



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy a "Spooktacular Halloween" musical performance complete with costumes and stage decoration on **Saturday, October 14, 2 p.m.** Pianist Nick Busheff and vocalist Nancy Stohlman will perform classic Halloween favorites from movies, Broadway, and popular culture.

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.littletongov.org.

Sunday, October 15, 2–3:30 p.m.: Mask-We-Made

From feathers and fabric, to felt and foam, we will have a fantastic time creating our own alter-egos or crafting a costume for a child we know. We will provide materials, inspiration, tools, and techniques - the ultimate design is up to you.

Sarah Platt Decker & Colorado's Women's Clubs

Suffragist, reformer, and advocate for women, children, and working people, learn about Sarah Platt Decker's life in this historical performance played by author and performer Gail Beaton on **Monday, October 16, 2 p.m.** Decker was the first president of the Denver Woman's Club and two-time president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. These clubs paved the way for the establishment of many of our nation's libraries and a host of progressive reforms.



Haunted Heart of Denver

Join Kevin Pharris, from Denver History Tours, for an exploration of the haunted heart of Denver on **Tuesday, October 17, 7 p.m.** Though a professional chicken himself, Kevin has (reluctantly) become something of an expert in the spooks and specters of Denver, from the jealous, murderous ghost of the Oxford Hotel to the field full of bones beneath the Whitehead-Peabody Mansion, and many things between. Not for the faint of heart, join us if you dare!



Hospice 101: What is Hospice? How will I know when it's needed?

Conversations about death, dying, and hospice care are never easy. Experts agree that the time to learn about hospice is before a life-threatening illness or injury occurs. Don't wait until you find yourself in the Emergency Room to be informed about your options. This class on **Monday, October 23, 2–3:30 p.m.** will cover the basics of hospice care and will leave time for Q & A.

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Watch the blockbuster superhero film *Wonder Woman* on the library's big screen **Saturday, October 28, 2–4 p.m.** Before she was Wonder Woman, she was Diana, trained warrior and princess of the Amazons. When a pilot crashes and tells of conflict in the outside world, she leaves home to fight a war, discovering her full powers and her true destiny. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13.

A Samhain/Halloween Concert

Rooted in Celtic and American Folk, the husband/wife duo of Four Shillings Short will perform a Samhain/Halloween concert on **Tuesday, October 31, 7 p.m.** Music, stories, and folklore to celebrate the Celtic bonfire festival of Samhain. Don't miss this diverse and inventive traditional music experience.



Matter of Balance Workshops

Many older adults experience a fear of falling. People who develop this fear often limit their activities, which can result in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater. A Matter of Balance is an eight-week program that will meet on **Wednesdays, October 25–December 13, 1–3 p.m.** The class is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. *Registration is required. Class size is limited to 15 participants.* Please call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.

Littleton Immigrant Resource Center Hosts Citizenship Classes

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center **Citizenship Classes will begin October 7.** The classes continue through mid-December. Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced/Intermediate U.S. Citizenship 10-week classes are available. *Registration is required.* Interested students, please call 303-795-3915 or stop by the LIRC office on the lower level of the library to make an appointment to register. Citizenship tutoring also is available evenings and weekends.



Volunteer Snow Shovelers Needed



The Aging Well Resource Center, AWRC, needs snow shovelers this winter. Help your fellow citizens clear snow off their sidewalks. **Call 303-795-3980 or complete the Snow Squad Information Packet at <https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/senior-services-aging-well-resource-center>.**

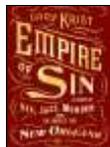
Stop by the AWRC monthly **Grab, Gab & Go Event on Monday, October 23, 1:30–2 p.m.** AWRC provides information for seniors, caregivers, spouses or friends. If you need information on resources, AWRC is a good place to start.

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.

Oct. 2: *Empire of Sin*
by Gary Krist



Krist creates 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. The book tells the remarkable story of New Orleans' thirty-years war against itself, pitting the city's elite "better half" against its powerful and long-entrenched underworld of vice, perversity, and crime.

Nov. 6: *Orphan Train*
by Christina Baker-Kline



The author delivers a captivating story of two very different women who build an unexpected friendship: a 91-year-old woman with a hidden past as an orphan-train rider and the teenage girl whose own troubled adolescence leads her to seek answers.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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.

Nov. 20: *Hello from the Gillespies*
by Monica McInerney



Angela Gillespie has sent to friends and family around the world an end-of-the-year letter titled "Hello from the Gillespies." It's always been cheery and full of good news. This year, Angela surprises herself—she tells the truth....

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.

Senior Wii Bowling

Join us at our senior Wii Bowling League on the third **Thursday of the month from 2–3 p.m.** Whether



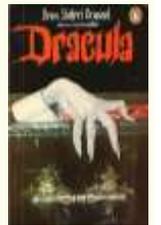
you're an expert Wii bowler or have never tried it before, experience the fun of Wii bowling on **October 19, 2 p.m.** No registration required, and you do not have to attend every event in order to participate. Come have some fun!

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, October 11: Horrific October

Thrills, chills, and spine-tingling shivers - for those who read horror, this is your month. And for those of us who are a little less daring (or even downright cowardly), perhaps we can partake in some of the eerie sensations with the classic Gothic novels that birthed the movement.





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!

Oct. 7: *Everything, Everything*, 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.

Oct. 19 and Nov. 16

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Oct. 27: Holiday Planning

Teen Read Week: *Unleash Your Story!*

Teen Read Week, **October 8–14**,

is a great time to discover all the library has to offer. Check out a favorite book, research a popular topic, explore the technology available in the Teen Deck, or just hang out and have fun. The book selected by teens as the winner of the Bemis Teen Battle for the Best Book will be announced.



♦ **Blackout Poetry: October 8–14**

Stop by the Teen Deck and create a Blackout Poem. We'll provide the instructions and supplies, you provide the imagination. Submit your creation for a library display and you could win a prize!

♦ **Author Chat–Writing Tips with Len Vlahos**

Tuesday, October 10, 3:30–4:30 p.m. Len Vlahos, award-winning author of *Scar Boys*, will be on the Teen Deck to talk about writing. Get tips from a published writer, and you'll have a chance to ask questions, too. Drop-ins are welcome, but registering will guarantee you a spot. To register, call Mark at 303-795-3961 or email him at libmd@littletongov.org.

Teen Halloween Party

Join us for a Frightful Friday after-hours event on **October 20, 5:30–8:30 p.m.** We'll have a variety of activities (and treats) to choose from, including a face painting workshop, costume contest, bobbing for doughnuts, and other fun stuff. We'll finish off the night with the spooky "Cursed Artifacts" show. This is an after-hours

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Children's Programs



Busy Bodies at Bemis



Join us on **Saturday, October 21, 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.

LEGO Engineering Workshop

Join an instructor from Play-Well TEKologies on **Saturday, October 21, 2–3:30 p.m.** for a workshop using the LEGO Building System. Build the Batmobile or design your own super-hero vehicle. Learn about acceleration and transmissions in this hands-on Lego building workshop for kids in grades 1–5. **Please note: students will not get to keep the Lego material. Reservations required.** Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room beginning October 7 to sign up.



Annual Costumes On Parade!



Have some Halloween fun on **Thursday, October 26 or Friday, October 27 at 10:30 a.m.** at our annual Story Time Costume Parade. The parade begins in the Children's Room and ends in the large meeting room for stories, songs, sweet treats and punch.

Magic Rob's Spooky the Ghost Show

The whole family will thrill to this special program celebrating "Halloween Cheer Without the Fear" on **Sunday, October 29, 3:30–4:15 p.m.** Magic Rob presents amazing magic and comedy with "help" from Spooky the Ghost who is certainly full of mischief. Lots of laughter and audience participation for families with children ages 3 and older.



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., 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 October 5 & 6.



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

Saturday, October 7 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, October 14 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*.



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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 Halloween Party

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event, and participants will need to arrange for a ride home at 8:30 p.m. See descriptions below for more details. *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required.* Register for this event at the library, by calling the library at 303-795-3961, or by contacting Mark at libmd@littletongov.org.

◆ Face-Painting & Zombie Makeup October 20, 6–7 p.m.

Get your face ready for Halloween! You will learn basic makeup applications, layering, and some gooey scabs and slashes, too. *Space is limited for this event,*



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◆ Cursed Artifacts

October 20, 7–8:30 p.m.

Mark Strivings, the “Explorer of the Strange and Bizarre,” will guide teens into dark and frightening places using Cursed Artifacts from around the globe. These stories aren’t simply told, they actually happen...right in front of you. In some cases, they actually happen to you! This program is rated PG—it’s not for the squeamish. So come forth teens, and be ready to scream!

Afternoon Activities in the Teen Area

◆ Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday, October 7 & 21, noon

◆ Board Game Friday

Friday, October 13, 4–7:30 p.m.*

*This will be an after-hours event. Participants need to arrange for a ride home.

◆ STEAM Tuesday

Tuesday, October 10, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Check out all the tech gadgets in the teen area.

Schedule of Library Events

Oct. Art Exhibit Littleton Fine Arts Guild Art Show, October 1–November 30

Monday, Oct. 2 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 3 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 4 *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, Oct. 5 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 6 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 7 Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon

*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *Everything, Everything*, PG-13, 2 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 9 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*Teen Author Chat–Writing Tips with Len Vlahos, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 *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: *Horrific October*–Horror, 7–8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 13 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 14 *Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon

Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place, Spooktacular Halloween, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 15 *Crafts for Grownups, Mask-Made, 2–3:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 16 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Sarah Platt Decker & Colorado’s Women’s Clubs, 2 p.m.

Mon. Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 17 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Haunted Heart of Denver, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 *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, Oct. 19 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Senior Wii, 2–3 p.m.
Teen VR Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Halloween Party, 5:30–8:30 p.m.
*Teen Face-Painting & Zombie Makeup, 6–7 p.m.
Teen Cursed Artifacts with Mark Strivings, 7–8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 21 Busy Bodies at Bemis, For kids ages 2–6 and caregivers, 11–11:30 a.m.

Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon
*LEGO Engineering Workshop, For kids in grades 1–5, 2–3:30 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 23 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.
Hospice 101: What is Hospice? 2–3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 24 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 *Story Box, 10 a.m.

Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*Matter of Balance Workshops, 1–3 p.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 26 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Annual Story Time Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 27 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Annual Story Time Costumes on Parade! 10:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 28 Movie Matinee: *Wonder Woman*, 2–4 p.m., PG-13

Sunday, Oct. 29 Magic Rob’s Spooky the Ghost Show, For families with kids ages 3 and up, 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 30 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

A Samhain/Halloween Concert With Four Shillings Short, 7 p.m.

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