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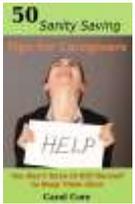
The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## LIRC to Host Free Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center will host a presentation by the University of Denver Low Income Taxpayer Clinic on **Wednesday, March 1, 9:30–10:30 a.m.** about how to file your taxes correctly. Topics of discussion will include how to make sure you have enough withholding and how to correctly report income from all sources. The correct filing status to use (single, head of household, married filing jointly, or married filing separately), claiming dependents, the earned income tax credit and other credits you may be entitled to claim will be discussed. You will be provided with resources for free help in dealing with the IRS to resolve tax problems. This event is open to the public.

## Sanity Saving Tips for Nonpaid Family Caregivers

Learn how to lessen the stress and have quality of life while caregiving a loved one, **Sunday, March 5, 2–3:30 p.m.** For over 12 years speaker Carol Core was the nonpaid caregiver for three family members. Core created her own company dedicated to offering resources, support and hope to family caregivers. She will discuss family dynamics of caring for your loved one as well as independent, assisted and nursing home care and how to choose the right one. Core's book, *50 Sanity Saving Tips for Caregivers: You Don't Have to Kill Yourself to Keep Them Alive*, will be available for purchase and signing.



## Is Our Power Grid Vulnerable to Attack?

With the recent foreign hack of a Vermont utility system, concerns about the vulnerability of the nation's power grid have heightened. Benjamin Dancer, Director of Public Relations for the Colorado EMP Task Force, will speak about this threat, **Tuesday, March 7, 7–8 p.m.** Few Americans realize that if the power grid went down today and was not restored, many people would not survive. Dancer will review President Obama's executive actions to protect America against this underreported threat as well as the executive actions President Trump has pledged to take. He will explain how our civilization has become completely dependent on a vulnerable critical infrastructure, along with the mechanisms of destruction that could take down the power grid. Dancer is the author of the literary thriller *Patriarch Run*, in which a villain plans to take down the power grid. Copies of Dancer's book will be available for purchase and signing.



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. Enjoy traditional Irish folk tales, songs and humor with Irishman Denis Gessing and Dan Wright, playing guitar on **Saturday, March 11, 2–3 p.m.**

## Travel Secrets to Save You Time, Money & Stress

Join Nancy Stern, author of *The Travel Writer's Wife*, as she shares her insider travel tips and strategies for hassle-free trips, **Tuesday, March 21, 7–8:30 p.m.** Discover how to breeze through TSA checkpoints, save money on luggage fees, pack in one bag for a weekend or two-week trip, stay safe in your hotel or on the street, and more. Stern also will talk about 10 must-have travel items, the five best reward cards for airlines and hotels, and five little-known foodie destinations. Stern and her husband, travel journalist Ron Stern, have traveled to many parts of the world with Nancy documenting their adventures. She will share some of these experiences at the program. Copies of Stern's book will be available for purchase and signing.



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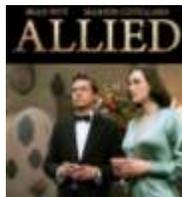
## Denver's Union Station A History in Photographs

Hear about the remarkable history of Denver's Union Station, **Monday, March 27, 2–3 p.m.** Author Rhonda Beck will show historic photographs and tell the stories behind one of the Mile High City's most iconic landmarks. On June 1, 1881, Denver's Union Station opened as the largest structure west of the Mississippi. The station welcomed people from all walks of life, from pioneers and miners to U.S. presidents and Buffalo Bill Cody. Beck will discuss the revitalization efforts that have returned Union Station to its former glory and plans for the future. Copies of the speaker's book, *Union Station in Denver*, will be available for purchase and signing.



# Saturday Movie Matinee: *Allied*

Experience a World War II era romance and drama, *Allied*, Saturday, March 25, 2-4 p.m., on the library's big screen. The film is the story of intelligence officer Max Vatan (Brad Pitt), who in 1942 North Africa encounters French Resistance fighter Marianne Beausejour (Marion Cotillard) on a deadly mission behind enemy lines. Reunited in London, their relationship is threatened by the extreme pressures of the war. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated R.



## Second Annual Six Word Story Contest—Win Cash!

One story.  
Six words.  
Good luck!

Enter the second annual Bemis Six Word Story Contest, between March 1 and April 1, and you could win a cash prize! Nine cash prizes will be given out to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12-18), and children (age 6-11). In *each* category, fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place winner, thirty dollars to the second place winner and twenty dollars to the third place winner. Last year's first place winners were: Adult—"Broken wand for sale, owner missing." Teen—"In Time Travel. Now I believe." Children—"Recess Time! But something was fishy!" Ernest Hemingway wrote a famous six word story: "For Sale: baby shoes, never worn." Now it's your turn! Submit your Six Word Story at the main floor reference desk at the library or email it to [libpl@littletongov.org](mailto:libpl@littletongov.org). Include your full name and a telephone number.

### Six Word Story Contest Rules

- ◆ Story must contain only six words.
- ◆ Story must be your original work.
- ◆ Story may contain only one contraction, such as I'm or can't.
- ◆ Each contestant may submit up to three six word stories.
- ◆ Stories must be submitted by April 1, 2017
- ◆ Entries must include contestant's full name and telephone number.
- ◆ By entering the Six Word Story Contest you give the Bemis Public Library rights to post your story and name in the library's media outlets.

Entries will be judged by award-winning author Mark David Gerson. Gerson is the author of 14 books and has conducted writing workshops throughout the United States. **The winners will be announced during National Library Week at a special program on Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. in Sophie's Place 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.**

**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.



**Apr. 3:** *The Giver*

by Lois Lowry

This haunting tale centers on Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he's given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

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

**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.



**Apr. 17:** *The Thirteenth Tale*

by Diane Setterfield

Reclusive author Vida Winter, famous for her collection of twelve enchanting stories, has spent the past six decades penning a series of alternate lives for herself. Now old and ailing, she is ready to reveal the truth about her extraordinary existence and the violent and tragic past she has kept secret for so long.



## Computer Classes

We 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](http://www.littletongov.org).



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

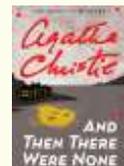
- ◆ **Beginning Windows 10**  
Wed., Mar. 1; Tues., Apr. 4
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Mar. 7; Tues., Apr. 11
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Apr. 12
- ◆ **Word Images - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Mar. 8
- ◆ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Mar. 14; Tues., Apr. 18
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Mar. 15; Wed., Apr. 19
- ◆ **Digital Photography with Tablets & Smartphones**  
Tues., Mar. 21
- ◆ **Saving & Finding Files**  
Wed., Mar. 22
- ◆ **Beginning Windows 10**  
Tues., Apr. 4
- ◆ **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.

## Genre Addicts Book Club

Are you addicted to trashy novels? Do you skip over the books you know you "should" read, and reach for the thrilling brain candy instead? Then be ashamed no more—we have the club for you! Each month, we will feature a different genre and meet to chat about our favorite titles and authors in that category. Pick a favorite book to re-read, or choose a new title to introduce to us. We will meet on the **second Wednesday of the month at 7-8 p.m. in Sophie's Place** to share our love of category fiction!

### ◆ March 8—Mystery Month

Whether you're all about the cozies, fascinated by police procedurals, or swear by the classics, you love a good "whodunnit." Choose any mystery title to read this month. Then join us to chat about the genre, and share your thoughts on the title you chose. If you've never solved the mystery before the fictional sleuth, then make a new resolution this month, and search out a great mystery at Bemis.





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

♦ **Teen Movies**

**First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.**

Free popcorn and lemonade!

**Mar. 4:** No movie scheduled.

See you at Tech-a-Palooza instead!

**Apr. 1:** *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*



♦ **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.

**Mar. 16, Apr. 20 and May 18**

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**Mar. 24:** Open agenda

**Apr. 28:** Summer Reading prep

## "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](mailto:libmd@littletongov.org).

## Teen Tech Week: Be the Source of Change

It's Teen Tech Week at the library March 4-11. We've got lots of cool stuff for teens!

### TECH-A-PALOOZA! SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1-3:30 P.M.

We have recently purchased a bunch of new electronic gadgets—come see them all! Build an electronic voice-changer, create a synthesizer, drive a Sphero, create a 3-D electronic light show, try a virtual reality system, check out the new art station, play the guitar, bass, keyboards, or drums, play with a Makey Makey board, experiment with a variety of electrical circuits, see the Raspberry Pi laptop that you can build, or try one of the robotic systems—we have a few to choose

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# Children's Programs



## Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, March 4, 11-11:30 a.m.**, for music, movement, games and fun as we move, groove and grow at the library. For children ages 2-6 and their caregivers.

## Building Up STEAM at Bemis—Shoebox Cities



Have you ever thought about planning a city or town? Since you are out of school anyway, bring your imagination and your engineering skills to build your own city on **Friday, March 10, 1-1:45 p.m.** For kids in Grades K-5. *Reservations required.* Come in or call 303-795-3961 to register.

## Heritage Irish Stepdancers

Enjoy colorful costumed dancers ranging in age from 6-60 on **Sunday, March 12, 2-2:45 p.m.** as they perform a variety of Irish dances. Learn a bit about the cultural significance of each dance and participate in a simple group dance with the troupe. A great way for families with children of all ages to get in the mood for St. Patrick's Day!



## Lego Mindstorms Robotics



Sign up for this introduction to Lego Mindstorms EV3 Robot programming hosted by Bits, Bytes and Bots Computer Adventures on **Saturday, March 18, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** You will command amazing robotic devices which use touch, color and infrared sensors to complete challenges. For kids in grades 3-5. *Reservations required.* Visit us or call 303-795-3961 to register.

## Spring Break Activities

- ♦ **Mad Science—Tuesday, March 28, 2-3 p.m.—For families with kids ages 3 and up**  
Interact with our Mad Scientists during an exciting "Fire & Ice" presentation. Foggy dry ice storms, giant beach balls floating in the air and even a special Mad Science "burp" potion will amaze as you learn about chemical reactions, air pressure and the states of matter.
- ♦ **Magic Rob—Wednesday, March 29, 2-2:45 p.m.—For families with kids ages 3 and up**  
Amazing magic, live animals with lots of laughter and audience participation. It will be a blast for the entire family.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: Trolls—Thursday, March 30, 1 p.m.—For families with kids ages 3 and up**  
Snacks will be provided. (Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult.) Rated PG. Running time: 92 minutes. *Reservations required.* Come in or call 303-795-3961 to register.

## Ongoing Programs

*No story times the week of March 27.*

- ♦ **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 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, and reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available beginning one week in advance.* Optional extended playtime following Story Box during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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, March 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, March 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*.





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**HOURS:** M–Th 9–9; F–Sa 9–5; Su 1–5

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**Teen Tech Week Activities**

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from, including Moss, Wink, Ringo, EzRobot, and Lego Mindstorms. No registration required, just drop by and check out the cool tech. Some of the gadgets and the virtual reality systems are not recommended for children under 12.

**Teen Creativity Zone**

**March 6–9, Daily from 3–4:30 p.m.**

Check out the crafting activities on the teen deck all week! We'll provide the basic supplies and some instructions, you supply the creativity. *No registration required*—just stop by the teen deck in the afternoon and create, while supplies last.

- ♦ **March 6, 3–4:30 p.m.—Knitting/Crochet**
- ♦ **March 7, 3–4:30 p.m.—Origami Creations**
- ♦ **March 8, 3–4:30 p.m.—Calligraphy**
- ♦ **March 9, 3–4:30 p.m.—Duct Tape Creations**

**Get Your Crafting On~  
Crafts for Grownups**

**J**oin us for a different featured craft on the **third Sunday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.**, as we explore ways to get back in touch with our creativity. We will provide supplies and space - you bring imagination and curiosity. These programs are for adults only. *Space is limited, and registration is required.* Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).

**March 19, 2–3:30 p.m.—Garden Madness**

Get a head-start on the gardening season with a fun, personalized clay pot, seeds, and soil. Choose from a variety of options to personalize your terracotta planter - chalkboard paint, stencils, twine, and more - then pot up a seed to start your growing year right. We will provide the pots, soil, and a selection of seeds.



**Schedule of Library Events**

**Mar. Art Exhibit** Nikolai Puc Photography Show, Mar. 1–31

**Wednesday, Mar. 1** \*Beginning Windows 10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
LIRC Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Open to the public, 9:30–10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

**Thursday, Mar. 2** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

**Friday, Mar. 3** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Mar. 4** Busy Bodies at Bemis, For ages 2–6, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon  
Teen Tech-A-Palooza! 1–3:30 p.m.  
\*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, Mar. 5** Sanity Saving Tips for Nonpaid Family Caregivers, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Mar. 6** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.  
Teen Creativity Zone: Knitting/Crochet, 3–4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Mar. 7** \*Beginning Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,  
Teen Creativity Zone: Origami Creations, 3–4:30 p.m.  
Is Our Power Grid Vulnerable to Attack, 7–8 p.m.

**Wednesday, Mar. 8** \*Word Images, 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  
Teen Creativity Zone: Calligraphy, 3–4:30 p.m.  
Genre Book Club: Mystery, 7–8 p.m.

**Thursday, Mar. 9** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Creativity Zone: Duct Tape, Creations, 3–4:30 p.m.

**Friday, Mar. 10** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Shoobox Cities, For Grades K–5, 1–1:45 p.m.  
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Mar. 11** \*Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place Denis Gessing & Dan Wright, 2–3 p.m.

**Sunday, Mar. 12** Heritage Irish Stepdancers, For all ages, 2–2:45 p.m.

**Monday, Mar. 13** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Mar. 14** \*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Teen STEAM Tuesday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Mar. 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, Mar. 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, Mar. 17** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Mar. 18** \*Lego Mindstorms Robotics, For Grades 3–5, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon

**Sunday, Mar. 19** \*Crafts for Adults: Garden Madness, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Monday, Mar. 13** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Mar. 21** \*Digital Photography with Tablets, and Smartphones, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,  
Travel Secrets to Save You Time, Money & Stress, 7–8:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Mar. 22** \*Saving & Finding Files, 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, Mar. 23** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, Mar. 24** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Mar. 25** Saturday Movie Matinee: *Allied*, Rated R, 2–4 p.m.

**Monday, Mar. 27** Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Denver's Union Station—A History in Photographs, 2–3 p.m.

**Tuesday, Mar. 28** Mad Science, Ages 3 & up, 2–3 p.m.

**Wednesday, Mar. 29** Magic Rob, Ages 3 & up, 2–2:45 p.m.  
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

**Thursday, Mar. 30** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Movie Matinee: *Trolls*, Ages 3 & up, Rated PG, 1 p.m.

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