



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



The Life of Buffalo Bill—A Dramatic Presentation

Experience a living history performance on the amazing life of Buffalo Bill Cody, **Tuesday, May 2, 7–8 p.m.** This year is the 100th anniversary of the death of Buffalo Bill. Nationally acclaimed actor Jeff Norman will take you on a journey through all the highlights of Buffalo Bill’s colorful career as a frontiersman, buffalo hunter, scout, Pony Express rider, Indian fighter and international showman. Buffalo Bill was a Medal of Honor recipient as well as an advocate for Indian culture and equal pay for women. Norman colorfully portrays Buffalo Bill’s amazing “rags to riches to rags” life, blending equal parts humor, drama, and little-known historical anecdotes. Included in the presentation will be a display table of frontier and Indian artifacts and “Buffalo Bill” will bring along his trusty 1866 Springfield rifle, nicknamed Lucrezia Borgia.



Animals of Pokémon

Meet live animal “ambassadors” that have characters in the Pokémon games and movies, **Saturday, May 6, 1–2 p.m.** in Sophie’s Place at the library. Many of the characters from the popular Pokémon games were inspired by real animals. During this unique program, learn about the real defense strategies animals use to protect themselves, find shelter, and find food. For example, Froakie is based off of a frog and uses water as a defense. Pidgey is based off of a pigeon and uses wing attacks just like in real life. Staff from Nature’s Educators will present the program and bring birds, reptiles and more!



Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **The Smithtonians Handbell Choir** will entertain you on **Saturday, May 13, 2–3 p.m.** with their Spring Concert, featuring the music Age of Aquarius, Dancing Queen, Misty, New Pizzicato Polka, Allegro Glorioso and more. The ringers in the group have a combined ringing experience of over 250 years.

Mars: Our Future on the Red Planet

Award-winning space journalist Leonard David will talk about human habitation on Mars, **Tuesday, May 16, 7–8:15 p.m.** David wrote the companion book to the recent National Geographic Channel series *Mars*, which dramatized humans learning to live on the red planet. Using vivid photographs and maps as well as commentary from the world’s top planetary scientists, David will take you millions of miles away to explore the science behind a possible mission and the challenges awaiting those individuals who embark on this adventure. Copies of Leonard David’s book, *Mars—Our Future on the Red Planet*, will be available for purchase and signing. David has been a consultant to NASA and served as Director of Research for the National Commission on Space.



Saturday Movie Matinee: *Hidden Figures*

Experience history in the ground breaking film, *Hidden Figures*, **Saturday, May 20, 2–4 p.m.**, on the library’s big screen. The movie tells the incredible untold story of Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe)—brilliant African-American women working at NASA, who provided invaluable aid for the project which launched astronaut John Glenn into orbit. Rated PG.



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Rocky Mountain National Park’s West Side Stories

Enjoy stories of Rocky Mountain National Park’s West Side with well-known historian Dave Lively, **Monday, May 22, 2–3 p.m.** Lively will entertain you with a quick tour of the various groups and unique individuals who have lived on Rocky’s West Side over the past 11,000 years, ranging from Paleo-Indians who hunted mastodons to French and American fur traders, Ute and Arapaho Indians, ditch diggers, ranchers, early hotel owners and environmentalists such as Enos Mills. Lively is a resident and the only Certified Tour Guide in Grand County. His family homesteaded what is now the Grand Lake entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. He is a speaker for the Rocky Mountain National Park Centennial Speakers Series and conducts historic tours and seminars for Rocky Mountain National Park.

Summer Reading Programs Begin

Visit the library on **Tuesday, May 30** when we kick-off our summer reading programs, *Build a Better World*. We have a program for *every* reader—children, teens and adults. Adults and teens may register online or in person. Children need to go to the Children's Desk to pick up a reading log. Stop by Bemis or go to our website anytime during the summer to sign up. Program ends July 31st.



Growing a Better World

Join us as we plant our very own community container garden in the pots in front of the library on **Tuesday, May 30, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.** We will be planting edible goodies, including tomatoes, lettuce, basil, chives, and more. All ages are welcome. Certified Master Gardeners with the Arapahoe County Cooperative Extension Office will be on hand to help out, answer questions, and spark your interest in growing great food.



In the News: Current Events Discussion Group



If you are interested in meeting with others in the community to discuss current events, come to our **In the News Discussion Group** which will meet every other week on **Sundays, from 2–4 p.m., beginning June 4–August 13. Registration for the discussion group will begin on Monday, May 15. Please call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.** When the group meets, the first hour of discussion will focus on the week's most important news stories. In the second hour, the group will discuss brief readings covering two timely topics. Reading assignments will be emailed by the facilitators, Andrea and Jay Baugher. Discussions will stress the facts of the event, how the event can be interpreted by different interest groups, and the significance of the event. Current events will be examined from a variety of fields: government policy, health, science and technology, culture and the arts, communications and media, law, politics, diplomacy, economics, business and entertainment. Both facilitators have public policy experience and have been leading current events discussion groups at the University of Denver.

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.

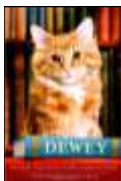
May 1: *North and South* by Elizabeth Gaskell

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. 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.

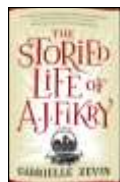


◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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. Then a mysterious package appears at the bookstore. It's that unexpected arrival that gives A. J. Fikry the opportunity to see everything anew.



June 19: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*

by Betty Smith
Francie Nolan struggles against all odds to survive and thrive in Brooklyn at the dawn of the 20th 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.



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

- ◆ **Beginning Windows 10**
Tues., May 2
- ◆ **Saving & Finding Files**
Wed., May 3
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., May 9
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., May 10
- ◆ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., May 16
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., May 17
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2010**
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. 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.

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!

◆ **May 10: The Fantastical Month**

Fantasy stories—whether rooted in fairy tales and mythology or reinvented in classics by Tolkien, Lewis, MacDonald, and Baum—are more appealing now than ever before. Fantasies weave tales of supernatural forces, inexplicable under the laws of science. You'll be spellbound by our fantasy book chat. Choose any fantasy title to read, and then join us to share the magic of the genre.





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

♦ **Teen Movies**

First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.

Free popcorn and lemonade!
May 6: *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.

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June 15: Special Time 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

May 26: Prep for summer programs

June 23: Fall program planning

Teen Summer Reading Program

Build a Better World



Registration begins **Tuesday, May 30**. Program runs through July 31. Be entered for prize drawings every two weeks. Free book for completing the program.

Final drawing on July 31 for the Grand Prize.

Summer Film School

Are you a teen in grades 7-12 who is interested in writing, acting, directing, filming or editing your own movie? For the past 13 years hundreds of students have created amazing films at the **Summer Film School**, part of the teen summer reading program at Bemis. **Beginning June 6-July 27, the Film School will meet Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Binning Family Foundation, 1269 W. Littleton Blvd.** Cost is \$100. (Limited to 40 participants. We will have an alternate/waitlist.) Some scholarships are available. **Pick up an application beginning May 6 at Bemis.** Teens will work in groups to learn professional movie-making techniques. Students will create original movies based on the theme, "Build a Better World." Each movie will be shown to the public at a World Premiere Red Carpet Event at the Alamo Drafthouse on August 9. An additional matinee, showcasing the teen's movies, will take place on Saturday, August 12.



Children's Programs



Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, May 13, 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.

Build a Better World-Summer Reading 2017

Beginning **May 30**, infants through children entering 5th grade may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress and collect prizes along the way... including a free book to keep. Weekly events will include entertainers, activities, puppet shows, crafts and story times. Visit us to find out more!



New Early Literary Stations



Have you tried out the new Early Literacy Stations™ by AWE Learning in the Children's Room? The Early Literacy Stations™ (ELS) are all-in-one complete educational computers designed specifically to build the literacy skills of our youngest patrons, ages 2-8. The systems feature over 4,000 localized learning activities, and the interactive and engaging content spans all seven

curricular areas based on STEM, STEAM and STREAM:

- ♦ Math
- ♦ Science & Nature
- ♦ Social Studies & Geography
- ♦ Reading
- ♦ Art & Music
- ♦ Writing & Computer Skills
- ♦ Reference

We invite you to visit the Children's Room to play and learn as you explore the many activities available on the new AWE Early Learning Station™ computers!



Ongoing Programs

There will be no weekly story time programs during the month of May as Bemis Children's Librarians will be visiting local schools to promote our 2017 Summer Reading Program: *Build a Better World*. Weekly story time programs will resume June 5.

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

Saturday, May 6, 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, May 13, 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 20-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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Summer Adult ESL Classes from LIRC

Registration for the summer session of ESL classes will take place on **Wednesday, May 10, 10 a.m.–noon** and **Thursday, May 11, 1–3 p.m.** Summer ESL classes offered by LIRC run May 15–August 17. Cost per student is \$40. Classes offered include:

◆ Beginner English

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.–noon
Held at Littleton Museum

◆ Intermediate/Advanced English

Monday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon
Held at Bemis Public Library

For information or to register, call or email Erica Bisbey, LIRC volunteer coordinator, at 303-734-8411, ebisbey@littletongov.org.

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.**

We will provide supplies and space. 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.

Sunday, 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.



Schedule of Library Events

May Art Exhibit	Heritage Fine Arts Guild Show, May 1–30	Tuesday, May 16	*Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m. Mars: Our Future on the Red Planet, 7–8:15 p.m.
Monday, May 1	Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.	Wednesday, May 17	*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
Tuesday, May 2	*Beginning Windows 10, 9:30–11 a.m. The Life of Buffalo Bill—A Dramatic Presentation, 7–8 p.m.	Thursday, May 18	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m. Virtual Reality Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 3	*Saving & Finding Files, 9:30–11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level	Saturday, May 20	Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon
Thursday, May 4	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.	Sunday, May 21	Saturday Movie Matinee: <i>Hidden Figures</i> , PG, 2–4 p.m. *Crafts for Grownups, 2–3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 6	Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon Animals of Pokémon, 1–2 p.m. *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m. Teen Movie: <i>Rogue One: A Star Wars Story</i> , PG-13, 2 p.m.	Monday, May 22	Agging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m. Rocky Mountain National Park's, West Side Stories, 2–3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 9	*Beginning Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m. Teen STEAM Tuesday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.	Tuesday, May 23	*Beginning Publisher, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m.
Wednesday, May 10	*Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, 9:30–11 a.m. *ESL Summer Session Classes Registration, 10 a.m. –noon International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level Genre Addicts Book Club: Fantasy, 7–8 p.m.	Wednesday, May 24	*Find, Save & Share Your Photos, 9:30–11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
Thursday, May 11	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. *ESL Summer Session Classes Registration, 1–3 p.m.	Thursday, May 25	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Friday, May 12	Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.	Friday, May 26	Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13	*Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon Busy Bodies at Bemis, For ages 2–6, 11–11:30 a.m. Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with The Smithtonians Handbell Choir, 2–3 p.m.	Monday, May 29	Memorial Day LIBRARY CLOSED
Monday, May 15	Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.	Tuesday, May 30	*Brain Exercise on the Web, 9:30–11 a.m. *Build a Better World Summer Reading Programs Registration Begins, For all ages Growing a Better World—Community Container Garden Planting, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
		Wednesday, May 31	*Beginning Facebook, 9:30–11 a.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
		Thursday, June 1	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

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