

Behind the Cover

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National Library Card Sign-up Month

Sign up for a library card at Bemis Library in September and you will receive a free book. Your name also will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to a local Littleton business. Already have a library card? Show your card at the main floor information desk and your name will be entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a local Littleton business. A library card gives you access to a wide variety of free materials, including the latest movies, downloadable eBooks, audio books, best sellers, as well as magazines and newspaper articles online. Kids can show their new card at the children's desk this month and receive a small prize.



Colfax Avenue: Gateway to the Rockies

Learn about the history, people and events that have made Colfax Avenue the longest and wickedest street in the USA on **Thursday, September 14, 7-8p.m.** View historic photos and hear the stories from Colfax Avenue historian Jonny Barber.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of local musical talent. On **Saturday, September 16, 2 p.m.**, drift back to the summer days of transistor radios blaring out the latest hits from Simon and Garfunkel, The Beatles, Beach Boys and many other legendary acts that were the voices of a simpler America with the music of **Summer of 71**. Enjoy these easy-listening tunes from musicians "Gunny" Jeff Norman and "Bad Bob" Langolis.



Get Your Crafting On—Crafts for Grownups

Join us for a different featured craft on the third Sunday of each month. The library will provide supplies and instruction. 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.littleton.gov.org. **Off the Walls—Sunday, September 17, 2-3:30 p.m.** Create beautiful, modern décor accents that are entirely off-the-wall. We'll have fun reimagining ways to use wallpaper samples—covering journals, making bookmarks, even creating coasters.

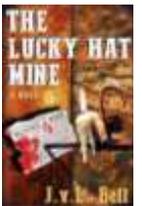


Preparing for Aging in Place

Learn how to remain safe and secure at home as your needs and capabilities change with aging on **Monday, September 18, 2-3 p.m.** Join Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains for this informative presentation where we consider aspects of wellness, transportation safety, and home modifications, as well as financial considerations needed to age in place successfully.

Colorado's Colorful History

Colorado's early history is filled with vibrant characters and events that shaped our present-day home, but many of the colorful stories and people are seldom mentioned in history books. Join author J.v.L. Bell on **Monday, September 25, 2-3 p.m.** as she shares some of the stories she researched while writing her book, *The Lucky Hat Mine*. Hear about Mountain Charlie, a woman dressed in the guise of a man who ran Denver City Mountain Boys Saloon.



F.O. Stanley: An Enterprising Yankee Goes West

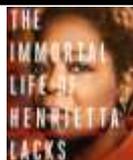
Meet F.O. Stanley, "the grandfather of Estes Park," famous hotelier, and inventor of the steam-powered automobile on **Tuesday, September 26, 7 p.m.** Portrayed by actor Kurtis Kelly, learn how Stanley's visionary spirit would help pave the way to create Rocky Mountain National Park and reintroduce the nearly extinct elk.



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Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

Watch the film adaptation of this critically acclaimed, best-selling non-fiction book on **Saturday, September 30, 2–4 p.m.** Henrietta Lacks was the unwitting pioneer of countless medical breakthroughs with the unauthorized harvesting of her cancerous cells in the early 1950s. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the film. Rated: TV-MA.



Win Prizes During Banned Books Week

Spin the prize wheel at the library during **Banned Books Week, September 24–30**, identify a banned book or movie and win prizes! You could go home with a gift certificate or other special gifts. See the librarian at the main floor reference desk to participate. *Teens:* stop by the teen deck and take the “Banned Books Challenge.” You could win a prize.

Fall Adult ESL Classes from LIRC

Registration for the fall session of ESL classes will take place at the library on **Wednesday, September 6, 10 a.m.–noon** and **Thursday, September 7, 1–3 p.m.** Fall ESL classes run September 11–December 14. Registration cost per student is \$40 for program fees and a brief test to determine English level. Classes offered include:

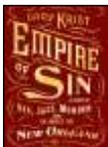
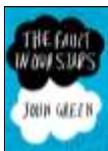
- ◆ **Beginner English**
Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.–noon
Held at Littleton Museum
6028 S. Gallup Street
(one block east of the library)
- ◆ **Intermediate/Advanced English**
Monday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon
Held at Bemis Public Library
6014 S. Datura Street

For information or to register, call or email Erica Bisbey, LIRC volunteer coordinator, at 303-734-8411, ebisbey@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.
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.*
Oct. 2: *Empire of Sin*
by Gary Krist
A vibrant and immersive account of New Orleans’ other civil war, at a time when commercialized vice, jazz culture, and endemic crime defined the battlegrounds of the Crescent City. Krist’s book re-creates the remarkable story of New Orleans’ thirty-years war against itself, pitting the city’s elite against its powerful and long-entrenched underworld of vice, perversity, and crime.
- ◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.
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.
Oct. 16: *Last Bus to Wisdom*
by Ivan Doig
In the summer of 1951, 11-year-old Donal’s grandmother must submit to an operation. Donal is dispatched by bus to Wisconsin where he is to live with his Aunt Kate until his grandmother recovers. Aunt Kate, however, is a tyrant who soon tires of the boy and sends him packing back to Montana. This time, though, Donal has a companion–Kate’s browbeaten, glass-eyed, sort-of husband, Herman the German—who is on the lam in more ways than one.



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 all 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 eaudiobooks to your device.

Outreach Services from Bemis Public Library

LIBRARYToGo

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.

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, September 13: Remember When...

History might have been your least favorite class in high school, but try it through the pages of a lush historical fiction book. With the meticulous research that so many authors conduct, you can feel justified in calling this an “educational” read. Any era is fair game this month - visit ancient Rome with Colleen McCullough, or the Napoleonic Wars with Bernard Cornwell. Perhaps a novel that spans the ages will catch your fancy. This is your chance to be a time-traveler of the armchair variety! Pick your title, immerse yourself in another age, and then join us in the present to share your appreciation of historical fiction.





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!

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.

Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

College Mindset Workshops

College Mindset provides personalized assistance for students and their families as they journey through the college search and admissions process.



Attend two College Mindset informative workshops:

♦ **College Application Workshop***

Saturday, September 16, 2-4 p.m.

Get a jumpstart on your college applications. Students will receive an overview of the Common Application, including information on how to write a college essay, making the most of the activities section and details on supplemental essays. Computers will be available or bring your own laptop because there will be time for students to work on their applications with an experienced former admissions officer in the room.

♦ **College Process 101 Workshop***

Saturday, September 30, 1-2 p.m.

Don't know where to begin your college process? Receive insights on how to start your college list and learn about resources for researching schools. An overview of how colleges review applicants and financial aid information also will be provided.

**Space is limited for both of these events, and registration is required. Register in person at the library, call the library at 303-795-3961, or contact teen librarian Mark Decker at libmd@littletongov.org.*

Find additional teen programs on Page 4.

Children's Programs



Dads and Donuts

Calling all Dads, grandpas and uncles! Bring your little ones to the library on **Saturday, September 16, 10-10:30 a.m.**, for a fun story time with donut, juice & coffee treats. For children ages 1-5 with their caregivers.



Who Will Win?

Families with children in grades K-5 are invited to join us on **Friday, September 22, 6:30-8 p.m.**, for a fun-filled evening of friendly competition. There will be trivia, physical and cooperative challenges and of course bragging rights for the family that finishes first! *Registration required starting September 8. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.*



Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, September 30, 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. 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 9:30 & 10:30 a.m., new time Wednesday at 10 a.m. & 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 at the Children's Desk or by calling 303-795-3961 the morning of the session.*

♦ **Bounce Along with Baby: Ages 0-18 months and their caregivers**

Wednesday at 11 a.m.

Join us for rhymes, songs, baby sign language, stories and fun. Siblings are welcome.

♦ **Preschool Story Time: Ages 3 and older**

Thursday & Friday at 10:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a puppet show on September 7 & 15.



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

Saturday, September 2 at 2 p.m.

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

♦ **Paws to Read: For kids in grades K-5**

Saturday, September 9 at 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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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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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 September, two books from the list of 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 libmd@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

- ♦ **Dungeons and Dragons**
Saturday, September 2 & 16, 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.
- ♦ **Board Game Friday**
Friday, September 8, 4–7:30 p.m.*
Play board games in the library after-hours. Each month we’ll feature something new. **This will be an after-hours event.* Participants need to arrange for a ride home. No registration required.
- ♦ **STEAM Tuesday**
Tuesday, September 12, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Check out all the 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.

Schedule of Library Events

- Sept. Art Exhibit** US 3 Art Exhibit, September 1–30
- Saturday, Sept. 2** 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**
- Tuesday, Sept. 5** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 6** Fall Adult ESL Classes Registration 10 a.m.–noon
*Story Box, 10 a.m.
Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 7** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Fall Adult ESL Classes Registration 1–3 p.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 8** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 9** *Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 11** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 12** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 13** *Story Box, 10 a.m.
Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
Genre Addicts Book Club: *Remember When...* Historical Fiction 7–8 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 14** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Colfax Avenue: Gateway to the Rockies, 7–8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 15** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 16** Dads and Donuts, For kids ages 1–5, 10–10:30 a.m.
Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon–4:30 p.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place, Summer of 71, 2 p.m.
*Teen College Application Workshop with College Mindset, 2–4 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 17** *Crafts for Grownups, Off the Walls, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 18** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.
Preparing for Aging in Place, 2–3 p.m.
Mon. Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 19** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 20** *Story Box, 10 a.m.
Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 21** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Virtual Reality Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 22** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
*Who Will Win? For families with kids in grades K–5, 6:30–8 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 25** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Aging Well Resource Center Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.
Colorado’s Colorful History, 2–3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 26** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
F.O. Stanley: An Enterprising Yankee Goes West, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 27** *Story Box, 10 a.m.
Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 28** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 29** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 30** Busy Bodies at Bemis, For kids ages 2–6 and their caregivers, 11–11:30 a.m.
*Teen College Process 101 Workshop with College Mindset, 1–2 p.m.
Sat. Movie Matinee: *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 2** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

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