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# Behind the Cover

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## Ending Homelessness: Why We Haven't, How We Can

Are you concerned about the increasing number of homeless individuals in the metro Denver area? Hear Donald Burnes, executive director of the Burnes Institute on Poverty and Homelessness, talk about the often unsuccessful current and past efforts to address homelessness and some possible solutions to the problem, **Tuesday, July 11, 7–8:15 p.m.** According to a recent HUD report, Colorado's overall homeless population increased by 13 percent from 2015 to 2016 and the state had the greatest increase (24 percent) of homeless veterans of any state in the country. Burnes serves on Governor Hickenlooper's Advisory Group on Homelessness. Copies of the book he co-authored, *Ending Homelessness*, will be available for purchase and signing.

## The Legendary Ladies Present Bold Women of the West

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by six actresses portraying bold women in the history of the West on **Saturday, July 15, 2–3 p.m.** The historical characters performed will include Mary Chase, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright; Florence Lawrence, America's first movie star; suffragist and temperance movement activist, Ellis Meredith; "little sure shot" Annie Oakley; infamous outlaw Bonnie Parker; and Alice Stebbins Wells, the first policewoman with arrest powers. Each actress has researched the character she is portraying, written her own script and created a costume. The program is produced by The Legendary Ladies, a group that exists to promote the role of women in the settling of the West.



## 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. The library 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](http://www.littletongov.org).



**Sunday, July 16: Matchless Matchboxes, 2–3:30 p.m.**

The best things come in small packages. From tiny treasure boxes to unique greeting cards, thinking small can open up enormous creative possibilities. Come prepared to think inside the box, as we explore the many matchless crafts you can make with a matchbox or two.

## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Listen to an energetic, upbeat performance by the six-member band **Nokuthula** playing popular music from around the world on **Saturday, July 22, 2–3 p.m.** The band's contemporary and traditional repertoire is largely African (from Zimbabwe and South Africa) with influences of jazz, blues, Latin, Cuban and other international music.



## The Real Story of the WASPs in World War II



Learn about the history of the pioneering female aviators of World War II known as WASPs, **Monday, July 24, 2–3 p.m.** Author Sarah Byrn Rickman will speak about the Women Airforce Service Pilots program which was comprised entirely of women who flew dangerous missions more commonly associated with men. Rickman will discuss the disbandment of the WASPs in 1944 even though a wartime need for their services still existed and their struggles to gain military status and receive veterans' benefits. Copies of Rickman's latest book, *Finding Dorothy Scott: Letters of a WASP Pilot*, will be available for purchase and signing.

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## All About the Upcoming Great American Solar Eclipse

Experience a look into the mysteries of eclipses and other celestial events with astronomer Kevin Manning, **Monday, July 24, 7–9 p.m.** On August 21, the United States will be treated to the first total eclipse of the sun visible in the country in almost 40 years. Manning, a former consultant with NASA, will talk about this historic event and how to safely view the eclipse. Manning also will show photos of the universe and discuss other celestial wonders. He has won national and international awards as an astronomer and has worked for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and a number of observatories.



# Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Zookeeper's Wife*



See the true story of a heroic woman during World War II, *The Zookeeper's Wife*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, July 29, 2-4 p.m.** In 1939 Poland, Antonina Żabińska (portrayed by Jessica Chastain) and her husband have the Warsaw Zoo flourishing under their care. When Poland is invaded by the Nazis, the couple covertly begin working with the Resistance and put into action plans to save lives out of what has become the Warsaw Ghetto, with Antonina putting herself and even her children at great risk. Free refreshments at the showing. PG-13.

## Longtime Bemis Deputy Library Director Retires

Bemis Deputy Library Director/Adult, Teen and Outreach Services Supervisor Phyllis Larison retired from the City of Littleton in May following 45 years of service.

Larison began her career at Bemis as a children's librarian. Soon, she was assisting with everything from cataloging materials, expanding the library's reference, genealogy, adult and teen collections, winning numerous grants for new services and organizing hundreds of entertaining and informative programs.

Over the years, Larison gained a reputation for securing numerous grants for new library services. She received two MetLife Foundation grants to provide health and citizenship workshops for immigrants. She served a key role in the planning that led to a four-year grant from The Colorado Trust which helped establish the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative. Littleton Public Schools partnered with Larison and won a grant to offer ESL classes at Bemis. Hundreds of people have received tax preparation assistance at Bemis because of AARP and VITA tax assistance programs implemented by Larison. Many more have benefited from Internet and software training classes in the computer lab at Bemis that Larison established after receiving a U.S. West grant for \$50,000. Larison also secured grants from the American Library Association Library Service and Technology Act for equipment for the visually impaired and to establish a new teen area that tripled the space for teen materials. Larison, a passionate historian, received two grants from the Colorado Historical Society to create a Littleton History website.

It's this sense of history and a library's place in the community that defined Larison's Bemis career. She recalls one day when the library's namesake, Ed Bemis, visited the library while she was at the reference desk. "I will never forget the pride that showed on his face as he walked around the library. He was a true visionary. He saw the library as more than a collection of books but as a community center where art shows and lectures would take place. If he was alive today, Mr. Bemis would be so excited to see all the activities that currently take place at the library."



Larison retired after 45 years at Bemis.

## 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

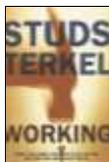
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

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

The book consists of over 100 interviews conducted with everyone from gravediggers to studio heads. It provides a timeless snapshot of people's feelings about their working lives.

**Aug. 7:** *The Eyre Affair*  
by Jasper Fforde

In this surreal version of Great Britain, circa 1985, time travel is routine, cloning is a reality and literature is taken very seriously. England is a virtual police state where a person can get lost (literally) in a Wordsworth poem. Someone begins kidnapping characters from works of literature. When Jane Eyre is plucked from the pages of Bronte's novel, literary detective Thursday Next must track down the villain to avert a heinous act of literary homicide.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

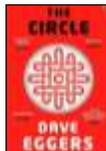
**July 17:** *The Little Paris Bookshop*  
by Nina George

From his floating Paris bookstore, 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 haunted by heartbreak after his great love disappeared. She left him with a letter which he has never opened. Upon finally reading the letter, he departs on a mission to make peace with his loss and move on with his life.

**Aug. 21:** *The Circle*

by Dave Eggers

Mae Holland feels fortunate to be hired to work for the Circle, the world's most powerful internet company. What begins as the captivating story of one woman's ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense, raising questions about memory, history, privacy, democracy, and the limits of human knowledge.



## 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.

## Outreach Services from Bemis Public Library

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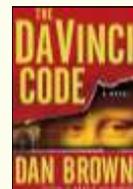
Bemis outreach librarians visit several residential locations in the city each month to deliver library materials and services to residents. For more information, including a schedule of locations visited, please contact the outreach librarians by calling Bemis at 303-795-3961 and asking for Krysta or Claire or by email at: [bemisoutreach@littletongov.org](mailto:bemisoutreach@littletongov.org).

## 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 from 7-8 p.m. in Sophie's Place** to share our love of category fiction!

### July 12: Adventuresome July

The thrill of the chase, the games of cat and mouse - whether the hero is the hunter or the hunted, action and adventure novels let us play a little while in a world with high stakes and pulse-pounding exploits. A perfect genre for escaping the mundane, and ideal for the sultry days of summer. From classic spy thrillers, to ultra-modern cyber escapades, to high-risk man vs. nature tales, there is an adventure waiting for you behind the cover of one of these books. All you need to do is pick one, and dive in, then join us to share your adventure.





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!

**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.

**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.**

**July 28:** Prep for laser tag event

**Aug. 25:** Battle for the Best Teen Book planning

## Teen Summer Reading

There's still time to register for the Teen Summer Reading Program at the library or online at [bemis.ent.sirsi.net](http://bemis.ent.sirsi.net). Then pick up your reading log on the Teen Deck. Program ends July 31. Prize drawings every two weeks and free book upon completion.

**July Events:** \*To make a reservation for the following programs, call the library at 303-795-3961 or email teen librarian Mark at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

♦ **Dungeons & Dragons**—July 1, 12–4:30 p.m.

♦ **Beasts of Harry Potter**—July 6, 2–3:30 p.m.\*

During this magical program, audience members will meet some of the animals featured in the books and movies. Learn about the animal's unique features that help them survive from staff who are dressed in Harry Potter costumes!

♦ **Family Game Night**—July 8, 5:30–8 p.m.

An after-hours evening of family game fun. Choose from the library's huge variety of new and classic board games. All ages welcome.

♦ **Experience the Vive: Virtual Reality**—July 8, 5:30–8 p.m.\*

Virtual reality is the hottest new trend around. See the Vive system in action for yourself and try out the coolest new game trend. You'll have a few activities to choose from for your experience. Walk-in players will be allowed as space permits. Note: The Vive is not recommended for ages under 13.

♦ **STEAM Event**—July 11, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Check out the cool gadgets the library has for

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# Children's Programs



## Build a Better World-Summer Reading 2017

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. Program ends July 31.



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

♦ **July 11—Arts on the Move**—Town Hall Arts Center presents *Little Red Riding Hood*, a participation play for all to enjoy.

♦ **July 18—Suitcase Fairytales**—Birgitta De Pree's one-woman show features adaptations of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tales.

♦ **July 25—Wayne Francis & Wingnut**—A comedy show with ventriloquism, life-sized puppets, a one man band and goofy voices. Fun for everyone!

**June School Age Programs\*:**—For kids entering grades 1-5. Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

\*Reservations required one week in advance.

♦ **July 5—Bug Bites!**—The Butterfly Pavilion will show how common bug-eating really is in our lives and in other cultures. Journey across the globe, meet and touch live animals, and if you dare, even taste-test a bug!

♦ **July 12—Rhythm Within**—Drummer, Jonah Berger, will present a hands-on percussion program which offers not only entertainment, but lessons on acceptance and celebration of others.

♦ **July 19—Zumba for Kids**—Led by certified Zumba Kids & Kids Jr. instructor and personal trainer, Ari Rhoads, this rockin', high-energy dance party is packed with kid-friendly routines to help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives.

♦ **July 26—Movie Matinee: Sing**—An animated musical comedy with koala Buster Moon. Kids under age eight must attend with an adult. PG. Length: 108 minutes.

## Drop-In and Build

Stop by the Children's Room anytime during open build "construction" hours on **Saturday, July 8, 2–4 p.m. or Wednesday, July 26, 5:30–7:30 p.m.** Create and construct with materials provided such as Legos, Duplos and Lincoln logs. For families with kids 5th grade and younger.

## Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, July 22, 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.



## South Suburban Fitness Van

Stop by the library on **Monday, July 31, 5–8 p.m.** to turn in your completed 2017 Summer Reading logs, and while you're here, enjoy some outdoor exercise as well. Sports games, hula hoops, jump ropes, balls, Frisbees and more will be provided by South Suburban. For children of all ages.

## 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. For children of all ages, 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 July 6.*

♦ **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.*

♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: For kids entering grades 1–5/Saturday July 1, 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, July 8, 10 a.m.–noon**

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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you to use: robots, remote control devices, Lego Mindstorms, electrical circuitry kits, synthesizers, and more. Drop in to play and get your tech on!

♦ **Babysitting Classes—July 13 or 17, 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/ux/take-a-class](http://www.Redcross.org/ux/take-a-class) or call the American Red Cross directly at 1-800-Red-Cross.

♦ **Board Game Friday—July 14, 4–7:30 p.m.**

Play some board games in the library after-hours. Each month a new game will be featured, although all the games from the library’s huge selection will be available to play.

♦ **Dungeons & Dragons—July 15, 12–4:30 p.m.**

♦ **Talent Show—July 19, 7 p.m.**

See talented teens competing for cash prizes.

♦ **Gaming Event: VR Gaming—July 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.\***

We’ll have the Vive and the PlayStation VR systems running with a bunch of games from which to choose. You’ll have a chance to win prizes just by showing up to play.

♦ **Laser Tag—July 28, 5:30–8 p.m.\***

Get your game on in this after-hours Laser Tag event in the library! We’ll have “capture the flag” style battles between teams, and we’ll have gaming stations running while you’re waiting to play.



*\*Parent permission slips are required for this event and must be delivered to the library before the event begins.*

♦ **Escape the Room!—July 31, 2–4 p.m.\***

You’re trapped! Unlock the clues to unravel the mystery in these fun, cooperative board games. We’ll supply the games, you bring your thinking hat.

# Schedule of Library Events

**July Art Exhibit:** Opus Art Show, July 2–31  
**Saturday, July 1** Teen Dungeons & Dragons, 12–4:30 p.m.

\*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades 1–5, 2 and 3 p.m.  
Teen Movie, *The LEGO Batman Movie*, PG, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, July 2** \*Current Events Discussion Group, 2–4 p.m.

**Monday, July 3** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 4** Independence Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Wednesday, July 5** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Bug Bites! Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.  
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.

**Thursday, July 6** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

\*Teen: Beasts of Harry Potter, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Friday, July 7** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
**Saturday, July 8** \*Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, 10 a.m.–noon  
Drop in and Build, For 5th grade and younger, 2–4 p.m.  
Family Game Night, 5:30–8 p.m.  
\*Experience the Vive-VR Gaming, 5:30–8 p.m.

**Monday, July 10** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 11** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.

Arts on the Move, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.  
Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.  
Ending Homelessness: Why We Haven’t, How We Can, 7–8:15 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 12** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Rhythm Within, Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.  
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.  
Genre Addicts Book Club: Adventure, 7–8 p.m.

**Thursday, July 13** \*Red Cross Babysitting Class, Teen Program, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 14** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday, July 15** Teen Dungeons & Dragons, 12–4:30 p.m.

The Legendary Ladies Present Bold Women of the West, 2–3 p.m.

**Sunday, July 16** \*Current Events Discussion Group, 2–4 p.m.  
\*Crafts for Grownups, 2–3:30 p.m.

**Monday, July 17** \*Red Cross Babysitting Class, Teen Program, 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 18** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Suitcase Fairytales, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 19** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Zumba for Kids, Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.  
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.  
Teen Talent Show, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, July 20** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.  
\*Teen Virtual Reality Gaming, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Friday, July 21** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 22** Busy Bodies at Bemis, For ages 2–6, 11–11:30 a.m.  
Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place with Nokuthula, 2–3 p.m.

**Monday, July 24** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.  
The Real Story of the WASPs in World War II, 2–3 p.m.  
All About the Upcoming Great American Solar Eclipse, 7–9 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 25** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Wayne Francis & Wingnut, For kids 3 years & up, 2 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 26** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Bounce Along with Baby, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Movie Matinee: *Sing*, Grades 1–5, PG, 2 p.m.  
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.  
Drop in and Build, For 5th grade and younger, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 27** Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 28** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
\*1st Start Art, Ages 3–5, 10:30 a.m.  
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.  
\*Teen Laser Tag, 5:30–8 p.m.

**Saturday, July 29** Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Zookeeper’s Wife*, PG-13, 2–4 p.m.

**Sunday, July 30** \*Current Events Discussion Group, 2–4 p.m.

**Monday, July 31** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.  
\*Teen Escape the Room! 2–4 p.m.  
South Suburban Fitness Van, For all ages, 5–8 p.m.

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