

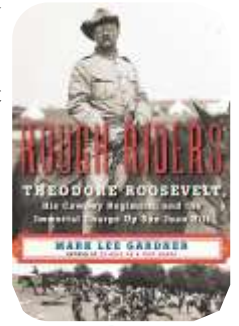


# Behind the Cover

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## Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders

Award-winning historian and author, Mark Lee Gardner will talk about Teddy Roosevelt, the courageous Rough Riders and the Battle of San Juan Hill, Tuesday, April 11, 7–8 p.m. Two months after the sinking of the USS Maine in Havana Harbor in February, 1898, Congress authorized President McKinley to recruit a volunteer army to drive the Spaniards from Cuba. From this army emerged the legendary “Rough Riders,” a mounted regiment drawn from America’s western territories and led by the indomitable Theodore Roosevelt. Its ranks included not only cowboys and other westerners, but several Ivy Leaguers, many of them friends of “TR” Roosevelt. These men quickly came to symbolize American ruggedness, daring, and individualism. Roosevelt led them to victory in the famed Battle at San Juan Hill, which made him a national hero and cemented the Rough Riders’ place in history. Gardner has appeared on the History Channel, PBS, ABC, NPR and BBC Radio. Copies of his book, *Rough Riders*, will be available for purchase and signing.



## Make a Decorated Easter Egg!

Create your own decorated Easter egg, Thursday, April 13, anytime between 3–6 p.m. or Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.–4 p.m., across from the checkout desk. We will provide all the supplies you need, including colorful self-adhesive pieces.



## Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. Hear the lively **West of the Blues Band** play old favorites and some new blues tunes on Saturday, April 15, 2–3 p.m. Band members, from the Littleton area, include Cameron Craig (music teacher) on guitar; Thomas Curry (retired judge) on drums; Terry Schmitt (business owner) on keyboard and vocals; and Phil Cortese (former City of Littleton employee) on bass.

## Meet Patty Calhoun: Editor of *Westword*

Join a spirited discussion of hot topics in Denver with Patty Calhoun, editor of *Westword*, Tuesday, April 18, 7–8 p.m. Calhoun also will share memorable stories from her past 40 years as a journalist. She co-founded *Westword*, Denver’s News and Arts weekly, in 1977 and has been the editor there ever since. Calhoun is a regular on the weekly Colorado Public Television roundtable *Colorado Inside Out*, and the former president of the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies.



## Lost Department Stores of Denver



Do you remember The Denver Dry Goods Co., Daniels and Fisher, May Co., Joslins or Fashion Bar? Listen to entertaining tales and see photos of Denver’s long-gone department stores, Monday, April 24, 2–3 p.m., with local author and historian Mark Barnhouse. The story of these institutions is filled with fascinating characters, including dashing, tower-building William Cooke Daniels; his aristocratic English wife, Cicely; and flamboyant William Zeckendorf, whose dreams out-paced his finances. After the presentation the audience will have an opportunity to share memories of favorite stores no longer in existence. Copies of Barnhouse’s book, *The Denver Dry Goods: Where Colorado Shopped with Confidence*, will be available for purchase and signing.

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## Saturday Movie Matinee: *Lion*

See the acclaimed film, *Lion*, Saturday, April 29, 2–4 p.m., on the library’s big screen. Five-year-old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of kilometers across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. Dev Patel and Nicole Kidman star in the film. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG-13.



# Colorado Legal Forms Online

You can now access Colorado legal forms and documents by going to the library's website, [bemis.ent.sirsi.net](http://bemis.ent.sirsi.net) and clicking on "Colorado Legal Forms" in the left column. Included on the site are forms, instructions and other legal documents for business contracts, divorce proceedings, landlord/tenant disputes, small claims, bankruptcy, name change, adoption, wills and much more.



## Homebound Delivery Service Needs Volunteers

Bemis offers a free delivery service to City of Littleton residents who are unable to visit the library due to physical limitations. If you are temporarily or permanently confined to your home because of illness, age or physical disability, we will deliver library materials to you. Available materials include books, magazines, DVDs, and audio books. Contact library assistant Krysta Wiggins-Post at 303-795-3961 and let her know what items you are interested in having delivered to your home once a month by library staff or volunteer. *Volunteers are needed for this program.* Call the library at 303-795-3961 to volunteer.



## 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.**

**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.



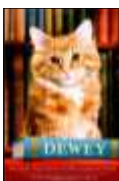
**May 1:** *North and South*  
by Elizabeth Gaskell

When her father leaves the Church in a crisis of conscience, Margaret Hale is uprooted from her comfortable home in Hampshire to move to the north of England. Initially repulsed by the ugliness of her new surroundings in the industrial town of Milton, Margaret becomes aware of the poverty and suffering of the local mill-workers and develops a passionate sense of social justice. This is intensified by her tempestuous relationship with the mill-owner and self-made man John Thornton.



**June 5:** *Dewey: The Small-town Library Cat*  
by Vicki Moran

Dewey, an abandoned kitten from the heartland, transforms a sleepy library, inspires a classic American town in Iowa, and captures the hearts of animal lovers everywhere.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

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

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

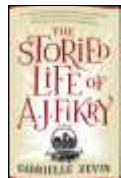
by Diane Setterfield

Reclusive author Vida Winter 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.



**May 15:** *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry*  
by Gabrielle Zevin

The irascible A.J. Fikry, owner of Island Books—the only bookstore on Alice Island—has already lost his wife. Now his most prized possession, a rare book, has been stolen from right under his nose in the most embarrassing of circumstances. The store itself, it seems, will be next to go, until he finds a most unusual bequest waiting for him as he closes one night.



**June 19:** *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*  
by Betty Smith

Francie Nolan, avid reader and adroit observer of human nature, struggles against all odds to survive and thrive in Brooklyn at the dawn of the twentieth century. Growing up with a sweet, tragic father, a severely realistic mother and an aunt who gives her love too freely, Francie learns early the meaning of hunger and the value of a penny. She is her father's child—romantic and hungry for beauty. But she is her mother's child, too—deeply practical and in constant search of truth.



# 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**  
Tues., Apr. 4; Tues., May 2
- ◆ **Tablet & Smartphone One-on-One**  
Wed., Apr. 5
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Apr. 11; Tues., May 9
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Apr. 12; Wed., May 10
- ◆ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Tues., Apr. 18; Tues., May 16
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Apr. 19; Wed., May 17
- ◆ **Basic Photo Editing**  
Tues., Apr. 25
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2010**  
Wed., Apr. 26
- ◆ **Saving & Finding Files**  
Wed., May 3
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher**  
Tues., May 23
- ◆ **Find, Save & Share Your Photos**  
Wed., May 24
- ◆ **Brain Exercise on the Web**  
Tues., May 30
- ◆ **Beginning Facebook**  
Wed., May 31
- ◆ **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. Receive individual help with using an eBook device.

## Genre Addicts Book Club

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!

◆ **April 12:—Science Fiction**  
Space operas, alternate histories, dystopian thrillers - science fiction stretches the boundaries of what we think is possible. If you love to ponder the possibilities in our future, or think about what might have happened if history had changed ever so slightly, then this book chat is for you. You choose a title to read, and then join us to talk about this genre and give us a glimpse into the book you selected.





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!  
**Apr. 1:** *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, PG-13

**May 6:** *Star Wars: Rogue One*, PG-13



♦ **Virtual Reality Gaming**

**Third Thursdays @ 3-4:30 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.

**Apr. 20 and May 18**

**June 15: Special Time—11 a.m.–2 p.m.**

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

**Apr. 28:** Summer Reading preparation

**May 26:** Prep for summer programs

**June 23:** Fall program planning

## Jobs 101 for Teens: Tips for Getting (and Keeping) Your First Job

This introduction for teens to the world of employment on **Saturday, April 15, 1-4 p.m.** will provide information and helpful hints on how to make your first job a success. You'll learn everything from how to fill out a resume, to what to wear to your interview, to how to talk to your new boss. Get the tips to help you be more professional and increase your odds of getting, and keeping, a new job! *Space is limited for this event. Registration is required.*

Contact [libmd@littletongov.org](mailto:libmd@littletongov.org), or call the library at 303-795-3961.

## Ongoing Teen Events

♦ **STEAM Tuesday**

**Tuesday, April 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

♦ **Board Game Friday**

**Friday, April 14, 4-7:30 p.m.\***

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

♦ **Dungeons and Dragons**

**Sat., April 1 and Sat., April 15, noon**

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

# Children's Programs



## One Book 4 Colorado

One Book 4 Colorado is a statewide effort to provide every four-year-old in Colorado with a copy of the same book, helping to instill a love of reading in Colorado youngsters. To ensure school readiness, it is critical that preschoolers have frequent and routine access to books and that they be read to consistently. **Bemis will be distributing books April 17-May 1 to every four-year-old.** Stop by the Children's Room and request your copy.



## Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, April 1, 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 Camouflage!

Since you are out of school anyway, come learn all about the different ways animals use camouflage in their natural habitats on **Monday, April 24, 1-1:45 p.m.** *Reservations required.* Visit us or call 303-795-3961 beginning April 10 to register. For kids in Grades K-5.



## Drop-In Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on **Saturday, April 29, anytime between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.** for some make and take crafty fun. No reservations needed. For kids of all ages.

## Trash Land with Denise Gard and Her Border Collies

Border collies Sienna and Joey are afraid of the garbage can. They are certain a monster dwells inside, but now their favorite toy has been thrown away. Will they be able to rescue it or will it end up in scary "Trash land?" Find out on **Sunday, April 30, 3-3:45 p.m.** Discover how Denise Gard trains her dogs in this interactive program for families with kids of all ages.



## 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 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, April 1, 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, April 8, 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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## Get Your Crafting On~ Crafts for Grownups

Join us for a different featured craft on the **third Sunday of each month, 2-3:30 p.m.** (no meeting in April due to Easter). 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).

**May 21, 2–3:30 p.m.—May Flowers Blossom**  
Spring is in the air, and beautiful blooms abound including those made of paper, fabric, yarn, and more. Learn how to make a gorgeous garden bloom year-round with things you can find in your recycle bin.



## Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ◆ **The Life of Buffalo Bill—A Dramatic Presentation**  
Tuesday, May 2, 7–8 p.m.
- ◆ **Animals of Pokémon**  
Saturday, May 6, 1–2 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with The Smithtonians Handbell Choir**  
Saturday, May 13, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **Mars: Our Future on the Red Planet**  
Tuesday, May 16, 7–8:15 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinée: Hidden Figures**  
Saturday, May 20, 2–4 p.m., PG
- ◆ **\*Get Your Crafting On—May Flowers Blossom**  
Sunday, May 21, 2–3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Rocky Mountain National Park's West Side Stories**  
Monday, May 22, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **Growing a Better World**  
Tuesday, May 30, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- April Art Exhibit** Mountainside Art Guild, Apr. 1–30
- Saturday, Apr. 1** Busy Bodies at Bemis, For ages 2–6, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon  
\*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.  
Teen Movie: *Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them*, PG-13, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 3** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 4** \*Beginning Windows 10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.,
- Wednesday, Apr. 5** \*Table & Smartphone One-on-One, 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, Apr. 6** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Apr. 7** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 8** \*Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
- Monday, Apr. 10** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 11** \*Beginning Word, 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.  
Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 12** \*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  
Genre Book Club: Science Fiction, 7–8 p.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 13** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Make a Decorated Easter Egg!  
Anytime between 3–6 p.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Apr. 14** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 15** Make a Decorated Easter Egg!  
Anytime between 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon  
Jobs 101 for Teens: Tips for Getting and Keeping Your First Job, 1–4 p.m.  
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place West of the Blues Band, 2–3 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 16** Easter—**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Monday, Apr. 17** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 18** \*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.  
Meet Patty Calhoun: Editor of *Westword*, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 19** \*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, Apr. 20** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.  
Virtual Reality Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Apr. 21** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Apr. 24** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
\*Building Up STEAM at Bemis—Camouflage, For grades K-5, 1–1:45 p.m.  
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Lost Department Stores of Denver, 2–3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 25** \*Basic Photo Editing, 9:30–11 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 26** \*Beginning PowerPoint, 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, Apr. 27** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, Apr. 28** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 29** Drop-In Crafts, For all ages, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Lion*, PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 30** Trash Land with Denise Gard & Her Border Collies, For families with kids of all ages, 3–3:45 p.m.
- Monday, May 1** Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2** \*Beginning Windows 10, 9:30–11 a.m.  
The Life of Buffalo Bill—A Dramatic Presentation, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 3** \*Saving & Finding Files, 9:30–11 a.m.

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