells His Story, 2–3 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24** *Photo Editing with Gimp, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Thomas Jefferson & the Most Contentious Election in American History, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25** *Find, Save & Share Your Photos, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Jan. 26** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 27** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 28** Saturday Movie Matinee: *Sully*, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 30** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
How to Prolong Your Memory & Mental Clarity, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 31** *eBooks & Other Downloadables, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 1** *Beginning Internet, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

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