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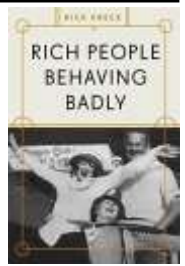
Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



Rich People Behaving Badly

Former *Denver Post* reporter Dick Kreck will expose the scandals, murders, infidelities, financial misdeeds, and just plain misbehavior from Colorado's past, **Tuesday, February 7, 7–8:15 p.m.** Included are socialites such as Louise Sneed Hill, who created and ruled over Denver's "Sacred 36" circle of society; Jane Tomberlin, who met and fell in love with a "prince" at the Brown Palace Hotel; prominent Denver clubman Courtland Dines, who was wounded during a frolic with two silent-screen stars in his Hollywood apartment; and Pastor Charles E. Blair, who obtained large sums of money from elderly members of his church for senior housing that was never constructed. Copies of Dick Kreck's book, *Rich People Behaving Badly*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Make a Beaded Valentine Necklace



Create your own beaded "Loved" necklace, **Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.**, across from the checkout desk. We will provide all the supplies you need, including beads, for a Valentine necklace. This program is for all ages.

Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. Crooner and impressionist **Steven St. James** will entertain you on **Saturday, February 11, 2–3 p.m.** with tunes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin, Nat King Cole and more. Featured songs will include "All of Me," "My Funny Valentine," "Come Fly with Me" and other popular love songs.



Romance Book Talk

Just in time for Valentine's Day--find out from a librarian about the newest novel featuring a Highlander sweeping a lady off her feet, or the suave billionaire with a wild side, or just a funny tale of romance, love, and crazy hi-jinx, **Sunday, February 12, 2-3 p.m.** in Sophie's Place. Light refreshments will be served. Love is in the air or at least in these new and exciting romance novels!

Experience the Vive—Virtual Reality

Virtual reality is the hottest new trend around! See the Vive system in action for yourself and try out the coolest new game experience, **Saturday, February 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.** You'll have a few activities to choose from for your experience: explore the solar system, fix a robot, defend a castle, adopt a mechanical dog, and more. Register for your 10-minute session to reserve your experience—*ages 13 and up only*. Players under the age of 13 will need a signed parent permission slip to participate. Adults welcome to participate. Walk-in players will be allowed as space permits. *Register for this event by calling the library at 303-795-3961.*



Get Your Crafting On - Crafts for Grownups

Join us for a different featured craft on the **third Sunday of each month from 2–3:30 p.m.** We will provide supplies and space. *Registration is required. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.* **Sunday, February 19, 2–3:30 p.m.—Play Your Cards Right** Explore clever and unusual ideas for making your own cards. We will provide supplies, ideas, tips and tricks. Bring your imagination!

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The Story of Roxborough

See vintage photographs and hear the fascinating story of Roxborough, **Monday, February 27, 2–3 p.m.** Authors Flo Tonelli and Char Nauman will talk about Roxborough's history and geologic wonders. In 1820, the Long expedition discovered an area described by their geologist as "a range of naked and almost perpendicular rocks... the whole scenery truly picturesque and romantic." Today, thousands of people hike the trails in Roxborough State Park and the surrounding area. Copies of the speakers' book, *Images of America: Roxborough*, will be available for purchase and signing.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Light Between Oceans*

See the film, *The Light Between Oceans*, **Saturday, February 25, 2-4 p.m.**, on the library's big screen. In the years following World War I, Tom Sherbourne (Michael Fassbender), a young veteran, takes a job as lighthouse keeper on a remote island off the coast of Western Australia. As the island's sole inhabitant, he finds comfort in the monotony of the chores and the solitude of his surroundings. When he meets a local young woman, Isabel Graysmark (Alicia Vikander), Tom is immediately captivated by her. Soon, they are married and living on the island. The couple's happiness is marred only by their inability to start a family, so when a rowboat with a dead man and infant girl mysteriously washes ashore, Isabel believes their prayers may finally have been answered. The choice to keep the child has devastating consequences. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG-13.



Visiting Cuba—Land of Mystery & Beauty

The barriers to traveling to Cuba are quickly disappearing. Learn more about this mysterious island, **Tuesday, February 28, 7-8:30 p.m.**, from Frank Slater, author and international tour director. Slater has completed 26 tours in Cuba during the last three years through the people-to-people program. He will talk about the history of Cuba, the embargo and blockade, as well as the current Cuban culture. Hear about what is happening with the normalization of Cuba/US relations and what that means for the average traveler. Slater is a professional photographer and will show many photos from his visits to Cuba.



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. 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.

Mar 6: *Devil in the White City*
by Erik Larson



Best-selling author Erik Larson intertwines the true tale of the 1893 World's Fair and the cunning serial killer who used the fair to lure his victims to their death. Combining meticulous research with nail-biting storytelling, Erik Larson has crafted a narrative with all the wonder of newly discovered history and the thrills of the best fiction.

Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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 Feb. due to the President's Day holiday.

Mar. 20: *Everything I Never Told You*
by Celeste Ng



Lydia is the middle and favorite child of Marilyn Walker, a white Virginian, and James Lee, a first-generation Chinese-American. When Lydia is discovered dead in a lake near her home, the family begins to fall apart. As the police try to decipher the mystery of Lydia's death, her family realizes that they didn't know her at all.

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 Internet

Wed., Feb. 1

Beginning Word - MS Office 2010

Tues., Feb. 7; Tues., Mar. 7; Tues., Apr. 11

Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010

Wed., Feb. 8; Wed., Apr. 12

Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010

Tues., Feb. 14; Tues., Mar. 14; Tues., Apr. 18

Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010

Wed., Feb. 15; Wed., Mar. 15; Wed., Apr. 19

Buying & Selling on Craigslist

Tues., Feb. 28

Beginning Windows 10

Wed., Mar. 1; Tues., Apr. 4

Word Images

Wed., Mar. 8

Digital Photography with Tablets & Smartphones

Tues., Mar. 21

Saving & Finding Files

Wed., Mar. 22

Tablet & Smartphone One-on-One

Wed., Apr. 5

Basic Photo Editing

Tues., Apr. 25

Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010

Wed., Apr. 26

Open Computer Lab - 9:30-11 a.m.

Every Thursday morning. No registration required. 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!

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



♦ **Virtual Reality Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

We've got the HTC Vive and the PSVR, plus a huge selection of games. Virtual reality games are for ages 12 & up only.

Feb. 16, Mar. 16 and Apr. 20

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Feb. 24: Summer reading planning

Mar. 25: Open agenda

"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.



Afternoon Activities in the Teen Area

♦ **STEAM Tuesday**

Tuesday, February 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

♦ **Board Game Friday**

Friday, February 10, 4-7:30 p.m.*

***New time.** This will be an after-hours event. Participants need to arrange for a ride home. No registration required.

♦ **Dungeons and Dragons**

Sat., Feb. 4 and Sat., Feb. 18, noon

We'll provide the books and supplies. Join in whether you're an experienced D&D player or just learning.

Children's Programs



Valentine Fun

Get ready for Valentine's Day with an hour of crafts, games and sweet treats on **Saturday, February 11, 2-3 p.m.** For kids in grades K-5. You will LOVE it. Reservations required. Come in or call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



Dads and Donuts

Calling all Dads, grandpas and uncles! Bring your little ones in for a fun story time with donut & coffee treats on **Saturday, February 25, 10-10:30 a.m.** For kids ages 1-5 with caregivers.

The Power of Play

Children learn through their play. By playing, children acquire and develop:

- ♦ **Physical abilities:** The young child builds hand muscles for later pencil holding and writing while also increasing hand-eye coordination and spatial awareness.
- ♦ **Cognitive skills:** Play promotes creativity, problem-solving and abstract thinking in youngsters.
- ♦ **Social skills:** During play, children learn to negotiate, cooperate, take turns and share.
- ♦ **Literacy skills:** Play stimulates new vocabulary like the specific language needed in order to play with and describe games and objects. It also promotes storytelling and narrative skills as children imagine new worlds and develop games.



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

♦ **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, but children under the age of 3 *must* attend with an adult. Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities. Optional extended playtime immediately following this story time session.

♦ **Story Box:** Ages infant-36 months

Tuesdays & 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, & reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available beginning one week in advance.* Optional extended playtime following Story Box during the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month.

♦ **Preschool Story Time:** Ages 3 and older

Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a *puppet show* the first week of the month.



♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club:** For kids in grades K-5 Saturday, February 4, 2 p.m.

You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Legos. *Registration begins one week in advance.*

♦ **Paws to Read:** Kids in grades K-5

Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m.-noon

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

♦ **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.





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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 Thursday evenings from 5–7:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon–3:30 p.m. No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.**

The AARP will provide tax preparation help, with trained volunteers, in the reference area of the library from February 6–April 11, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.–1:45 p.m. *Appointments are required for this assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over.* To make an appointment for AARP tax assistance at the library, please call 303-734-8200 and leave a message or register on the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.



Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ◆ **Sanity Saving Tips for Nonpaid Family Caregivers**
Sunday, March 5, 2–3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Is Our Power Grid Vulnerable to Attack?**
Tuesday, March 7, 7–8 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with traditional Irish songs and humor**
Saturday, March 11, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **Travel Secrets to Save You Time, Money and Stress**
Tuesday, March 21, 7–8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: Allied**
Saturday, March 25, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **Denver's Union Station—A History in Photographs**
Monday, March 27, 2–3 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Feb. Art Exhibit Littleton Public Schools Middle School Art Show, Feb. 1–28

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

Thursday, Feb. 2 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 3 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 4 Dungeons & Dragons, Teen Activity, noon
*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children*, 2 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 6 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7 *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,
Rich People Behaving Badly, 7–8:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 *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, Feb. 9 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 10 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Board Game Friday, Teen Activity, 4–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 11 Make a Beaded Valentine Necklace, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
*Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Steven St. James, 2–3 p.m.
*Valentine Fun, For kids in grades K–5, 2–3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 12 Romance Book Talk 2–3 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 13 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 STEAM Tuesday, Teen Activity, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15 *Intermediate Excel, 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, Feb. 16 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Virtual Reality Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 17 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18 Dungeons & Dragons, Teen Activity, noon
*Experience the Vive–Virtual Reality, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 19 *Crafts for Adults: Play Your Cards Right, 2–3:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 20 President's Day
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Tuesday, Feb. 21 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 22 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

Thursday, Feb. 23 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 24 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25 Dads and Donuts, For kids ages 1–5 with a caretaker, 10–10:30 a.m.
Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Light Between Oceans*, 2–4 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 27 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.
The Story of Roxborough, 2–3 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 *Buying & Selling on Craigslist 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Visiting Cuba—Land of Mystery & Beauty, 7–8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 1 *Beginning Windows 10, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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