



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



Interactive Lego City at the Library

Visit a large, interactive Lego city in the Sophie area at Bemis all day **Saturday and Sunday, August 5–6**. The city will feature scenes inspired by this year's Summer Reading theme, *Build a Better World*, and will include heroes, villains, fantastic architecture, and fun scenes. The display will be set up by the Colorado/Wyoming LEGO Users' Group and the Denver LEGO Users' Group.



Outdoor Concerts at Bemis

Don't miss two exciting summer events on the front lawn stage at the library. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy dinner. **Hot dogs, brats, burgers, beverages and ice cream will be available for purchase at both events beginning at 5 p.m.**

Six Foot Joe & the Red Hot Rhinos Thursday, August 10, 6–7 p.m.

Enjoy the explosive sound of this seven-piece horn band as they entertain with a variety of classic rock and rhythm and blues music.



Rock with Spinphony Thursday, August 17, 6–7 p.m.

See the high-energy, all-female string quartet Spinphony play a dynamic mix of rock, classical, and original tunes complete with choreography.



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, instruction 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, August 20, 2–3:30 p.m.—In a Pinch-Pottery
With air-dry clay and some manual dexterity, we will pinch our way to being potters.

Free Legal Night at Bemis Library

Meet with an attorney, free-of-charge, at Legal Night, **Tuesday, August 22, 5:30–7:30 p.m.** Attorneys, provided by the Arapahoe County Bar Association, will meet with you for half an hour on any legal topic. *Registration is required.* You may register by going to the library's calendar at www.littletongov.org or contacting the library at 303-795-3961.

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Beauty and the Beast*

Enjoy the new live-action film version of *Beauty and the Beast*, showing on the library's big screen, **Saturday, August 26, 2–4 p.m.** Belle, a bright and independent young woman, is taken prisoner by a hideous beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the beast's frightening exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true prince within. The film stars Emma Watson, Dan Stevens and Ewan McGregor. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided for the audience. PG.



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The Life and Times of Louisa May Alcott

Step back in time to experience the life of celebrated author Louisa May Alcott who will be portrayed by storyteller and author Linda Batlin on **Monday, August 28, 2–3 p.m.** Alcott, best known for writing the children's novel *Little Women* in 1868, came from an unconventional Victorian family and led an independent and unusual life. She was not only a prolific writer of children's books, but also of dark thrillers and serious adult novels. She served as a nurse in the Civil War and was active in the abolition and women's suffrage movements. Among her friends and neighbors in Concord, MA were Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson. Meet Alcott at this living history presentation and learn about her fascinating life.



Thanks for Building a Great Summer of Reading!

Bemis readers are terrific! Nearly 2,000 children, 600 teens and 500 adults enrolled in the library's 2017 summer reading programs. The library wishes to extend its gratitude to those who generously contributed to helping us *Build a Better World*.



- ◆ Alamo Drafthouse
- ◆ Cafe Terracotta
- ◆ Chick-fil-A at Aspen Grove
- ◆ The Chocolate Therapist
- ◆ Cold Stone Creamery at Aspen Grove
- ◆ Colorado Avalanche
- ◆ Colorado Rapids
- ◆ CSU Arapahoe County Extension Office
- ◆ Denver Museum of Nature & Science
- ◆ EVOO Marketplace
- ◆ Fazoli's Restaurant, 8260 S. Quebec St., Centennial
- ◆ in-TEA
- ◆ Lakeside Amusement Park
- ◆ Merle's Restaurant
- ◆ O'Toole's Garden Center
- ◆ Romano's Italian Restaurant
- ◆ Rubio's Coastal Grill
- ◆ Savory Spice
- ◆ Skate City of Littleton
- ◆ South Suburban Parks and Recreation
- ◆ Tattered Cover Book Store

And a special thank you to the **Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum**. We couldn't have done it without you!

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

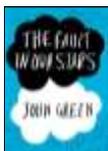
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

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.

Sept. 11*: *Fault in Our Stars*
by John Green



Hazel and Gus are two extraordinary teenagers who share an acerbic wit, a disdain for the conventional, and a love that sweeps them - and us - on an unforgettable journey. Their relationship is all the more miraculous, given that they met and fell in love at a cancer support group. Green's novel explores the funny, thrilling and tragic business of being alive and in love.

*We will meet on the second Monday in September due to the Labor Day holiday.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.

Sept. 18: *Our Souls at Night*
by Kent Haruf



Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades. Addie and Louis have long been living alone in empty houses, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. But maybe that could change? As Addie and Louis come to know each other better - their pleasures and their difficulties - a beautiful story of second chances unfolds.

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 fifth grade and younger. Free WiFi is available throughout the library.



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 smartphone or tablet and receive individual help downloading ebooks and eaudio.

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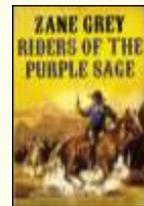
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Genre Addicts Book Club

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!

Wednesday, August 9: Wild Westerns

We all love the wild, wild west. The frontier may be somewhat tamer these days, but the history of gunslingers, desperadoes, cowboys, and pioneers still tugs at our souls. Perhaps your bent is for the classic stories of Louis L'Amour or Zane Grey. Or perhaps you love the modern westerns of Cormac McCarthy and Annie Proulx. In the best of the Westerns, the rugged territory is as much a character as any person. Pick up a book to explore that territory, and then join us to share your stories.





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!
Aug. 5: *Kong: Skull Island*, PG-13

Sept. 2: *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, 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.

Aug. 17, Sept. 21 and Oct. 19

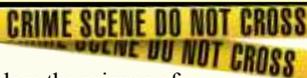
♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Aug. 25, Sept. 22 and Oct. 27

2017 Film School Movie Premiere

The Binning Family Foundation and Bemis Public Library proudly present the World Premiere of the 2017 Film School Movies on **Saturday, August 12 at Alamo Drafthouse, 11 a.m.**

CSI for Teens with the Littleton Police Dept.



Explore the science of solving crime and put your knowledge to the test in hands-on activities at this program with the Littleton Police Dept., **August 1–3, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.** *Special application required.* Teens going into grades 9–12 will learn about fingerprints, shoe prints, crime scene diagramming and photography, bloodstain analysis and other topics. Participants will use knowledge gained to investigate a crime scene.

Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book

Teens: help us determine the best teen book at Bemis and be eligible to win prizes. The contest begins with teens submitting nominations for the best teen book. Then each week in August, two books from the list of



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Children's Programs



Busy Bodies at Bemis



Join us on **Monday, August 7, 10–10:30 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.

Drop-In and Build



Stop by the Children's Room anytime during open build "construction" hours on **Wednesdays, August 9 and 30, 5:30–7:30 p.m.** Create and construct with materials provided such as Legos, Duplos, Lincoln logs and foam blocks. For families with kids fifth grade and younger.

Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on **Tuesday, August 15, anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon** for some make and take crafty fun. No reservations needed. For children of all ages.



Math Matters – Teddy Bears at Bemis



Bring your Teddy bear for a special treat – stories, songs and more on **Friday, August 25, 10:30–11 a.m.** We'll compare bears on a Venn diagram and practice counting and colors as we graph yummy, gummy bear treats. For children ages 3–6.

CLEL Bell Award Books Support Early Literacy

Each year, five picture books are honored with a Bell Award bestowed by Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy (CLEL). The five winning books consist of one title in each of five categories. Each category represents an early literacy practice: Read, Write, Sing, Talk, and Play. The books, in their content, theme, or design, support caregivers' interaction with their children through these five early literacy practices. Research has shown that engaging children in these practices builds language skills and prepares children to become successful readers. The next time you visit Bemis, pick up a list of CLEL Bell Award Winners, ask a librarian for help or look for the CLEL Bell Award sticker on the spines of these noteworthy picture books.



Ongoing Programs

No regular weekly story times in August. Weekly programs resume September 5.

♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club:**

For kids entering grades 1–5

Saturday August 5, 2 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, August 12, 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*.

♦ **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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Online Catalog: <https://bemis.ent.sirsi.net>

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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Teen Battle for the Best Book

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nominated titles will be selected to “battle” against each other. Teens will vote on which books they’d like to see remain in the competition and the losing title will be removed. The weekly battles continue into early October, with the final winner being announced during Teen Read Week, October 8–14. Submit nominations and votes on the Teen Deck or email them to teen librarian Mark Decker at mdecker@littletongov.org. For every nomination or vote a teen provides during the battle, they will be entered for a prize drawing to win a copy of the book of their choice.

Afternoon Activities in the Teen Area

◆ **STEAM* Tuesday**

Tuesday, August 8, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Check out the cool gadgets available in the teen area. We’ll feature a different gadget or project each month, from robot kits to electricity gadgets to computer programming.

*STEAM=Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math

◆ **Board Game Friday**

Friday, August 11, 4–7:30 p.m.*

Whether you’re a fan of “Stratego” or “Magic: the Gathering,” or whether you want to try to avoid a kitten ambush in “We Didn’t Playtest This At All,” we have a board game for you. Each month we’ll feature something new. Join us for some fun.

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

◆ **Dungeons and Dragons**

Saturday, August 5 and 19, 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.

Schedule of Library Events

- Aug. Art Exhibit:** Sidney Ann Pitchford Contemporary Artist, Aug. 1–31
- Tuesday, Aug. 1** *CSI for Teens, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2** *CSI for Teens, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Aug. 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
*CSI for Teens, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 5** Interactive Lego City in Sophie’s Place, all day
Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon–4:30 p.m.
*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades 1–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *Kong: Skull Island*, PG-13, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 6** Interactive Lego City in Sophie’s Place, all day
- Monday, Aug. 7** Busy Bodies at Bemis, For kids ages 2–6, 10–10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 8** Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 9** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
Drop-in and Build, For families with kids 5th grade and younger, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
Genre Addicts Book Club: Wild Westerns, 7–8 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 10** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Outdoor Concert: Six Foot Joe & The Red Hot Rhinos, 6–7 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 11** Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 12** *Paws to Read, Grades 1–5, 10 a.m.–noon
2017 Film School Movie Premiere, 11 a.m. at Alamo Drafthouse
- Sunday, Aug. 13** *Current Events Discussion Group, 2–4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 15** Drop-in Crafts, For kids of all ages, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Wednesday, Aug. 16** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Aug. 17** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Virtual Reality Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.
Outdoor Concert: Rock with Spinphony, 6–7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 19** Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon–4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Aug. 20** *Crafts for Grownups, In a Pinch Pottery, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 21** Monday Evening Book Group 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 22** *Free Legal Night at Bemis Library, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 23** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, Aug. 24** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Friday, Aug. 25** Math Matters–Teddy Bears at Bemis, For kids ages 3–6. 10:30–11 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 26** Saturday Movie Matinee: *Beauty and the Beast*, PG, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 28** Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.
The Life and Times of Louisa May Alcott, 2–3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 30** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
Drop-in and Build, For families with kids 5th grade and younger, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 31** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 1** Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon–4:30 p.m.
*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, PG-13, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 4** Labor Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

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