



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



Bemis Summer Reading Programs



It's summertime and that means participating in our summer reading program, **Build a Better World**. We have a program for *every* reader: infants, children, teens and adults. Stop by Bemis or check out our website anytime during the summer to register. There are tons of prizes to be awarded and lots of exciting events to attend until the program ends on July 31st.

Maintaining Your Electronic Privacy and Safety

Learn from an industry security expert the tools and techniques that you can use to protect yourself, **Tuesday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** With the rapidly growing use of Internet-connected devices, the risk of hacking increases. Fortunately there are several easy steps that can be performed that drastically decrease potential impacts to you. Hear about high-level tactics you can use to minimize your risk as you work and play in the connected world. Speaker Chris Murphy has been providing cyber security solutions to various corporate, government, and private clients for over fifteen years.

Volunteer Fair

Attend the Bemis Volunteer Fair on **Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m.**, and find your place to make a difference. Volunteering is one of the best ways to build a better world, and we are bringing together organizations from around our community with wonderful volunteer opportunities. Whether you want to help tutor an English language learner, or save a senior's back by shoveling snow next winter, you can connect with great places to do good work at our Volunteer Fair.

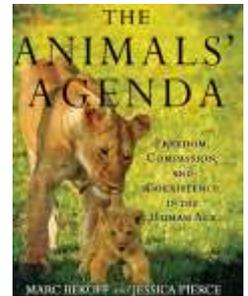
The Last Chapters of Life with Libby and Patty Bortz

Littleton resident Libby Bortz and her daughter Patty will talk about aging, dying and what matters most in the later years of life, **Monday, June 12, 2–3:30 p.m.** They will share the reasons why this conversation is so important and provide approaches to start the conversation when family members are reluctant or avoidant. Additional resources to help families learn, plan and communicate with each other about aging and dying also will be provided. Libby and Patty Bortz are the authors of the recent book, *Last Chapters*. Libby Bortz, a licensed clinical social worker, has had a long career that includes numerous awards and achievements. She was Littleton's Citizen of the Year. Patty Bortz is an attorney and a Certified Senior Advisor.



The Animals' Agenda with Marc Bekoff

Renowned animal expert Marc Bekoff will discuss a more compassionate approach to the treatment of animals **Tuesday, June 13, 7–8:30 p.m.** Bekoff believes the time has come to use what we know about the fascinating and diverse inner lives of animals on their behalf. There have been new and surprising facts about how intelligent and emotional animals are, but our growing understanding of what animals feel is generally not resulting in more respectful treatment of them. Bekoff will talk about the real-world experiences of animals who suffer in the industrial food system, in testing and research, in zoos and aquariums and even the unexpected ways in which the freedoms of animals in the wild are constrained by human activities. Bekoff has published 30 books, including *The Emotional Lives of Animals*. Copies of *The Animals' Agenda*, will be available for purchase and signing.



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Musical Moments at Sophie's Place



Hear the **Cody Carbone Trio** on **Saturday, June 17, at a special time 1–2 p.m.** The trio features Cody Carbone on guitar and vocals, Rich Lamb on bass, and Dana Marsh on keyboard, playing an eclectic mix of jazz, blues, and pop music.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *La La Land*

Enjoy the award-winning musical, *La La Land*, **Saturday, June 24, 2–4 p.m.**, on the library's big screen. Set in modern-day Los Angeles, this original musical explores the joy and pain of pursuing your dreams. Free popcorn and lemonade at the showing. Rated PG-13.



Fun with Celebrities

Master storyteller Max Donaldson will reveal little-known facts and foibles of famous and infamous celebrities in American history, **Monday, June 26, 2-3 p.m.** Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Dean Martin, Marilyn Monroe, Bonnie & Clyde, Betsy Ross, and Joe Lewis are a few of the individuals that Donaldson will discuss. Donaldson is a showman and historian who played with Lawrence Welk and had his own show in Las Vegas.



Earn an Accredited High School Diploma at Bemis

Career Online High School (COHS) is an online high school diploma and career certification program funded by Bemis Public Library. Bemis will be awarding scholarships to qualified Littleton residents looking to earn an accredited high school diploma and credentialed career certificate through this new program. Littleton residents who have completed eighth grade and are 19-years-old or older are eligible to apply. In order to enroll, students must have a Bemis library card and successfully pass an online self-assessment and prerequisite course. Following the successful completion of the course, applicants will be contacted by the library to schedule an in-person interview. Then, a determination will be made by the library's enrollment team regarding awarding scholarships. COHS, part of the world's first accredited, private online school district, is specifically designed to re-engage adults into the education system and prepare them for entry into post-secondary career education or the workforce. Learn more about COHS by visiting Bemis or littletongov.org/bemiscohhs. For more information or questions, please contact Krysta Wiggins-Post at bemiscohhs@gmail.com.



Get Your Crafting On ~ Crafts for Grownups



Don't miss **Macramé-It's Knot Hard**, our crafts for grownups on **Sunday, June 18, 2-3:30 p.m.** We will provide a selection of materials and lessons on some of the basic knots. You will have a chance to create a unique piece of textile art. *These programs are for adults only. Space is limited; registration is required.* Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.

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.

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.



July 3: *Working: People Talk About What They Do All Day and How They Feel About What They Do* by Studs Terkel

A compelling look at jobs and the people who do them. The book consists of over one hundred interviews conducted with everyone from gravediggers to studio heads. It provides a timeless snapshot of people's feelings about their working lives, as well as a relevant and lasting look at how work fits into American life.

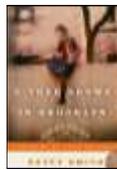


◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

This American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century in Brooklyn is both a poignant and moving tale filled with compassion and cruelty, laughter and heartache.



July 17: *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George

From his floating bookstore on the Seine, Jean Perdu selects the perfect book to heal whatever heartbreak afflicts his customers. The only person he can't seem to heal through literature is himself. He's still haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with only a letter which he has never opened. Upon finally reading the letter, he departs for the south of France on a mission to make peace with his loss and move on with his life.



Computers @ Bemis

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.



◆ 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.

Food for Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring a summer Food for Fines program **from June 1-15**. Simply bring in a non-perishable, unexpired food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



Genre Addicts Book Club

Each month, we will feature a different genre and meet to chat about 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!

◆ June 14: Romantic June

The course of true love may never run smoothly, but that's what makes a good love story so much fun to read. From the sweet first meeting to the inevitable misunderstanding, to the final reconciliation, we all enjoy a tender (or steamy) story about the power of love. Whether you want the scandalous details of Regency London, or the gentle simplicity of an Amish community, love transcends all boundaries. Choose any romantic read this month. Then join us as we discuss what it is about love that we all love so much.





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!

June 3: *The Space Between Us*, PG-13

July 1: *The LEGO Batman Movie*, PG

Aug. 5: *Kong: Skull Island*, 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.

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

July 20: Special Time 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Aug. 17: 3-4:30 p.m.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

June 23: Fall program planning

July 28: Prep for laser tag event

Aug. 25: Battle for the Best Teen Book planning



Teen Summer Reading

Teen Summer Reading Program:

Build a Better World

Register online at

bemis.ent.sirsi.net. Then

pick up your reading log on

the Teen Deck. Program

runs through July 31. Be

entered for prize drawings

every two weeks. Free book for completing the program.

***To make a reservation for the following June programs, call the library at 303-795-3961 or email teen librarian Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org.**

Magic: The Gathering Conspiracy Draft Event*—Thurs., June 1, 12-5 p.m.

The library just purchased a bunch of new Magic cards. Come in and booster draft (we'll show you all about drafting) from our cards and booster packs (you'll have to give them back afterwards!). Then play in some four-player games after building your deck. Whether you're an expert or just learning, we'll provide everything you need to play. Prizes will be awarded during the event.

Teen Movies—Saturday, June 3, 2 p.m.

The Space Between Us, PG-13

Dragon Sculpture*—Thurs., June 8, 2-4 p.m.

Make a dragon sculpture out of air-dry clay. We will cover how to use a basic armature, air-dry clay, and paper craft for wings.

After the dragon is built, we will then use

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Children's Programs



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Children from birth through kids going into 5th grade in the fall may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress and collect prizes along the way. Prizes include a free book and merchant certificates.

June Entertainers:—For families with children 3 years & up. **Wednesdays at 2 p.m.**

- ♦ **June 7—Magic Library Show**—Chad Wonder, a Nickelodeon Entertainer of the Year, performs kid friendly magic featuring a talking book which illustrates why the library is such a magical place.
- ♦ **June 14—Bekah Smith, Circus & Comedy Show**
A laugh-out-loud comedy show featuring juggling and unicycling acts will leave you baffled.
- ♦ **June 21—Kids' Concert with Eric Herman**—Eric will have you dancing from limb-to-limb, smiling from ear-to-ear and laughing from head-to-toe.
- ♦ **June 28—How to Catch a Mouse**—Can Zane King build a mousetrap using physics and balloons? He'll need a lot of help from the audience to make it happen.

June School Age Programs*:—For kids entering grades 1-5. **Tuesdays at 1 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.**

Reservations required one week in advance.

- ♦ **June 6—Build a Better Board Game**—Create a board game using your life as the inspiration. Each child will leave with a game as unique as they are.
- ♦ **June 13—Symmetry Imagery**—Explore the concept of SYMMETRY through art.
- ♦ **June 20—Gnome Homes & Fairy Houses**—Construct dwellings for these elusive pixies.
- ♦ **June 27—Got Straws? BUILD!**—Join us as we design a structure with straws.



Drop-In and Build

Create and construct with the materials provided such as Legos, Duplos, Lincoln logs and foam blocks. Bring the whole family and stop by the Children's Room anytime during our open build "construction" hours:

- ♦ **Saturday, June 10, 2-4 p.m.**
- ♦ **Wednesday, June 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

For families with children 5th grade and younger.



Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, June 24, 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.

Ongoing Programs

All Together Now Story Time

Monday at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities. Children of all ages are welcome, but children under the age of 3 *must* attend with an adult.

Optional extended playtime immediately following Monday sessions.

Story Box: Ages infant-36 months

Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday & Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories and songs for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme & reading. *Optional extended playtime on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month. Space is limited; free tickets available the morning of the session.*



Bounce Along with Baby: Ages 0-24 months and their caregivers

Wednesday 10:30 a.m.

Rhymes, songs, baby sign language, stories and fun. Siblings are welcome.

Preschool Story Time: Ages 3 and older. Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a puppet show on June 8.

1st Start Art: Ages 3-5. Fall 2017 kindergarteners are welcome. Friday 10:30 a.m.

Painting, collage, drawing, stories...exploring art with a focus on children's illustrators. *Space is limited. Free tickets available one week in advance.*

Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: For kids entering grades 1-5.

Saturday June 3, 2 p.m. or 3 p.m.

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

Paws to Read: For kids entering grades 1-5. Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m.-12

Kids 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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HOURS: M–Th 9–9; F–Sa 9–5; Su 1–5

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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a patina painting technique to paint our dragons. We may use additional items like faux gems or feathers to add further elements to your dragons.

- ◆ **Board Game Friday—June 9, 4–7:30 p.m.**
Play some board games in the library after-hours. Each month we'll feature a new game, although all of the games from our huge selection will be available to play. So whether you're a fan of old classics or new stuff, come get your game on!
- ◆ **Teen Talent Show Auditions***
Two lucky winners at the **Talent Show on Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m.** will each win \$100 cash. Auditions will be held on:
Wednesday, June 14, 5–8 p.m.
Saturday, June 17, 12–4 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21, 5–8 p.m.
- ◆ **Juggling Workshop***
Monday, June 19, 2–3:30 p.m.
Have you ever wondered if you could juggle? Whether you're trying it for the first time or are ready to learn more, this workshop is for you. Learn many circus skills such as unicycling, Chinese yo-yo, flower sticks, and more. Bekah Smith is an award-winning circus coach who has been juggling and teaching circus arts for 15 years.
- ◆ **Red Cross Babysitting Class***
Friday, June 23, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Attend an American Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course at Bemis. Class is limited to 10 participants ages 11–15. Course fee is \$85. To register for a class, visit www.Redcross.org/takeaclass or call the American Red Cross directly at 1-800-Red-Cross. Additional classes will be offered on July 13 and 17.
- ◆ **Building a Better World with Origami***
Tuesday, June 27, 2–3:30 p.m.
Learn how origami techniques are used in science and technology to improve the world.

Schedule of Library Events

- June Art Exhibit** Paint Box Guild Show, June 1–30
- Thursday, June 1** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 2** *Magic: The Gathering Conspiracy Draft Event, 12–5 p.m.
- Friday, June 2** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 2** *1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 3** Teen Dungeons & Dragons, 12–4:30 p.m.
- Monday, June 5** *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades 1–5, 2 and 3 p.m.
Teen Movie, *The Space Between Us*, PG-13, 2 p.m.
- Monday, June 5** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 6** *Story Box, 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 7** *Build a Better Board Game, Grades 1–5, 1 and 2:30 p.m.
Maintaining Your Electronic Privacy and Security, 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 7** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 8** Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.
Magic Library Show, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, June 8** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 9** *Teen Dragon Sculpture, 2–4 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 9** *1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 10** *Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, 10 a.m.–noon
Volunteer Fair, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Drop in and Build, For 5th grade and younger, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, June 12** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
The Last Chapters of Life with Libby and Patty Bortz, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 13** *Story Box, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 13** *Symmetry Imagery, Grades 1–5, 1 and 2:30 p.m.
Teen STEAM Tuesday, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
The Animals' Agenda with Mark Bekoff, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 14** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 14** Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.
Bekah Smith, Circus & Comedy Show, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
*Teen Talent Show Auditions, 5–8 p.m.
Genre Addicts Book Club: Romance, 7–8 p.m.
- Thursday, June 15** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 15** Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Virtual Reality Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.
- Friday, June 16** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 16** *1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, June 17** *Teen Talent Show Auditions, 12–4 p.m.
- Saturday, June 17** Teen Dungeons & Dragons, 12–4:30 p.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place
Cody Carbone Trio, 1–2 p.m.
- Sunday, June 18** *Crafts for Grownups, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 18** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, June 19** *Teen Juggling Workshop, 2–3:30 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 20** *Story Box, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 20** *Gnome Homes & Fairy Houses, Grades 1–5, 1 and 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 21** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 21** Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.
Kids' Concert with Eric Herman, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
*Teen Talent Show Auditions, 5–8 p.m.
Drop in and Build, For 5th grade and younger, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 22** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, June 22** *Red Cross Babysitting Class, Teen Program, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 23** *1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, June 24** Busy Bodies at Bemis, For ages 2–6, 11–11:30 a.m.
Sat. Movie Matinee: *La La Land*, PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, June 26** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Aging Well Resource Center
- Tuesday, June 27** *Story Box, 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, June 27** *Got Straws? BUILD!, Grades 1–5, 1 and 2:30 p.m.
*Teen Program: Building a Better World with Origami, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 28** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 28** Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.
How to Catch a Mouse, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, June 29** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 30** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 30** *1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.

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